

## “Lest We Forget...”

Spring is coming quickly and that means it's almost time for the convention. We are eager to share all that we have planned this year - new speakers, familiar friends, a wonderful exhibit hall, challenging teen track, and Giant Cow returns to conduct the children's program!

We welcome three homeschool pioneers this year - our keynote speakers! Come and learn from those who have gone before us, who fought for homeschool freedom, and who remain in the trenches encouraging parents to home educate and disciple their children. There will surely be something for everyone - something for all to bring home...lest we forget!

### Speakers

#### Keynotes

(Please visit [www.masshope.org](http://www.masshope.org) for full bios of all speakers.)

#### Steve Demme

Steve and his wife Sandra have been married for 36 years. They have been blessed with four sons. With God's help, they have all been home educated. Steve addresses a variety of topics at homeschool conferences to encourage parents in their God-given responsibilities of raising and training their children for His glory. As a former math teacher who has taught at all levels of math in public, private, and Christian schools, Steve is also the author and founder of Math-U-See. He has served in full or part time pastoral ministry for many years after graduating from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and has served on the boards of Joni and Friends, Christian Freedom International, and Lifework Forum.

#### Brian Ray

Brian Ray is the founder of the National Home Education Research Institute (NHERI). He has been a middle school classroom teacher in both public and private schools, an undergraduate college professor, and a university professor at the graduate level. He is a leading international expert with regard to homeschool research. Dr. Ray executes and publishes research, speaks to the public, testifies before legislators, and serves as an expert witness in courts. He and his wife, Betsy, have eight children, all of whom were homeschooled.

#### Mike Smith

Mike Smith is the President of Home School Legal Defense Association, an organization which he has been involved with since its beginning. HSLDA was established to protect the right of parents to teach their children at home, and now represents over 80,000 families. Mike became involved in defending homeschoolers after he and his wife, Elizabeth, decided to homeschool their children. Mike has been doing keynote speaking to homeschool conferences for over 30 years. His desire is to communicate the benefits of home education and his belief that God has raised up this movement for a special purpose at this time.

## Workshop Speakers

(Please visit [www.masshope.org](http://www.masshope.org) for full bios of our speakers.)

Sam Black

Tom Clark

Steve Demme

Jenna Elliott

Walt & Glenda Grayum

Linda Hobar

Kim Kautzer

Brian & Betsy Ray

Sonya Shafer

Mike Smith

Mike Snavelly

Scott Turansky &

Joanne Miller

Jay Wile

Esther Wilkison

### Convention Schedule

(Please visit [www.masshope.org](http://www.masshope.org) often for updated info)

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 27

FREE! at the Hilton Garden Inn, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, 6:30 PM

“What I Have Learned About Homeschooling Over the Past 22 Years” - J. Wile

“Top Ten Myths About Homeschooling Math” - T. Clark

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 28

7:30 AM	Doors Open for <b>Pre-Reg'd Only</b>
8:00 AM	Doors & Exhibit Hall Open
8:15 AM	Opening General Session Keynote by Steve Demme “The Divine Blueprint for Building a Family of Faith”
9:30 AM	Session 1 Workshops
10:30 AM	Session 2 Workshops
11:30 AM	Session 3 Workshops
12:15 PM	Lunch Break
1:30 PM	Session 4 Workshops
2:30 PM	Session 5 Workshops
5:30 PM	Exhibit Hall Closes General Session Graduate Recognition Ceremony Keynote by Mike Smith “How do We Measure Success in Homeschooling?”
7:00 PM	General Session Ends

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 29

7:30 AM	Doors Open for <b>Pre-Reg'd Only</b>
8:00 AM	Doors Open
8:15 AM	Opening General Session Keynote by Brian Ray “Whatever! Why Not Just Be Part of the 87%?”
9:00 AM	Exhibit Hall Opens
9:30 AM	Session 6 Workshops
10:30 AM	Session 7 Workshops
11:30 AM	Session 8 Workshops
12:15 PM	Lunch Break
1:30 PM	Session 9 Workshops
2:30 PM	Session 10 Workshops
5:00 PM	Exhibit Hall Closes Convention Ends

## Workshops

All workshops listed are tentative and subject to change. Workshop details and schedule additions and revisions will be updated and posted on our website ([www.masshope.org](http://www.masshope.org)) prior to the convention start date. Children ages 5-11 with 1<sup>st</sup> floor wristbands may attend workshops marked with a heart (♥) when accompanied by an adult.

