“Luther, Calvin and the Pope”  
(Luther’s Germany, Calvin’s Switzerland and the Pope’s Italy and the Vatican)  

A Church History Tour sponsored by Reformed Theological Seminary  
July 1-11, 2009

Join Dr. Mike Milton, President of RTS-Charlotte and his wife, Mae, as we study the Reformation of Luther and Calvin in the lands where it occurred.

Tour cities and sites:  

Price for 25 participants is $3395 and includes all hotels, exclusive use of a deluxe coach and driver, all entry fees and taxes, gratuities, all breakfasts and farewell meal and overnight rail with sleeping berths between Geneva and Rome. You have the freedom to choose your air travel plans or we can assist you.

For detailed information, including a daily itinerary and Registration Form, scroll down or go to www.rts.edu/cht or e-mail Luther Bigby at cht@rts.edu. You may also call him at 704 688-4234—leave a voice mail and he will return the call.
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(Scroll down for additional details and Registration Form)
Land tour cost: **$3395**

July 1, 2009 Wednesday: Fly from the US to Berlin

July 2, Thursday: We will arrive in Berlin, Germany and take a coach tour around Berlin with stops at the Reichstag, Brandenburg Gate (pictured, left), Checkpoint Charlie and the new Capital building. We’ll travel to Wittenberg and spend our first night.

July 3, Friday: We will visit All Saints’ Church, the Palace church where Luther mailed his 95 Theses to the door. We’ll see the tombs of Luther and Melanchthon, Luther’s right-hand man and the principle writer of the Augsburg Confession, and Lutherhalle, (Luther’s House) the world’s largest museum devoted to the history of the Reformation. If there is time, we will visit St. Mary’s Church, where Luther preached, was married and baptized his six children. Continuing to Eisenben, we will tour the house when Luther was born in 1483 and the house where he died in 1546. We will also visit St Andreas Church where he preached his last sermons and the Church of Peter and Paul where Luther was baptized the day after he was born. We will end the day at Erfurt—the flower capital of Germany.

July 4, Saturday: On our nation’s birthday we will leave Erfurt, and continue to Eisenach and visit the Luther house, have a short worship service at the Lutheran church where Luther and Bach attended as boys and visit Wartburg Castle. This afternoon we will continue on to Worms, which played a key role in the power struggle between the crown, the pope and the dukes. The most famous diet was in 1521 when Martin Luther was ordered to recant his 95 Theses. We’ll have a brief walking tour to view the site of the Worms’ debates, the Church of the Holy Trinity and the Reformation monument. We will continue to Heidelberg to visit the famous Heidelberg Castle and spend the night.

July 5, Sunday: We will leave Germany and travel to Strasbourg, France. We’ll take a tour of Strasbourg with focus on places connected with Calvin’s time here; before we travel to Basel, Switzerland for the evening.

July 6, Monday: Leaving Basel, we will travel through the beautiful countryside of Switzerland. After lunch we’ll continue to Switzerland’s capital city of Bern before continuing to Geneva—the headquarters of the International Red Cross and many other international institutions.
July 7, Tuesday: We will visit museums and shop in Geneva before taking a boat ride on beautiful Lake Geneva (pictured, right). Late in the afternoon, we may participate in the international celebration of the 500th birthday of John Calvin, which will be held at the historic Auditoire in Geneva’s Old Town. In the evening, Dr. Ligon Duncan, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Jackson, Mississippi and an Adjunct Professor at RTS will be speaking at a special service.

July 8, Wednesday: During the day, we’ll visit the Reformation Monument, tour St Peter’s Church and the Auditeire, a small church where John Knox preached to English exiles. After dinner in Geneva, we will board a train for our ride through the Alps. We will experience a comfortable train ride with sleeping accommodations as we cross into Italy.

July 9, Thursday: Arriving in Rome, we will transfer to a coach to visit the sights of historic Rome—the eternal city. Among the sites we’ll visit are the Coliseum (pictured, below), the Forum and the Parthenon.

July 10, Friday: After traveling through Rome and we’ll arrive at the Vatican, where we’ll see museums, the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter’s Basilica plus the tomb of John Paul and the jail where Peter and Paul were held prisoner. That evening in Rome, we will have a grand farewell dinner.

July 11, Saturday: Return flight to the USA
Tour Information:

Tour Coordinator and Guides: Join Dr. Michael Milton, President of RTS Charlotte, and his wife Mae, as he leads and provides commentary throughout the tour. He will also provide a series of mini-lectures, devotionals and commentary dealing with the historical church, people, places and beliefs. We will also have local guides joining us at most of the sites and cites.

Cost: Land tour: $3395 total (per person/double occupancy)
   - Payments Due: Initial payment at time of Registration $1100
   - First additional payment due January 1: $1100
   - Last payment due February 1 $1195
Costs include all hotels, ten meals, local guides, exclusive use of a deluxe coach, entry fees to all tour sites, gratuities for local tour guides and coach driver.

Travel Insurance: The participant is responsible for making the decision about travel insurance. Usually the travel insurance must be purchased within a few days of making of the initial payment if you want pre-existing conditions covered. There are several sources of trip insurance which is usually based on the age of the insured and the price of the tour. A website about travel insurance that you may want to review is www.travelex-insurance.com. Again, the decision to purchase or not purchase trip insurance is left up to the tour participant. The only cause for getting a refund from RTS will be that the tour would be cancelled. In that case, all funds paid to RTS will be refunded. The price of $3395 is based on 25 paying participants. An adjustment may be made if slightly fewer sign up.

General Information: The land tour price quoted does not include airfare. International airfares are in a state of change—going up because of fuel prices and taxes and going down when on sale. We have found that participants want to use Frequent Flyer tickets or use a local agent who may have better local knowledge when they secure their tickets. If however, you desire assistance in ticketing, we will be happy to assist you.

As a participant, you will receive continuing information concerning the logistics of the tour as well as a notebook containing information giving you background on the people and places that we will study and visit.

To register for the tour:

1. Each person going should fill out a Registration form making sure to show the name the same that is or will be on your passport (same as your birth certificate).
2. Enclose the check made payable to RTS Church History Tours
3. Mail Registration form and check to: Luther Bigby
   RTS Church History Tour
   2101 Carmel Road
   Charlotte, NC 28226

Questions: Contact Luther Bigby via e-mail at cht@rts.edu or call him at 704 688-4224. (Leave a message and he will return your call.)
Registration Form  
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Name____________________________________________________________
(You must register in the exact same name as your passport reads)

Address___________________________________________________________

City, State, ZIP_____________________________________________________

Home Phone # _________________________________________

E-mail address__________________________________________

Name of person to be notified in case of emergency: ____________________________________

Address of person to be notified: ____________________________________________________

City, State, ZIP of person to be notified: ______________________________________________

Phone # of person to be notified: ____________________________________________________

Amount enclosed: ________________ See payment schedule listed above

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