

## What is L'Abri?

L'Abri is a French word that means "the shelter". The first L'Abri community was founded in Switzerland in 1955 by Dr. Francis Schaeffer and his wife Edith. Dr. Schaeffer was a Christian theologian and philosopher who also authored books on theology, philosophy, general culture and the arts.

The L'Abri communities are residential study centers in Europe, America, Canada, South Korea, and Brazil where individuals can seek answers to honest questions about God and the significance of human life.

L'Abri believes that Christianity speaks to all aspects of life, and L'Abri conferences provide lectures, discussions and personal interaction on a variety of ethical and cultural issues.

## A St. Louis Conference?

For over 20 years the Rochester L'Abri has hosted an annual L'Abri Conference in Rochester, Minnesota every February. Given the popularity of these Conferences, we decided to bring the best of this Conference to the St. Louis area. We now host an annual St. Louis Conference every fall that is a shorter version of the Rochester Conference. It has the same theme and plenary speakers but takes place over just one Saturday. This year will be our sixth St. Louis Conference. We do hope this will continue to be a helpful service to our many friends in this region.

## Venue

The Conference will be held on the beautiful campus of **Covenant Theological Seminary**, located at 12330 Conway Road in Creve Coeur, Missouri.

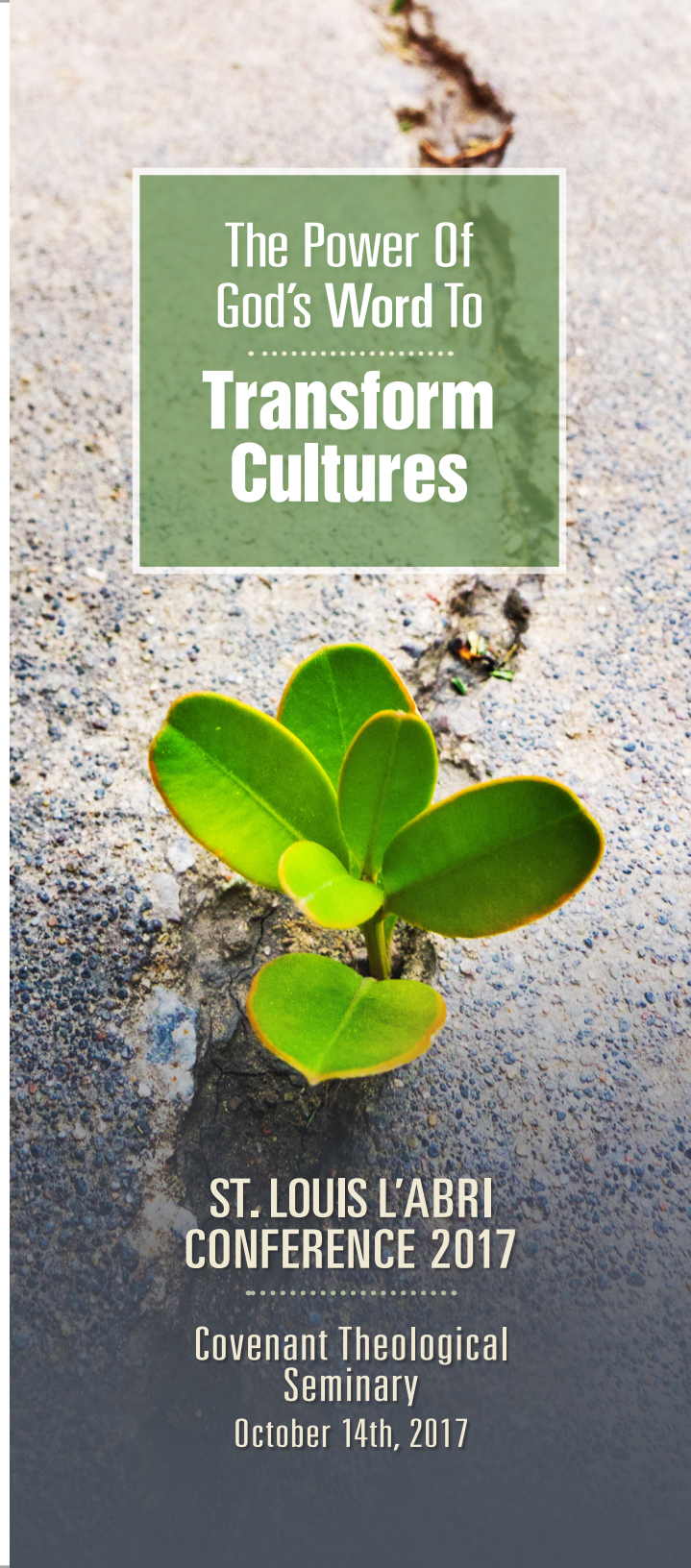
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**ST. LOUIS L'ABRI  
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Covenant Theological  
Seminary  
October 14th, 2017

