Program of TCC's conference at Washington D.C. Sept. 10, 11 and 12, 2014



Program Series of Meetings September 10 and 11 September 10

11:00 **Check in**, get name tag, get together and light lunch

Venue: Center for Christian Statesmanship,

Address: 402 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington D.C.,

100 meter from the Capitol South Metro Station

If you like to make use of Metro's you are advised to buy a M SmarTrip Card. They can be obtained at any Metro Station at kind of ATM machines. They cost \$10, and have then an \$8 value on the card. You can add value on the card any time you want.

- 11:30 Meeting with **Congressman Bill Huizenga**, Michigan Venue: Center for Christian Statesmanship
- 12:00 Meet and greet session with Congresswoman Vicky Hartzler,
 Missouri, indicated presence from 12:00 12:15
 Venue: Center for Christian Statesmanship
- 12:30 Short walk to Cannon House Office Building, going through security
- 13:00 Meeting **Congressman Frank Wolf**, Virginia Venue: Cannon House Office Building
- 13:30 Short walk to Senate Building and go through security
- 14:00 Meeting with the Chaplain of the Senate Rear Admiral Barry C. Black, USN (Ret.)

Venue: U.S. Senate

- 14:30 Short walk to the Center for Christian Statesmanship
- 14:45 Presentation by the host of the Center for Christian Statesmanship, Director **George Roller**

Venue: Center for Christian Statesmanship

15:00 Meeting with **Brian Bachman**, Deputy Director Office International Religious Freedom **U.S. Department of State**

and with **Maria Olson**, Deputy Director Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, **U.S. Department of State**

Venue: Center for Christian Statesmanship

16:00 Presentation by **Stephanie Hammond**, Foreign Policy Legislative Assistant to **Congressman Trent Franks (Arizona)** and staff lead for the International Religious Freedom Caucus of the House

of Representatives

Venue: Center for Christian Statesmanship

16:15 Travel to American Enterprise Institute

Address: AEI, Twelfth Floor, 1150 Seventeenth Street, NW

- 17:30 Networking **Reception** and
- 18:15 **Dinner** Conversation at the occasion of the **2014 Inaugural Evangelical Leadership Summit,** organized by the **American Enterprise Institute**

Venue: American Enterprise Institute

20:00 Adjournment

September 11

8:45 Arrival at Dutch Embassy

The Netherlands Embassy: 4200 Linean Avenue NW,

Washington, DC 20008

Closest metro stop: Van Ness-UDC. From there to Dutch Embassy: 15 minutes' walk:

Connecticut Ave NW – Take a left on Upton Street NW – Arrival Linean Ave 4200

For those who would like to travel as a group, they can gather at the Center for Christian Statesmanship, 100 meters from Capitol South Metro Station. From there we will leave at at 7:45am for a 45 minutes travel to the Dutch Embassy by Metro

9:00 Meeting with Deputy Chief Mission **Peter Mollema** (Political Department) and Deputy Head **Job van den Berg** (Economic Department) 10:00 Departure from the Netherlands Embassy to the Center for Christian Statesmanship

11:00 Commemoration 9/11 attacks on the Pentagon by the Chaplain of the Pentagon Colonel Allan Staley and a survivor of the attacks

Venue: Center for Christian Statesmanship

11:30 Start walking to the Capitol and go through security

12:00 Private Tour of the Capitol

12:45 **Lunch** at Restaurant in the Capitol

13:30 **Start registration** for the **Conference**, reachable by underground tunnels

End of the Series of Meetings

Do Religious Freedom and Human Rights Clash in Today's Democracies?

The Members of Congress Room - Library of Congress, Thomas Jefferson Building, 1st Street SE, between Independence Avenue and East Capitol Street, Capitol Hill, Washington D.C.

September 11, 2014

1:30 Registration and coffee

2:00 Opening Remarks

Henk Jan van Schothorst, Executive Director,

Transatlantic Christian Council, Europe Office

2:10 Keynote

A European Perspective: Do Religious Freedom and

Human Rights Clash in Today's Democracies?

Rocco Buttiglione, philosopher and politician,

Former member of the European Parliament and Minister

and nominee for European Commissioner, Italy

2:40 Keynote

An American Perspective: Do Religious Freedom and

Human Rights Clash in Today's Democracies?

Frank Wolf, Member of U.S. Congress (Virginia)

3:10 Discussion, moderated by **Rein Willems**, Former President

Shell Netherlands and Dutch Senator

3:40 Closing Remarks

Todd Huizinga, Director of International Outreach, Acton

Institute

3:50 Concluding Remarks and Opening of the Reception

Chris Smith, Member of U.S. Congress (New Jersey)

4:00 Reception

5:00 End of Event

Engaging as Christians in the Global Public Square
Round table: Development of an International Network of Christians in
Think Tanks

The North Congressional Meeting Room, Capitol Hill Visitors Center, Washington D.C.

September 12, 2014

9:00 Registration and Coffee

9:30 Opening Remarks and welcoming address, Co-Host United

States

9.35

Reverend Robert A. Sirico, President, Acton Institute Welcoming Address, Co-Host the Netherlands, Europe

Henk Jan van Schothorst, Executive Director,

Transatlantic Christian Council, Europe Office

9:40 Opening Session: Engaging as Christians in the Global Public Square. Moderation: **Ray Pennings**, Executive Vice President, Cardus

9:50 **Os Guinness**, social critic and author of *The Global Public Square: Religious Freedom and the Making of a World Safe for Diversity* 10:15 **Rocco Buttiglione**, philosopher and politician, Former member of the European Parliament and Minister and nominee for European Commissioner, Italy

10:40 Coffee Break

Discussion

12:15 Lunch

13:30 Opening and moderation afternoon session: Development of an International Network of Christians in Think Tanks

Brian Grim, President, Religious Freedom and Business

Foundation

11:15

13:40 Panel discussion:

Four National Contexts: Religion in the Public Square and the Role of Religion in Society

Thomas F. Farr, United States

Director of the Religious Freedom Project at the Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs, Georgetown University

Paul Coleman, United Kingdom

Legal Counsel, Vienna Office of Alliance Defending

Freedom

Daniel von Wachter, Germany

Director of the Internationale Akademie für Philosophie in

Liechtenstein

14:05 Discussion, Q & A

15:00 Statement by Congressman Chris Smith

15:10 Statement by His Grace **Bishop Angaelos**, General Bishop

of the Coptic Orthodox Church in the United Kingdom

15:20 Conclusions and way forward

Todd Huizinga, Director of International Outreach, Acton Institute, and Executive Director, Transatlantic Christian Council, United States Office

15:30 Closing Remarks

Bill Redmond, Traditional Values Advocacy Committee of

New Mexico, former Member of U.S. House of Representatives

15:40 Reception

16:30 Tour of Capitol Hill

18:00 Optional Dinner Gathering at Bullfeathers Restaurant, 410

First Street, SE



















































