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Rochester L'Abri Conference 2010

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Friday, February 12

8:00-9:00 Registration
9:00 Welcome
9-10:15 Christ's Comprehensive Work of Renewal: Jesus Overcomes the Seven-Pointed Curse....Jerram Barrs

FRIDAY 10:30-11:45 • "A" WORKSHOPS

- A1** Shall Every Knee Bow? A Look at Christian Universalism ... *Clark Scheibe*
A2 The Threat of Culture *Bill Edgar*
A3 Christian Witness in Our Current World:
What Should We Expect? *Mark Ryan*
A4 The Law of Freedom:
Human Identity Through God's Will..... *Guilherme de Carvalho*
A5 Cast-Iron Rises Again:
90 Days with Margie's Favorite Cooking Partner *Margie Haack*
A6 Corruption and the Culture of the Cross..... *Vishal Mangalwadi*
A7 Creeds: Why We Need them and Why We Think We Don't..... *Ben Keyes*
A8 Authenticity:
The Last Outpost for a Post-Christian Generation *Edith Reitsema*
A9 The Birth of the University:
The Gospel Transforms Education *John Hodges*
A10 The Renewed Popularity of Naturalism..... *Henk Reitsema*

12:00-1:30 Lunch at the Marriot and Kahler Grand Hotels
2-3:15 The Search for Sexual Sanity in a Confusing Culture..... *Richard Winter*

FRIDAY 3:30-4:45 • "B" WORKSHOPS

- B1** 21st Century and Now What?..... *Bruce Little*
B2 Preparing Students for College: The Gap Year Phenomenon *John Hodges*

Workshop Speakers

Jeff Adams studied at Regent College where he earned a master's degree in the History of Christianity with corresponding minors in Theology and Literature. Jeff and his wife, Carrie, are the newest workers at Canadian L'Abri. Jeff is interested in the Christian imagination, historical theology, and vocational and spiritual directions. Jeff enjoys classical music, carpentry, the ocean, walks on Bowen Island, Science Fiction, the Inklings, and following his favorite sports teams.

Guilherme de Carvalho is an ordained Baptist pastor and formerly professor of theology in a local College in Belo Horizonte, Brazil. He received his degree in Theology from Mackenzie Presbyterian University in São Paulo, his M.Div in New Testament from São Paulo Baptist Theological College and a degree in the Science of Religion from São Paulo Methodist University. He is also founder and president of the Kuyper Association in Brazil.

Margie Haack with her husband, Denis, are co-directors of Ransom Fellowship, a ministry helping Christians engage postmodern culture in ways that are both authentic to the Christian faith and winsome in its expression. Margie blogs and writes a quarterly newsletter, Notes From Toad Hall, is also a columnist for Comment Magazine, a grandmother, a lazy gardener, and a chocolate freak.

Greg Jesson, with degrees at UCLA and USC (under Dallas Willard), recently finished his PhD in philosophy at the University of Iowa, is currently a professor of philosophy at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. As a teenager he went to L'Abri in Switzerland where he met Francis Schaeffer. He has taught at over a half dozen colleges including Augustana

- B3** The Mystery of Personality and Everything We Care About..... *Greg Jesson*
B4 Stories in the Dark:
A Conversation with Film Director Toddy Burton..... *Denis Haack*
B5 Church as a Community College..... *Vishal Mangalwadi*
B6 Christ and Culture Revisited..... *Jock McGregor*
B7 So Many Books, So Little Time:
A Guide to Worldview Books..... *Marvin Padgett*
B8 Subverting Modernity:
How Community Dismantles Practical Atheism..... *Jeff Adams*
B9 Technology and the Gospel..... *Bruce Little*
B10 Apologetics for Teenagers..... *Bill Edgar*

7:00-8:15 God and the Power of Irony and Humor..... *Dick Keyes*
8:30-9:30 Heaven in a Nightclub..... *Bill Edgar*

Saturday, February 13

8:00-9:00 Registration
9-10:15 Hope is a Dangerous Thing: Echoes of Redemption in Film..... *Denis Haack*

FRIDAY 10:30-11:45 • "C" WORKSHOPS

- C1** Children's Books:
The Power of Stories in Renewing our Humanness *Jerram Barrs*
C2 Instrumental Faith: Religion that Transforms Nothing..... *Dick Keyes*
C3 Reading from the Margins: Scripture for Outsiders *Clark Scheibe*
C4 Creativity: Our Contribution to the Renewed World..... *Edith Reitsema*
C5 The Christian and Politics..... *Jock McGregor*
C6 So Many Books, So Little Time:
A Guide to Worldview Books..... *Marvin Padgett*
C7 Movies and Madness: Images of Brokenness and Healing.... *Richard Winter*

College, Mount St. Mary's College, and Denver Seminary, and was a speaker at the Veritas Forum at Stanford and the University of California at Santa Cruz.

