

# Faithful Public Witness



**CHRISTIAN STUDENT  
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

**JANUARY 22–26, 2024**



# At the National Association of Evangelicals, you will:



## Discover Resources

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



## Make Connections

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*.

# Welcome to the Christian Student Leadership Conference.



Not for the faint-hearted, faithful public witness requires “work produced by faith, labor prompted by love, and endurance inspired by hope” (1 Thessalonians 1:3).

At the 2024 Christian Student Leadership Conference, you will learn more about issues dominating our culture’s conversations and how to effectively advocate for much-needed reforms. This includes not only *what* issues we advocate for, but *how* we advocate for them.

The challenges we face are complex and dynamic, and most of us are not policy experts. Yet we engage in the public square because just governance is part of the calling God gave us in creation. We believe that the Bible offers valuable insights on how to carry out that calling. In a democracy — even an imperfect one like ours — we share in the responsibilities of governing. We engage because what happens in Washington affects our communities and the world. We engage because Jesus told us to love our neighbors both at home and abroad.

We have invited leaders and advocates from across the political spectrum to join us this week in a wide-ranging conversation on how to be a faithful public witness. 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.

Galen Carey  
NAE Vice President of Government Relations

## 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.

“And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.”

Micah 6:8



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### Who we are

We are Christians who recognize that every person is created in the image of God and has immeasurable value. We believe that our responses to harm should reflect this truth and that every individual should be treated with respect and dignity.

### What we do

We work to further restorative justice, repeal the death penalty, and respond to violence without centering punishment, police, or prisons.

# 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 \$12 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 Glacier room on the second floor. Please tip accordingly.

## NAE Staff Contacts

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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.

- 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.

# 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](http://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.

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- 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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## NAE STAFF

### GALEN CAREY | *Vice President of Government Relations*

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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.

### SAMANTHA CONWAY | *Sponsorship & Project Manager*

Samantha Conway manages sponsorship for the National Association of Evangelicals and also serves as project manager for NAE Financial Health. In this role, she works closely with Brian Kluth on Bless Your Pastor, a national generosity campaign that provides church congregations with opportunities to find creative ways to care for their pastors. Conway earned her bachelor’s degree in communication from Denison University.

# SCHEDULE

## MONDAY, JANUARY 22

- 5:00-6:00 p.m. **Conference Registration** – Hyatt Regency, Thorton Room, 11th Floor  
6:00-9:00 p.m. **Dinner** – Hyatt Regency, Thorton Room, 11th Floor  
*Faithful Public Witness* | Galen Carey (page 12)  
*Christian Calling* | Toni Kim (page 12)  
*Matthew 5:9* | Brandon Cleaver & Tom Breeden (page 12-13)

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

- 8:00 a.m. **Arrival for Security at Hart Senate Office Building**  
8:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. **Morning Session** – Hart Senate Office Building, Room 902  
*Sanctity of Life* | Sen. Katie Britt (page 16)  
*Sanctity of Life* | Bill Wichterterman (page 16)  
*Navigating Jobs and Careers in Public Service* | Susan Occhipinti (page 32)  
*Family Flourishing* | Sen. Marsha Blackburn (page 18)  
*Family Flourishing* | Naomi Kim (page 18)  
*Family Flourishing* | Joaquin Carey-Realmo (page 18)  
12:15-1:30 p.m. **Lunch on Your Own in the Dirksen Cafeteria**  
1:30-5:30 p.m. **Hart Senate Office Building**  
**Afternoon Session** – Hart Senate Office Building, Room 902  
*Advocacy Training* | Steve Eng & David Jimenez (page 20)  
*Creation Care* | Mitch Hescox (page 24)  
*Creation Care* | Jessica Moerman (page 24)  
*Creation Care* | Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (page 24)  
*Biblical Public Theology* | Walter Kim (page 13)  
*Democracy* | Sen. Susan Collins (page 26)  
5:30 p.m. **Dinner on Your Own and Free Time**

