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# Spiritual Formation in the Trenches

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ARIHE SYMPOSIUM

November 5-6, 2010,  
Redeemer University College

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This fall's ARIHE gathering will include a one and half day (Friday morning to Saturday noon) symposium on Spiritual Formation in Reformed higher education. The first half of the symposium, led by Dr. James K. A. Smith (philosophy, Calvin College), will discuss foundational themes from his *Desiring the Kingdom, Worship, Worldview and Cultural Formation* (Baker, 2009) for the purpose of concretely embodying these themes on the Reformed Christian campus. The second half of the symposium will explore more specific issues related to spiritual formation on our campuses. The goal of this symposium is to correlate the daily "in the trenches" work of spiritual formation on our campuses with foundational themes in Reformed philosophy and theology.



We encourage the following persons from member institutions to participate: presidents, provosts, VPAs, VP Student Services, campus pastors/chaplains, deans of students, student life staff, professors and others who have an interest in holistic spiritual formation on the Reformed university campus.

## SCHEDULE

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*Friday, November 5*

9:00                      Opening welcome, devotions.

Address: "Worldview, Sphere Sovereignty, and Desiring the Kingdom: A Guide for (Perplexed) Reformed Folk"  
- Jamie Smith

Responses: Bill VanGroningen (Trinity) and William Tate (Covenant)

Discussion

10:30                     Break

11:00                     Public plenary address: "Dreaming the Future of Reformed Higher Education: Field Notes from a College That Does Not (Yet) Exist" - Jamie Smith

Discussion

- 12:30 Lunch
- 1:30 One introductory embodiment of the dream: Redeemer's faculty spiritual formation project (panel presentation).  
Responses: Jamie Smith and Roy Berkenbosch (Kings)
- 3:00 Break
- 3:30 Facilitated small group discussion  
Groups of 10-12 will discuss (a) the implications of the matters that have been discussed this day for each of our campuses, (b) how these matters affect each of us in our different roles on our campuses, (c) specific steps that we can take on our campuses to move towards embodying a vision for campus-wide spiritual formation.
- 5:30 Dinner
- 7:30 Concert

### *Saturday, November 6*

- 9:00 "The challenges of worship on the Reformed campus" or "The Reformed 'all of life is worship' worldview meets Hillsong."  
Presentations by Dordt College (led by Bethany Schuttinga) and Calvin/CICW (led by Kathleen Smith)
- 10:30 Break
- 11:00 Prophet, priest and king: the relationship between the administration and the campus pastor/chaplain in providing spiritual leadership on campus.  
Brief presentation: Syd Hielema/Justin Cooper (Redeemer)  
Discussion
- 11:30 Best practices/tough challenges.  
Break-outs for (a) presidents, (b) provosts/VPAs, (c) student services personnel, (d) campus ministry personnel, (e) faculty.
- 1:00 Closing lunch.

# REGISTRATION

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The registration costs include all symposium activities, two lunches, one dinner, refreshments and admission to the Friday evening concert.

1-2 participants from an ARIHE institution	\$120 each
3-4 participants	\$95 each
5 or more participants	\$80 each

## *To register:*

1. Send the names, titles and email addresses of each participant to Darlene Komadan at [dkomada@redeemer.ca](mailto:dkomada@redeemer.ca)
2. Send one cheque for all registrants from the institution to:  
Darlene Komadan, Campus Services  
Redeemer University College  
777 Garner Rd. E.  
Ancaster, ON Canada L9K 1J4

Receipts will be given at registration. Registrations must be received by October 8, 2010.

## *Grants available for travel and lodging expenses*

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ARIHE institutions that send four or more participants to the symposium may apply for a grant of up to \$1000 to subsidize travel and lodging expenses.

ARIHE is grateful to the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship for making funding available to reduce the registration costs and subsidize participants' travel and lodging.

For further information concerning the symposium, contact Dr. Syd Hielema, symposium director, at [shielema@redeemer.ca](mailto:shielema@redeemer.ca).



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