

Restoring Hope



**CHRISTIAN STUDENT
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

JANUARY 30-FEBRUARY 3, 2023

About the NAE

Central to everything we do at the NAE is the core conviction that we are called to be an *Influence for Good*. Since 1942, we have been uniting and mobilizing evangelicals in common cause for the common good. We represent around 40 denominations and thousands of churches, schools and nonprofit organizations who understand that together we can do so much more than on our own!

Our mission is to honor God by connecting and representing evangelical Christians.

Our vision is a thriving evangelical community that is equipped to navigate complexity with biblical clarity.

NAE's Areas of Impact:

- **Equipping Leaders** – The NAE seeks to encourage, resource and empower evangelical leaders, especially during times of polarization and confusion.
- **Strengthening Churches & Denominations** – The NAE convenes gatherings, facilitates conversations, leads movements and provides resources on a host of issues relevant to the evangelical community.
- **Resourcing & Educating Evangelicals for Thoughtful Action** – The NAE strives to be a trusted voice of information and biblically-grounded counsel.
- **Transforming Social & Political Engagement** – The NAE seeks to transform social and political engagement from a “culture war” mindset to a winsome presentation of biblically-based values and a commitment to the common good.
- **Uniting for Global Impact** – The NAE supports and participates in various global movements and organizations whose purpose is to amplify a holistic gospel witness around the world.

At the NAE, you will:



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Our resources — including articles, podcasts, publications, statements, videos and more — are designed to inspire and inform your voice and ministry.



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The NAE connects you to a broader network of evangelicals who are united by faith and to leading voices in and outside of the evangelical community.



Grow Influence

When you partner with us, you give greater voice to the gospel in our society. We can do more together. At the NAE, we use *Influence for Good*.

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the Christian Student Leadership Conference, an event of the National Association of Evangelicals! We are thrilled to be back in person after two years online during the pandemic. There is so much for which we can be grateful, even in times of challenge and difficulty.

And yet, many Americans, and even some of our fellow believers, are discouraged. They see the rancor and divisiveness that pervade our politics, and increasingly our churches. Whether the topic is abortion, sexuality, race or immigration, the loudest voices seem aimed at stoking fears and hatred rather than crafting ways for citizens to live together peacefully despite our deep divisions. Even economic issues such as inflation or the national debt become platforms for attacking opponents, rather than problems to be solved through cooperation and compromise. Globally, climate change, nuclear proliferation, famine, human trafficking, and future pandemics loom as major challenges that many of our leaders seem unprepared, or unwilling to address.

All of these issues, and more, deserve our attention. But as Christians we need not cower in fear and despair. We worship the God of hope, the God who has taken action to set things right. And while God does all the heavy lifting, his plan for restoring hope to our broken world includes an active role for you and me. As we cooperate with God in bringing hope to others, we will find that our own hope is strengthened as well.

We have invited leaders and advocates from across the political spectrum to join us this week in a wide-ranging conversation on restoring hope. 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 the conversation with each other and the speakers in a spirit of humility and hope. 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.

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Galen Carey
NAE Vice President of Government Relations





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GENERAL 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 dress code for each event will be business attire (no ripped jeans). There is substantial walking during the days and waiting in lines outside while getting through security in government buildings. Please come prepared for this.

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 in your registration packet for transportation to various site locations. We have preloaded \$10 to help supplement your cost.
- 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 lunch on Tuesday, Wednesday and your dinner on Tuesday.
- Our session on Thursday will include lunch.
- 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 will receive \$20 to cover the cost of your two remaining breakfasts.

Security

- Please carry a current 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.
- No purses or bags of any sort are allowed on the White House tour.

Internet Access

- Standard 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 11 a.m. on Friday. The hotel will hold your luggage in the Sequoia lounge on the second floor. Please tip accordingly.

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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 email is a nice gesture as well.

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.

- 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.

- Check out **Museum of the Bible**, located at 400 4th St. SW. Open from 10 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20.

