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FROM THE NAE VICE PRESIDENT

Welcome to *Faithful Advocacy*, the Christian Leadership Conference of the National Association of Evangelicals.

At the Christian Student Leadership Conference, we hope you'll be inspired and empowered as you engage in some of today's top public policy issues; hear from government officials, public policy leaders and thinkers; express your values; and speak on behalf of those who have no voice. We know that it's your voice — raised with other advocates — that leads to lasting change.

We have invited a wide variety of experts — from across the political spectrum — to the table this week to help us think about faithful engagement in politics. Christians do not always agree, with others or even among ourselves, about the details of policy proposals or the best strategies for reform. With this in mind, we invite you to join in conversation with each other and the speakers in a spirit of humility and civility.

The concerns we face in this nation are great, but they are not greater than God. Just and compassionate governance is part of our calling in creation. Let us claim that calling, and learn how to be faithful advocates.

For the glory of God,

Galen Carey
@GalenCarey

SPECIAL THANKS

We'd especially like to thank the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities (CCCU) for their partnership in this event.

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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

MONDAY, JANUARY 23

5:00-6:00 p.m. **Conference Registration** – Hyatt Regency, Thornton Room
6:00-9:00 p.m. **Faithful Advocacy** – *Dinner,* Hyatt Regency, Thornton Room (p. 10-11)
Rep. Randy Hultgren, U.S. House of Representatives
"Faithkeepers" Movie Showing

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24

8:30-11:45 a.m. **Morning Session** – Capitol Visitors Center, Room SVC 203-202
Marriage (p. 12-13)
Tim Goeglein, Focus on the Family
Faith in Public Life (p. 14-15)
Sen. Steve Daines, U.S. Senate
Domestic Poverty (p. 16-17)
Robert Doar, American Enterprise Institute
Ted McCann, Office of Rep. Paul Ryan
Kathy Saile, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities
Criminal Justice (p. 18-19)
Craig DeRoche, Prison Fellowship
11:45-1:15 p.m. **Lunch on Your Own** – Dirsken Senate Office Building Cafeteria
1:15-5:00 p.m. **Afternoon Session** - Hart Senate Office Building, Room 902
International Religious Freedom (p. 20-21)
Rep. Trent Franks, U.S. House of Representatives
Immigration (p. 22-23)
Sen. John McCain, U.S. Senate
Grover Norquist, Americans for Tax Reform
Domestic *Religious Freedom* (p. 24-25)
Rep. Steve Russell, U.S. House of Representatives
Creation Care (p. 26-27)
Mitch Hescox, Evangelical Environmental Network
Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse, U.S. Senate
Predatory Lending (p. 28-29)
Sen. Sherrod Brown, U.S. Senate
Rev. Dr. Willie Gable, National Baptist Convention
5:00-7:00 p.m. **Dinner on Your Own**
7:15-10:00 p.m. **Tour of the Monuments** – Departs at Union Station

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

9:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. **Morning & Lunch Session** – Washington Court Hotel, 525 New Jersey Ave NW
Christian Higher Education (p. 30-31)
David Dockery, Trinity International University
Shirley Hoogstra, Council for Christian Colleges & Universities
Shapri LoMaglio, Council for Christian Colleges & Universities
1:30-5:00 p.m. **Afternoon Session** – Rayburn House Office Building, Room 2128
International Relations (p. 32-33)
James Chen, Institute for Global Engagement
International Trade (p. 34-35)
Michael Ferrantino, World Bank
International Religious Freedom (p. 20-21)
Nina Shea, Hudson Institute
Refugees (p. 36-37)
Afeefa Syeed, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)
Sanctity of Life (p. 38-39)
Deanna Wallace, Americans United for Life
Nuclear Weapons (p. 40-41)
Daryl Kimball, Arms Control Association
5:45-9:00 p.m. **Service Night** – *Dinner,* Hyatt Regency, Thornton Room (p. 42-43)
Chaplain Barry Black, U.S. Senate

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. **Morning Session** – Lutheran Church of the Reformation, 212 East Capitol St NE
Advocacy Training Session (p. 44-45)
Ted Brennan, ONE Campaign
Jennifer Fraser, ONE Campaign
Jared Noetzel, ONE Campaign
12:30-2:00 p.m. **Lunch on Your Own**
2:00-5:00 p.m. **Congressional Visits** – Appointments will be given out during the week.
7:00-9:00 p.m. **Closing Dinner** – Carmine's Restaurant, 425 7th St NW (p. 46-47)
Galen Carey, National Association of Evangelicals

