



Transatlantic Christian Council
Building Bridges between Europe and America

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Transatlantic Christian Council

Dear reader, TCC has been very active at international organisations in the past period. In this newsletter you can see a couple of pictures of this. At the beginning of December the annual prayer breakfast took place. This was in the **European Parliament in Brussels**. That is a fertile place to network, just like in the meetings that take place around it. In January and February, TCC went to a **Christian school in Norwich, Ontario**. TCC also went to **Holland and Grand Rapids, Michigan**, for diverse meetings and a presentations about TCC for representatives of Christian schools and churches with Dutch roots. TCC accepted the invitation of the **private Forum in Phoenix, Arizona**. Finally TCC took part in the annual meeting of the commission for Social Development of the **UN in New York**. **We have successfully lobbied to eliminate the term "Sexual and Reproductive Health" from the final text.**

3 year TCC – Project 2019-2021

At the beginning of this year, we launched a **€ 1.2 million Project: "For Life, Family and Freedom at the UN-EU-OSCE and Strengthening the Transatlantic Bond (NL-USA)"**. In close consultation with TCC US, we have agreed that TCC NL will do the lobbying and TCC US the publication of a journal.

TCC Business Network Event (Become a member!)

On February 21 there was an evening of the <http://www.tcccouncil.org/business-network> at the Residence of **US-Ambassador Hoekstra in The Hague**, where the GES'19 was recommended too:



Global Entrepreneurship Summit 2019:

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JUNE 4-5, 2019 • THE WORLD FORUM, THE HAGUE, NETHERLANDS

Consultation UN Com. Soc. Dev. New York:



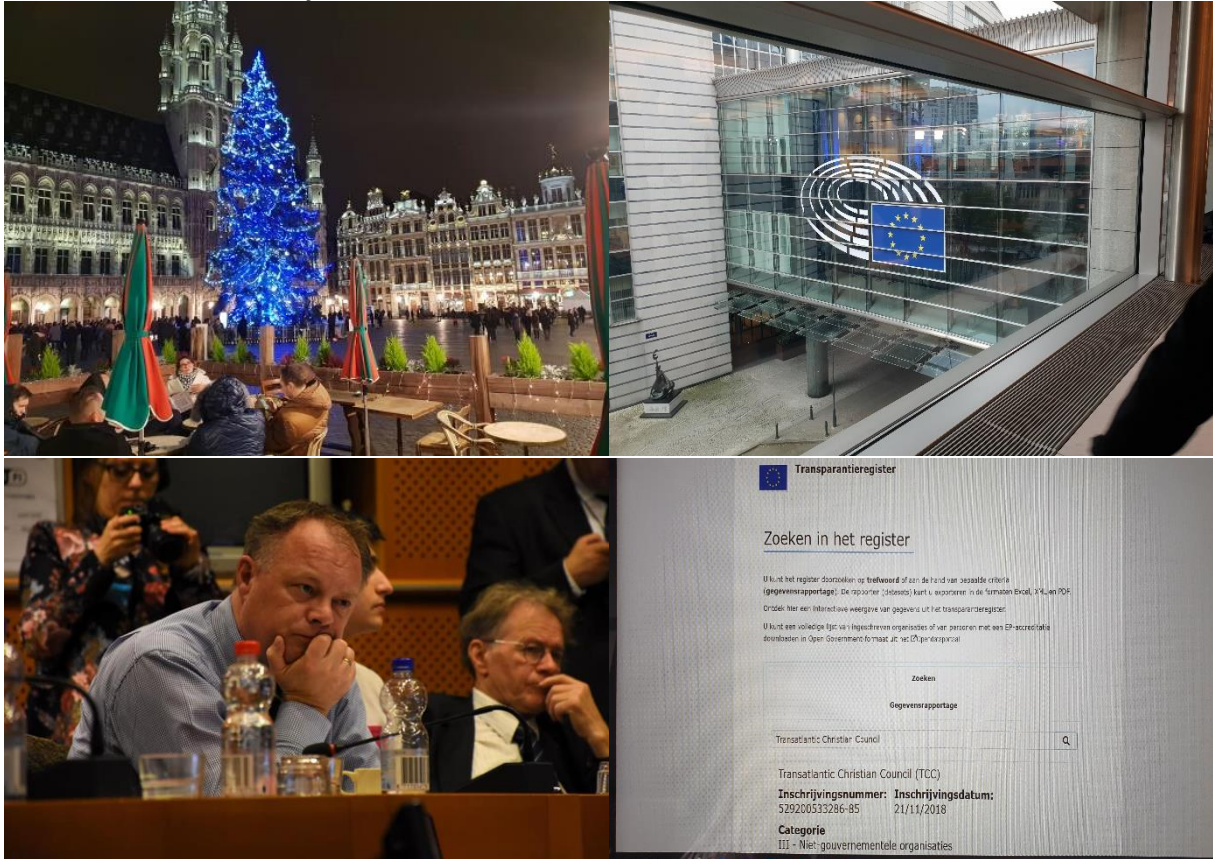
Support? If you want to support the work of TCC you can transfer a donation to NL29 RABO 0135 9749 09 in the name of the Transatlantic Christian Council Foundation. It is even easier to donate via the website, [click here](#). - ANBI -