- Enjoy some tropical weather at the **National Botanical Gardens**, located at 100 Maryland Ave. SW and open from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

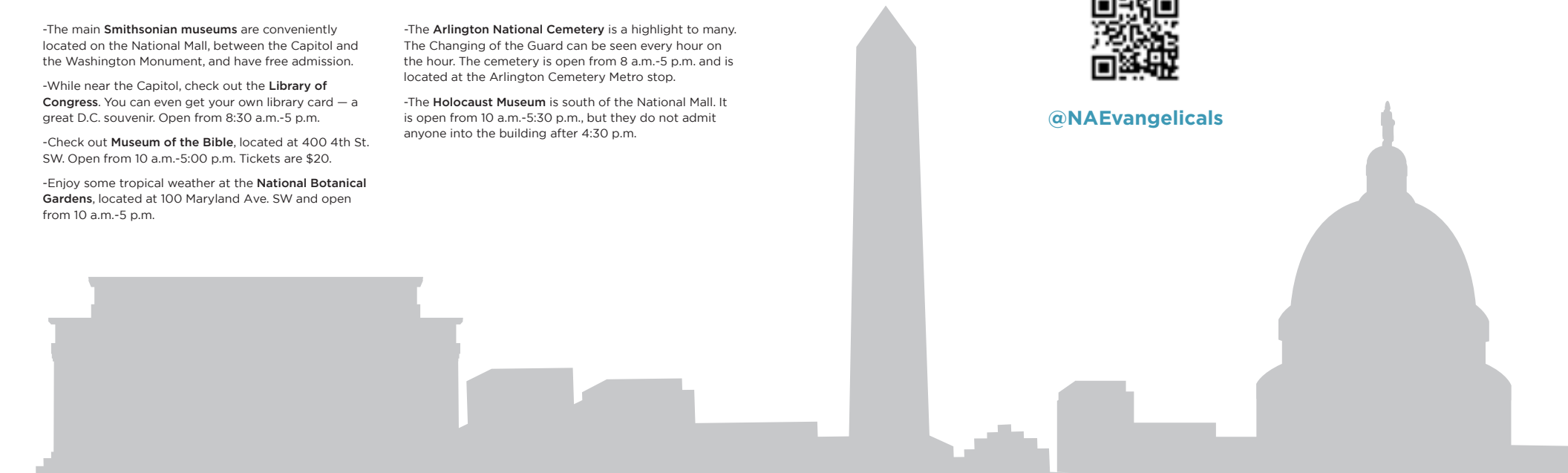
- The **Arlington National Cemetery** is a highlight to many. The Changing of the Guard can be seen every hour on the hour. The cemetery is open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and is located at the Arlington Cemetery Metro stop.

- 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.

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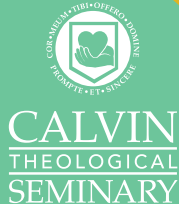
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JENNIFER HAGLOF | *Senior Director of Projects & Events*

Jennifer Haglof, senior director of projects and events, has served at the NAE since 2002. During this time, she has held numerous roles. She currently oversees the coordination of a variety of projects and also develops and manages NAE events including the Washington Briefing and Christian Student Leadership Conference. Haglof has a B.S. in government from Liberty University and J.D. from Regent University.

SCHEDULE

MONDAY, JANUARY 30

5:00-6:00 p.m. **Conference Registration** – Hyatt Regency, Capitol Room A/B Lobby Level
 6:00-9:00 p.m. **Dinner** – Hyatt Regency, Capitol Room A/B
A Biblical Public Theology | Walter Kim (page 12)
Restoring Hope for Freedom & Democracy | Os Guinness (page 12)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

8:30-11:30 a.m. **Arrival for Security at Hart Senate Office Building**
Morning Session – Hart Senate Office Building, Room 216
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A Pro-Life Agenda | Sen. James Lankford (page 14)
My Journey to Congress | Rep. Hillary Scholten (page 36)
A Pro-Family Agenda | Rachel Anderson (page 16)
Upholding the Sanctity of Life | Tim Goeglein (page 14)
Fairness for All | Tim Schultz (page 16)

11:30-1:00 p.m. **Lunch in Dirksen Cafeteria**
 1:00-5:15 p.m. **Arrival for Security at Hart Senate Office Building**
Afternoon Session – Hart Senate Office Building, Room 902
Advocacy Training | David Crane, Steve Eng & Christine Sequenzia (page 18)
Creation Care | Mitch Hescox & Jessica Moerman (page 22)
Criminal Justice Reform | David Jimenez (page 24)
Fugitive Safe Surrender | Sen. Sherrod Brown (page 24)
Creation Care | Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (page 22)
Immigration | Theresa Cardinal Brown (page 26)

5:00-6:30 p.m. **Dinner on Your Own**
 6:45 p.m. **Arrive at back steps near the South Entrance of U.S. Capitol Building**
 7:00 p.m. **Tour of the Floor of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Capitol**
 Rep. Gary Palmer, U.S. House of Representatives (page 28)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

9:00-12:00 p.m. **Westin Washington D.C. City Center** – National Ballroom
Joint Session With CCCU (page 32)
Pluralism and Civic Engagement | David French
Christian Higher Education from the Perspective of the DOE | James Kvall
Cybersecurity | John Pistolle

12:00-1:00 p.m. **Lunch on Your Own**
 1:00-4:30 p.m. **Congressional Visits and Free Time** – Congressional appointments will be given out during the week.