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27

8:30-11:30 a.m. **Supreme Court and U.S. Capitol Tours** *(optional)*
11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m. **March for Life Rally*** – Washington Monument, National Mall
1:00 p.m. **March for Life*** – 15th Street & Constitution Avenue to U.S. Supreme Court

**Students may join the rally and march as participants or to simply observe.*

INFORMATION

Conference Etiquette

-Arrive 10 minutes before the start of each session, and be sure to account for security lines.
-Electronic devices should be silenced during all of the sessions.
-Please wear your name tag throughout the conference. The NAE staff will collect your name tag at the dinner on Thursday night.
-The dress code for each event is business attire. But keep in mind you may be walking some distance during the day, so wear comfortable shoes. The weather can also be a factor, so dress appropriately.

A Caveat

-Speakers represent their own views, not necessarily the views of the NAE. Non-NAE materials included in the packets or sessions do not imply NAE endorsement.

Metro Cards

-Use the Metro card (which is loaded with $10) in your registration packet for transportation to various site locations.
-The NAE reuses the cards each year. At the end of the conference, please give your card to an NAE staff member or leave it at the hotel front desk.

Food Service

-All scheduled meals are included in your registration costs. You are responsible for covering your lunches on Tuesday and Thursday.
-In your registration packet, you will find 2 breakfast vouchers for the hotel restaurant for use on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. The hotel restaurant opens at 6:30 a.m.
-You also received $16 to be used for the remaining two breakfast meals.

Security

-Please carry a government-issued photo ID to all off-site locations.
-Refrain from making jokes during the security process.
-Most buildings have metal detectors. Do not bring anything that would be considered a weapon, including pocket knives. Food and beverages are not permitted.

Internet Access

-Internet access is included in your room rate. You will not be charged extra for this. Please select the standard option. Contact the hotel front desk if you have trouble connecting.

Hotel Check-out

-It is your responsibility to check out by noon on Friday. The hotel will hold your luggage in the Congressional C Room while you attend the March for Life and if you plan on sightseeing afterward.

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THINGS TO DO IN D.C.

-The main **Smithsonian museums** are conveniently located on the National Mall, between the Capitol and the Washington Monument, and have free admission. See Dorothy's ruby slippers (Museum of American History), Van Gogh paintings (National Gallery of Art), large dinosaur bones (Museum of Natural History), and the list goes on. Most of the museums are open from 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

-While near the Capitol, check out the **Library of Congress**. You can even get your own library card – a great D.C. souvenir. Open from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

-The **Arlington National Cemetery** is a highlight to many. The Changing of the Guard can be seen every hour on the hour. The cemetery is open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and is located at the Arlington Cemetery Metro stop.

-See the Declaration of Independence and U.S. Constitution at **National Archives**, which is just north of the National Mall, near the Archives Metro stop. Open from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

-One of the most moving D.C. museums, the **Holocaust Museum**, is south of the National Mall. It is open from 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., but they do not admit anyone into the building after 4:30 p.m.

TIPS FOR YOUR CONGRESSIONAL VISITS

During the conference, you will have the opportunity to experience one of the blessings of democracy by meeting with your senators and representative or members of their staff. Members of Congress represent you, and you are performing an important public service by helping them know what issues are important to you, and why. You don't have to be a policy expert, just an informed voter.

-You can reach the offices of any Member of Congress or the Senate by dialing the main switchboard at 202-224-3121.

-Arrive around 10 minutes early wearing business attire, even if Congress is out of session and staff is dressed more casually.

-Address the Member as "Representative" if in the House of Representatives, or as "Senator" if in the Senate. If not meeting with member directly, sir and ma'am would be appropriate for staff members.

