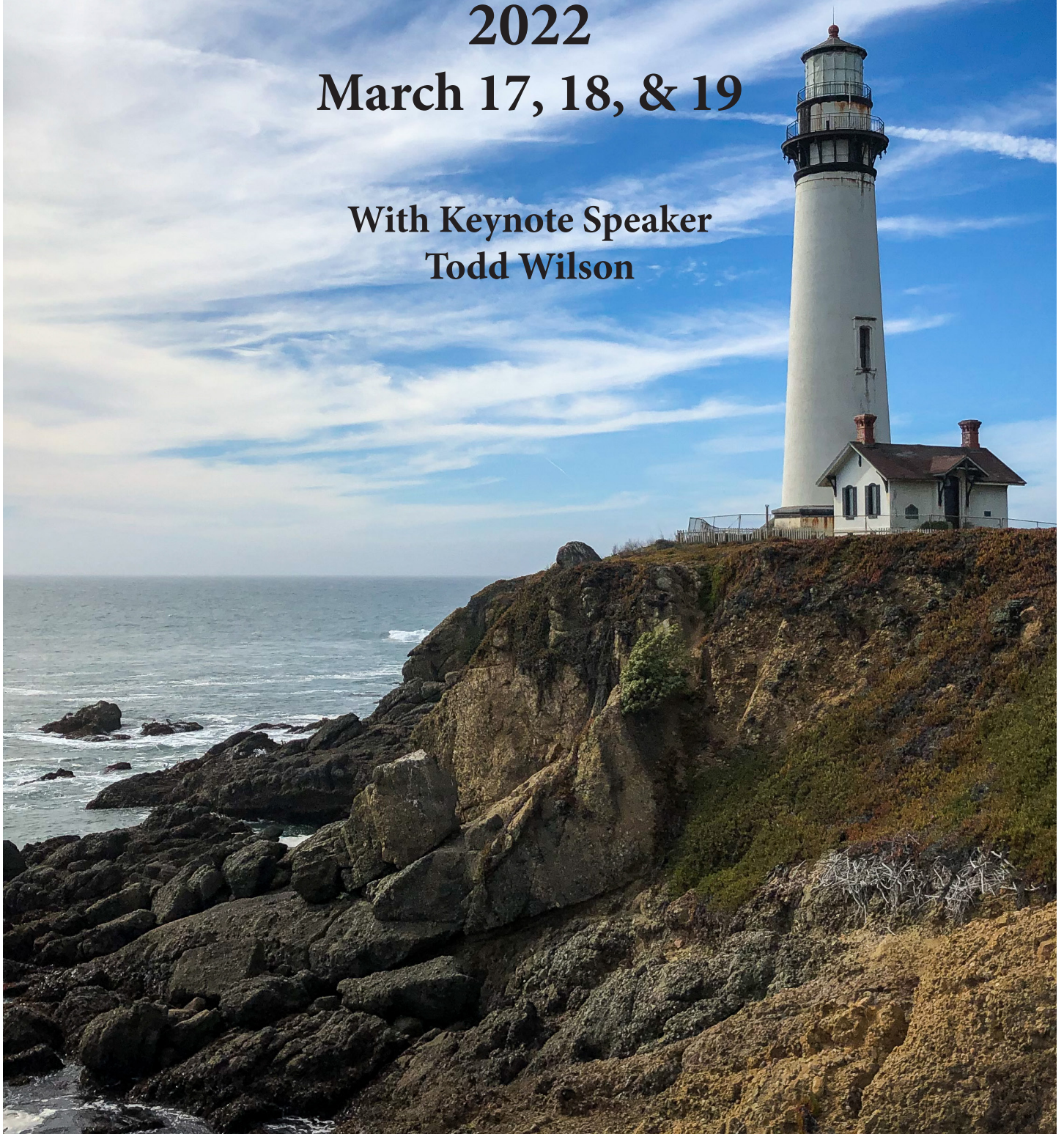


# **Homeschoolers of Maine Virtual Conference 2022**

**March 17, 18, & 19**

**With Keynote Speaker  
Todd Wilson**





# Welcome!

We are grateful to you for joining us for this virtual event!  
Before we begin, please take a look at the following information.

## Attendee Etiquette

(**Disclaimer:** The sessions may be recorded. However, if we use the recordings for promotion, all guests and questions will be edited out of the recording before sharing, unless we have your express permission to share.)

- 1. Webcam Etiquette:** We love to see your smiling faces, so we are asking that you please keep your camera on during the event (if you have one.) But also, be aware of your surroundings. If there are pets, children, or other things moving in the back- ground, it may be distracting to other guests.
- 2. Be present:** Use your emoji paddles to show appreciation, raise your hand for a question or give a thumbs up. Let the speaker know you are listening and that you value what they are saying.
- 3. Audio:** Please keep your mic muted during the entire presentation. If you raise your hand for a question, please wait to be acknowledged before unmuting.