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

- 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. **Hilton Washington DC National Mall the Wharf** – 480 L'Enfant Plaza SW  
**Joint Session With CCCU**  
*Learning to Disagree* | John Inazu & Suzanne Allison-Davis (page 26)  
*The Sacred Vocation of Public Service* | Sen. James Lankford (page 13)  
*Courts, Congress & the Executive Branch* | Gene Schaerr & Joy Mosley (page 28)  
12:30-1:00 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 (pages 30-31)  
6:00-9:00 p.m. **Dinner** – Hyatt Regency, Thornton Room, 11th Floor  
*Faithful Public Witness* | Chaplain Barry Black (page 32)  
*Faithful Public Witness in the Story of Ruth* | Boaz Johnson (page 32)  
*Equal Justice USA* | Sam Heath (page 33)  
Student Activism Panel

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

- 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. **Bread for the World** – 425 3rd St SW #1200 (lunch included)  
*Immigration Reform* | Elizabeth Neumann (page 34)  
*Faith-Based Partnerships* | Melissa Rogers (page 28)  
*Religious Freedom* | Tim Schultz (page 29)  
2:00-3:00 p.m. **American Enterprise Institute** – 1789 Massachusetts Ave. NW  
*Family Flourishing* (pages 18-19)  
3:45 p.m. **Meet at South Entrance of Capitol Building off Independence Ave.** *Late students will not be able to join tour.*  
4:00 p.m. **U.S. House of Representatives Floor**  
*International Relations* | Former Rep. Mark Kennedy (page 36)  
5:00-7:00 p.m. **Free Time**  
7:00-9:00 p.m. **Closing Dinner** – Carmine's Restaurant, 425 7th St. NW (page 38)

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

- 11:30 a.m. **White House Tour** – 15th Street and Hamilton Place NW

## A BIBLICAL PUBLIC THEOLOGY



**GALEN CAREY** | *Faithful Public Witness*

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**TONI KIM** | *Christian Calling*

Toni Kim is the director of spiritual care for the National Association of Evangelicals. For 17 years, she was a minister at Park Street Church in downtown Boston. She received her B.S. from Yale University, and a master in Christian studies from Regent College. Kim is an advocate for educational equity and serves on the boards of Regent College and Abundant Life, a local Christian Community Development nonprofit. She is licensed with the Conservative Congregational Christian Conference.



**BRANDON CLEAVER** | *Matthew 5:9*

Brandon Cleaver serves as the Matthew 5:9 Fellowship program director. He views the pursuit of unity as an integral part of his life. For years, he has spoken to diverse groups around the country on various topics, which are often inherently divisive, seeking to bring clarity, compassion and peace to these conversations. Cleaver seeks to engage cultural questions and concerns within the context of Christian hope. He writes for various publications, serves on the Woodside Bible Church teaching team, and helps host the Everyday Theology podcast at Woodside Bible Church. Cleaver graduated from Michigan State University with a major in journalism and a minor in sociology. He completed a master’s degree in Christian apologetics from Biola University and an M.Div. in interdisciplinary studies from Moody Theological Seminary.



**TOM BREEDEN** | *Matthew 5:9*

Tom Breeden is the pastoral advisor for the One America Movement. He is also a teaching elder in the Presbyterian Church in America and previously served as the associate pastor at a PCA church in Charlottesville, Virginia. In his free time, Breeden holds a B.A. in sociology from the University of Virginia and an M.Div. from Reformed Theological Seminary.



**WALTER KIM** | *Biblical Public Theology*

Walter Kim has been president of the National Association of Evangelicals since January 2020. He previously served as a pastor at Boston’s historic Park Street Church and at churches in Vancouver, Canada and Charlottesville, Virginia, as well as a campus chaplain at Yale University. He preaches, writes and engages in collaborative leadership to connect the Bible to the intellectual and cultural issues of the day. He regularly teaches in conferences and classrooms; addresses faith concerns with elected officials and public institutions; and provides theological and cultural commentary to leading news outlets. He serves on the boards of Christianity Today and World Relief and consults with a wide range of organizations. Kim received his Ph.D. from Harvard University in Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, his M.Div. from Regent College in Vancouver, and his B.A. from Northwestern University.