### THURSDAY (FREE)

Take place in a conference room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Hilton Garden Inn, beginning at 6:30PM.

What I Have Learned About Homeschooling Over the Past 22 Years  
Top Ten Myths About Homeschooling Math

### FRIDAY

#### **Friday Morning General Session - 8:15 AM**

The Divine Blueprint for Building a Family of Faith ♥

The Greatest Deterrent to Homeschooling - Fear and Inadequacy ♥  
The Return to Genesis (teens)  
Help! I Have a Reluctant Writer  
Homeschooling is Heart Work  
Ensuring Scientific Literacy  
Life is a Bowl of Cherries  
Five Strategies to Build Up/Encourage Our Wives (men)  
Biblical Principles of Communication for the Family ♥  
The Horror of the Flood! (teens)  
Charlotte Mason and Her Methods  
Raising Courageous Kids to Confront a Sexualized Culture  
When Bible History & World History Meet Face to Face  
Help Your Nonstandard Learner  
Homeschooling: Seven Steps to a Great Start  
Homeschool: The Best Environment for Learning Science ♥  
The Mystery of the Dinosaurs (teens)  
Common Challenges to and Succeeding in Home Based Education  
How to Build Internal Motivation in Your Kids  
Writing Strategies for Special Needs Kids  
Simplifying Algebra for the Hesitant Learner (When Are We Going to Need This Stuff Anyway?)  
Nature's Secrets in Our Backyards and Beyond  
The Angry Child: What Ticks Johnny Off? ♥  
A Crash Course from Creation to Christ (teens)  
Swimming Upstream - The Water Gets Clearer  
Do I Really Have to Do Experiments?  
Inspiring Successful Writers (Grades 7-12)  
How the Brain Reads  
Home Based Discipleship: A Hebraic Perspective  
Grand Canyon - The Puzzle on the Plateau ♥  
What Teens & Tweens Should Know About WW I (teens)  
Fine Arts the Charlotte Mason Way  
Sibling Conflict is a Child's First Class in Relationship School  
Celebrating Hope and Redemption in the Valleys of Life  
Fruitful Preparation  
Simple Steps

#### **Friday Evening General Session - 5:30 PM**

How Do We Measure Success in Homeschooling? ♥

### SATURDAY

#### **Saturday Morning General Session - 8:15 AM**

Whatever! Why Not Be Part of the 87%? ♥

The Seven Laws of Teaching at Home ♥  
The Pillars of Evolution (teens)  
Teaching Science at Home  
Teaching Children to Respond Well to Correction  
College Prep: Is Writing on Track?  
Help for Your Struggling Speller  
Categorical Organizing  
What Can Dad Do to Make Mom Successful in Homeschooling (men)  
High Test Scores: Is That Why We Homeschool? ♥  
Aunt Lucy? (teens)  
The Early Years - Homeschooling Your Preschoolers To Grade or Not to Grade  
Parents: Ignite the Fire of Your Mind  
Homeschooling: Seven Steps to a Great Start  
Homeschooling and Parental Rights - Freedom Under Fire ♥  
Lost Secrets of the Ancient Civilizations (teens)  
Why Homeschool Through High School  
Dealing with ADHD: A Heart-Based Approach  
Is Math Straining Your Relationship with Your Children?  
Brain Development and Handwriting  
Help! How Do I Grade My Kids' Writing?  
Isolation or Teaching Them When They Lie, Sit, Rest, and Walk ♥  
Bad Boys of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century (teens)  
Learning with Living Books  
The Brain on Porn  
When I Am Weak: Homeschooling Through Crisis or Depression  
Don't Give Up on the Disorganized  
Teaching High School at Home ♥  
Modern History that Shook the World! (teens)  
Laying Down the Rails: The Power of Good Habits in Your Homeschooling  
Helping Children Deal with Anger  
On Your Toes - Homeschooling with Toddlers Underfoot  
Serenity's Laugh

**PLEASE REMEMBER** to visit [www.masshope.org](http://www.masshope.org) often for further workshop additions, speaker bios, workshop descriptions, a workshop schedule, and workshop handouts (for you to print ahead of time).