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## Joy of Homeschooling

Virtual Conference 2022



Featuring Keynote Speaker  
Todd Wilson

With Special Guests  
John Notgrass  
Mr. Drew

# Session Schedule

- \* Music throughout the event will be provided by Messiah's Choir.
- \* Each session will be followed by a time of discussion, questions and answers.

## DAY 1: Rediscovering the Joy of Homeschooling

### Session 1, 10:00am: *This We Believe* Todd Wilson

Dads and moms, in all the busyness of life and swell of expert advice, we've forgotten the fundamental truths of homeschooling and family. In short, we've forgotten why we do what we do. We have plenty of "how tos" but have forgotten the "why tos" and it evidences itself in our lack of joy of homeschooling, family, and parenting.

Join funny guy and family man, Todd Wilson, as he sets the stage for a great homeschool convention and the best year ever as he brings us back to the basics of what we believe about family and homeschooling. You're not going to want to miss this for the world.

### Session 2, 2:00pm: *Smile Stealers and Smile Makers* Todd Wilson

You started this homeschooling journey because you thought it was going to be fun. You envisioned yourself teaching your children and smiling through each day. Then something happened. You stopped smiling. There's a reason for that and some things you can do to bring back those smiles not only for your self but for your children as well.

During our time together we're going to look at the smile stealers and makers in your homeschooling world and get you smiling again. Because you have a lot to smile about!!!

### Session 3, 4:00pm: *Mr. Drew and His Animals too* (Family Interest) Mr. Drew

"Mr. Drew and His Animals Too" is an educational outreach presentation featuring exotic reptiles, amphibians and invertebrates from around the world that he has rescued and rehabilitated. He takes in what the humane societies will not to prevent the release of exotic species into the Maine ecosystem and currently cares for over 150 animals. You can visit his Education Center in Lewiston where you can See, Touch and Learn. He has been working with exotic animals for 35 years and his 60-75 minute presentation is fast paced, funny, very educational and appropriate for age 2-102!

### Session 4, 6:30pm: *The Life of Laura Ingalls Wilder in Story and Song* (Family Interest) John Notgrass

Laura Ingalls Wilder (1867-1957) left a lasting impact on American literature with her Little House series of books. In this presentation, John Notgrass takes you on a virtual tour of the places Laura lived, shares stories that didn't make it into her books, and performs songs that the Ingalls family enjoyed.

## **DAY 2: Standing for Truth**

### **Session 1, 8:00am: *They Look To You* (Support Group Leaders) Todd Wilson**

Like it or not, when you're a homeschool leader, people watch you. Younger moms look to you for guidance and a pattern to follow. They want to be reminded that the sacrifices they make now are worth it, that the young children who are dependent on them will grow up and be okay, and that the dark days of monotonous toiling will be replaced by sunny days of success.

There are husbands of homeschooling moms who are skeptical of the whole homeschooling idea, who need to see positive examples, and be encouraged to be their wife's knight in shining armor.

These young homeschoolers need you to point them to the best materials, the most effective products, and the most encouraging speakers. They look to you for answers, affirmation, and strength, all the while longing to hear that they are normal for wanting to toss in the towel, for feeling inadequate, and for failing to do what matters most.

That's a big order to fill, but one that God has called you to. You don't need to be perfect, just real. Join Todd as he challenges you in the vital role you play as a homeschool leader.

### **Session 2, 10:00am: *Raising Politically Incorrect Pink and Blue Kids in a Purple World* Todd Wilson**

All children are created equal. Girls and Boys have equal importance and significance but there are certain responsibilities that we need to train our boys and girls differently. It's not archaic or about inequality, it's Biblical parenting and our children need us to prepare them for the future.

Join Todd as he tackles this sticky topic and combines laughter, truth, and practicality together for a vital topic in today's wacky and purple world.

### **Session 3, 2:00pm: *Don't Tell Me What You Believe....Live It!* Todd Wilson**

There's a lot of talk about Christian worldview. In fact, never before have Christian teens received so much training in developing a proper worldview. But something seems dreadfully wrong, because the truth is...there just doesn't seem to be much difference between "our teens" and "their teens." To be honest there sometimes isn't much difference between "our adults" and "their adults." That's about to change.

Join funny guy, Todd Wilson as he talks about a very REAL, Real Christian Worldview. Now don't think for one minute that Todd is going to give you a list of do's and don'ts, because he won't, but he will challenge you right where you live. Together, we just might change the world. You're going to want to be here.

#### **Session 4, 4:00pm: *Dream Big* (Teen Track)**

**Todd Wilson**

Everyone has dreams - you, your spouse, and your children, but for every dreamer a dream killer lurks in the shadows. They're the ones who constantly remind you why you shouldn't homeschool, have more children, be a stay-at-home mom, start a new business, or take that step of faith God's telling you to take. Dream killers grew up with you. They live in your house and sometimes they even...are you.