**SEN. JAMES LANKFORD** | *Sacred Vocation of Public Service*

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 Sen. 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. He previously served as the U.S. Representative for Oklahoma’s 5th congressional district. Lankford holds a bachelor’s degree in secondary education from the University of Texas at Austin and an M.Div. at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

## A BIBLICAL PUBLIC THEOLOGY (cont.)

### 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?
4. What biblical books, passages, themes or doctrines inform your views about the role of governments in God's plans for human flourishing?
5. How do you understand your responsibilities under God as a taxpayer and citizen of a democracy?
6. What are some influences (theological, relational, etc.) that have formed your understanding of the gospel and the public dimensions of faith?
7. How can you and your faith community continue to grow in a more comprehensive vision of the gospel and the public dimensions of faith?

### NOTES





**SEN. KATIE BRITT** | *Sanctity of Life*

Sen. Katie Britt currently serves as a U.S. senator for the state of Alabama. She sits on the Appropriations Committee, Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee and the Committee on Rules and Administration. A practicing attorney by trade, Sen. Britt is a graduate of the University of Alabama and the University of Alabama School of Law. She previously served as the chief of staff to Alabama's then-senior U.S. senator and has served on numerous boards and committees.



**BILL WICHTERMAN** | *Sanctity of Life*

Bill Wichterman is a non-lawyer senior advisor in Covington's public policy practice. Prior to joining Covington, Wichterman served as special assistant to President George W. Bush and as the president's personal liaison to the conservative movement. Before serving in the White House, he held a number of senior staff-level positions on Capitol Hill, including as policy advisor to Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist and chief of staff to Congressman Joe Pitts and Congressman Bill Baker. Wichterman also has inside experience in congressional and presidential campaigns, including every presidential campaign from 2000 to 2016, usually as a senior advisor. He is a graduate of The Catholic University of America and Houghton University.

## 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



**SEN. MARSHA BLACKBURN** | *Family Flourishing*

Sen. Marsha Blackburn currently serves as a U.S. senator representing the state of Tennessee and is the first woman to hold this role. Prior to being elected to the senate, Blackburn was a state senator from 1999 to 2003 and represented Tennessee's 7th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives from 2003 to 2019. Blackburn serves on the following committees: Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee; Finance Committee; Judiciary Committee; and Veterans' Affairs Committee. She is a graduate of Mississippi State University.



**NAOMI KIM** | *Family Flourishing*

Naomi Kim is a student at Charlottesville High School and works part-time at Old Navy. After she was born in Boston, Massachusetts, she was diagnosed with Down syndrome. Her parents gave her the middle name of Joy, with the earnest prayer that the joy of the Lord would be her strength (Nehemiah 8:10). She definitely lives up to her middle name by experiencing and spreading joy wherever she goes, including Malawi, Africa. She has spoken to University of Virginia doctors about life with Down syndrome. She loves to make movies, be in musicals, and spend time with family and friends.



**JOAQUIN CAREY-REALMO** | *Family Flourishing*

Joaquin Carey-Realmo is author of "The Becoming: Can You Become the Villain of Your Own Story?" as well as many songs, poems and stories. He lives in Columbia, Maryland. He works at Mod Pizza where he enjoys preparing creative pizzas for his customers. He has lived in six countries and traveled to more than 30 others.

## 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?



**STEVE ENG** | *Advocacy Training*

Steven Eng, advocacy director of the National Association of Evangelicals, works with NAE leaders, constituents and others to help advance the principles of the NAE document, “For the Health of the Nation,” as they use their God-given influence to bless our nation. Eng served for three decades as an ordained evangelical pastor in the Evangelical Covenant Church. He received a degree in political science from St. Olaf College and a M.Div. degree from North Park Theological Seminary.