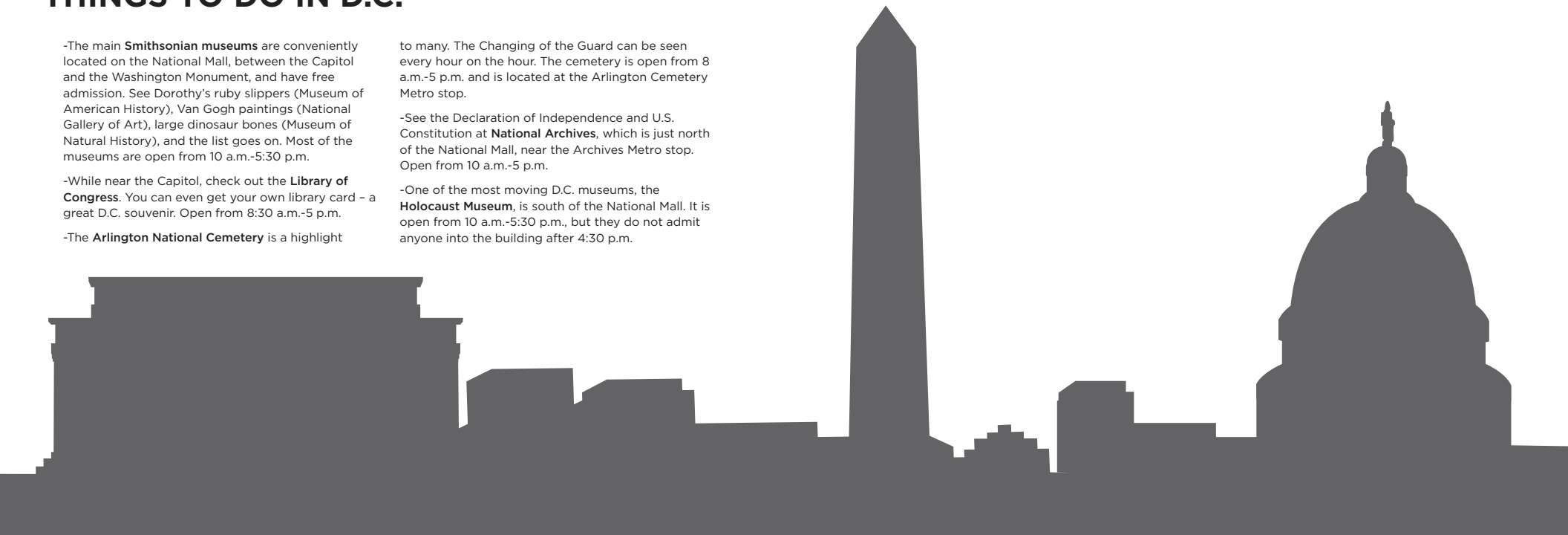
-Include where you are from and your reason for being in Washington.

-Do not overwhelm staff with a myriad of issues. Stick to two if meeting with a member directly or maybe three if meeting with staff. More questions may be asked depending on the time it takes to answer the question.

-Be versed in the topics you plan to discuss and know the voting record of the Senator or Representative that you are meeting with. Check **VoteSmart.org** for the voting record.

-Overall, be respectful of the person and their position, even if you may disagree with things they say.

-Make sure to thank everyone in the office, grab some business cards, and send some form of thank you to the office. A letter is preferred, but an e-mail is a nice gesture as well.



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The American Scientific Affiliation, or ASA, was founded in 1941 as a network of Christians in the sciences. As scientists, members of the ASA take part in humanity's exploration of nature, its laws, and how it works. As Christians, ASAers want to know not just how the universe operates, but why it exists.

We in the ASA believe that honest and open studies of both scripture and nature are mutually beneficial in developing a full understanding of human identity and our environment. Members of the ASA believe in orthodox Christianity, as defined by the Apostles' and Nicene creeds and share a commitment to scientific consensus. **Network.asa3.org @ASA3org**

Bread for the World is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's leaders to end hunger at home and abroad. By changing policies, programs and conditions that allow hunger and poverty to persist, we provide help and opportunity far beyond the communities where we live.