## 2017 Teen Track

This year's Teen Track (for 12-18 year olds) will be conducted by Mike Snavely (Mission Imperative) and Linda Hobar (Mystery of History). Teens will come away with a greater perspective of where we've come from and where we're going. (Parents are welcomed to sit in on any of the teen sessions.)

## Vendors

View the list of vendors at our website and visit their websites so you can be an informed shopper in our exhibit hall.

## Location

DCU Center, 50 Foster Street, Worcester 01608

### From the East or West:

MassPike (I-90) to Exit 10. I-290 East to Exit 16. Left at bottom of exit ramp, follow signs to DCU Center.

### From the North:

I-190 or I-495 South to I-290 West to Exit 16. Right at bottom of exit ramp, follow signs to DCU Center.

### From the South:

I-395 or Route 146 to I-290 East to Exit 16. Left at bottom of exit ramp, follow signs to DCU Center.

## Hotels

Blocked room count is limited and most rates apply only through April 6, so call early. Be sure to mention "MassHOPE Convention" to ensure discounted rates.

COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT: 72 Grove Street, Worcester; 508-363-0300; \$159/night; free parking, free wifi, exercise room, indoor salt water pool, & free shuttle to DCU Center (upon request, if available)

HAMPTON INN & SUITES (newly built!): 65 Prescott Street, Worcester; 508-886-9005; \$159/night; free parking, free wifi, free breakfast, exercise room, indoor salt water pool, and free shuttle to the DCU Center (upon request, when available)

HILTON GARDEN INN: 35 Major Taylor Blvd, Worcester; 508-753-5700; \$121/night; indoor pool, fitness center

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS: 10-12 Johnson Street, Auburn; 508-832-2500; \$138/night; free parking, free wifi, and free hot/cold buffet breakfast

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS: 110 Summer Street, Worcester; 508-757-0400; \$133/night; free parking, free wifi, free hot breakfast bar, free shuttle to the DCU Center (upon request, when available)

RESIDENCE INN: 503 Plantation Street, Worcester; 508-753-6300; \$138/night (studio or 1 BR suites); free wifi, free parking, free deluxe breakfast, and shuttle to DCU Center (upon request, when available)

## Recordings

Not able to attend all the workshops you would like? Wish your spouse was with you to hear what you're hearing? Perhaps other prospective homeschoolers you know, or even grandparents, also need to hear. Recordings of all keynotes and most workshops will be available both at and after the convention.

**ONSITE RECORDING SPECIAL** - Buy 5 CD's get one free on all recording purchases made and orders placed onsite.

## Parking

There are several parking lots and garages near the DCU Center. Most, if not all, charge for parking. We encourage you to visit:

[www.en.parkopedia.com/parking/attraction/dcu-center-worcester/](http://www.en.parkopedia.com/parking/attraction/dcu-center-worcester/) for nearby parking and the rates. It is best to familiarize yourself with the possibilities before you arrive.

Handicap-accessible parking spaces are located around the facility at designated areas. Daily parking rates are in effect.

## Important Notes! Please read!!

**CHILDREN'S PROGRAM:** Pre-registration is required for the Children's Program and is not available at the door. Please plan accordingly!

**HANDOUTS:** Be sure to check our website often as we continue to upload handouts for the various workshops. Not all workshops will have handouts, but for those that do, you will want to print them ahead of time and bring them with you. Handouts will NOT be available onsite.

**FOOD:** DCU Center security will NOT allow any food or beverage to be brought into the building without a note from a health care provider explaining your need due to a health condition. There will be concessions inside the DCU Center for those who don't want to leave the building. Some pack lunches and either go back to their cars to eat or, in good weather, picnic on the grassy knoll across the street from the convention center. There will also be a list of nearby restaurants in the convention program.

**BACK IN 2017** - - After a successful 2016, UNO (right across the street from the DCU Center) will once again be hosting a "Dough Raiser" to benefit MassHOPE. Show your support for MassHOPE by using our coupon when you dine at UNO's, and 15-20% of the diners' sales will be donated back to MassHOPE. Coupons will appear on our Facebook page and will also be available in the Registration area at the convention.



## Silent Auction

Returning this year is our silent auction! JOIN THE FUN!

Vendors, support groups, local businesses, and friends have been asked to donate items for this event.