European Parliament Brussels 4-6 December 2018

Henk Jan van Schothorst

7 December 2018 ·

Had fruitful and really constructive meetings in Brussels with several MEP's and others at and around the European Prayer Breakfast.



TCC's Christmas and New Year's wish for 2019:

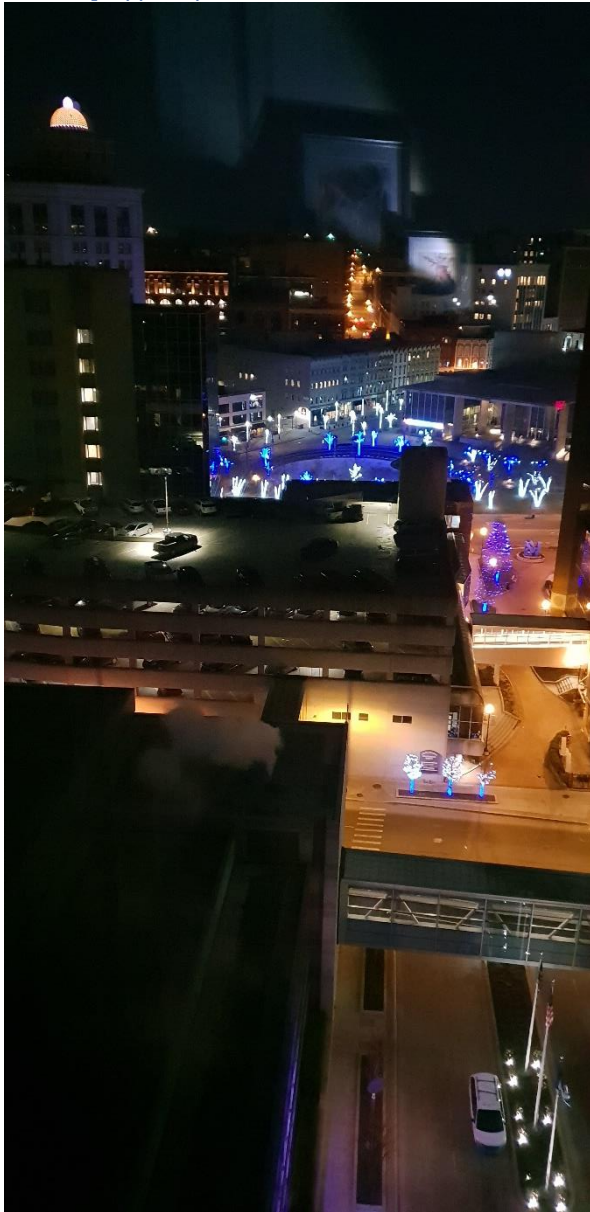


10-20 January – Michigan – Ontario – Arizona

Henk Jan van Schothorst

17 Februari at 00:01 ·

Participated in meetings with partners in Arizona and gathered North American Christian schools in Michigan last month. Lectured and informed on Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE), driving powers for CSE at UN-level, and defence + promotion by TCC for a biblical view on sex. <https://t.co/Fm084dN6Uo>



Grand Rapids city centre



Holland – Bakery, also from Hoekstra's father



Norwich, Ontario Rehoboth Christian school



Norwich Classroom visit



Phoenix, Arizona



Oldsmobile of a Trump supporter

Amsterdam, 24 Januari 2019:

Creation of a foundation against anti-Semitism in the presence of the Israeli Ambassador.



Radio Interview with RTV Bodegraven on 31 Januari 2019

Henk Jan van Schothorst

9 Februari at 09:31 ·

<http://www.rtvbodegraven.nl/node/27868>

In the radio program Guest of the Week, Henk Jan van Schothorst from Bodegraven is a guest on Monday 11 February from 8 pm to 9 pm Also on Tuesday 12 February at 10 pm and on Sunday 17 February at 7 pm.

