

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE®

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Ministry Update

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2014 International Convention
Hampton Inn – Convention Center
New Orleans, Louisiana
July 25 – 27, 2014

Celebrating the Vision in a Time of Change

Mark your calendars! The dates of the convention are Friday, July 25 to Sunday, July 27. Rose Brocato of Alexandria, Louisiana and her committees have been very busy behind the scenes arranging for our 40th anniversary celebration and convention.

Plan your fundraisers! Through their tireless efforts, we are pleased to be able to offer the registration to you at \$350.00.

This includes Friday dinner, Friday opening ceremonies, Saturday all meals and workshops, Saturday night dinner and dance, Sunday breakfast and lunch, Sunday workshops, mass, and closing ceremonies. We are very excited and proud to be able to offer this rate. To get this rate, you must register and pay on or before June 1. Don't forget – some of you earned prizes at the summer conferences to be applied toward registration.

Find a roommate! You will be booking your room directly with the Hampton Inn at the rate of \$99.00/night/room. The Hampton Inn has guaranteed this rate to us for the nights of the convention as well as for four nights before and four nights after the convention should you decide to extend your stay.

Stay a while! The Alexandria team is hosting a day of sightseeing on Monday, July 28 that includes breakfast and lunch with tours of a famous cemetery and plantation.

Send your kids! We will be running a Young People's Beginning Experience weekend from Tuesday, July 23 to Thursday, July 24. Please encourage any and all aged 14 and up to attend. Sibling groups are encouraged to come together. Adults, who experienced the loss of a parent from death or divorce as a young person, may also register.

Watch for registration flyers! Please watch for registration flyers for the convention, for the day of sightseeing, and for the youth weekend and distribute them to all team members.

Send team t-shirts! Anna Sweat (asweat7@aol.com) is collecting Beginning Experience t-shirts to make a B.E. quilt.

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BEGINNING EXPERIENCE® WEEKENDS

We ask your prayers for the team and the participants on these weekends coming up soon. Please send messages of support to the contact listed below.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Team Contact</u>	
Feb. 07	Los Angeles, CA	Millie Sterz	bela2011-30@hotmail.com
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Feb. 14	Oregon	JoAnne Paxton	joanne.paxton@gmail.com
Feb. 14	San Antonio, TX	Michelle Barrentine	mitchtez@yahoo.com
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Feb. 28	Long Island	John Agnoli	popejohn1a@yahoo.com

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE TEAM NEWS

Please stay in touch, and call me or your Board representative with any questions or concerns. Send us your newsletter if you have one. I am enjoying the newsletter from the **Sarnia** team and a new publication from the **Rochester, Minnesota** team. The dances, bowling nights, team meetings and coffee hours are all such a testament to your commitment and community-building endeavors. You truly do God's work.

Blessings on our teams in the deep South as they experienced unprecedented cold, snow and freezing rain, and massive gridlock at the end of January.

Stay warm, stay healthy, be blessed,