These donations will be on display in the exhibit hall, so be sure to check them out and place a bid if there's something of interest to you!  
Bids will be accepted until 2:00 PM, Saturday, with winners announced by 3:00 PM.  
Items are to be collected by 4:30 PM.

We need your help! Want to donate something? Know a business, attraction, or museum that would? Please email [silentauction@masshope.org](mailto:silentauction@masshope.org) for details.

Any uncollected items will become MassHOPE property.

## Children and Teens

We love children and want to include them whenever possible. Our convention, however, is geared for parent/teacher enrichment and learning, so we encourage you to make childcare arrangements for your children. Understanding that this is not always possible, we do offer a children's program - something not all states do. Please be aware that this program does fill up quickly and will NOT be available to those registering onsite.

**Infants under 24 months** are free and must be with their parents or caregivers at all times. No wristband or name badge will be issued for children in this category. Please step out of sessions if your child becomes noisy (even happy sounds) as our recording equipment is very sensitive. An area for nursing moms is located in the exhibit hall.

**Children ages 2-4 years old** may attend workshops with their parents, assuming they will remain quiet and not become a distraction to other paying adults. Name badges will be provided for these children.

**Children ages 5-11 years old** (with paid adult registration) have two options:

- 1) **Children's Program** (Name badge) **OR**
- 2) **1<sup>st</sup> floor wristband** - restricted to the entire first floor and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor lounge area (between escalators); must be accompanied by an adult or responsible sibling at all times.

**Teens ages 12-18** may register (with an accompanying adult registration) to attend the Teen Track or any other workshops.

**Young adults (18 years and up)** still living at home, not married, and not homeschooling any children are welcome to register at the teen price and attend any sessions they would like.

## Registration

There are **three registration options**:

- 1) **By mail** - Use the registration form included in this brochure (checks or money orders only)
- 2) **Online** - Visit [www.masshope.org](http://www.masshope.org)..... (VISA or MasterCard only)

### EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT!

Do either of the above  
by April 2<sup>nd</sup> and save  
\$10 off onsite pricing!

- 3) **Onsite** - At-the-door registration (cash, check, or VISA/MasterCard accepted)

Name badge(s) for preregistrations will be ready for you to pick up onsite in the registration area.

If your preregistration has a postmark after April 2, you will need to pick it up onsite at the Exceptions booth in the registration area for onsite pricing and to obtain your name badge(s).

Requests for refund of registration must be made in writing **PRIOR** to the start of the convention and emailed to [convention@masshope.org](mailto:convention@masshope.org).

**FREE! FREE! FREE!** The Thursday evening sessions and Friday evening session are FREE and open to the public! Invite your interested friends and family to learn more about home education. (Exhibit hall will be closed during these times.)

**FIRST TIME ATTENDEES** (individual or married couple, first time for both) can pre-register at a reduced fee. See registration form. **NOT** available onsite!

**GRANDPARENTS** - We understand the value of grandparents in the homeschooling process. NON-HOMESCHOOLING grandparents are always free if they attend with their adult children who are paying the registration fee. Grandparents who are still homeschooling one or more of their own children must register separately and pay the registration fee.

## Social Media

Don't miss out on any convention information!

"Like" MassHOPE on **Facebook** (MassHOPE)

"Follow" us on **Twitter** (@MassHOPE)

Do we have your **email** address? Don't miss out on our bi-weekly *MassHOPE Messenger*, providing convention updates as well as other items of interest for homeschoolers.





# 2017 PREREGISTRATION GOOD UNTIL >>APRIL 2<<

PRINT clearly and mail with payment postmarked by April 2<sup>nd</sup> to:  
MassHOPE Convention Registration, 46 South Road, Holden, MA 01520

PLEASE NOTE: Online registration at [www.masshope.org](http://www.masshope.org) required for payment by credit card.

After April 2 an onsite registration form will be available at [www.masshope.org](http://www.masshope.org). **(PRICE IS \$10 MORE AT THE DOOR!)**

Last name: \_\_\_\_\_  Check here if you're **NOT** on our mailing list, but want to be.

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse (only if attending): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**VOLUNTEER** - Yes, I am willing to offer some of my time to volunteer at the convention. Please contact me.