**DAVID JIMENEZ** | *Advocacy Training*

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## 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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### What We Offer



#### RESOURCES

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**"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." Matthew 5:9**

## CREATION CARE



**MITCH HESCOX** | *Creation Care*

Mitch Hescocox is the former 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. Hescocox 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.



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**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?



**SEN. SUSAN COLLINS** | *Democracy*

Sen. Susan Collins has served as a U.S. senator representing Maine since 1996, and in 2020 became the first Republican woman to win a 5th term. She currently serves as vice chairman of the Appropriations Committee, a ranking member of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee and a member on the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee and the Intelligence Committee. She has received several awards, including the Distinguished Citizen award from the Congressional Medal of Honor Society and the Navy's highest public service award from the secretary of the Navy. She is also the 15th person to ever receive the 2023 Naval Heritage award. Collins is a graduate of St. Lawrence University.



**JOHN INAZU** | *Learning to Disagree*

John Inazu is the Sally D. Danforth Distinguished Professor of Law and Religion and professor of political science (by courtesy) at Washington University in St. Louis. His next book, "Learning to Disagree: The Surprising Path to Navigating Differences with Empathy and Respect," will be published by Zondervan in Spring 2024. Inazu is also the author of "Liberty's Refuge" and "Confident Pluralism" and co-editor (with Tim Keller) of "Uncommon Ground." Inazu is the founder of the Carver Project, a ministry that equips Christian faculty and students to serve and connect university, church and society; director of the Legal Vocation Fellowship; and senior fellow at Interfaith America.



**SUZANNE ALLISON-DAVIS** | *Learning to Disagree*

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## QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

1. To what extent do you feel prepared to have civil, productive conversations with persons with whom you have strong disagreements?
2. Are you more or less likely to support a candidate who works across the aisle for bipartisan compromises on contentious issues? Why?
3. How hopeful are you about the long-term health of American democracy? What considerations most influence your outlook?

## RELIGIOUS FREEDOM



**GENE SCHAERR** | *Courts, Congress and the Executive Branch*

Gene Schaerr specializes in handling civil appeals, writ proceedings and similar matters, both in appellate courts and in the kind of law-focused proceedings at the trial-court or agency level that often determine success or failure on appeal. He has argued and won dozens of cases in a variety of forums – including the U.S. Supreme Court (where he has argued seven cases), every federal circuit and numerous federal district courts and state appellate courts. His win rate in the dozens of federal appeals he has argued in the past several years is over 75 percent.



**JOY MOSLEY** | *Courts, Congress and the Executive Branch*

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**MELISSA ROGERS** | *Faith-Based Partnerships*

Melissa Rogers serves as 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” and co-author of “Religious Freedom and the Supreme Court.” She has received an honorary doctorate of divinity from both Wake Forest University and the John Leland Center for Theological Studies. Rogers holds a J.D. from University of Pennsylvania Law School and a B.A. from Baylor University.



**TIM SCHULTZ** | *Religious Freedom*

As president of the 1st Amendment Partnership (1AP), Tim Schultz works with faith groups to ensure that religious freedom is fully protected in the law. He chairs a broad and diverse religious coalition aimed at influencing federal policy and public opinion about the value of faith to the common good. In 2022, this coalition was critical to the passage of the historic Respect for Marriage Act. Prior to the 1st Amendment Partnership, he served as state legislative director for the Ethics and Public Policy Center’s American Religious Freedom Program. He is a graduate of Kansas State University and Georgetown University Law School.

### QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

1. What threats to religious freedom, here in the United States and abroad, most concern you?
2. Why is it important to support religious freedom for people of all faiths, including those whom you may strongly disagree?
3. What are you doing, or what could you be doing, to promote legal protection and cultural support for religious freedom?

## QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

1. What did you learn about the role and responsibilities of the persons with whom you met?
2. What did you learn about the views of your representatives and senators 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?