We believe that our federal government has the resources, power, and influence to change these conditions so that we can end hunger in our time. Bread connects Christians across the U.S. with their members of Congress in order to build the political will to end hunger. **Bread.org @bread4theworld**

For more than 20 years, the (EEN) has educated Christians on a biblical approach to creation care and climate action. Over 2.3 million conservative pro-life Christians during the past five years have been organized by EEN to tell policymakers to reduce pollution and shift to clean energy. **CreationCare.org @ CreationCare**

Faithkeepers is an upcoming documentary highlighting the violent persecution of Christians, Yazidis, and other religious minorities in the Middle East. It gives voice to the humanitarian crisis and genocide affecting millions as a result of religious and ethnic persecution. The film is a testament to the stories of the persecuted and an inspiring portrait of the human spirit. Using personal testimonies and original animation, the film exposes daily life for those facing violence and expulsion. Faithkeepers, the movie and the movement, will awaken, enlighten, and inspire all people of faith to stand up and take action. **Faithkeepers.clarionproject.org @faithkeepersmov**

Focus on the Family is a global Christian ministry dedicated to helping families thrive. We provide help and resources for couples to build healthy marriages that reflect God's design, and for parents to raise their children according to morals and values grounded in biblical principles.

No matter who you are, what you're going through or what challenges your family may be facing, we're here to help. With practical resources — like our 1-800 Family Help line, counseling and websites — we're committed to providing trustworthy, biblical guidance and support. **FocusOnTheFamily.com @FocusFamily**

Prison Fellowship® is the nation's largest Christian nonprofit serving prisoners, former prisoners, and their families, and a leading advocate for criminal justice reform. The organization was founded in 1976 by Charles Colson. Today Prison Fellowship brings restoration to those affected by crime and incarceration in all 50 states by facilitating prisoners' transformation, supporting prisoners' families and returning citizens, and advocating for a criminal justice system that reflects the God-given dignity and potential of each life. Through an awakening to new hope and life purpose, those who once broke the law are transformed and mobilized to serve their community, replacing the cycle of crime with a cycle of renewal. **PrisonFellowship.org @prisonfellowshp**

"In the context of an increasingly secularized society, we know full well why Southern Seminary is needed. We serve the church, we serve the gospel, we serve the church, we serve the gospel, we serve the truth. Ultimately, however, all these things find their true meaning in the fact that we serve the glory of God. Southern Seminary exists for one reason: that the church of Christ will be more faithful; the Lord's churches will be more mature, more effective, more passionate in the truth; that the Lord's church will be ready when he comes; and ultimately in the beginning, in the middle, and in the end, it's all about the glory of God."

-Dr. R. Albert Mohler Jr., president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

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Rep. Randy Hultgren @RepHultgren

Congressman Randy Hultgren has represented Illinois' 14th congressional district in the U.S. House of Representatives since 2011. He served in the Illinois House of Representatives and the Illinois Senate from 1998 until 2011. In Congress, Hultgren serves on four subcommittees within the Committee on Financial Services and the Committee on Science, Space and Technology. He graduated from Bethel University (St. Paul) in 1988 and later attended Chicago-Kent College of Law, graduating in 1993.

Reflection Questions

- What are the most important ways in which our nation falls short of the justice and righteousness that God requires for us to flourish as a people?
- On which of these issues do you feel called to lift your voice in prayer and advocacy?
- What spiritual practices and resources are available to sustain you as a Christian citizen who seeks to be a faithful advocate on behalf of yourself, your neighbors and your country?

Notes

Tim Goeglein @FocusFamily

Tim Goeglein is vice president of external relations for Focus on the Family. In this role, he serves as Focus' "eyes and ears" in D.C. He served as special assistant to President George W. Bush, and was the president's principal outreach contact for conservatives, think tanks, veteran's groups, faith-based groups, and some of America's leading cultural organizations. He has a bachelor's degree from Indiana University-Bloomington.

Reflection Questions

- Write a one sentence definition of marriage. Share with someone else and get their reaction. How does your view compare to other views that you hear being expressed in our contemporary culture?
- Based on your observations, what are the main reasons that so many marriages don't survive, or thrive?
- What can you do to prepare now for a strong, healthy, and lifelong marriage, if God blesses you with a life partner?

Notes

Sen. Steve Daines @SteveDaines

In 2015, Sen. Steve Daines became the junior senator for Montana. He served in the House of Representatives for two years prior to his current position. Sen. Daines serves on several committees including Appropriations; Commerce, Science and Transportation; Energy and Natural Resources; and Indian Affairs. Previously, Daines was a successful businessman, working for Procter & Gamble and RightNow Technologies. He holds a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from Montana State University.