Bruce A. Little is professor of Philosophy at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and the Director of the L. Russ Bush Center for Faith and Culture at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina. Since 2000 he has traveled to Central and Western Europe to train Christian leaders in apologetics with the European Leadership Forum. He enjoys hiking, jogging and lives in Wake Forest, North Carolina with his wife Nancy. He is the author of *A Creation-Order Theodicy: God and Gratuitous Evil*, and the editor of a forthcoming book with P & R Publishers titled *Francis A Schaeffer: A Mind and Heart for God*.

Ben Keyes grew up at L'Abri Fellowship in Massachusetts. He did his undergraduate degree at Brown University in Ethnomusicology. He is a musician in many different genres. Ben spent two years at Regent College in Vancouver Canada where he studied theology and the arts and directed a gospel choir. He is in the process of completing his master's degree in theology and the arts. Ben and Nickaela have been working at L'Abri in Massachusetts since 2007 and have two-year-old twin girls named Eleanor and Abigail.

Jock McGregor was a staff member in the Swiss and English L'Abri and for the past nine years he and his wife Alison have been at the Rochester, Minnesota branch of L'Abri. With a B.Sc. undergraduate degree and M.Div. from Regent College, Jock has had a longstanding interest in the relationship between Christianity and Culture.

Marvin Padgett graduated from the U of Alabama with a degree in aerodynamics. Marvin served the Presbyterian Church in America as their national coordinator of campus ministries for two years, and is now the Editorial Director at P&R Publishing

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.

Accommodations • The Kahler and affiliated hotels are offering special rates for the L'Abri conference. You must make your own room reservations with these hotels and mention that you are attending the L'Abri Weekend Conference.

The Kahler Grand Hotel..... **\$70.00+tax***
20 Second Avenue SW • Rochester, MN
Rochester Marriott..... **\$92.00+tax***
101 First Avenue SW • Rochester, MN
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9 Third Avenue NW • Rochester, MN
Economy **\$82.00+tax***
Bedroom+Parlor **\$92.00+tax****

*For 1-4 people • Does not include breakfast
**For 1-6 people • Includes continental breakfast

Please make reservations before January 13th or guest rooms and Conference rates may not be available.

For reservations or questions about the above hotel accommodations call **1-800-533-1655**.

Travel • If you choose to fly into the Minneapolis-St. Paul airport, [often cheaper than flying into the Rochester airport] **Go Rochester Direct** provides shuttle services directly to the Kahler Hotel. The drive is 1 hour and 30 minutes. There are 14 daily departures from the airport. Let them know that you are attending the L'Abri Conference for a special rate of \$52.00 round trip.

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- C8** Gillian Welch: Reflections on her Songwriting *Ben Keyes*
C9 From Bad to Worse.
What Happens When God Doesn't Exactly Deliver?..... *Mark Ryan*
C10 Happiness and the Image of Paradise..... *Guilherme de Carvalho*

12:00-1:30 Lunch at the Marriot and Kahler Grand Hotels
2-3:15 Life Through Suffering
"The Quartet for the End of Time"..... *John Hodges*

SATURDAY 3:30-4:45 • "D" WORKSHOPS

- D1** God's Law and Our Renewal in the Image of God *Jerram Barrs*
D2 Problems of Vocation Today *Dick Keyes*
D3 Hospitality is More Than Hosting!..... *Riana Reitsema*
D4 Bye-bye Postmodernism, Hello Intuitionism..... *Henk Reitsema*
D5 The New Atheism and a Reasonable Response *Greg Jesson*
D6 Coping with Anxiety, Worry and Fear..... *Richard Winter*
D7 Stories in the Dark:
A Conversation with Film Director Toddy Burton..... *Denis Haack*
D8 "For Thine is the Kingdom": Saving the End of Our Story..... *Jeff Adams*
D9 Suffering in Light of Christianity *Bruce Little*
D10 God's Calling and the Human Situation:
How do they Relate? *Guilherme de Carvalho*

5-6:15 Truth and Transformation *Vishal Mangalwadi*
6:15 Closing Comments

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where he finds authors and books that bring a biblical perspective to the issues of life-practical, personal, theological. Marvin and his wife Jean have three grown children.

Mark Ryan is presently an associate pastor at Crossroads Presbyterian Fellowship in Saint Louis, MO. He also serves as a visiting instructor at Covenant Theological Seminary. Prior to his return to the pastorate, Mark, together with his wife Terri, served for a number of years with L'Abri Fellowship both in Southborough, MA and on Bowen Island, in British Columbia. Mark and Terri have three young children ages 6 and younger.

Edith Reitsema works at English L'Abri, holds a B.A. in Music, and an Honours Degree in Modern English Literature from Potchefstroom University in South Africa; an M.A. in Theology from Covenant Seminary; and a graduate degree in Philosophy from the Free University in the Netherlands. She was one of the translators of The Complete Works of Hans Rookmaaker. Edith lectures on a variety of topics that deal with the relationship between Christianity, contemporary culture and the arts.