To listen via:

<http://www.rtvbodegraven.nl/live>

12 February 2019: Meeting TCC NL and US and lecture for Christian school leaders Canada and US:

Meeting in Grand Rapids with TCC US director Todd Huizinga. We discussed the developments at TCC. TCC US, which will continue under the name Center for Transatlantic Renewal (CTR), will focus on the development and publication of a Journal. TCC NL will further specialize in lobbying activities, particularly at international organizations. Representation of NL-US relations also continue to hold their place in the work of TCC NL.



13 februari: Meeting VN Commission on Social Development, New York

Henk Jan van Schothorst

17 Februari at 00:04 ·

Was at 57th Session of UN Commission for Social Development. Prime theme Feb '19: 'Addressing inequalities and challenges to social inclusion through fiscal, wage and social protection policies' - Successfully lobbied against reference to 'sexual & reproductive rights' in end text <https://t.co/wzLy7smTAm>



Commission on Social Development - 2019

Reference :

DISD inputs for the Chair's zero draft resolution

Addressing inequalities and challenges to social inclusion through fiscal, wage and social protection policies (E/CN.5/2019/LX)

The above mentioned document already contains 12 references to health, in a general way, which is excellent.

Over the past 12 years there has only been one reference to **sexual & reproductive health**, that was last year.

Please produce a good clean text with **no mention** of S & RH this year.

Many thanks

Peter Smith

Transatlantic Christian Council

21 februari 2019: Amerikaanse ambassadeur ontvangt christelijke ondernemers op residentie



Video impression: <https://youtu.be/UMImvNi6fT8>

(Scroll down for English version)

De Amerikaanse ambassadeur Pete Hoekstra ontving donderdagavond 21 februari christelijke zakenmensen op zijn residentie in Den Haag.

De bijeenkomst was georganiseerd door de Amerikaanse ambassade en Transatlantic Christian Council (TCC), een christelijke lobbyorganisatie voor leven, gezin en vrijheid. Ruim vijftig ondernemers kwamen op de ontmoeting af.

TCC-directeur Henk Jan van Schothorst opende door een Psalmvers te laten zingen: Psalm 68:10.

Vervolgens sprak ambassadeur Hoekstra kort, voordat hij uitgebreid de gelegenheid nam om vragen uit de zaal te beantwoorden.

Aan het einde van de vragensessie werd namens een aantal ondernemers een boek aangeboden: De viervoudige staat van Thomas Boston (1676-1732). De speciale uitgave was voorzien van de naam van de ambassadeur. De ondernemers hadden nog twee exemplaren meegenomen: één voor president Donald Trump, en één voor de vicepresident Mike Pence.

Later op de avond konden de ondernemers meer informeel met elkaar en met de ambassadeur en medewerkers van hem in gesprek.

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.



Jolanda van Schothorst-Geluk is met **Henk Jan van Schothorst**.

22 februari om 09:04 ·

Great meeting yesterday evening with US Ambassador Pete Hoekstra and his wife Diane at their residence!

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Meer

Happy to host networking event with members of the
[@tccouncilorg](#). Great talk about investment, innovation,
[@theGESummit](#), and [@SelectUSA](#)



Announcement: Global Entrepreneurship Summit 2019 – June 4-5, The Hague, the Netherlands

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GES 2019: innovation meets investment, powered by policy

The Global Entrepreneurship Summit (GES) uniquely gathers governments, the private sector and a powerful partner network to turn challenges into business opportunities worldwide.

Incorporating policy support, GES is unparalleled in accelerating growth and ensuring tech creates good for all of us.



Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Hosted by two of the world's most innovative countries, the United States and the Netherlands, GES 2019 will focus on global opportunities for **the next wave of entrepreneur-led innovation in scalable tech**, from artificial intelligence and robotics to blockchain, big data, new science and more.

On the agenda: facilitating growth and disruptions for tech scale-ups in all industry sectors, including five *Future Now* sectors, **Agriculture/Food, Connectivity, Energy, Health, and Water**.

Attracting 2,000 industry-leading participants from 120+ countries to The Hague, June 4-5, this year's Summit offers unmatched opportunities for businesses looking to scale up.

1,200 hand-picked entrepreneurs will engage with 300+ investors representing 100s of billions of dollars, as well as top policymakers, corporate partners and thought leaders to accelerate solutions. With an inspiring program, GES 2019 aims to be a game changer for all attendees, empowering them to start building the *Future Now*. The two-day summit will forge new connections and inspire surprising partnerships, with curated matchmaking and global networking, top speakers, discussions, workshops, and hands-on advice.

