



TX LITERACY SYMPOSIUM

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Literacy ConneXus



Time	Session	
8:45 am	Check-in on Zoom begins <i>(please check your name is displaying correctly on your screen)</i>	◆ Administrative Track ● ESL Teaching Track
9:00 am– 9:15 am	Welcome	
SESSION 1 9:20 am – 10:20 am (60 min)	Starting a New ESL Ministry – Or Starting Over ◆ (Karen Peiser) Planning to start a new ESL ministry, or re-start an old one? Let Literacy ConneXus help! Join ministry consultants to discuss strategies and best practices for creating or revitalizing your program.	
	Knowing Our Students to Meet Their ESL Needs ● (Angela Garcia) The ESL classroom is a space that allows the teacher and students the opportunity to explore and learn about the diverse cultures represented in the classroom. Learn how to create a welcoming environment that celebrates the diversity of ESL students and why it is important.	
SESSION 2 10:25 am – 11:25 am (60 min)	Storytime and Networking Across Texas ◆ (Lester Meriwether) Want to help Literacy ConneXus connect 254 counties? (Bad grammar, but you get the idea.) We are a family that stretches from El Paso to East Texas and from the Panhandle to Padre Island. This is a time to meet new friends and share your story.	
	Differentiation for Multilevel Classrooms ● (Nikki Ashcraft) Are you struggling with students of different proficiency levels all in the same class? Learn about the various forms that differentiation can take and how to help all students progress and be successful.	
SESSION 3 11:30 am – 12:30 pm (60 min)	Self-Care 101 ◆ (Katie Welch) Between Zoom fatigue and compassion fatigue, the pandemic has stressed and stretched ESL teachers, program leaders, and students alike. In this session, we will consider how we can better address the social and emotional needs of ourselves and those in our programs and classrooms.	
	Getting Students Talking by Asking the Right Questions ● (Cindy Kilpatrick) Want to get students talking and interacting? Join us to talk about techniques and strategies for getting students talking, including what kinds of questions to ask and how to follow up.	
SESSION 4 12:35 pm – 1:35 pm (60 min)	Teaching ESL in a Church Context ◆ (Matthew Johnston) How do church leaders, program directors, and teachers approach ESL in a way that empowers learners and represents Christ well? This session explores ESL teaching from a Christian perspective.	
	Teaching via Zoom vs In Person ● (Karen Peiser) Personal stories of ministry leaders and how they taught during the pandemic will be presented and discussed. This will include keeping in touch with students during pandemic times.	
SESSION 5 1:40 pm – 2:40 pm (60 min)	Questions for Literacy ConneXus and Texas Trainers ◆ Have questions about different aspects of ESL ministries? Join a group of Literacy ConneXus Ministry Consultants for Q&A and discussion about logistics and administration.	
	“But how do I - ?” - Q&A with Experienced ESL Teachers ● Have some burning questions about what to do in your classroom or how to handle certain situations? Join experienced ESL teachers and ask whatever you want to know.	
2:45 pm – 3:00 pm	Prize drawing, farewell	

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