5:30-9:00 p.m. **Dinner** – Hyatt Regency, Thornton Room, 11th Floor
Restoring Hope | Chaplain Barry Black (page 36)
Navigating Jobs & Careers in Public Service (page 38)
 Doug Koopman, Lauren Baas, Emma Polidori

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

9:00 a.m. **Arrive at American Enterprise Institute**
 9:15-11:00 a.m. **Morning Session**
Presentation by AEI

11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. **Lunch at AEI**
 1:00 p.m. **Arrive for Security at White House** – 17th Street/State Place Entrance
 1:30-4:00 p.m. **White House Briefing** (page 40)
White House Logistics | Lisa Carr
Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships | Melissa Rogers
International Religious Freedom | Amb. Rashad Hussain
Refugee and Immigration Update | Ashley Feasley
International Assistance | Adam Phillips

7:00-9:00 p.m. **Closing Dinner** – Carmine's Restaurant, 425 7th St. NW (page 42)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

10:30 a.m. **White House Tour**

OPENING

GALEN CAREY | *Welcome*

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OS GUINNESS | *Restoring Hope for Freedom & Democracy*

Os Guinness is an author, social critic and the great-great-great grandson of Arthur Guinness, the Dublin brewer. Guinness has written and edited more than 30 books that offer valuable insight into the cultural, political and social contexts in which we all live. His latest book is “The Great Quest: Invitation to the Examined Life and a Sure Path to Meaning.” He completed his undergraduate degree at the University of London and his D.Phil. in the social sciences from Oriel College, Oxford.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

1. What leaders are you most excited to hear from this week? Why?
2. As you think about the future of our nation, what opportunities give you hope, and what challenges worry or discourage you?
3. What contributions do you hope to make over your lifetime toward addressing these opportunities and challenges?

SANCTITY OF LIFE

SEN. JAMES LANKFORD | *A Pro-Life Agenda*

Sen. James Lankford is the senior senator from Oklahoma. He currently serves on the Finance Committee, Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee (where he is ranking member of the Subcommittee on Government Operations and Border Management), Energy and Natural Resources Committee and the Indian Affairs Committee. For many years Senator Lankford has chaired the Senate Values Action Team that brings together lawmakers and advocates who work on religious freedom, sanctity of life and family concerns. Prior to becoming a senator, he served as the U.S. Representative for Oklahoma's 5th congressional district from 2011 to 2014. Lankford served as the director for student ministry for the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma and director of the Falls Creek Youth Camp from 1996 to 2009. Lankford holds a bachelor's degree in secondary education from the University of Texas at Austin and a master's degree in divinity at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

TIM GOEGLEIN | *Upholding the Sanctity of Life*

Tim Goeglein is vice president of external and government relations for Focus on the Family. He served as special assistant to President George W. Bush, and was the president's principal outreach contact for faith-based groups. Goeglein also served as senior fellow at The Heritage Foundation and as communications director for Sen. Dan Coats and for Gary Bauer at the Campaign for Working Families. He is author of "The Man in the Middle" and "American Restoration." Goeglein has a bachelor's degree from Indiana University-Bloomington.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

1. The Supreme Court *Dobbs* decision overturning *Roe v. Wade* allows, but does not require, federal or state legislation regulating abortion. What legal restrictions or prohibitions on abortion do you favor ?
2. Do you favor additional public supports, such as paid family leave, child care assistance, enhanced child tax credit, or family allowance, to help prospective parents with the costs and burdens of raising children? Are these policies a legitimate part of a pro-life agenda?
3. What should prospective parents do when they learn that their baby is likely to be born with a serious disability? What should family members do when someone is suffering and says they want a doctor to help end their life?

FAMILY FLOURISHING

TIM SCHULTZ | *Fairness for All*

Tim Schultz is president of the 1st Amendment Partnership. Prior to the 1st Amendment Partnership, he served as state legislative director for the Ethics and Public Policy Center's American Religious Freedom Program (ARFP). In his 15 years of experience developing state and federal policy, Schultz has testified before Congress and more than 15 state legislatures. He is a leading expert on religious freedom issues, with a particular focus on state policy. Schultz is a former instructor at George Mason University and was a staffer in the Washington, D.C., office of Senator Bob Dole's presidential campaign. He is a graduate of Kansas State University and Georgetown University Law School.

