



## Warmly welcoming Mike Weaver

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## Consortium of Christian Study Centers

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### April 2026 Newsletter

Dear Karlee,

We are in the middle of the semester, and it shows by the volume of activity at our centers. The long list of events and activities below, which I hope you will peruse or at least skim, is just the tip of the iceberg. What a great time to be a student!

Also, in order to keep up with the many inquiries we are receiving from those interested in starting new centers (including three this week!), and to provide the support needed for new centers through the start-up process, I'm very pleased to report that Mike Weaver is today joining the Consortium team in the brand new position of Membership Director.

Mike is a familiar name and face to many involved in the movement. He has a longstanding relationship with Virginia Tech—as a former student, former deputy commandant for the VT Corps of Cadets, and most importantly as the former Executive Director of the [Bradley Study Center](#). Here at the Consortium, Mike has also ably served as board member, including a term as board chair.

Mike, who recently completed a Doctor of Theology at the University of Winchester, will manage all aspects of new member center cultivation and support. I invite you to join me in welcoming Mike to the team and giving thanks to God for this marvelous development.

In Christ,

Karl E. Johnson  
Executive Director

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## This Month's Highlights

- Register for the Consortium's 2026 Annual Meeting!
  - Save the date for The Faculty Theological Collaborative and a presentation on planned and estate giving
  - Check out April events in study center land
  - Learn about partner organization webinars, courses, and conferences
  - Read the latest from *The Raised Hand* and check out other interesting recommendations related to the study center movement, including a podcast conversation with Karl Johnson
  - Take a look at the list of jobs available at several of our study centers and partners
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## CCSC News & Events



### Register for the 2026 Annual Meeting

The Consortium's 16th Annual Meeting will be **July 27-29 at Upper House in Madison, WI**, hosted by the SL Brown Foundation. Click below to learn more about this year's annual meeting and to register!

[Learn more and register](#)

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### Planned and Estate Giving Presentation

*Online: Monday, April 20 at 7pm ET*

Please join The Consortium and The Focus Group for a time of education including a Q&A session on how legacy giving can have an eternal impact.

[Register](#)



## Save the Date for The Faculty Theological Collaborative

*Monday, August 3 – Wednesday, August 5, 2026*  
*Durham, NC*

The Faculty Theological Collaborative, hosted by the Center for Christianity & Scholarship, supports Christian professors at secular universities through advanced theological training, living examples of the unity of faith and scholarship, and rich fellowship with faculty across institutions and disciplines. This three-day workshop is built around a series of dialogues between academic theologians and scholars in the natural sciences, social sciences, and arts and humanities. This year's topic will be "What It Means to Be Human." Speakers and registration information will be shared soon.

[Learn more](#)



## Welcome to Our New Partner Organizations!

A very warm welcome to our two newest Partner Organizations, **Fellowship for Performing Arts** and **Center for Religion, Culture & Democracy**. Click the logos above to visit their websites or the button below to learn more about all of CCSC's partnerships.

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[Study Center Events](#)



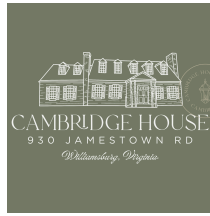
**Pathophysiology of the Crucifixion**

*Kyle & Rose Baumann*

April 2 at 12:15pm

Minneapolis, MN

[Learn more](#)



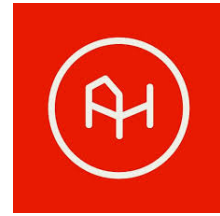
**Fireside Chat: Christians & Conflict**

*Emily Gerst*

April 3 at 4pm

Williamsburg, VA

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**Audacious Christian Hospitality**

*Mark Bjelland*

April 7 at 5pm

Minneapolis, MN

[Learn more](#)



**Veritas Forum: Will my Degree Deliver?**

*Dhananjay Jagannathan & Hina Azam*

April 7 at 6pm

Austin, TX

[Learn more](#)



**Icons & Innovation: Tracing the Macedonian Call**

*Clay Buttemere*

April 9 at 6:30pm

Blacksburg, VA

[Learn more](#)