## Plenary Speakers

**Bill Edgar** studied music at Harvard University, earned his M.Div. at Westminster Theological Seminary, studied Ethnomusicology at Columbia University, and earned a Dr. Théol. at the University of Geneva and his D.D. at La Faculté Jean Calvin. He is currently Professor of Apologetics at Westminster Theological Seminary. An ordained Presbyterian Church in America minister, he is on the editorial committee of *La Revue Réformée* and moderates the Advanced Apologetics network at the European Leadership Forum. Edgar's many books include *Reasons of the Heart*, *Christian Apologetics Past & Present*, *Francis Schaeffer on the Christian Life* and a book on apologetics for teenagers called *You Asked*. A musician and composer, he manages the jazz band *Renewal*, which tours internationally. He and his wife Barbara Smyth Edgar have two children and three grandchildren.

**John Mason Hodges** worked for 15 years as an orchestral conductor and taught arts and cultural apologetics for 10 years at Crichton College. He founded and directs the Center for Western Studies, a tutorial program that teaches college-aged students a Christian worldview and the history of Western ideas. Hodges lectures on music, aesthetics, and education, and lives in Memphis with his wife Day.

**Dick Keyes** is the Director of L'Abri Fellowship in Southborough, MA, where he has worked with his wife, Mardi, since 1979. He holds a B.A. in History from Harvard University and an M.Div. from Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. Dick worked for L'Abri Fellowship in Switzerland and England, where he also served as a pastor in the International Presbyterian Church in London. He has been an adjunct professor at Gordon Conwell Seminary and Westminster Theological Seminary, and is the author of several books, including *Beyond Identity* and *True Heroism*. He has also contributed chapters in anthologies such as *No God but God* and *Finding God at Harvard*.

## Saturday, October 14

- 8:30-9:30 Registration**  
**9:30-9:35 Welcome**  
**9:35-10:45 The Reformation and Cultural Engagement** ..... Bill Edgar  
**11:15-12:30 The Influence of the Reformation on Art and Music**..... John Hodges  
**12:45-1:45 Lunch at Covenant Seminary**

### 2:00-3:15 WORKSHOPS

- A** How Should Christians be Tolerant?..... Dick Keyes  
**B** Intersections Between Art & Morality.....John Hodges  
**C** Culture in the Great Commission.....Bill Edgar  
**D** The Unexpected Reformation: Martin Luther and His Times.....Larry Snyder  
**E** Will Selective Withdrawal Save the Day? An Introduction to and Assessment of Rod Dreher's *The Benedict Option*.....Mark Ryan

- 3:30-4:45 Salt, Light, and the Transformation of Society**..... Dick Keyes  
**4:45-5:00 Closing Comments**

### WORKSHOP SPEAKERS

**Mark Ryan** serves with the Francis A. Schaeffer Institute at Covenant Theological Seminary. Together with his wife, Terri, he also served for a number of years with L'Abri Fellowship in the USA (Southborough, MA) and in Canada. Mark and Terri have three young children.

**Larry Snyder** worked in L'Abri for over 40 years and now lives in Saint Louis to be near family. Larry's undergraduate degree was in history and political science. His M.Div. in theology is from Covenant Seminary. His primary interests are in the created order, the cultural mandate, and the history of the early church and the Reformation.

## Registration Form

**Send registration form to: L'Abri Fellowship  
 1465 12th Ave NE • Rochester, MN 55906  
 Make checks payable to L'Abri Fellowship (Please Print Clearly)**

**Names (Please include the full names of each attendee)**

Student(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Single(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Couple(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Children (under 18)\* \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Please circle your workshop as this will help us assign rooms • Sessions A B C D E**

The conference fee includes lunch. To get the lunch, advance registration must be returned by October 7th, 2017.

Attendees	#	Total
Student.....\$30 Each		
Singles.....\$40 Each		
Couples.....\$80		
Children.....\$25 Each*		
<b>TOTAL DUE</b>		
Check Number		

**There is a \$10 non-refundable charge per registration for cancellations. No refunds for no-shows.**

**\*Please note that we are unable to provide childcare.**