

February 21, 2019: American ambassador receives Christian entrepreneurs in residence



U.S. Amb to NL [Geverifieerd account](#) @usambnl

Great [video of networking event](#) that I hosted with members of the [@tccouncilorg](#). Themes: investment, innovation, [@theGESummit](#), and [@SelectUSA](#)

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American ambassador receives Christian entrepreneurs at residency

The American ambassador Pete Hoekstra received Christian business people at his residence in The Hague on Thursday 21 February.

The meeting was organized by the American Embassy and Transatlantic Christian Council (TCC), a Christian lobby organization for life, family and freedom. More than fifty entrepreneurs attended the meeting.

TCC director Henk Jan van Schothorst opened by having a Psalm verse sing: Psalm 68:10. Ambassador Hoekstra then briefly spoke, before he took the opportunity to answer questions from the audience. At the end of the question session, a book was offered on behalf of a number of entrepreneurs: The fourfold state of Thomas Boston (1676-1732). The special edition was provided with the name of the ambassador. The entrepreneurs had taken another two copies: one for President Donald Trump, and one for Vice President Mike Pence.

Later in the evening, the entrepreneurs could converse more informally with each other and with the ambassador and employees of him.

TCC lobbying at the UN in New York by Peter Smith:

March 20-21: [Commision on the Status of Woman](#)

The Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) is the meeting where the most radical pro-abortion NGOs appear. We were able to encourage the good delegates to resist a lot of bad words, and on the last day about half of the countries of the world objected to procedural abuses and inclusion in the final document of SRH (Sexual and Reproductive Health) and CSE (Comprehensive Sexuality Education). All references to SOGI (Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity) have been removed. The result was also an improvement compared to last year. [Read more](#) on our website and find here a video report:



Social protection systems, access to public services and sustainable infrastructure for gender equality and the empowerment of [all] women and girls

Draft agreed conclusions (7 March 2019)

The current draft contains:

189 references to **gender**,
56 references to **sex(ual)** and
27 references to reproductive
(health, rights etc.)

**Women are more than sex
objects.**

Please have **more balance** and
improve the document.

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April 1-5: Commission on Population & Development

The Commission on Population and Development (CPD), now dominated by UNFPA, tried to push their pro-abortion agenda a little too far. Over the past four years, they have been unable to agree on a final document. This year there was a one-page political declaration without the aforementioned language, such as SRH, CSE and SOGI. This has been a great result.

Smith about his contribution to the UN:

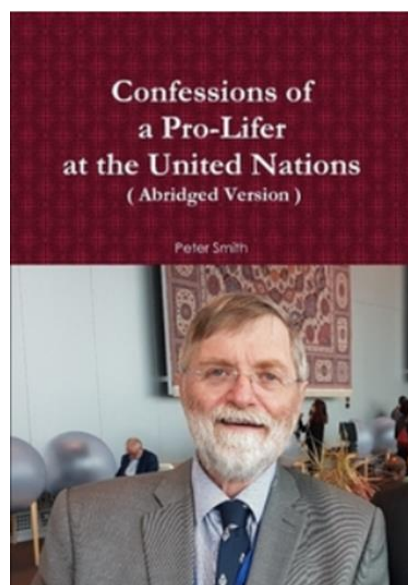
We're having a very positive effect at the UN, but I can't measure my own personal contribution because only the Lord knows. I cannot see into the hearts and minds of those who oppose the culture of death, only God sees those things and He gives them courage. Many delegates who meet me as they leave say, "Seeing you here gave me courage."

The delegates change every 2 to 4 years. So there is a constant need to get to know the new delegates.

The Lord has called us to be a salty salt and a shining light at the UN. I have been doing that for the past 24 years, longer than anyone else in the coalition. If TCC can fund me, I am willing to continue to do this work while the Lord gives me strength. The struggle for life and family at the UN is in many ways a spiritual struggle, and that struggle belongs to the Lord. He is ultimately the one who "holds the nations in the palm of his hands". We are just His servants. We go there to talk to delegates, give language suggestions, encourage delegates, but the final outcome is very much in the Lord's hands. I am blessed to be able to network with many people. I get along pretty well with almost all of the NGOs in our coalition. I know many delegates, including people who work in the UN. Even people who oppose what I stand for have some respect for me. A few years ago I was told by a colleague that the pro-abortion NGOs called me 'Mr Pro-Life'. I'm glad I hold that title at the UN.

Biography

At the beginning of this year, Peter Smith published a biography of his 24 years as a lobbyist at the UN in New York: '[Confessions of a Pro lifer at the United Nations](#)'. For an impression, [click here](#) for a chapter of the book. (For a translation in Dutch, [click here](#)).



April 4: Ambassador Hoekstra appointed Honorary “Waegmeester” of Gouda



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US Ambassador Pete Hoekstra appointed Honorary “Waegmeester” of Gouda. Certainly as the son of a cheese trader I feel honoured that I was able to attend. 14:50 - 4 apr. 2019 from [Bodegraven-Reeuwijk, Nederland](#)



April 11: TCC with ECPM active in the European Parliament in Brussels, 1 of TCC's fields of work



April 18: Last meeting before EP elections with MEP Bas Belder during Strasbourg week

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Last meeting in office this morning at the EP in Strasbourg. It's been a pleasure working for and with you, [@BasBelderMEP](#). Thank you very much for your always thoughtful contributions and your tireless efforts. [@hjaruissen](#) as the intended successor also wishes salvation and blessing!



