

Faith & Law Retreat 2021

October 29 – 31, 2021

Friday, October 29

6:00 - 7:15pm Opening Dinner Session

- 6:00 – 6:30pm Welcome
- 6:30 – 7:15pm Table Exercise: *General introductions & welcome; a moment during which all attendees can share what they are passionate about pursuing in their work.*
 - Todd Deatherage, Telos, *moderator*
 - Mark Rodgers, Clapham Group, *moderator*

7:30 - 9:00pm Evening Session

- 7:30 – 9:00pm Navigating the Times (Cancel Culture vs. Principled Pluralism): *The environment for debate has become more difficult to navigate due to the ability of organizations and social media to restrict free expression. This session will discuss the challenges and the need for ongoing free exchange of ideas for the future health of the American experiment.*
 - Stephanie Summers, The Center for Public Justice, *presenter*
 - Cherie Harder, Trinity Forum, *response*

Saturday, October 30

8:00am Breakfast

9:00 - 11:30am Morning Session

- 9:00 – 10:15am Approximate Justice: *Embedded in the American Experiment is the balance of power and the legislative process that requires compromise to result in progress; therefore, it is a given that compromise is necessary. This session will explore how one determines when principles overline process from prudential policy to fundamental principles of one's convictions.*
 - Steve Garber, author, *presenter*
 - Stephanie Summers, The Center for Public Justice, *response*
- 10:15 – 11:30am Being Anti-Racist; Reviewing Critical Race Theory: *The reality of ongoing systemic racial injustice has exposed a need to evaluate systems which require reform to address intentional racial bias; Critical Race Theory is one of those frameworks which has been proposed. We will discuss the broad issues of racial injustice and help staff understand the complexities, pros, and cons of Critical Race Theory.*
 - D. J. Jordan, Pinkston Group, *presenter*

- Todd Deatherage, Telos, *response*

12:00 - 1:00pm Lunch

- Break

2:00 - 5:00pm Afternoon Session

- 2:00 – 3:30pm *Christian Nationalism vs. Christian Patriotism: The storming of Capital Hill has been viewed by many in the media as an expression of Christian Nationalism. To what extent is this perspective misinformed and/or does it reflect a temptation in certain religious communities toward an unhelpful / over-alignment between church and state?*
 - Cherie Harder, Trinity Forum, *moderator*
 - Stephanie Summers, The Center for Public Justice, *panelist*
 - Todd Deatherage, Telos, *panelist*
 - D.J. Jordan, Pinkston Group, *panelist*
- 3:30 – 5:00pm *Toward a New Renaissance: Policy making is always undertaken in an ever-changing cultural context and is shaped by areas that reach from academia to entertainment. This session will explore in what ways engagement on critical issues can/should be addressed holistically in a multi-sector way that would require an understanding of a broad renaissance society.*
 - Mark Rodgers, Clapham Group, *presenter*
 - Cherie Harder, Trinity Forum, *response*

6:00 - 7:15pm Dinner

- *Table Exercise: Reflections on the weekend thus-far; another moment during which attendees can share what they are passionate about pursuing in their work with those around them at dinner.*
 - Jay Jakub, EOM.ORG, *moderator*
 - Mark Rodgers, Clapham Group, *moderator*

7:30-9:00pm Evening Session

- 7:30 – 9:00pm *Saving Capitalism (EOM): Some approaches to capitalism have been assessed as too exclusive, and the focus on financial capital at the exclusion of human and environmental capital has been addressed as the critical problem and reason for inequities. This session will discuss policies that explore other forms of capital formation.*
 - Jay Jakub, EOM.ORG, *presenter*
 - Steve Garber, author, *response*

Sunday, October 31

8:00am Breakfast

9:00 - 11:30am Morning Program

- *9:00 – 10:00am Sea Change, Experiencing Healing and Wholeness in the Midst of the Waves: Working on Capitol Hill is a particularly stressful environment that requires staff to be attentive to personal and spiritual well-being. This session will explore how to holistically manage stress and conflict, and how to have a healthy work/life balance.*
 - Jay Jakub, EOM.ORG, *presenter*

- *10:00 – 11:00am Reconciling Differences: Disagreements between reasonable and well-meaning adults are a given in life. This session will explore tactics and/or steps to maintain friendship and unity while we navigate our disagreements, especially in a polarized environment.*
 - Todd Deatherage, Telos, *presenter*

- *11:00am – 12:00pm Faith and Law Focus Group: Felt Needs of Hill Staff: Review of the retreat and recommendations for Faith and Law on how to be attentive to hill staff.*
 - Lauren Noyes, Faith and Law, *presenter*

12:00pm Departure (*Participants will be offered a bag lunch on the go*)