Reflection Questions

- In what sense are government officials "working for God when they fulfill their duties" (Romans 13:6)?
- How should Christians working in government apply the principles of their faith as they fulfill their secular duties?

Notes

Robert Doar @RobertDoar

Robert Doar is the Morgridge Fellow in Poverty Studies at the American Enterprise Institute (AEI), where he studies and evaluates how improved federal policies and programs can reduce poverty and provide opportunities for vulnerable Americans. Before joining AEI, Doar was commissioner of New York City's Human Resources Administration where he administered 12 public assistance programs for the largest local social services agency in the United States. He holds a bachelor's degree in history from Princeton University.

Ted McCann

Ted McCann currently works in House Speaker Paul Ryan's office as assistant to the Speaker for policy. Previously he was a budget analyst for the Republican staff of the House Budget Committee. In this capacity, he was the lead analyst for income support programs, Social Security, pension policy and agriculture policy. McCann holds a B.A. in economics from Miami University of Ohio.

Kathy Saile @KathySaile23

Kathy Saile is associate director for government affairs at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. She promotes the Center's work concerning federal budget and tax issues and their impact on efforts to reduce poverty and expand opportunity with federal policymakers. Previously, Saile served as director of domestic social development for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops working on issues related to domestic poverty. She received her bachelor's from Ohio University and her master's from Arizona State University.

Reflection Questions

- What aspects of poverty in America most trouble you?
- What areas of convergence in liberal and conservative solutions to poverty most intrigue you?
- In what ways do you hope to advocate for poor and vulnerable people, now or in the future?

Notes

Craig DeRoche @craigderoche

Craig DeRoche serves as senior vice president for advocacy and public policy at Prison Fellowship, the nation's largest outreach to prisoners, former prisoners and their families. He leads the organization's efforts to advance restorative criminal justice reform at the state and federal levels. A recognized subject-matter expert, he has testified before Congress and confers with lawmakers to help them design legislation that prioritizes accountability, community participation and second chances.

Reflection Questions

- What is the best way to enforce laws against criminal behavior?
- What is the best way to punish and rehabilitate those who have committed crimes?
- What is the best way to help victims of crime?
- Can criminals and their victims be reconciled? Is it worth the effort?

Notes

Rep. Trent Franks @RepTrentFranks

In 2003, Congressman Trent Franks was elected to represent Arizona's 8th district in the U.S. House of Representatives. Franks serves on the House Judiciary Committee and is a member of the House Armed Services Committee. He co-chairs the Orphans and Vulnerable Children Caucus as well as the Congressional Caucus on Adoption and the International Religious Freedom Caucus. He also founded and served over four years as executive director of the Arizona Family Research Institute after serving in the Arizona House of Representatives from 1985 to 1987.

Nina Shea @HudsonInstitute

An international human-rights lawyer for over 30 years, Nina Shea joined Hudson Institute as a senior fellow in November 2006, where she directs the Center for Religious Freedom. In 1999, Shea was appointed by the U.S. House of Representatives to serve seven terms as a commissioner on the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom. Since then, she has been appointed as a U.S. delegate to the United Nation's main human rights body by both Republican and Democratic administrations. She is a graduate of Smith College, and American University's Washington College of Law.

International Religious Freedom

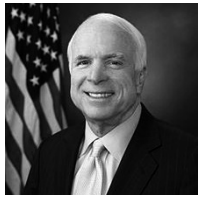
Reflection Questions

- Which option would you pick among these forced choices: a) convert to another religion; b) leave the United States permanently and find a new home somewhere else; c) be allowed to stay by agreeing to pay extra taxes and accepting second class citizenship; or d) be killed now?
- What influence and leverage do you think the United States has in countries that are practicing religious persecution?
- How can you lift your voice on behalf of those facing religious persecution? Would you advocate only, or especially, for Christians, or for people of all religious backgrounds?

Notes

Grover Norquist @GroverNorquist

Grover Norquist is president of Americans for Tax Reform (ATR), a taxpayer advocacy group he founded in 1985 at President Reagan's request. ATR works to limit the size and cost of government and opposes higher taxes at the federal, state, and local levels and supports tax reform that moves towards taxing consumed income one time at one rate. Norquist holds an M.B.A. and a B.A. in economics, both from Harvard University.