April 24: Guided tour of the European district of Driestar class A2Btto (VWO)



May 31: Launch of Family Platform: <https://www.gezinsplatform.nl/>



June 3: In studio Family7 – Featured! - about transatlantic relations



[Family7 @Fam7](#)

Trump visits Great Britain and Pompeo (Minister of Foreign Affairs) visits the Netherlands. Henk Jan van Schothorst [@tccouncilorg](#) about the influence of these visits on the relationship between America and Europe. 8:30 pm Featured!

08:04 - 3 jun. 2019



[Riekelt Pasterkamp @TekstPast](#)

"When I see this [#Defense](#) budget, [@realDonaldTrump](#) will think: first deliver, then I'll come" - [@tccouncilorg](#) at [@Fam7](#) about visit [@POTUS](#) to the Netherlands [#Trump #75jaarvrijheid](#) [@usambnl](#)

11:55 - 3 jun. 2019



June 3-5: TCC at Global Entrepreneurship Summit (GES) in The Hague.



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At the international entrepreneurial summit [#GES2019](#) in World Forum The Hague, organized by the Netherlands and the US. [@IvankaTrump](#) has just been welcomed by [@SigridKaag](#) and [@usambnl](#) [@usembthehague](#) [@petehoekstra](#).



07:48 - 5 jun. 2019

June 8-10: Visit at Netherlands Christian Reformed School in New Jersey

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From June 8-10: Visited church and school community with Dutch origins in New Jersey. We talked about ways how the freedom of Christian Education could be best preserved in the light of a number of legislative initiatives about sexuality and equality that gives serious concerns.



June 10-12: TCC invited to SelectUSA Investment Summit, Washington DC, with Ivanka Trump



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Was inspiring to listen to [@IvankaTrump](#) twice in one week: last week at [@theGESummit](#) in the Hague and this week at [@SelectUSA](#) (June10-12) in Washington DC with [@SecretaryRoss](#) of [@CommerceGov](#).



For short video impression:

<https://twitter.com/tccouncilorg/status/1139929040549228546>



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[@tccouncilorg](#) represented at [@SelectUSA](#) for networking and strengthening Transatlantic ties in Policy and Business.



June 12-13: Various meetings in and around the Congress

09:20 - 15 jun. 2019 vanuit [Washington, DC](#)



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Meetings at and around Capitol Hill on June 12-13. Last speaker of the session at the [@HouseFloor](#) [@replouiegohmert](#) (R) from Texas had a speech worth listening to and a useful call: to pray again together as [@HouseGOP](#) and [@HouseDemocrats](#). May God guide and bless them and the USA.



Meeting at U.S. Department of Education



Meeting at U.S. Department of Health and Human Services



June 21-22: On a trip to meeting Moldavia an unexpected fellow traveller: MEP Bert-Jan Ruissen



June 24 - July 12, 2019: 41st session of the Human Rights Council Geneva - Extension Mandate SOGI

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Result of the vote on the renewal of the 3-year mandate of Expert on SOGI: Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity at the UN Human Rights Council Geneva yesterday. This after hours of praising human rights and putting SOGI people in the role of victim. Fight continues at UN-New York+ member states.

L.10/Rev.1 - Mandate of the Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity

NO	AFGHANISTAN	YES	CZECH REPUBLIC	YES	PERU
ABST	ANGOLA	ABST	DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO	YES	PHILIPPINES
YES	ARGENTINA	YES	DENMARK	NO	QATAR
YES	AUSTRALIA	NO	EGYPT	YES	RWANDA
YES	AUSTRIA	NO	ERITREA	NO	SAUDI ARABIA
YES	BAHAMAS	YES	FUJI	ABST	SENEGAL
NO	BAHRAIN	ABST	HUNGARY	YES	SLOVAKIA
NO	BANGLADESH	YES	ICELAND	NO	SOMALIA
YES	BRAZIL	ABST	INDIA	YES	SOUTH AFRICA
YES	BULGARIA	NO	IRAQ	YES	SPAIN
ABST	BURKINA FASO	YES	ITALY	ABST	TOGO
YES	CAMEROON	YES	JAPAN	YES	TUNISIA
YES	CHILE	YES	MEXICO	YES	UKRAINE
NO	CHINA	YES	NEPAL	YES	UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND
YES	CROATIA	NO	NIGERIA	YES	URUGUAY
YES	CUBA	NO	PAKISTAN		
YES 27		ABST 7		NO 12	

14:00 - 13 jul. 2019 vanuit [Genève, Suisse](#)

Theme: The international (LGBT) Pride Agenda broadened from politics to multinationals and sports umbrella organisations:

IN THE SKY

BEHIND THE SCENES

FOSTERING EQUALITY

DELTA STRIVES TO CREATE a workplace where all people are welcome, supported and—above all—treated fairly. In fostering an atmosphere of diversity and inclusion throughout its entire worldwide operation, Delta is proud to participate in and sponsor a variety of LGBTQ organizations, opportunities and events, such as Pride (see next page), the GLAAD Media Awards, the International LGBTQ+ Travel Association and the National Gay Pilots Association.