RACHEL ANDERSON | *A Pro-Family Agenda*

Rachel Anderson is a resident fellow for the Center for Public Justice and founder of its Families Valued project. Her work focuses on work and family policy, and faith-based civic engagement. Previously, Anderson served as the director of faith affairs at the Center for Responsible Lending, where she worked with faith leaders at the state and federal level to advocate for protections against predatory lending. She was the co-founder of the Boston Faith & Justice Network, which engages Christians in biblical justice through spiritual formation, community organizing and advocacy. Anderson is a graduate of Harvard Law and Divinity schools.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

1. What is the role of family in God's plan for human flourishing?
2. What part should government play in supporting families?
3. How can Americans with diverse and conflicting views of marriage, gender and family live together peacefully despite their deep differences?

ADVOCACY

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DAVID CRANE | *Advocacy Training*

David Crane is a senior associate at Bullpen. Prior to joining Bullpen, he worked in digital fundraising and marketing at one of the largest GOP firms. In 2020, Crane was the assistant to the executive director at the National Republican Senatorial Committee. During the historic Senate runoff elections, he was the NRSC Director of Volunteer Recruitment overseeing an operation of over 150 volunteers in Georgia. In 2019, he interned in both the House and the Senate for the late Congressman Jim Hagedorn (MN-01) and Sen. Ben Sasse (NE). He was also a student at the Christian Student Leadership Conference in 2017 and returned in 2018 and 2019 as an NAE intern. Crane graduated from Bethel University in 2018 with a degree in political science.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

1. Do you have experience advocating with your Members of Congress? If yes, what have you learned from that experience? If no, why have you not tried to use your voice in this way?
2. Effective change requires the actions of many individuals and groups. Do you hope to influence the advocacy priorities and actions of others? In what direction?
3. What do you hope to learn and achieve through your congressional visits tomorrow?



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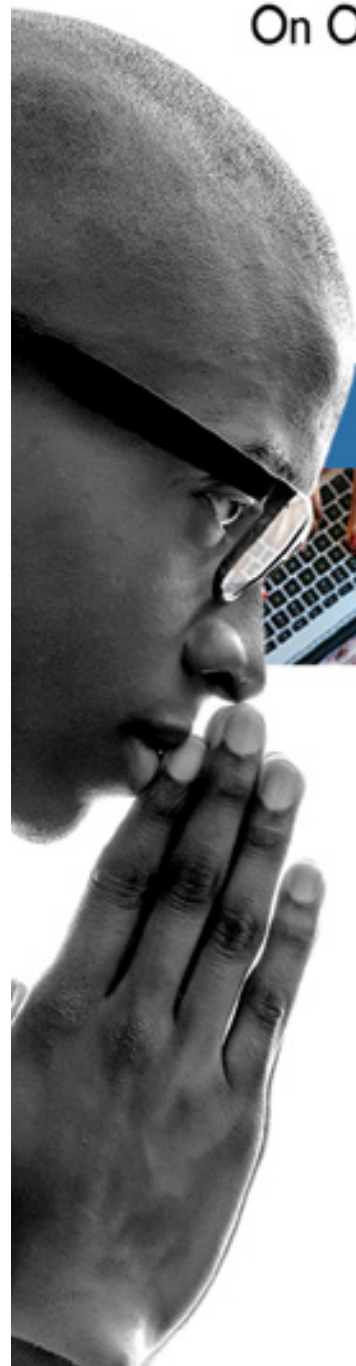
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MITCH HESCOX | *Creation Care*

Mitch Hescox is president and CEO of the Evangelical Environmental Network, which seeks to equip, inspire, disciple and mobilize God's people in their effort to care for God's creation. Hescox speaks nationally on creation care, especially on the environmental life-threatening impacts on the poor and defenseless. Prior to joining EEN, he 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 a M.Div. from Wesley Theological Seminary.

JESSICA MOERMAN | *Creation Care*

Jessica Moerman is a climate and environmental scientist, pastor, educator and advocate. She serves as vice president of science and policy at the Evangelical Environmental Network. Moerman has held research positions at John Hopkins University, University of Michigan and the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History. Prior to joining EEN, he was a science and technology policy fellow with the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) at the U.S. Department of Energy. Moerman received her Ph.D. in earth and atmospheric sciences from the Georgia Institute of Technology.

