



# STC 2007 BIO

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## JILL ROPER

I was born at the foot of Pikes Peak in Colorado Springs Colorado. I left just a few months later and started on a journey that has taken me to 16 states and the Azores. At the age of 5 our home burnt down and my siblings and I became orphaned over night. We spent the next years living in an orphanage in St. Louis. It was because of that set of experiences I developed a passion for children.

Before marrying my husband Rich we discussed at length my desire to adopt special needs children some day. We agreed that at some point we would adopt. We had no idea that God would use that commitment to bless us with over 25 foster children and 8 more to call our own. This summer Rich and I will celebrate our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. My God and my family is the most important thing in the world to me.

We felt called 17 years ago to home school our children and we have schooled three all the way through high school and have 4 more still at home. I love to cook which is my love language to my family. I swim and bike when I can. I have done one triathlon and absolutely loved it. I have ridden a century (100 miles) in 107 degree weather just for the fun of it. I cross stitch, quilt and of course read. I have shared my passion for great literature with countless people and our children not only love to be read to but love to read. I have been asked often by friends and family to sit down and write a book. I would love to put on paper someday just that. I was recently awarded the grand prize in a national essay contest asking the question, "Why is Care Giving So Rewarding?" Maybe this will be the push I need to actually start writing. I loved my first year as an SCC. I look forward to learning a lot in this seminar to make me a better SCC.

