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Dr. Allan Schmidt Named LEA 2012 Leader in Outreach

Allan H. Schmidt, LCMS school developer, consultant, and supervisor, currently serving at Buena Vista International School in Shenzhen, China, was selected to receive LEA's Leader in Outreach award for 2012. He was selected to receive this award by LEA's Global Lutheran Educators network leaders and LEA staff.

Dr. Schmidt earned a B.A. in education and secondary education from Concordia University Chicago. His Master of Education and Historiography was awarded by Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Indiana, and he earned an Ed.D. in secondary and higher education leadership from the University of Nebraska in Lincoln.

Prior to serving in Shenzhen, Dr. Schmidt was the LCMS Asia school developer in Hanoi. He served as executive director of the Asia Lutheran Education Association, was the founding head of school at Concordia International School in Shanghai, and professor of education at Concordia University Nebraska. He also served in a variety of capacities at Baltimore Lutheran School in Baltimore, Maryland. He has received numerous awards that recognize his service.

Commenting in support of Dr. Schmidt's nomination, a colleague said, "Al has given for decades of tireless service to the Lord, reaching out to others through his teaching ministry and missionary work. It did not matter whether he was teaching in an elementary school, high school, or college—it was all the same to him and only the context changed. Sharing Christ with others was the reason he was a teacher and administrator."

Another colleague said, "His zeal to see children and adults know their Lord has been an inspiration to me. His work and the effort of many...made Concordia International School-Shanghai a reality. From a rice field full of frogs in eastern Shanghai, this school is at the foundation of a community set to change the world. He 'started' a school whose academic achievement is equal to none [and] whose core value is rooted in the Christian belief that each child is a gift from God and loved by God."

Dr. Schmidt's personal mission statement is "Reflecting Jesus' love today, tomorrow, and forever through developing relationships, Christian teaching, caring leadership, and service to all in spiritual learning communities."

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