SEN. SHELDON WHITEHOUSE | *Creation Care*

Senator Sheldon Whitehouse has been representing Rhode Island in the U.S. Senate since 2007. Prior to being elected to the Senate, Whitehouse served as U.S. attorney from 1993 to 1998 and the 71st attorney general of Rhode Island from 1999 to 2003. He founded the Rhode Island Quality Institute, an organization dedicated to improving health care quality in Rhode Island. Currently he serves on the Finance Committee, Judiciary Committee, Environment and Public Works Committee, and Budget Committee. Whitehouse is a graduate of Yale University and the University of Virginia School of Law.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

1. What environmental policies or issues most interest or concern you? Why?
2. To what extent do you support or oppose the funding and policy provisions of the Inflation Reduction Act that were aimed at addressing climate change?
3. Do you feel a personal responsibility to care for God's creation? What role does advocacy play in fulfilling this responsibility?

CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

SEN. SHERROD BROWN | *Fugitive Safe Surrender*

Senator Sherrod Brown has been representing Ohio in the U.S. Senate since 2006. Senator Brown serves as ranking member on the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee. He also serves on the Finance Committee, the Agriculture Committee, and is the longest serving Ohioan on the Veterans' Affairs Committees. Inspired by his faith, Senator Brown is committed to social and economic justice. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Russian studies from Yale University in 1974. He also received a Master of Arts degree in education and a Master of Public Administration degree from The Ohio State University.

DAVID JIMENEZ | *Criminal Justice Reform*

David Jimenez serves as a federal legislative strategist for Prison Fellowship's advocacy and public policy team. His background is in public policy advocacy and institution building, most recently as one of the primary managers for the American Enterprise Institute's outreach to college students, faculty and administrators. A proud alumnus of Prison Fellowship's internship program, he first became passionate about criminal justice reform while serving urban youth in New Jersey. His interests also include theology, social policy, ethics and culture. As an undergraduate at Bowdoin College in Maine, Jimenez studied history and political theory. After graduating, he participated in the Hudson Institute's Political Studies Fellowship and was a Fulbright English teaching assistant in Romania.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

1. Most observers, left and right, agree that our criminal justice system is profoundly broken. How did we get into such a mess?
2. How concerned are you about your personal risk of being a victim of violent crime?
3. Do you expect to have any involvement in crime prevention, prison ministry, or interaction with ex-offenders?

IMMIGRATION REFORM

THERESA CARDINAL BROWN | *Immigration*

Theresa Cardinal Brown is Bipartisan Policy Center's managing director of immigration and cross-border policy. She was director of immigration and border policy at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and associate director of business immigration advocacy at the American Immigration Lawyers Association. She was a policy advisor in the office of the commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and was on Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff's Second Stage Review of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. In 2005 and 2006, she became a member and later director of the Immigration Legislation Task Force in the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Policy. Brown is a graduate of the University of Delaware with a degree in international relations and economics.

JENNY YANG | *Hope for Refugees*

Jenny Yang is senior vice president of advocacy and policy at World Relief where she provides oversight for all advocacy initiatives and policy positions for the organization and leads the organization's public relations efforts. She has worked over a decade in refugee protection, immigration policy, and human rights and was on an active deployment roster for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. Previous to World Relief, she worked at one of the largest political consulting companies in Maryland. Yang is co-author of "Welcoming the Stranger." She holds a B.S. in international relations and affairs from The Johns Hopkins University.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

1. What do you know of your family's immigration history? Has your family contributed to the well-being and prosperity of our nation?
2. What principles should guide U.S. immigration policy toward a) prospective immigrants; b) those already here, but without status; c) orderly management of our borders and ports of entry?
3. 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?

CAPITOL TOUR

REP. GARY PALMER

Representative Gary Palmer was first elected to Congress in 2014, having never served in political office or government before. He represents Alabama's Sixth Congressional District and serves on the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Republican Study Committee. Palmer also serves on the House Energy and Commerce Committee, and previously served as chairman of the House Republican Policy Committee since the 116th Congress. Prior to being in Congress, Rep. Palmer worked in the private sector for engineering construction companies and nonprofit organizations. He holds a B.S. in operations management from the University of Alabama.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

1. Of what aspects of our nation's democratic history are you most proud? Most ashamed?
2. What feelings do you have as you tour the Capitol? Can you picture yourself working in the U.S. Capitol or in a state legislature some day? In what role?
3. What insights have you gained that will help you more effectively pray for your legislators?