Sen. John McCain @SenJohnMcCain

Senator John McCain has been a U.S. senator from Arizona since 1987, and was the Republican nominee for president in 2008. A 1958 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, McCain had a 22-year military career as a pilot and officer in the Navy. Five of those years were spent in a Vietnamese prisoner of war camp after he was shot down over Hanoi during the Vietnam War. McCain left the Navy in 1981, was elected to Congress in 1982, and then was elected as U.S. senator from Arizona in 1986.

Reflection Questions

- What do you know of your family's immigration history? Has your family contributed to the well-being and prosperity of our nation?
- What principles should guide U.S. immigration policy toward a) prospective immigrants; and b) those already here, but without status?
- On balance, do you think immigrants help to make the United States a better, stronger and more prosperous nation? Do you think you personally benefit from the presence of immigrants in our country? Why or why not?

Notes

Rep. Steve Russell @RepRussell

Congressman Steve Russell has served in the U.S. House of Representatives as Oklahoma's 5th congressional district representative since 2014. He served in the U.S. Army for 21 years as a Lieutenant Colonel before being elected to the Oklahoma State Senate in 2008. His committee assignments include: House Committee on Education and the Workforce; House Committee on Government Oversight and Reform (vice chair of the Subcommittee on National Security) and House Armed Services Committee.

Reflection Questions

- How would you define religious freedom?
- Do you support religious freedom for those who disagree with you? Within what limits?
- How would you resolve the conflict between religious freedom and the rights of LGBT persons?
- Do you support the Russell Amendment? What impact do you think it would have, if passed? Why do you think President Obama threatened to veto it?

Notes

Mitch Hescox @mitch_at_EEN

Mitch Hescox is president and CEO of the Evangelical Environmental Network, where he speaks nationally on creation care. Prior to joining EEN, Hescox pastored a local church for 18 years, and before that served as director of fuel systems for Allis Mineral Systems in the coal and utility industry. He holds an M.Div. from Wesley Theological Seminary.

Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse @SenWhitehouse

Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse is the junior senator for Rhode Island, serving since 2007. As a member of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, Whitehouse has championed efforts to reduce carbon pollution, protect our air and water, and position Rhode Island as a leader in the clean energy economy. He also founded the Senate Oceans Caucus. He is a graduate of St. Paul's School and Yale University, and received his J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law.

Reflection Questions

- What environmental problems most concern you? Why?
- Do you expect your grandchildren to inherit a physical world that is in better or worse shape than what we have now?
- What public policies on environmental stewardship would you most like to see changed? How are you building — or how will you build — support for those changes?

Notes

Sen. Sherrod Brown @SenSherrodBrown

Senator Sherrod Brown is the senior U.S. senator from Ohio, in office since January 2007. He serves as the ranking member of the Senate Banking Committee and serves on the Senate Committee on Finance and the Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee. Prior to serving in the U.S. senate, Brown was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives, secretary of state of Ohio and a member of the Ohio General Assembly. He has also taught in Ohio's public schools and at The Ohio State University. He is a graduate of Yale University and The Ohio State University.

Rev. Dr. Willie Gable

Rev. Dr. Willie Gable, Jr., has been the senior pastor at the Progressive Baptist Church in downtown New Orleans for more than 25 years. He also chairs the Housing and Economic Development Commission of the National Baptist Convention USA Inc. In addition, Gable runs the Dr. Murphy W. McCaleb Education Fund, one of 63 agencies that make up UNITY, a New Orleans collaborative that provides housing for chronically homeless people and those who struggle with substance or alcohol abuse.

Reflection Questions

- Where would you turn for help if you had an urgent need for cash and your family couldn't help you?
- How do you interpret the biblical prohibitions on usury (for example, Exodus 22:25)?
- What role should laws and regulations play in protecting vulnerable people from financial exploitation?
- Should politicians accept contributions from predatory lenders, casino operators, pornographers and others whose business activities may be legal but immoral? Why or why not?

Notes

David Dockery @davidsdockery

David Dockery has served as Trinity International University's 15th president since February 2014. He previously spent more than 18 years as president of Union University. He is recognized as a leader in Christian higher education across the country, having spoken at more than 50 colleges, universities and seminaries, as well as providing numerous institutional consultations. He was recently elected as the vice president of the Evangelical Theological Society. He holds degrees from the University of Texas System, Texas Christian University, Southwestern Seminary, Grace Seminary, and the University of Alabama in Birmingham.