Their intentions may be good, but if you listen to them, you will miss out on God's best for your life. Join Todd as he helps you revive old dreams, fan the dreams in others' lives, and urges you to throw caution to the wind and set sail for the adventure of a lifetime.

### **DAY 3: Homeschooling Requires Teamwork**

#### **Morning Praise and Worship (Saturday, 8:30am)**

**Nicholas Kozak and Messiah's Singers**

Nicholas Kozak serves as the pastor of Messiah's Congregation in Augusta, ME. He and his wife Lori will be joined by Messiah's Singers as they lead a special time Praise and Worship for attendees!

#### **Session 1, 10:00am: *An Unbeatable Homeschool Team***

**Todd Wilson**

Marriage is hard...in fact, it's real hard! Yet when it is right and good, it can withstand anything. It doesn't matter what the economy does, the status of your bank account, the condition of your home or vehicles, or what your children dish out...because when a husband and wife are right, they're unbeatable.

On the flip side, when a husband and wife feel distant or apathetic, it only takes the slightest breeze to ruffle a bunch of feathers. The truth is a mediocre marriage sucks the joy right out of life and your homeschool. The economy can swing up, your checking account can be healthy, your home and vehicles can purr like kittens, and the kids can behave like angels, and life still...stinks.

That's because marriage matters.

Join Todd Wilson, The Familyman, for a time of laughter and encouragement as he shares real life stories, problems, and frustrations along with practical, simple solutions to having a marriage that can't be beat!

#### **Session 2, 2:00pm: *Every Dad a Homeschool Dad***

**Todd Wilson**

You may not crack open a book, work through a curriculum, or call it school, but it's your job to train your children. Join me as we look at the trials, triumphs, and tribulations of training our children. Now don't worry, I won't make you feel guilty or give you a forty-six point outline, but I promise to tell it straight and to encourage you in the best job there is - fathering.

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# Now What?

Our convention has come to an end. We hope that the sessions have been encouraging and informative for you!

Now what will you do with what you have learned?

Here are a few suggestions:

## Visit our Virtual Vendor Hall

Your resource needs are important to us! In our virtual vendors hall, we have gathered together a number of retailers that provide helpful resources specifically designed with homeschooling families in mind. Meet some of your favorite vendors, and discover products and services that are exciting, unique, and of interest to parents, teachers and the homeschool community! Remember to check out any specials or discounts, too! For links to all these retailers, go to our website at this page: <https://www.homeschoolersofmaine.org/events/2021-online-conference/virtual-vendor-hall/>

## HOME Auction Fundraiser

Donate, Bid and Support HOME!

This lively fundraiser is a traditional favorite held during HOME's Annual Convention at the Samoset Resort in Rockport. Our 2021 auction will look a little different, but will include all the great items you have come to expect. As in 2020, this year's event will be completely online. Be sure to register to participate, and then come back to bid March 18 - 20, 2021 during our online conference. Go here for more information and to view the items available for bid: <https://www.homeschoolersofmaine.org/events/2021-online-conference/2021-annual-auction/>

## Connect with your Regional Representative

Reach out to a veteran homeschooler in your area!

HOME Regional Representatives are experienced homeschoolers who bring the ministry of HOME closer to homeschooling families in every area of the state. Regional Reps provide a HOME presence within their region that is informative and encouraging. They are often the first friendly voice for a new homeschooling family. For a complete listing with contact information, visit this page: <https://www.homeschoolersofmaine.org/encouragement/home-regional-contacts/>



# Join Us For . . .

## New England Heritage Days 2022



### October 13 and 14, 2022 at Old Fort Western

Join us as we explore life in the 18th century at Old Fort Western in Augusta and celebrate HOME's New England Heritage Days. Your student will be able to participate in one of two programs, Daily Life in the 18th Century for grades K-3, or Life as a French and Indian War Soldier for grades 4 and up.

In Addition! Tours and activities are also planned for the First Amendment Museum where your K-5th grader can participate in some hands-on learning activities to learn about the First Amendment. Students in grades 6-8 will be involved in Supreme Court role playing activities and 9th -12th graders can hone their debate skills in the Great Debate.

#### Event Details:

Location: Old Fort Western, 16 Cony St., Augusta, ME

Location: First Amendment Museum, 184 State St., Augusta, ME

Dates: Thursday, October 13, and Friday, October 14, 2022

Cost: \$8 per person. Please pre-register for this event by September 26. Receive a FREE HOME unit study ebook, The Province of Maine During the Revolutionary War, to accompany your trip when you register!

Admission to the First Amendment Museum is FREE for all ages.

Recommended Age Range: Grades K - 12

Go to <https://www.homeschoolersofmaine.org/events/new-england-heritage-days/> for more information or to register for this event.

*\*Participants in all HOME events and activities are required to follow the COVID guidelines set forth by individual venue hosts. Following CDC guidelines is also recommended.*

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