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Micah 6:8

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JOINT SESSION WITH CCCU

DAVID FRENCH | *Pluralism and Civic Engagement*

David French is senior editor of The Dispatch and a contributing write for The Atlantic. Prior to this, he served as a staff writer for National Review, a senior fellow at the National Review Institute, and as senior counsel for the American Center for Law. He was also senior counsel for Alliance Defending Freedom, a conservative Christian nonprofit that supports issues of religious freedom, sanctity of life, and marriage and family. French was a lecturer at Cornell Law School and former president of the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education. He is a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom, a former major in the United States Army Reserve, and a Bronze Star recipient. French is the author or co-author of several books including a No. 1 New York Times best selling book. He graduated from Harvard Law School.

JAMES KVALL | *Christian Higher Education*

From the Perspective of the Department of Education

James Kvall was confirmed by the U.S. Senate as the Under Secretary of Education on September 14, 2021. Kvall leads the department's work on higher education, student financial aid, and career and adult education. Earlier in his career, he served in the White House under President Clinton and President Obama, including more than three years as deputy domestic policy adviser to President Obama. Kvall taught at the University of Michigan's Ford School of Public Policy. He graduated with honors from Stanford University and Harvard Law School.

JOHN PISTOLLE | *Cybersecurity*

John S. Pistole was confirmed as the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) fifth administrator in July 2010. Pistole came to TSA as a 26-year veteran of the FBI with extensive national security and counterterrorism experience. After the tragic events of September 11, 2001, he was put in charge of the FBI's greatly expanded counterterrorism program, eventually becoming the FBI's executive assistant director for counterterrorism and counterintelligence. In 2004, Pistole was named deputy director for the FBI. He began his career as a Special Agent with the FBI in 1983, serving in the Minneapolis and New York divisions before his promotion to supervisor in the Organized Crime Section at FBI headquarters in Washington, D.C. Pistole practiced law for two years prior to joining the FBI. He is a graduate of Anderson University (Indiana) and Indiana University School of Law in Indianapolis.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

1. What are the major threats to the survival and strength of Christian colleges in the coming decade?
2. What role does the U.S. Department of Education play in American higher education? What impact do nondiscrimination laws and policies will have on the ability of religious colleges and charities to operate consistent with their mission?
3. How has your Christian education prepared you to bless our nation and the world?
4. In the Respect for Marriage Act, Congress acknowledged that “[d]iverse beliefs about the role of gender in marriage are held by reasonable and sincere people based on decent and honorable religious or philosophical premises. Therefore, Congress affirms that such people and their diverse beliefs are due proper respect.” Does this give you hope for the peaceful resolution of the conflicting interests and rights of LGBTQ and religious persons?

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

1. What did you learn about the role and responsibilities of the person with whom you met?
2. What did you learn about the views of your Member of Congress on the issue(s) you discussed?
3. How well did your group articulate the issue(s) you discussed, and the impact of congressional action or inaction in this area on the people of your state or congressional district?

PUBLIC SERVICE

REP. HILLARY SCHOLTEN | *My Journey to Congress*

Congresswoman Hillary Scholten serves Michigan's Third Congressional District. She previously served as an attorney in the U.S. Department of Justice and at the Michigan Immigrant Rights Center. She also clerked for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. Scholten is a graduate of the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law.

CHAPLAIN BARRY BLACK | *Restoring Hope*

Chaplain Barry Black was elected the 62nd chaplain of the U.S. Senate in 2003. Prior to coming to Capitol Hill, Black served in the U.S. Navy for over 27 years. He was commissioned as Navy chaplain in 1976. Chaplain Black's first duty station was the Fleet Religious Support Activity in Norfolk, Virginia. He held subsequent assignments all over the world. He ended a distinguished career as the Chief of Navy Chaplains. Chaplain Black is an alumnus of Oakwood College, Andrews University, North Carolina Central University, Eastern Baptist Seminary, Salve Regina University, and United States International University. He earned his M.A. degree in divinity, counseling and management. Chaplain Black also received a doctorate degree in ministry and a doctor of philosophy degree in psychology.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

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

NAVIGATING JOBS & CAREERS IN PUBLIC SERVICE

DOUG KOOPMAN | *Director in Residence*

Doug Koopman is currently the director in residence of the American Studies Program for the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities. Koopman has overall responsibility for the ASP program, focusing on curriculum, internship oversight and helping students explore careers and network around official Washington, D.C. Prior to his position at ASP, Koopman had a 15-year career on Capitol Hill, and at Calvin University where he taught American government courses and often led Calvin's own D.C. Semester.