## **ADDITIONAL NAMES BEING REGISTERED:**

**First & Last** name(s) of children (24 mos - 11 yrs), teens (12 - 18 yrs), and young adults (18+ yrs):

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Non-homeschooling grandparent / adult caregiver for your children while at convention - **FREE**, **with an accompanying paid** adult registration. Please include first & last name(s) here:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

If you have more child, grandparent, or caregiver entries, check here  and list names and ages (of children) on a separate sheet.

## **PREREGISTRATION FEES: (MUST be postmarked by April 2, 2017 in order for these fees to apply.)**

Couple (Husband & Wife): Two days \$59.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

One day - Check one:  Fri  Sat \$50.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Individual Adult: Two days \$54.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

One day - Check one:  Fri  Sat \$45.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

First Time Attendees (good for both days): \$44/Individual Adult \$44.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$49/Husband & Wife \$49.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Teens ages 12-18 (**with accompanying paid** adult): \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Program (ages 5-11, price includes 1<sup>st</sup> floor access):

➤ **MUST** include separate release form for children to participate (See next page).

One day - Check one:  Fri  Sat \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Two days \_\_\_\_\_ x \$30 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Children 1<sup>st</sup> Floor access only wristband (ages 5-11, max \$15/fam): \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Children ages 2-4, attending workshops with parents: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Children under 24 months are free and will get neither wristband nor name badge.)

Yes, I would like to donate to the MassHOPE scholarship fund. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

## **PAYMENT METHODS ACCEPTED:**

CHECK or MONEY ORDER, payable to MassHOPE, mailed with completed registration form and children's program release form, if applicable. If you wish to pay by credit card, please register online at [www.masshope.org](http://www.masshope.org).

**For Registration Coordinator Only:**

Date received: \_\_\_\_\_ Check/MO #: \_\_\_\_\_ Check amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

# CHILDREN'S PROGRAM (Ages 5-11 only)

MassHOPE will again be providing families with a quality Children's Program. This year, we're very excited to have The Giant Cow Children's Ministries (formerly Children's Conferences International) return! Giant Cow Ministries serves children's events for some of the nation's largest faith-based conferences. They focus on teaching kids how to build a relationship with Jesus Christ with a format that incorporates high-energy drama, exciting music, memorization of God's Word, and positive mentoring by dynamic young people. We encourage you to visit [www.GiantCowKids.com](http://www.GiantCowKids.com) to learn more about them and their program.

**SPACE IS LIMITED – DON'T DELAY!**

Children may register to participate in this program by parents:

- a) indicating such on the pre-registration form on previous page, AND
- b) completing and submitting the release form below.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** In order to provide a quality program for the children, there is **LIMITED SPACE - FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED**. Once the cut-off number is reached, no other registrations will be accepted! We apologize for any inconvenience.

**Pre-registration is required. Onsite registration is NOT available.**



## 2017 CHILDREN'S PROGRAM RELEASE FORM

**\*\*\*\*\* REMINDER: There is limited space for this program and you must register your children early! \*\*\*\*\***

*Please clearly print and mail with payment and completed registration form (see reverse).*

Child's Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Does anyone listed above have any medical conditions or behavioral issues of which we should be aware?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*MEDICAL RELEASE: I understand and hereby agree to assume all of the risks, which may be encountered by my children at Giant Cow Ministries including activities preliminary and subsequent thereto. I do hereby agree to hold Giant Cow Ministries, its employees and volunteers, AND host or hiring organizations and/or facilities harmless from any and all liability, actions, causes of actions, claims, expenses, and damages on account of injury to my child or property, which I now have or which may arise in the future in connection with the activity or participation in any other associated activities.*

*I have read and understand the FAQ section of the Giant Cow website and agree to abide by any and all policies from this information that applies to my family. This includes 1) the NON-refundable nature of my ticket purchase and 2) insuring that my child(ren) and family bring no food or drink into the event venue at any time throughout the event.*

*In the event that my child becomes injured or ill during any game or activity, I authorize Giant Cow Ministries or their representative to secure first aid and/or the services of a physician or hospital and agree to assume all financial obligations incurred therewith.*

*I understand that Giant Cow Ministries may, for promotional purposes, take photographs in which my child's likeness may appear. I authorize Giant Cow Ministries to use those photographs for promotional materials, including (but not limited to) the Giant Cow Ministries website.*

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Cell/Pager/Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ (while at convention)

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## Box Tops for Education

You can earn **FREE** admission to next year's (2018) convention AND support MassHOPE at the same time! Bring your Box Tops for Education tabs (found on LOTS of products you already buy) with you to the convention. There will be a collection box at the MassHOPE booth. They will also be collected at the used curriculum sale in June or they can be mailed to MassHOPE through the postmarked date of December 31. You may choose either of the following options:



1. Simply donate them. Proceeds will be used for MassHOPE scholarships.
2. Receive credit for 50% of the value of your Box Tops toward registration for next year's convention. The remainder will be used for MassHOPE scholarships.