Transatlantic Christian Council (TCC)
FOR LIFE, FAMILY AND FREEDOM AT VN - EU - OVSE
and
STRENGTHENING TRANSATLANTIC BOND (NL-USA)

Proposal Support 3-year Project
January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2021
‘Vrij onverveerd, Uw dienaar ’t allen stond’

(English: free and fearless, Your servant for always)

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Dear entrepreneur,

Through the TCC business Network, we can look back on a unique meeting on February 21 this year at the residence of US Ambassador Pete Hoekstra in NL. At the same time it indicates the level TCC has input and wants to be active.

Organizing such a networking event is one of the means that TCC uses to further interest business people in achieving the goals of TCC.

What TCC does: Networks and policy influencing on an international level

From the Netherlands and the USA, TCC defends Christian standards at the UN, EU and OSCE (and in member states), such as the SGP does at national level. Extra focus is on themes such as the protection of Life, the natural Family and Freedom (of religion, education, market, etc.). TCC can do this because it has acquired the authority to speak and lobby with at organizations.

This is very current and urgent. With extremely limited resources, we try to reverse a frontal attack of progressively colored agenda items such as non-discrimination, tolerance, gender equality, sexual and reproductive health and rights, children's rights, women's rights, LGBT, etc. Example: We want to prevent that you are required to create gender neutral toilets in your company and that you retain freedom in the policy at your company and in hiring of staff of your choice and belief.

Specifically, we try to influence international directional or normative resolutions / decisions at the source by talking to decision-makers personally and making them make the right choices.

What TCC wants: Permanent supervision at international organizations and strengthening the NL-US bond

To be able to do this work properly, we want to be able to have permanent supervision of the before mentioned international organizations and member states. Substantial financial support is a precondition for this.

Needed: In concrete terms, this means that, under the coordination of the founder-director of policy officers, they monitor daily affairs at the UN (New York and Geneva), EU (Brussels and Strasbourg), OSCE/FRA (Warsaw and Vienna) and alert on time, record and come up with change proposals. It is necessary to bond with delegates from member states and to be present on location when the deals are made. One of them is more specifically concerned with current affairs, news, education and the improvement of the indispensable important NL-US relationship. A secretary for good administration and a fundraiser / communication expert for input from the ground and sharing what is achieved completing the team. In addition, we continue to respond to opportunities that may arise.

What the costs are and how you can contribute to this

To achieve this, a **three-year project** has been started:

"For Life, Family and Freedom at the UN - EU - OSCE and Strengthening the Transatlantic Bond" with the motto: **Motto: 'Vrij onverveerd, Uw dienaar 't allen stond'**. (English: free and fearless, Your servant for always)


This requires a total of € 1.2 million: € 300,000 in 2019, € 400,000 in 2020 and € 500,000 in 2021.

After the 6 year Pro Deo set-up phase and successful acquirement of accreditations at the UN, EU and OSCE, we are now ready for the leap to adulthood. **To become a permanent player, serious and joint financial input is needed.** A start can be to sign up for the <http://www.tccouncil.org/business-network>. We would be delighted to welcome your support for our effort and to discuss the project.

*For this you can contact us on **06 558 38 607** or hjvanschothorst@tccouncil.org. Within a few weeks I will also contact you myself.*

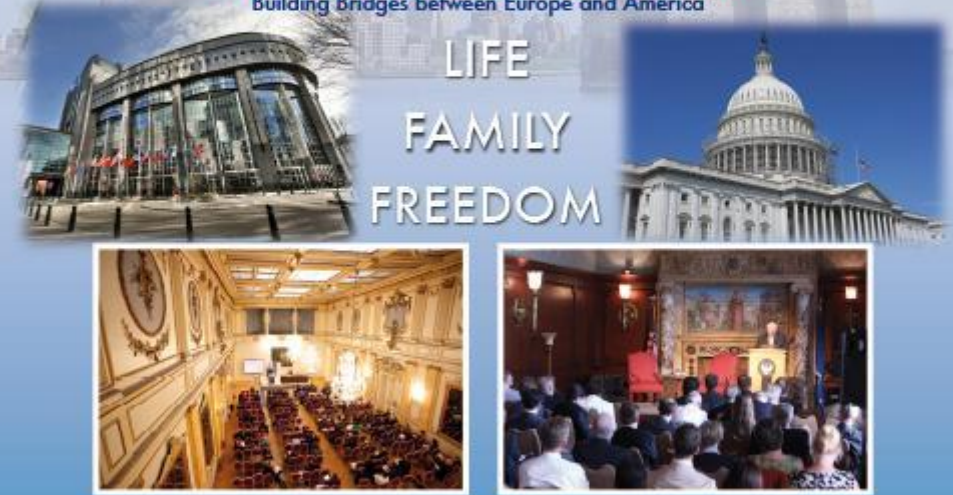
With kind regards, Henk Jan van Schothorst

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