LAUREN BAAS | *Director of Residence Life & Program Coordinator*

Lauren Baas is the director of residence life and the program coordinator for American Studies Program. She oversees residence life and community engagement work, leads social media, and helps with the classroom and curricular aspects of the program. Baas is a Calvin University graduate with a history and political science double major.

EMMA POLIDORI | *Global Education Admissions Coordinator*

Emma Polidori studied abroad in Shanghai, China, where she developed passions for international relations and cross-cultural affairs. In her current role, Polidori assists with recruitment and preparation efforts for the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities' experiential learning program. She is a graduate of Pepperdine University where she studied international business and global leadership.

NOTES

WHITE HOUSE SESSION

LISA CARR | *White House Logistics*

Lisa Carr is the senior policy advisor at the White House. She also served as associate director at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services where she focused on outreach and education on health care law. Carr graduated from The Catholic University of America with a degree in social work and George Mason University with a degree in public policy. She also obtained her degree in political science from Trinity Washington University.

MELISSA ROGERS | *Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships*

Melissa Rogers is executive director of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships under the Biden administration, a post she also held in the Obama administration. Rogers previously served as a nonresident senior fellow in governance studies at the Brookings Institution. Rogers is the author of “Faith in American Public Life.”

AMB. RASHAD HUSSAIN | *International Religious Freedom*

Ambassador Rashad Hussain serves as principal advisor to the secretary and advisor to the president on religious freedom conditions and policy. Prior to this appointment, Hussain was director at the National Security Council’s Partnerships and Global Engagement Directorate. From 2015 to 2021, he served as senior counsel at the Department of Justice’s National Security Division. He received his J.D. from Yale Law School and holds bachelor’s degrees in political science and philosophy from University of North Carolina — Chapel Hill.

ADAM PHILLIPS | *International Assistance*

Adam Nicholas Phillips is the Biden-Harris Administration appointee to lead USAID’s Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships. He is also the director of the Local, Faith and Transformative Partnerships Hub within the Development, Democracy and Innovation Bureau, overseeing the one-stop-shop to non-traditional partnerships. For two decades Phillips has served as a pastor, movement organizer and strategist, working at the intersection of faith and public life.

ASHLEY FEASLEY | *Refugee and Immigration Update*

Ashley Feasley is the senior advisor at the office of refugee resettlement in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Her prior role was director of transborder security at the National Security Council. She taught at Fordham University School of Law and at the Columbus School of Law at the Catholic University of America. She also previously clerked for the Honorable Evan J. Wallach at the United States Court of International Trade in New York.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

