LCMS Life Conference 2013

Lutherans and Pro-life Advocacy:
Good and Acceptable Service (1 Timothy 2:1-4)

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

LCMS Life Conference Schedule

Hyatt Regency Crystal City ▮ 2799 Jefferson Davis Highway ▮ Arlington, VA 22202
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DAY 1 — Friday, January 25

7:30-9 a.m.: Registration and continental breakfast for conference attendees (Hotel Foyer)

9-10 a.m.: ***Pre-March LCMS Divine Service with Communion***
Hosted at the hotel by Immanuel Lutheran Church — Rev. Christopher Esget, conference chaplain
(Hotel Ballroom — Independence B)

10-10:15 a.m.: ***Welcome and March For Life/Metro instructions***

10:30-4 p.m.: ***Participation in the 40th Annual National March For Life*** (Metro transportation to Washington D.C. National Mall)

5-7 p.m.: ***Post-march Warm-up:*** Family-Style Barbeque Dinner
(Hotel Ballroom — Independence A)

7 p.m.: ***Evening Vespers and Youth Activities***
(Independence B)

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DAY 2 — Saturday, January 26

8-8:45 a.m.: Matins (Independence B)

8:45-9:30 a.m.: Breakfast Buffet-Included in registration (Independence A)

SESSION 1: (Independence A)
9:30-10:45 a.m.: Topic: ***"Why and How the Church Engages: Witness, Mercy, and our Life Together in View of the Public Square"*** Speaker: Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, president, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

10:45-11 a.m.: **Break**

SESSION 2: 11:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m. (Independence A)
Adult Track (Independence A)
Topic: ***"Good and Bad Ways to Think about Religion and Politics"***
Speaker A: 11-11:45 a.m. Dr. Robert Benne — Author and director of the Center for Religion and Society at Roanoke College in Salem, Va. He has written and lectured widely on the relation of Christianity and culture. The most recent of his 12 books are: Good and Bad Ways to Think About Religion and Politics; Quality with Soul—How Six Premier Colleges and Universities Keep Faith with their Religious Traditions; Reasonable Ethics; and A Christian Approach to Social, Economic, and Political Concerns.

Speaker B: 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Rev. Dr. Peter Scaer — associate professor, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind. Dr. Scaer will address the question of how Lutherans, bold in their witness to the Gospel of Christ, must also be bold in their witness to life. He will talk about what's been holding us back, and how we can move forward with both integrity, courage and cheer.

Students/Youth Track (Independence B)
Topic: ***"This Is You; This Is Your World. Pro-life Advocacy in a Brave New World."***
Speaker A: 11-11:45 a.m. Rev. Dr. Peter Scaer — associate professor, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind. Dr. Scaer will address the question of how Lutherans, bold in their witness to the Gospel of Christ, must also be bold in their witness to life. He will talk about what's been holding us back, and how we can move forward with both integrity, courage and cheer.

Speaker B: 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Rebekah Barnes — Students for Life. Rebekah is the Northwest regional coordinator for Students for Life of America and will share what is going on in high school and college campuses, and the difficulties pro-life students have been facing. She will provide encouragement with the best and most effective ways to fight those battles and show some successful examples from Students for Life.

12:30-2 p.m.: Lunch (on your own at area venues)

SESSION 3: 2:00-3:30 p.m.
Adult Track (Independence A)
Topic: ***"You and Your World: Speaking Your Soul, But Using Your Mind."***
Speaker C: 2-2:45 p.m. Rev. Jonathan Fisk — LCMS pastor and Worldview Everlasting video blogger. Pastor Fisk will share valuable tips for powerfully presenting truth and accuracy through Christian apologetics and using electronic media platforms.

SPEAKER D: 2:45-3:30 p.m.
Mollie Ziegler Hemingway — LCMS reporter and blogger based in Washington, D.C. Mollie is a contributor to *GetReligion.org*, an editor at *Ricochet*.com, and a frequent writer for *Christianity Today* and a number of other outlets. Molly will examine effective strategies for anyone to engage others in pro-life thought through electronic and social media platforms.

Youth Track (Independence B)
Topic: ***"You and Your World: Speaking Your Soul, But Using Your Mind."***
Speaker C: 2-2:45 p.m. Scott Klusendorf — Life Training Institute. Scott is director of the Life Training Institute and travels throughout the U.S. and Canada training pro-life advocates to defend their views in the public square. He contends that the pro-life message can compete in the marketplace of ideas if properly understood and properly articulated.

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3:30-3:45 p.m.: Break

Session 4:
3:45-5:30 p.m.: Panel Discussion (Independence A)
Topic: ***Engaging in the Public Square — Vocation in Action***
LCMS Panel Members
Moderated by Maggie Karner, director, LCMS Life and Health Ministries
a. **Carol Tobias** — president, National Right to Life Committee
b. **Tim Goeglein** — vice president External Relations, Focus on the Family
c. **Stephanie Hammond** — legislative assistant to Rep. Trent Franks (AZ)
d. **Mollie Ziegler Hemingway** — national journalist and blogger
e. **Rev. Greg Williamson** — chief mission officer, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and former U.S. military chaplain
f. **Rev. Dr. Terry Dittmer** — director, LCMS Youth and Young Adult Ministry
g. **Heidi Abegg** — senior counsel, Webster, Chamberlain & Bean, LLP, Washington, D.C.
h. **Rev. Dr. Peter Scaer** — associate professor, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind.
i. **Paul Lagemann** — Northeast Indiana regional director, Office of U.S. Sen. Dan Coats (IN)

5:30-6 p.m.: ***Evening Compline Closing Worship***

6 p.m.: ***Conference Closes***