



'07 WESTMINSTER CONFESSION FOR TODAY

*Conference on the Work of the
Westminster Assembly*

JUNE 11-12, 2007 • MEMPHIS COOK CONVENTION CENTER



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You are invited to a major conference on the theology and product of the Westminster Assembly of Divines (1643-1652). This gathering will be held on Monday and Tuesday, June 11 and 12, 2007, at the Memphis Cook Convention Center in Memphis, TN. These are the two days immediately prior to the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America.

Come hear scholars from a variety of Presbyterian and Reformed denominations, with connections to a number of theological seminaries in the Reformed community, address vital biblical and confessional truths, from the Westminster Assembly and its work.

WHEN: June 11-12, 2007 *(The Monday and Tuesday immediately prior to the PCA General Assembly)*

WHERE: Memphis Cook Convention Center · 255 N Main St, Memphis, TN 38103

COST: Early registration cost (before May 15) \$55.00 · Registration cost (after May 15) \$65.00

QUESTIONS: Contact RTS Jackson, 601.923.1652, reference The WCT Pre-Assembly Conference, or by email wct@rts.edu

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SCHEDULE

MONDAY, JUNE 11

- 11:00 AM **REGISTRATION** • *Bookstore and Exhibits Open*
- 1:00 PM **WELCOME: Dr. Ric Cannada**
FIRST PLENARY: Introduction by *Dr. Ric Cannada*
Dr. Tom Nettles: (*Southern Baptist Theological Seminary*) - The Christology of the Westminster Confession of Faith
 — Break —
- 2:45 PM — Break —
- 3:00 PM **SECOND PLENARY:** Introduction by *Dr. Frank James*
Dr. Doug Kelly: (*RTS Charlotte*) - The Westminster Standards on the Sabbath
 — Break —
- 4:15 PM — Break —
- 4:30 PM **SEMINARS:**
Tim Russell: (*MCUTS*) - “The Political Context and Parties of the Assembly”
Dr. Sean Lucas: (*Covenant Seminary*) - “Coalescing Conservative Dissent: Southern Presbyterians and Confessional Revision in the 1930s.”
Dr. John Fesko: (*Geneva OPC*) - The Westminster Confession and Biblical Theology
Dr. Derek Thomas (*RTS-Jackson*) - “Overly Regulated; Westminster’s view of worship”
- 5:45-7:00 PM **DINNER** (*on your own*)
- 7:00-8:15 PM **THIRD PLENARY:** Introduction by *Dr. Guy Richardson*
Dr. Luder Whitlock: (*Trinity Forum/Teleios*) - The Unity of the Church

TUESDAY, JUNE 12

- 8:00 AM *Bookstore and Exhibits Open*
- 9:00 AM **SEMINARS:**
John Muether: (*RTS-Orlando*) - Splendor in the Ordinary: The Westminster Confession on the “outward and ordinary means of grace”
Dr. Howard Griffith: (*RTS-Washington*) - Renewed Day by Day: Westminster, Miserable Sinners, and the Sanctifying Spirit of Christ
Dr. Carl Trueman: (*Westminster Seminary*) - The Westminster Confession and Sacra Doctrina in the Seventeenth Century
Dr. Sam Larsen: (*RTS-Jackson*) - Global Kingdom Vision and Westminster Confession of Faith
 — Break —
- 10:15 AM **FOURTH PLENARY:** Introduction by *Dr. Andy Peterson*
- 10:35 AM **Dr. Ligon Duncan:** - The Covenant Theology of the Westminster Standards
- 12 NOON **ADJOURNMENT**
- 1:00 PM *Bookstore and Exhibits Close*
- NOTE:** *The Conference will be recorded and messages will be available for purchase.*



SPEAKERS



J. Ligon Duncan, III

The Rev. Dr. J. Ligon Duncan, III is senior minister of the First Presbyterian Church of Jackson, MS. He serves as president of the Alliance of Confessing Evangelicals and

adjunct professor of theology at Reformed Theological Seminary. Dr. Duncan is a graduate of Furman University, Covenant Theological Seminary, (1986 M.Div.; 1987 MA). He studied Systematic Theology at the Free Church of Scotland College and earned the Ph.D. at the University of Edinburgh. He has written and edited several books including: *Give Praise to God* and *The Westminster Confession into the 21st Century* (3 vols.).



John V. Fesko

The Rev. Dr. J. V. Fesko is the pastor of Geneva Orthodox Presbyterian Church in Marietta, Georgia. He is a graduate of the University of Aberdeen in Scotland with an earned Ph.D. in theology. Dr. Fesko is an adjunct professor of theology at RTS-Atlanta. Dr. Fesko's publications include *Diversity Within the Reformed*

Tradition, articles on confession subscription, the new perspective on Paul, and historical theology, and is the author of *Last Things First: Genesis 1-3 in the Light of Christ and Eschatology*.



Howard Griffith

Dr. Griffith is the professor of systematic theology at the Washington Campus of Reformed Theological Seminary. Dr. Griffith is RTS-Washington's first full-time faculty member. He has taught systematic theology for RTS as an adjunct professor since 2001 and has been the senior pastor of All Saints Reformed Presbyterian Church in Richmond, VA for more than 25 years. He is a graduate of Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary (M.Div.) and Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia (Ph.D.).