But Delta's support goes beyond the annual parades and community partnerships. The airline works every day to show up in a space that matters to both employees and customers. One internal asset is Delta's voluntary employee group EQUAL. The LGBTQ focused organization is committed to making Delta the best place to work by promoting inclusion, respect for differences, equal opportunity and diversity in the workplace. EQUAL works to provide a space where its members can feel comfortable being true to themselves, and it offers employees opportunities for personal and professional growth. EQUAL serves as a champion for Delta's LGBTQ employees and allies by representing their interests to the company and by representing Delta in the communities in which we live and work.

Just last year, during the company-wide uniform redesign, EQUAL members collaborated with the uniform team on updates to the uniform policies. These updates enable employees who may be transgender, gender nonconforming or in transition to the gender by which they identify to wear the new uniforms in which they feel most comfortable.

And beyond the LGBTQ community, Delta's stance on equality reaches all of its employees. In 2018, the airline signed the White House Equal Pay Pledge, doubling down on its long-standing history of performance- and contribution-based pay, regardless of an individual's personal demographic. During its most recent review, Delta once again celebrated achieving complete pay parity for men and women in administrative and frontline jobs.

For the third year in a row, Delta was named one of Fortune's "100 Best Companies to Work For" in 2019. The ranking accounted for the experiences of women and men, people of color, LGBTQ individuals, older team members and disabled employees. The airline also was recognized as a "Best Workplace for Diversity" by the Human Rights Campaign Foundation.

Delta also is committed to identifying and working with LGBTQ-owned businesses as part of its supplier diversity program, which seeks to support diverse business owners and entrepreneurs.

"We serve a diverse array of communities and cultures," Delta's Ed Bastian wrote in his February 2019 Sky CEO letter. "To effectively do that, we want our 80,000 colleagues to reflect the world's diversity and be a model for inclusiveness. Delta's values call for us to promote diversity and inclusion because it's the right thing to do for Delta people, our customers, our suppliers and our communities."

LUXE ONBOARD PRODUCTS

Customers seated in Delta One or visiting a Delta Sky Club have reason to be excited thanks to the introduction of new hand-scrubbed amenities from artistry fragrance brand Le Labo. Beginning this month, onboard Amenity Kits will include Le Labo's hand pomade and lip balm, and aircraft lavatories will be stocked with hand soap and lotion. Starting in late summer, Sky Club bathrooms and showers will offer Le Labo shower gel, shampoo, conditioner, hand soap and hand lotion. Founded in New York, Le Labo is known for its dedication to quality through freshly blended fragrances. "Le Labo is a modern, sophisticated brand," says Ekrem Dimbi-

BY THE NUMBERS

TOP 10 INTERNATIONAL CITIES DELTA CUSTOMERS TRAVELED LAST SUMMER

- 1 - LONDON (LHR)
- 2 - PARIS (CDG)
- 3 - AMSTERDAM (AMS)
- 4 - TOKYO (NRT)
- 5 - SHANGHAI (PVG)
- 6 - ROME (FCO)
- 7 - SEOUL (ICN)
- 8 - TORONTO (YYZ)
- 9 - FRANKFURT (FRA)
- 10 - CANCUN (CUN)

PROUD PRIDE PARTNER

AS A LONG-TIME SUPPORTER of the LGBTQ community, Delta is proud to celebrate Pride Month as the official airline sponsor of Pride Festivals in the United States and London. For several years, Delta has enthusiastically teamed up with some of the largest regional Pride events around the world, with Delta employees participating in these global celebrations of diversity, equality and inclusion.

This year, Delta is partnering with several events and groups, including this month's Utah Pride Festival in Salt Lake City, Motor City Pride in Detroit, Twin Cities Pride in Minneapolis, LA Pride, Cincinnati Pride, Seattle PrideFest and Boston Pride Festival as well as WorldPride being celebrated in New York City, next month's Pride in London parade in the U.K. and Atlanta Pride in October.

"Core to our success at Delta is our commitment to equality and inclusion," says Tad Hutcheson, Delta's managing director of community engagement. "We know our diversity strengthens and defines us, which is why we support Pride celebrations across the globe each year."

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The graphic features a blue and green globe with 'TCC' in the center. A red banner at the top reads 'For a Christian Voice in Public Life and Policy'. Below the globe, the text 'Transatlantic Christian Council' is displayed in red, with the tagline 'Building Bridges between Europe and America' in blue. The words 'LIFE', 'FAMILY', and 'FREEDOM' are stacked vertically in large, white, sans-serif capital letters. The background includes images of a modern glass building, the US Capitol dome, and two interior shots of church services. At the bottom, the website 'www.tccouncil.org' and IBAN 'NL29 RABO 0135 9749 09' are listed in white text on a blue background.

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