**Veritas Forum: Why Are We Anxious?**

*Warren Kinghorn & Meg Jay*

April 9 at 6pm

Charlottesville, VA

[Learn more](#)



**Rediscovering Virtues & Vices Through Medieval Art**

*Grace Hamman*

April 9 at 7pm

Gainesville, FL

[Learn more](#)



**Faith, Reason & My Journey to Christianity**

*Molly Worthen*

April 9 at 6pm

Greenville, NC

[Learn more](#)



**Faithful Christianity in a Polarized Culture**

*Justin Giboney*

April 9 at 7pm

Madison, WI

[Learn more](#)



**Thinking of Becoming a Teacher?**

*Chip Denton & Spencer Dicks*

April 10 at 12:30pm

Chapel Hill, NC

[Learn more](#)



**About Hope**

*"Let the Art Speak" Conference*

April 10-11

Madison, WI

[Learn more](#)



**Meditation on Leviticus**

*Photographer Asher Imtiaz*

April 11 at 7pm

Iowa City, IA

[Learn more](#)



**Lies About the American Church**

*Ryan Burge*  
April 14 at 7pm  
Lexington, KY

[Learn more](#)



**Welcoming the Stranger**

*Melissa Borja & Sofia Ortiz*  
April 14 at 6pm  
Ann Arbor, MI

[Learn more](#)



**An Evening of Song & Storytelling**

*Josh Garrels*  
April 16 at 7pm  
Iowa City, IA

[Learn more](#)



**How Should We Die?**

*Lydia Dugdale*  
April 16 at 5pm  
Cambridge, MA

[Learn more](#)



**Can Science be Trusted?**

*Rick Lindroth*  
April 17 at 6:30pm  
Madison, WI

[Learn more](#)



**Living in the Light**

*Annual Faith & Life Conference*  
April 17-18  
Charlottesville, VA

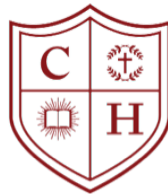
[Learn more](#)



**Wheelock Weekend**

*Conference*  
April 17-19  
Hanover, NH

[Learn more](#)



**Theological Society Conversation**

*Ellen Davis*  
April 19 at 1pm  
Ithaca, NY

[Learn more](#)



**et Religio Symposium:  
Was Jesus Raised from the Dead?**

April 20 at 6:30pm  
Durham, NC

[Learn more](#)



**Dostoevsky & The Problem of Evil**

*Elise Lonich Ryan*  
April 24 at 5:30pm  
Pittsburgh, PA

[Learn more](#)



**Concert**

*Jess Ray*  
April 24 at 7pm  
Raleigh, NC

[Learn more](#)



**"The Inner Sea" Screening**

*Director Kate Stapleton*  
April 30 at 6pm  
Pittsburgh, PA

[Learn more](#)

## Partner Organization Events



### Good Friday Online Event

*Online: Friday, April 3 at 1:30pm ET*

On Good Friday, the Trinity Forum will explore Handel's *Messiah* in a musical conversation with concert pianist **Mia Chung** (Senior Fellow of the Trinity Forum and Founder & Executive Director of the Octet Collaborative) and maestro **Richard Westerfield**.

Register

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### "Public Good Generation" Experience for High Schoolers

*Monday, July 6 – Saturday, July 11, 2026  
Washington D.C.*

If you know a rising high school junior, a rising senior, or a graduating senior with a passion for politics, public service, and faith, tell them about this opportunity to explore the intersection of Christian faith and civic life. This five-day immersive experience will connect participants with decision-makers and leaders across government, advocacy, and journalism and help them to develop real-world skills. There is an [informational webinar](#) on April 2 and applications are open until April 15. If study center staff nominate a student, CCPL will give that student a partial scholarship to attend!

