A Tale of Two Circles.

In 2007 I helped co-found the Tucson Teachers’ Circle at the U. of Arizona along with Virginia Bohme. In terms of participation and feedback, the TTC has been a great success and is held in high regard in the local school districts. Being in a large metropolitan area with many middle and high schools, the TTC has its particular advantages as well as challenges. I’m now at Cal. Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks, CA and am in the process of co-founding the T.O. Teachers’ Circle with Dr. Hala King. Thousand Oaks is a smaller community with fewer local schools, and CLU is a smaller university with less resources. This then gives the T.O. Circle its own particular set of advantages and challenges, which has become evident even in its creation stage. Further contrasts between the two circles will be discussed. (Received September 20, 2010)