In either case, if you designate a MassHOPE affiliated support group, one half of the MassHOPE portion will be donated to that group.

Submissions for credit must be in a sealed envelope with the following information either on the **outside** of the envelope or on an enclosed note: name, address, phone number, email address, number of Box Tops enclosed, and support group, if applicable. Please be mindful of expiration dates! Box Tops need to be at least **two months** from expiration at time of submission. If mailed, they should be addressed to Anne Smith, 85 Liberty Street, Haverhill, MA 01832.

Want to bless someone? Any credit earned is transferable, but cannot be held over from year to year.

## Graduation Opportunities

MassHOPE offers two opportunities for graduates. A graduate may participate in either or both.

The **GRADUATE RECOGNITION CEREMONY** will take place during the evening general session on Friday, April 28, 2017 at the DCU Center. Deadline to sign up for this ceremony is April 21. Contact Anne Smith at 978-372-1339 or [ewsjfamily@juno.com](mailto:ewsjfamily@juno.com).

The **FORMAL GRADUATION CEREMONY** will be held at Holden Chapel on June 10, 2017 at 2 PM. The first deadline of April 1 is quickly approaching, so don't delay! If interested, contact Susan Jacobsen by email - [graduation@masshope.org](mailto:graduation@masshope.org).

## We need YOU...CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

We can't run a convention of this size alone. It takes a LOT of volunteer help. And because many of our loyal teens may be attending the Teen Track this year, we'll need many more adult volunteers.

Come greet, meet, and help fellow homeschoolers. Provide a break or a cup of water for a vendor. And earn a small reward for yourself: two MassHOPE bucks for every hour you volunteer. Each buck is worth one dollar at the recording table and all of our vendor booths.

To sign up, go to [masshope.org](http://masshope.org) and fill out the online volunteer form. If you do not have internet access, call Ed or Anne Smith, our volunteer coordinators, at (978)372-1339. Volunteers must be at least twelve years old at the time of the convention.

## Needed: Specialized Volunteers

MassHOPE has a great need for very specialized volunteers in three areas of our convention. If you are skilled and willing, or willing to be trained, would you please prayerfully considering helping us? If you know someone who might be willing (friend, young adult, relative, neighbor, etc), please pass this along to that person, with instructions to contact us at:

[volunteer@masshope.org](mailto:volunteer@masshope.org)

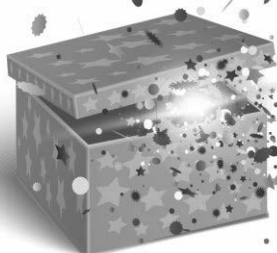
The three areas in need:

- 1) Children's Program
- 2) Recording booth
- 3) Audio-visual set-up/break-down

Thank you!

## FREE GIFT for 2017 Convention Attendees

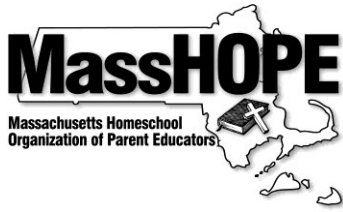
We are pleased to present a free gift to our convention attendees! You will find a variety of free resources and coupons in a virtual gift basket, which has been assembled by our friends at the National Alliance of Christian Home Education Leadership.



The Alliance is a national network of Christian state homeschool organizations.

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# Lest We Forget...

*"...beware, lest you forget the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt,..." Deuteronomy 6:12*

**28<sup>th</sup> Annual MassHOPE  
Christian Homeschool & Family  
Discipleship Convention  
in cooperation with TEACH-CT  
April 27-29, 2017  
The DCU Center, Worcester,  
Massachusetts**



**OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER:**

June 10, 2017 - MassHOPE Graduation Ceremony - Holden Chapel, Holden

June 17, 2017 - MassHOPE Used Curriculum Sale - Chapel of the Cross, Westborough