Henk and Riana Reitsema have been workers at the Dutch L'Abri since 1995. Together they studied at Covenant Seminary in St. Louis. Both Henk and Riana grew up in South Africa, where Henk's parents were missionaries to the Zulu people. Henk studied philosophy at Potchefstroom University and completed a masters in the philosophy of Science and Technology at the Free University in Amsterdam. Riana studied geography and some theology, and loves to cook. Henk's interests include trend watching, ethics and the impact of technological developments on worldview. They have three daughters.

Clarke Scheibe graduated in 1998 with a Bachelors of Liberal Arts (Ole Miss), with a Creative Writing emphasis; and then with a Masters of Divinity (Regent College) in 2004. His interests are in theology, short fiction, music, sports, and cultural engagement.

Plenary Speakers

Jerram Barrs is Professor of Christian Studies and Contemporary Culture and Resident Scholar of the Francis A. Schaeffer Institute. Jerram joined Covenant Seminary faculty in 1989 after 18 years with L'Abri Fellowship in England, where he also served as a pastor in the International Presbyterian Church. Professor Barrs brings to his teaching a special sensitivity toward those outside the Christian faith. He had three books published in 2009: *Through His Eyes: God's Perspective on Women in the Bible*, *Learning Evangelism from Jesus and Echoes of Eden: Reflections on Christianity and the Arts*.

William Edgar as a professional Jazz pianist, ordained PCA minister, and Professor of Apologetics at Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia is able to appeal to the artistic and intellectual elements in all of us. His published works include *Reasons of the Heart*, *The Face of Truth: Lifting the Veil*, and *Truth in All Its Glory: Commending the Reformed Faith*. He holds degrees from Harvard University, Westminster Theological Seminary, and the University of Geneva.

Denis Haack is co-founder, with his best friend and wife Margie, of Ransom Fellowship. Ransom is an attempt to make sense of life in our global and fast-paced world in light of the Story that is related in Scripture and centered in the extraordinary life, teaching, death, resurrection and reign of Jesus of Nazareth. Denis is the editor of Critique, is writing a book on what Christian faithfulness looks like in a pluralistic culture, is a visiting instructor in practical theology at Covenant Seminary, and writes a blog A Glass Darkly.

John Mason Hodges is a conductor, lecturer, composer, and writer. He has been conducting orchestras and choruses since finishing graduate studies in music at Indiana University in 1983. He lectures on aesthetics, education, and music. Most recently he has founded and directs the Center for Western Studies, a year-long college level tutorial program targeting students who want to take a year off before entering college. He and his wife Day are founding board members of Westminster Academy, a Classical Christian school, where he also teaches the senior Capstone class and trains faculty.

Dick Keyes is the director of L'Abri Fellowship in Southborough, Massachusetts. He holds a B.A. in History from Harvard University, and an M. Div. from Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. He has been an adjunct professor at Gordon Conwell Seminary and Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. He is the author of *Beyond Identity*, *True Heroism*, *Chameleon Christianity* and *Seeing Through Cynicism*, as well as several chapters in anthologies such as *No God But God*, *Finding God at Harvard* and *The New Dictionary of Christian Apologetics*. He is now working on a book about the questions of Jesus.

Richard Winter is Professor of Practical Theology and Director of the Counseling Program at Covenant Theological Seminary. From Great Britain, Richard is a qualified clinical physician with a specialty in psychiatry and a member of the Royal College of Psychiatrists. Before coming to Covenant he was a colleague at the English L'Abri for eight years. He is the author of *Perfecting Ourselves to Death: The Pursuit of Excellence and the Perils of Perfectionism* and *Still Bored in a Culture of Entertainment: Rediscovering Passion and Wonder*.

Vishal Mangalwadi is the author of 14 books. Born and educated in India, Vishal and his wife, Ruth, are currently living in Southern California where he is finalizing his manuscript *The Soul of Western Civilization*, which he also hopes to turn into a television documentary. In his latest book *Truth and Transformation: A Manifesto for Ailing Nations*. Vishal brings a unique perspective by helping us in the West see ourselves as others see us.

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The conference fee includes two formal lunches. Due to limited seating, advance registration is encouraged and must be returned by Feb. 6, 2010.
If mailed after Feb. 6, please add a \$20/person late registration fee.

Attendees	#	Total
Number of Students..... \$85 Each*		
Number of Singles \$100 Each		
Number of Couples \$190		
Number of Children..... \$55 Each**		
Late Fee Per Person..... \$20 <i>After February 6, 2010</i>		
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* *For groups of 4 or more college students there is a discount rate of \$65/person.*

** *Please note that we are unable to provide child care.*

Registration will be accepted at the door on an availability basis. There is a \$30.00 non-refundable charge per registration form for cancellations. **No refunds for no-shows.**