Shirley Hoogstra @CCCUtweets

Shirley Hoogstra became the president of the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities in September 2014 after serving at her alma mater, Calvin College, first as a member of the board of trustees and then as the vice president for student life for 15 years. Prior to her tenure at Calvin, Hoogstra spent more than a decade practicing law as a partner at a firm in New Haven, Connecticut. She earned her J.D. from the University of Connecticut School of Law.

Shapri LoMaglio @CCCUtweets

Shapri LoMaglio is vice president for government and external relations at the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities. LoMaglio directs the CCCU's response to legislative, legal and regulatory changes that affect its membership, educates CCCU institutions on such matters, and advocates on their behalf in Washington, D.C. She writes and speaks on issues of higher education and religious liberty. LoMaglio holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from Gordon College and a J.D. from University of Arizona.

Reflection Questions

- What are the main public policy challenges facing Christian colleges today?
- How is your school coping with those challenges?
- Do you think your school will still be legally and financially viable as a thoroughly Christian institution by the time your kids are ready for college?
- Do you plan to financially support your school through charitable giving after graduation?

Notes

James Chen @engageyourworld

James Chen is the executive director at the Institute for Global Engagement (IGE). Chen first joined IGE in 2011, serving as a program officer and the vice president for programs before assuming his current role. Prior to joining IGE, he was a research associate and academic resources coordinator at the U.S. Department of Defense's Near East South Asia (NESA) Center for Strategic Studies. Chen has a master's degree from Georgetown University and a bachelor's degree from the University of Pennsylvania.

Reflection Questions

- In what ways is the security and prosperity of the United States dependent on what happens in other countries?
- How would the world be different if the United Nations, NATO, World Bank, International Monetary Fund, World Trade Organization, and other multilateral institutions, alliances and treaties that currently structure our international relations did not exist?
- What advice do you have for President Trump as he develops his foreign policy priorities?

Notes

Michael Ferrantino @WorldBank

Michael J. Ferrantino is lead economist and global product specialist for trade policy and integration at the World Bank. Prior to joining the Bank, he was lead international economist at the U.S. International Trade Commission, where he served from 1994 to 2013. Ferrantino's published research spans a wide array of topics relating to international trade, including the relationship of trade to the environment, innovation and productivity, and U.S.-China trade. He holds a Ph.D. from Yale University.

Reflection Questions

- Do you think the free trade policies pursued by both Democratic and Republican presidents in your lifetime have, on balance, benefited or hurt you and your family? Why?
- As you contemplate your future career, do you fear competition with workers in other countries, or welcome it since it greatly expands your potential customer base?
- Are you more concerned that international trade between countries be free or fair? Why?

Notes

Afeefa Syeed

Afeefa Syeed served as senior advisor at U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and has been a scholar consultant for the Carter Center, research associate with Cambridge University's Institute on Religion & International Studies, senior fellow and advisory council member for Institute for Global Engagement's Center for Women, Faith & Leadership. She works in areas of religion and development, educational innovation, gender inclusion and countering extremism. Syeed is founder and head of school for Al Faith Academy, a nonprofit independent school with a curriculum based on peace and civic education and integrated learning.

Reflection Questions

- What responsibility does the United States have to offer assistance to refugees abroad? To allow refugees to resettle in the United States? What is the basis for your answer?
- If you could personally meet a refugee family in need of assistance, how would that influence your attitude toward refugees, and toward refugee policies?
- Should Muslim refugees be treated differently from other refugees, because of their religion? Is your thinking based on the personal relationships that you have with Muslims, or what you have read or heard from others?

Notes

Deanna Wallace @Legally_De

Deanna Wallace currently works as a staff counsel at Americans United for Life. She recently was awarded the Young Leader Award by the Susan B. Anthony List for her work within the pro-life movement. Prior to her work at Americans United for Life, Wallace helped lead legislative and legal efforts for Louisiana Right to Life. She is a 2015 graduate of Louisiana State University Law School.

Reflection Questions

- Under what conditions, if any, do you think abortion is justified?
- What can be done to make it more thinkable for young mothers to give their babies up for adoption?
- Would you be more inclined to support a candidate who supports an uncompromising but politically unachievable pro-life position or one who promises to work for incremental restrictions on abortion? Why?

