

Faith and Law Leadership Conference 2022

***Christian Faithfulness in Public Service:
Essential characteristics of a Christ-follower on Capitol Hill***

October 14-16, 2022

**Airlie Conference Center
Warrenton, VA**

FRIDAY, October 14

4:30 Arrival / Check-in

Location: Airlie House

6:00 – 7:15pm Dinner & Opening Program

Location: Airlie Dining Room

Dinner Table Exercise:

1. American society is more polarized than it has been for decades, perhaps since the Civil War. Some have said that Christians need to be more winsome in this context (Tim Keller), offering a respite from the cultural warfare, others have said that we need to be more bold in our confrontation with the culture as it becomes more hostile to traditional Christian values (Eric Metaxas). Is it possible to do both?
2. As we enter the next election cycle, what are your concerns about the role/visibility/perception of Evangelicals and politics?
3. When you think down the road and the direction of the culture, other than Jesus's second coming, where do you have hope for the nation in how we might be able to reduce the polarization/conflict?

7:30pm – 9:00pm Evening Program

Location: The Federal Room

7:30 to 7:40pm Welcome and Faith and Law overview – What kind of community do we seek to be? Lauren Noyes, Executive Director, Faith and Law

7:40 to 7:55pm. Why we founded Faith and Law and introduction of the keynote speaker John Palafoutas, co-founder and Chairman of the Board, Faith and Law

7:55-8:30pm What to expect this weekend. Why are we here? Paul McNulty, President of Grove City College and Co-founder of Faith and Law.

8:30-9:00p.m. Table Group Discussion

- What are some of the ways your theology and faith journey affect how you think about Christianity and the political arena?
- Evangelicals in the past differed significantly on public policy matters (e.g., national defense, social programs) but shared a foundational biblical worldview. Is there anyone with whom you enjoy a similar relationship? Who do you consider to be a role model as a Christian in public life and why?
- What has helped you in the context of your work to pursue faithfully your calling to be a partaker of the divine nature?

SATURDAY, OCT. 15 --

8:00 – 9:00am Breakfast

Location: Airlie Dining Room

9:15-9:30 – Introductions of the Conference Guests

9:30 – 10:15am Essential Characteristic #1 Truth: concern for facts, accuracy, knowledge; watchful for politically beneficial assumptions;

commitment to speaking truthfully. Paul McNulty, President of Grove City College and Co-founder of Faith and Law.

10:15 – 11:30am Table Group Discussion

- Where do you get your information on the issues of the day and how well do these sources support your responsibility for learning the truth?
- Does truth even matter in political debates? Have you experienced any encouragement in this regard?
- What are some of the challenges (especially external forces) you face in trying to communicate truthfully?

12:00 – 1:00pm Lunch

Location: Airlie Dining Room

1:00 – 2:00pm Break

2:00 – 5:00pm Afternoon Program

Location: The Federal Room

2:00 – 3:30pm Essential Characteristic #2 Justice: more about wisdom than knowledge; what is right? Paul McNulty, President of Grove City College and Co-founder of Faith and Law.

Table Group Discussion

- To what extent does your general view on the virtues of government align with God's purposes as revealed in the Scriptures?
- Do considerations of justice play a significant role in the formation of federal public policy? If not, why not?
- Are there any areas of agreement between conservatives and liberals when it comes to social justice? Do Christians bring a

different set of considerations to this debate? If so, what are they?

3:30 – 5:00pm Essential Characteristic #3 Peace: politics v. peacemaking – what does this look like for the Christ-follower who must be a peacemaker? Paul McNulty, President of Grove City College and Co-founder of Faith and Law.

Table Group Discussion

- What are some ways you have seen the call to peacemaking work successfully in the political arena?
- Is it even possible to promote peace while engaging effectively on social media platforms? If so, how has this been done? What are some of the common pitfalls in your experience when this hasn't happened?
- How can a highly contested political campaign remain faithful to Rom 12:18?

5:15 – 6:00pm Happy Hour (bar located below dining room)

o Guests invited to gather before dinner for drinks in the bar (*cash bar/individually billed*) with breakout sessions according to job role.

6:00 - 7:15pm Dinner – table assignments by job role

Location: Airlie Dining Room

6:30pm Table Exercise Optional:

1. Where do you feel your Christian convictions/ethics are in conflict with the expectations/duties of your job?
2. In what ways does your job's interaction with people allow you to bear witness to the Gospel? What are the opportunities/liabilities of being known as a Christian in your workplace?

3. From your vocational platform, what are ways that you can work to advance the Kingdom of God beyond doing your job with excellence?

7:30-9:00pm Evening Session

Location: The Federal Room

7:30 – 9:00pm Essential Characteristic #4 Love: an enormous challenge in our highly divisive political climate. Paul McNulty, President of Grove City College and Co-founder of Faith and Law.

Table Group Discussion

- Where have you seen or experienced a biblical understanding of love demonstrated in the political arena?
- How does Jesus's command to love one another get misused in policymaking? Is there a proper place for its consideration, and if so, where?
- To what extent is the current divisiveness in public life compromising the advancement of the gospel? What can we do to remedy this problem?

9:30 – 11:00pm Fireside Dialogue

- o Led by Faith and Law Board Members who were former senior staffers on Capitol Hill. They will share stories from the trenches about ways their faith impacted their work in public policy during their lengthy careers and engage in dialogue with current policy makers about the application of lessons learned.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16-

8:00 – 9:00am Breakfast

Location: Airlie Dining Room

9:00 – 11:30am Morning Program

Location: The Federal Room

9:00 – 10:00am The history and role of the chaplaincy, House
Chaplain Margaret Kibben

10:00 – 11:30am Unpacking the weekend. Where do we go from here?
Share your Great Object, Mark Rodgers

12:00pm Departure

- o Participants will be offered a bag lunch on the go.