Douglas Kelly

Dr. Kelly is the Richard Jordan Professor of Theology at RTS-Charlotte. He has translated such works as *Sermons by John Calvin on II*

Samuel. He serves with David Wright of the University of Edinburgh as editor for a revision of Calvin's Old Testament Commentaries. He has recently written *Creation and Change: Genesis 1.1 - 2.4 in the Light of Changing Scientific Paradigms*, *Carolina Scots: An Historical and Genealogical Study of Over 100 Years of Emigration*, and *The Emergence of Liberty in the Modern World*.



Samuel H. Larsen

Dr. Larsen is the vice president for international doctoral programs and Samuel Patterson Professor of Missions at RTS-Jackson. He holds a D.Min. from RTS and a Ph.D. in Intercultural Studies from Trinity International University. A graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, Dr. Larsen served as naval line officer and a missionary in Kenya and Australia. Dr. Larsen subsequently served on active duty as a Navy Chaplain until his retirement from the Navy in 1996. He has had pastoral and urban church planting experience on three continents and is a regional director with Mission to the World.

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Sean Michael Lucas

Dr. Lucas is the assistant professor of Church History and vice president for academics at Covenant Seminary. His passion for students who study church history is that

they understand that Jesus Christ is the hero of the Christian story in every generation. Dr. Lucas has served as assistant pastor of Community Presbyterian Church in Louisville, KY. He is the co-editor of *The Legacy of Jonathan Edwards: American Religion and the Evangelical Tradition* and the author of two books: *Robert Lewis Dabney: A Southern Presbyterian Life* and *On Being Presbyterian: Our Beliefs, Practices, and Stories*.



John R. Muether

Mr. Muether (MAR, MSLS) has served since 1989 as Library Director of Reformed Theological Seminary in Orlando, where he also teaches Church History. He is the

denominational historian for the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and a ruling elder at Reformation Orthodox Presbyterian Church in

Oviedo, FL. He has co-authored (with Darryl Hart) *Fighting the Good Fight: A Brief History of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church*; *With Reverence and Awe: Returning to the Basics of Reformed Worship*; and *Seeking a Better Country: Three Hundred Years of American Presbyterianism*.



Thomas Nettles

Dr. Nettles is the professor of Historical Theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY. He came to Southern Seminary from the faculty of Trinity

Evangelical Divinity School where he was professor of Church History and chair of the Department of Church History. Dr. Nettles is the author or editor of nine books. Among his books are *By His Grace and For His Glory* and *Baptists and the Bible*, the highly influential volume which he co-authored with Dr. Russ Bush; and *Why I Am a Baptist*, co-edited with Russell D. Moore.



Timothy Russell

Timothy Russell is the President of the Memphis Center for Urban Theological Studies (MCUTS). Russell holds a B.A. in English/education from Geneva

College and a M.Div. from the Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Pittsburgh, PA. Russell is currently a Ph.D. candidate in historical theology at Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, PA. Russell and his wife Katherine attend the Second Presbyterian Church (EPC) in Memphis where Tim is the scholar in residence.



Derek Thomas

Dr. Thomas is the John E. Richards Professor of Systematic and Practical Theology at the Jackson campus of RTS. He also serves as the minister of teaching at First

Presbyterian Church in Jackson. A graduate of RTS in 1978, he gained a Ph.D. from the University of Wales. He has written or edited 15 books, including *Calvin's Teaching on Job: Proclaiming*



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the Incomprehensible God, Making the Most of Your Devotional Life, and Praying the Savior's Way.



Carl R. Trueman

Dr. Trueman is the professor of Historical Theology and Church History at Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, PA. He has a M.A. is from St.

Catharine's College in Cambridge, (1988) and a Ph.D. from the University of Aberdeen (1991) He is the editor of *Themelios*, and a council member for the Alliance of Confessing Evangelicals. Dr. Trueman has authored several books including: *The Claims of Truth: John Owen's Trinitarian Theology*; *Reformation: Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow*; and *The Wages of Spin: Critical Writings on Historic and Contemporary Evangelicalism*.



Luder G. Whitlock, Jr.

Dr. Whitlock serves as the executive director of The Trinity Forum, an organization that offers seminars, discussions, and other events for leaders in North America, Europe, and Asia. Dr. Whitlock joined the faculty of RTS in 1975 and served as president for 23 years. Dr.

Whitlock was the executive director of The New Geneva Study Bible and a revision, published as The Spirit of the Reformation Study Bible. He serves on the editorial advisory board of Leadership. Dr. Whitlock is a graduate of the University of Florida, Westminster Theological Seminary, and Vanderbilt University.

ADDITIONAL CONFERENCE DETAILS: FOOD and ACCOMMODATIONS:

Dinner is on your own. Early Registration at the Memphis Marriot Downtown is strongly encouraged due to the PCA General Assembly following the WCT Conference.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

Should you need to cancel, a full refund will be given if written notice to the Westminster Conference is postmarked on or before June 1, 2007.

CONFIRMATION: You will receive confirmation of your registration and further details about the conference from RTS. If you do not hear from RTS by

June 1, please contact the seminary to make sure that your registration has been received.

CONVENED BY:

The Reverend Dr. Robert C. "Ric" Cannada, Jr.
Chancellor and CEO of Reformed Theological Seminary

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Westminster Conference
C/O RTS 5422 Clinton Blvd.
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Please make check payable to RTS, with notation "Westminster Conference".

Early fee (before May 15)	\$ 55.00
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