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Daryl Kimball @DarylGKimball

Daryl Kimball became executive director of the Arms Control Association in September 2001. From 1997 to 2001, Kimball was the executive director of the Coalition to Reduce Nuclear Dangers, a consortium of 17 of the largest U.S. non-governmental organizations working together to strengthen national and international security by reducing the threats posed by nuclear weapons. Kimball holds a bachelor's degree in political science and diplomacy/foreign affairs from Miami University of Ohio.

Reflection Questions

- Is it acceptable to try to guarantee our security by threatening to kill millions of people with nuclear weapons?
- Which of the following possible disaster scenarios seems most likely to happen in your lifetime? What policies could you advocate for to reduce the likelihood of such a tragic development?

  a. Terrorists steal nuclear material and set off a dirty bomb in a major city, killing tens of thousands and making the city uninhabitable for years.

  b. An accidental nuclear attack and counter-attack is launched by the U.S. and Russia due to equipment failure and leadership miscalculations.

  c. North Korea successfully fires one or more nuclear missiles that lands in California killing millions.

  d. A regional nuclear war between India and Pakistan, or Israel and Iran, creating a nuclear winter and global famine.

  e. An intentional nuclear attack by Russia or China, prompting the U.S. to retaliate.

  f. The United States is struggling in a conventional war and uses tactical nukes to gain the advantage.

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Chaplain Barry Black @chaplain_black

Barry Black is the 62nd Chaplain of the U.S. Senate, a position he's held since 2003. Prior to coming to Capitol Hill, Black served in the U.S. Navy for over 27 years, ending his distinguished career as the Chief of Navy Chaplains. He received the 1995 NAACP Renowned Service Award for his contribution to equal opportunity and civil rights, among many honors. He holds doctoral degrees in psychology and ministry, in addition to master's degrees in divinity, counseling and management.

Reflection Questions

- What type of public service do you enjoy most?
- How do you envision your future career contributing to public service?
- Compared to your parents, do you expect to devote more or less time and energy to public service, throughout your lifetime?

During this evening program, you will have the opportunity to meet with representatives from different organizations about opportunities they have for young adults like you.

Participating Organizations

American Scientific Affiliation
American Studies Program
Bread for the World
Evangelical Environmental Network
Faithkeepers
Focus on the Family
Prison Fellowship
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
University of Northwestern – St. Paul

Questions for Organizational Representatives

- How did you get your current job? What prepared you both to be hired and to be able to do the work?
- How do you balance direct service and advocacy in your organization? Why does your organization take that approach?
- If I volunteered with you, what could I expect to learn?

Jared Noetzel @JaredNoetzel

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Jennifer Fraser @ONECampaign

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Ted Brennan @ONECampaign

Ted Brennan is the assistant director of government relations at ONE. Brennan's role at ONE focuses on engaging Republican Members in both houses of Congress on ONE's priority issues. Before joining ONE, he served as a congressional staffer for over 12 years. Brennan came to ONE after 2.5 years serving at a Washington lobby firm after his service ended on Capitol Hill. He holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Notre Dame.

Reflection Questions

- What did you learn today that could make you a more effective advocate?
- How important is advocacy to you, in comparison to directly serving people in need?
- Do you think the READ Act, if passed, will make a real difference in the lives of poor and vulnerable children who are currently not in school? What changes would improve the bill? Why might those changes be difficult to pass?

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Galen Carey @GalenCarey

Galen Carey, NAE vice president of government relations, is responsible for representing the NAE before Congress, the White House and the Courts. He works to advance the approach and principles of the NAE document, "For the Health of the Nation." He is co-author of "Faith in the Voting Booth: Practical Wisdom for Voting Well." Before joining the NAE staff, Carey was a longtime employee of World Relief, the relief and development arm of the NAE, serving in Croatia, Mozambique, Kenya, Indonesia and Burundi. He received an M.Div. from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, and a D.Min. from McCormick Theological Seminary.

Reflection Questions

- What did you learn through your participation in the Christian Student Leadership Conference?
- On what public policy issue would you most like to advocate between now and when you graduate?
- How has this week influenced your thinking about your future careers?

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