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## PUBLIC SERVICE



**SUSAN OCCHIPINTI** | *Navigating Jobs & Careers in Public Service*

Susan Occhipinti serves as a senior policy advisor for Sen. James Lankford of Oklahoma. Her portfolio includes issues related to life, religious freedom, families, child welfare, marriage, tax and poverty. She oversees the Senate Values Action Team, a coalition focused on advancing family values issues in the Senate; she is also the lead Republican staffer for the Senate Bipartisan Task Force for Combating Antisemitism. She has worked in a number of roles in a variety of policy areas in Washington, D.C. for Sen. Lankford since 2016. Susan is a graduate of Oklahoma State University.



**CHAPLAIN BARRY BLACK** | *Faithful Public Witness*

Chaplain Barry Black was elected the 62nd chaplain of the U.S. Senate in 2003. Prior to coming to Capitol Hill, Chaplain Black served in the U.S. Navy for over 27 years. He was commissioned as Navy chaplain in 1976. His first duty station was the Fleet Religious Support Activity in Norfolk, Virginia. He held subsequent assignments all over the world and 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.



**BOAZ JOHNSON** | *Faithful Public Witness in the Story of Ruth*

Rev. Dr. Boaz Johnson is a professor at North Park University in Chicago, where he teaches on the Hebrew Bible and theological studies. Johnson grew up in the slums of New Delhi and came to faith in Jesus Christ after reading the writings of Pandita Ramabai, a woman who rescued those on the outskirts of society motivated by a personal encounter she had with Jesus. Johnson also serves as the honorary head of the Department of Advanced Theological Studies, Ph.D. program at SHUATS University, Prayagraj, India, and serves on the board of Christians for Biblical Equality. He is an ordained pastor of the ECC and serves on the board of Covenant World Relief and Development.



**SAM HEATH** | *Equal Justice USA*

Sam Heath leads EJUSA's engagement with evangelical people and spaces. His faith background enables him to tell stories about the realities of justice and injustice in America and hold together a view of the world as a place both exceptional and exploitative. Before coming on board with EJUSA in 2021, Heath taught high school history for 10 years in North Carolina and Virginia. He holds degrees in education and psychology from University of North Carolina Chapel Hill and a master's degree in theology, ethics and culture from the University of Virginia.

### 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?

## IMMIGRATION REFORM



**ELIZABETH NEUMANN** | *Immigration Reform*

Elizabeth Neumann serves as chief strategy officer for Moonshot, a company that develops new technology and methodologies to identify threats online and protect communities. Neumann also is a national security and homeland security contributor for ABC News and is the founder and managing director of Neu Summit Strategies, which seeks to understand emerging security risks. Neumann previously held the role of senior advisor for the National Immigration Forum. From 2018 to 2020, she served as assistant secretary for Threat Prevention and Security Policy in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Office of Strategy, Policy and Plans and as deputy chief of staff from 2017 to 2018. Neumann is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin.

## 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?

## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS



### REP. MARK KENNEDY

Former Congressman Mark Kennedy currently serves as director of the Wilson Center's Wahba Institute for Strategic Competition and as an appointed civic leader supporting the secretary of the Air Force. He also holds the role of president emeritus of the University of Colorado. Previously, he served as president of the University of Colorado, president of the University of North Dakota and as a graduate school director at George Washington University. Kennedy also served as a congressman representing Minnesota from 2001 to 2007 and was a presidentially appointed member of the Advisory Committee for Trade Policy and Negotiations. He is the author of "Shapeholders: Business Success in the Age of Activism." Kennedy received his bachelor's degree from St. John's University and his master's degree in business administration from the University of Michigan.

### QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

1. What national interests should the United States prioritize in its international relationships? How closely are your answers correlated with your personal interests? With your faith?
2. What countries or entities do you think most threaten world peace? What can be done to reduce the threat of another world war?
3. About which countries or cultures are you most curious to learn more? What will you do to pursue these interests?

### QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

1. What is the most important thing you learned this week?
2. Do you feel more equipped to be a faithful public witness 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

## 1 Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill

Take Red Line to Union Station; walk southwest to the Hyatt.

## 2 Hart Senate Office Building

## 3 Dirksen Senate Office Building

## 4 Hilton Washington DC National Mall The Wharf 480 L'Enfant Plaza SW

**Option 1:** Metro to L'Enfant Plaza; take the L'Enfant Plaza exit and walk through the building to the hotel.  
**Option 2:** Walk from the hotel (33 mins.)

## 5 Bread for the World 425 3rd St. SW #1200

Take the Blue/Orange/Silver line to Federal Center SW; walk south on 3rd St SW.

## 6 American Enterprise Institute 1789 Massachusetts Ave. NW

Take the Blue/Orange/Silver line to Farragut West; walk north on 18th St.

## 7 Floor of the U.S. House of Representatives South Capitol Entrance off of Independence Ave

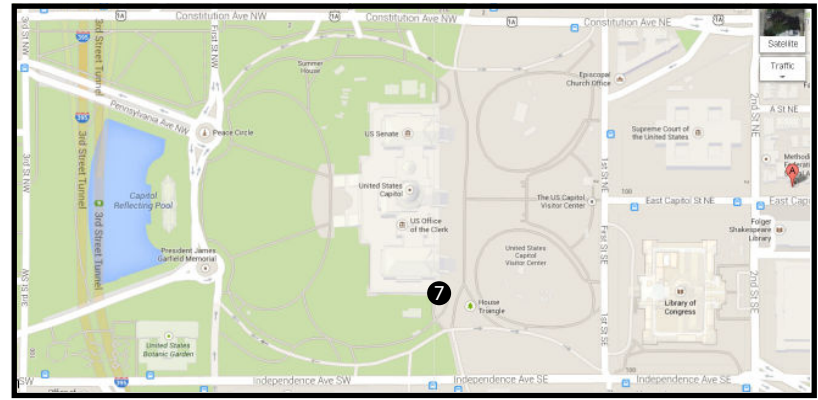
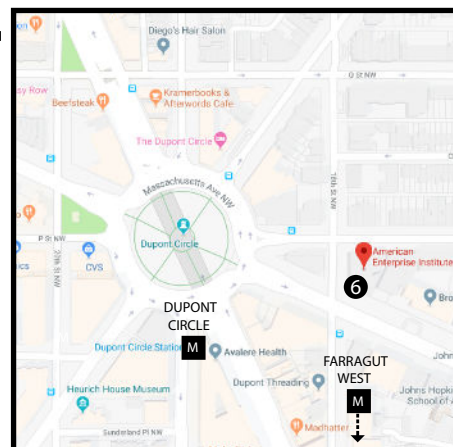
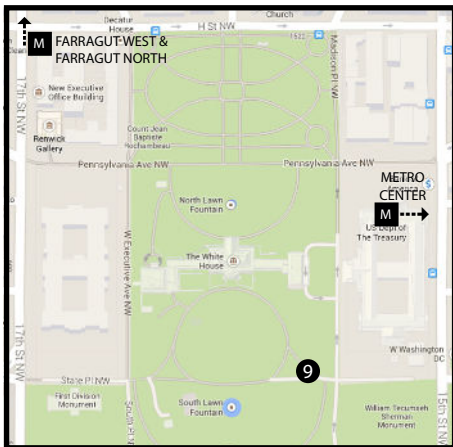
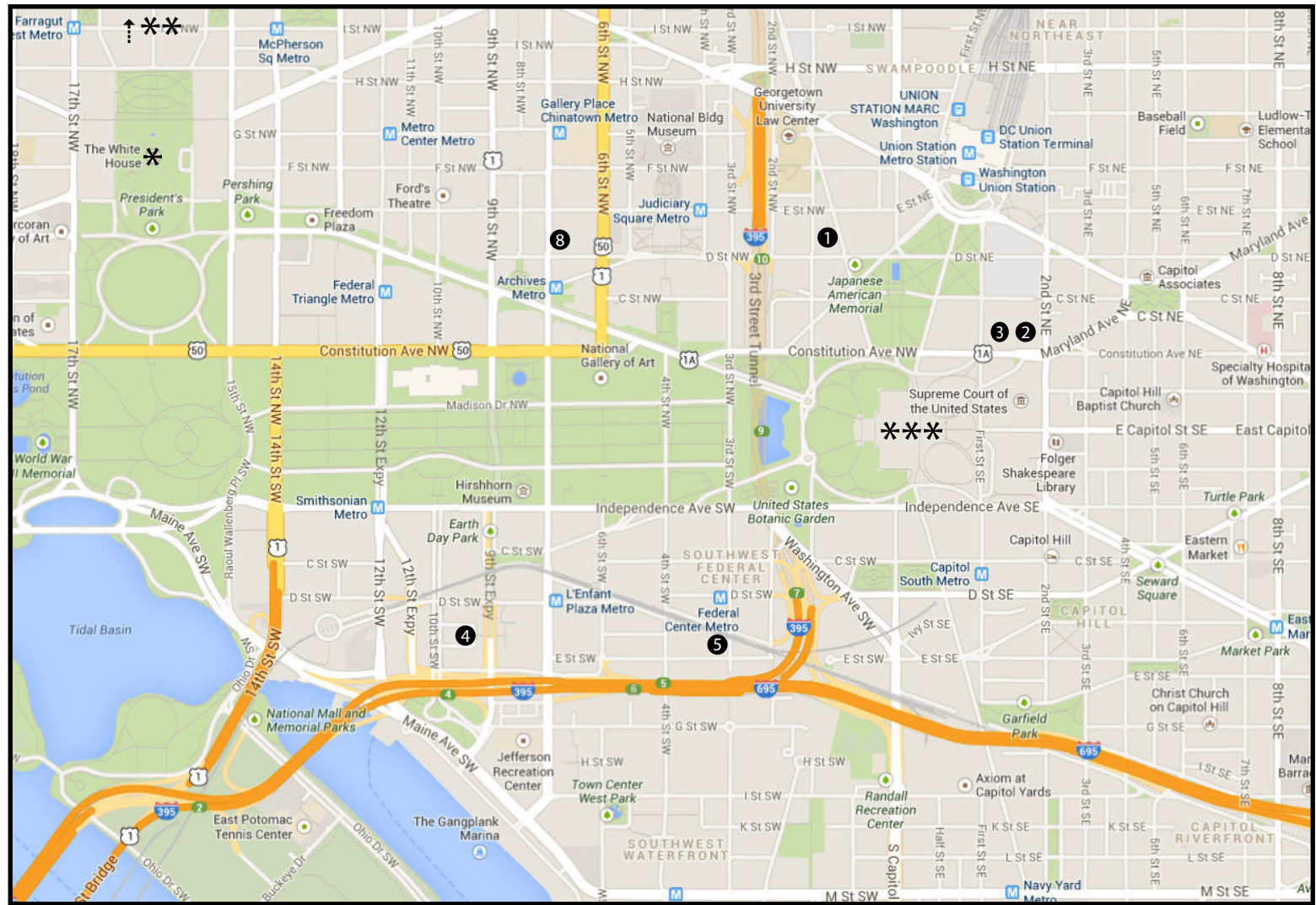
Walk to the Dupont Circle metro; take the Red line to Union Station; walk southwest to U.S. Capitol.

## 8 Carmine's Restaurant 425 7th St NW

**Option 1:** (If coming from the Hyatt) Walk west on E St, turn left on 7th St (14 mins.)  
**Option 2:** 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 3:** Take the Yellow/Green line to Archives; walk north on 7th St to Carmine's, which will be on the right.

## 9 The White House 15th Street and Hamilton Place NW

Take the Red Line to Metro Center; walk west to G St NW, then walk south on 15th St NW.





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