Learn more and apply



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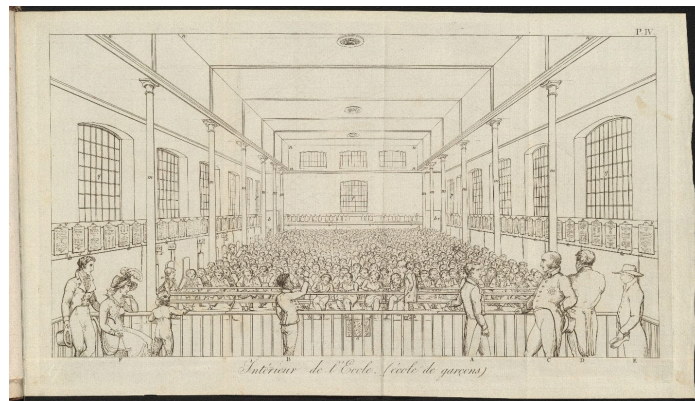
## Residential Summer Program

Monday, July 13 – Friday, July 17, 2026  
St. Cloud, Florida

This residential course on "Reading the Bible and the World" will introduce you to the patterns of God's self-revelation in his world and his Word, to tools and strategies employed by the church historically and today for reading this revelation well, and to wisdom in applying this discernment of God's will to your own life and calling. The instructor for the program is **Joseph Minich**. Click below to learn more and apply.

[Learn more and apply](#)

## Recommendations



### *The Raised Hand: "AI and America's First Technofail"*

In this seventh essay in *TRH's* series addressing the question: "What is the role of human educators in the age of artificial intelligence?", **Adam Laats** (SUNY Distinguished Professor of Education and History at Binghamton University) explores what lessons the failure of the Lancastrian system 200 years ago can teach us about technology and education today.

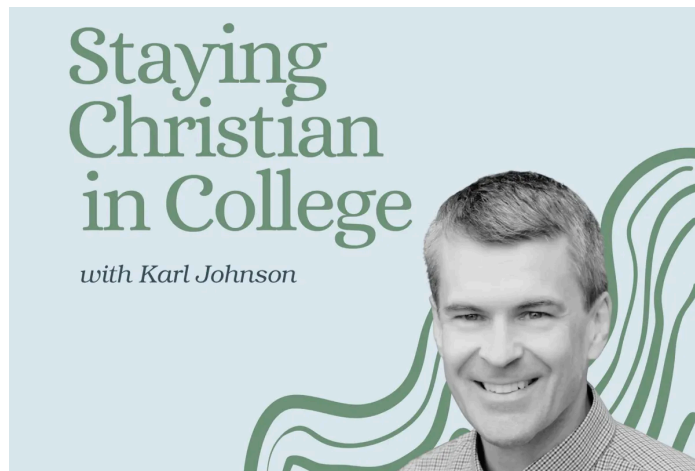
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### Zenger House Prizes for College Students

Zenger House, a Christian foundation that awards prizes to top professional journalists, has added up to ten \$1,000 cash prizes for college students for the 2026-2027 academic year with the goal of encouraging Christian students to profile Christians living out faith in compelling ways. Entries are due in June 2027. Share this opportunity with college students you think may be interested!

[Learn more](#)



## Stone Chapel Podcast Episode with Karl Johnson

The Stone Chapel Podcast is hosted by **David Capes**, the Director of Academic Programming at The Lanier Theological Library and Learning Center in Houston, Texas. Last month, David had a conversation with **Karl Johnson** about "Staying Christian in College" and why now is a good time to be sending Christian students to certain elite secular universities. Click below to listen!

[Listen now](#)



## Trinity Forum Lenten Podcast Series

It's not too late to take advantage of the Trinity's Forum's special series of Lent-inspired podcast conversations. The fourth and final episode with **Miroslav Volf** discussing what makes for a life worth living is now available.

[Listen now](#)

## Job Openings



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Finance, Operations, and HR Coordinator

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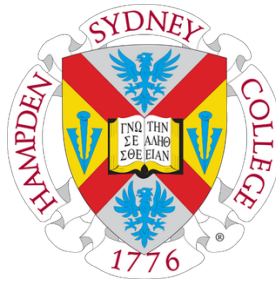
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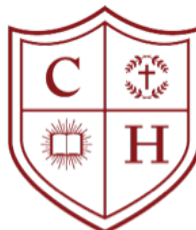


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Have you seen the Consortium's video about the study center movement yet?  
View and share the video [here](#).

*As always, keep sending your events our way so that we may distribute them to all who have expressed interest in the good work of the Consortium's members and partners.*

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