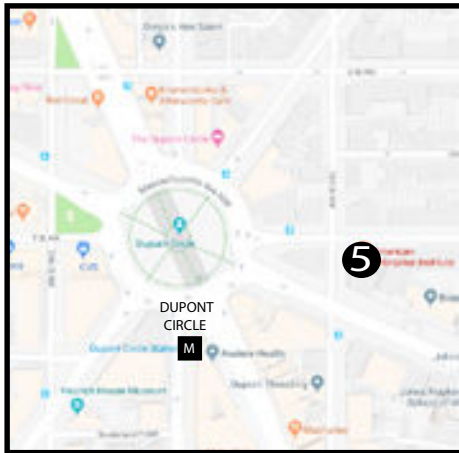
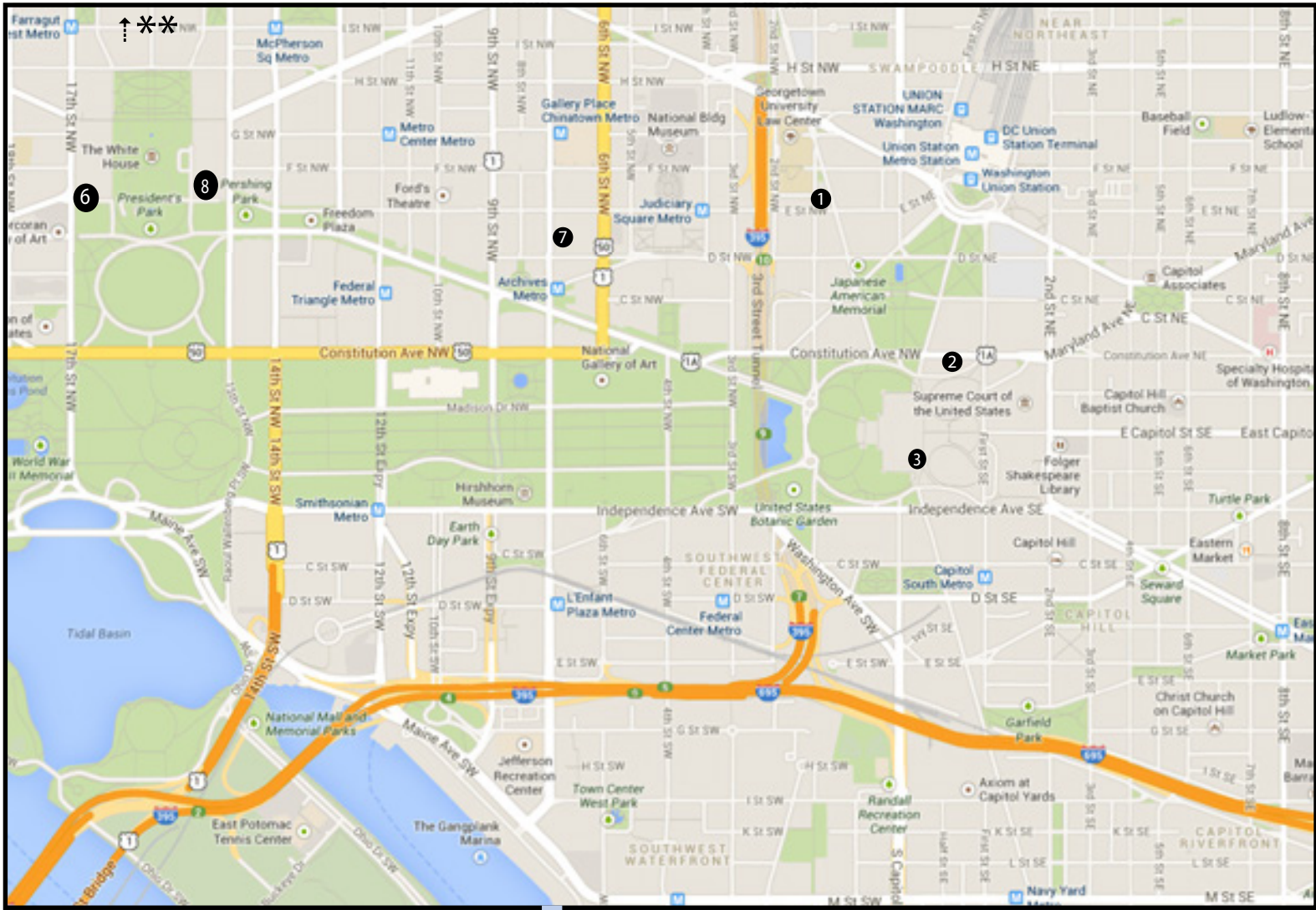
1. What policies pursued by the Biden administration are most likely to have long-term impact on the nation?
2. Which administration policies do you most strongly support or oppose?
3. Have you personally advocated for or against any Biden administration initiatives?

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

1. What is the most important thing you learned this week?
2. Do you feel more hopeful or less hopeful than at the start of the week?
3. What question has arisen this week that you would like to explore more deeply in your academic studies?
4. What kind of leader do you hope to be, and in what sphere of influence?

MAP & DIRECTIONS

- 1 Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill**
Take Red Line to Union Station; walk southwest to the Hyatt.
- 2 Hart Senate Office Building**
- 3 Floor of the U.S. House of Rep.**
South Capitol Entrance off of Independence Ave
- 4 Westin - Closest Metro: McPherson**
1400 M St. NW Washington D.C. 20005
- 5 American Enterprise Institute**
1789 Massachusetts Ave. NW
Take the Red line to Dupont Circle; walk east on P St to the American Enterprise Institute.
- 6 White House Session**
17th and State Place NW
Take the Blue, Orange, or Silver line to Farragut West; exit on to 17th Street, then walk south to 17th and State Place NW to the security booth.
- 7 Carmine's Restaurant**
425 7th St NW
Option 1: Take the Red/Yellow/Green line to Gallery Place/Chinatown; walk south on 7th St to Carmine's, which will be on the left.
Option 2: Take the Yellow/Green line to Archives; walk north on 7th St to Carmine's, which will be on the right.
- 8 The White House Tour**
15th Street and Hamilton Place NW
Take the Red Line to Metro Center; walk west to on G St NW, then walk south on 15th St NW





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