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“... I will build My church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” Matthew 16:18

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Subj: **BETRAYING CHRIST, BETRAYING THE REFORMATION**

Re: “**STILL REFORMING – The Reformation at 500**” - 2017 Thornwell Lectures, June 4 – August 13
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Reformed [?] Ministers,

Betraying the Reformation while appearing to celebrate the Reformation. This is not the first time I have written the leadership of First Presbyterian Church regarding the ecumenical leaven infecting and eroding the spiritual life of the church, which is manifesting now in the selection of [speakers](#) for the [2017 Thornwell Lecture](#) series: “**STILL REFORMING – The Reformation at 500**”. Shame on whomever the individual(s) is(are) responsible for scheduling [TWO signers](#) of the 2009 [Manhattan Declaration ecumenical abomination](#), including one of the three principal co-authors [[Timothy George](#)]; in which the Declaration itself starts with the oxymoronic, indeed heretical words, “**We, as Orthodox, Catholic, and Evangelical Christians,..**” Dr. Ligon Duncan, [RTS Chancellor](#), and Manhattan Declaration [signer](#), has spoken at [previous Thornwell series](#). There was a Reformation for a reason ! And it was not to bring Bible-believing Christians “Home to Rome” !

“The Reformation was born of Luther's dual declaration - first, the discovering of Jesus and salvation by faith alone; and second, identifying the Papacy as the Antichrist.”

[“**Martin Luther**”, <http://history4secondyears.weebly.com/the-reformation.html>]

The Reformers trumpeted two fundamental truths that changed Western Civilization and the World:

- 1) Justification by Faith Alone; and
- 2) The Roman Catholic Papacy is the Antichrist of Biblical prophecy

[“**Justification by Faith and the Identity of Antichrist**”, www.presenttruthmag.com/archive/XIV/14-6.htm]

Not only is this Lecture series a betrayal of Christ and the Cross, and a betrayal of the Reformers and the Reformation; in my view, it is a betrayal of America. America as founded was in great measure a fruit of the Christian Protestant Reformation ! How many Americans today understand that without the [Reformation](#), there would not have been the ‘America’ that was [Declared Independent](#) in 1776, [Constituted](#) in 1788, and blessed with the Individual Rights of American citizens protected by the Bill of Rights as ratified in 1791 !???

[Illinois State Supreme Court](#) (*Richmond v. Moore*, 47 Am.Rep. 449, 1883)

“... our laws and our institutions must necessarily be based upon and embody the teachings of the Redeemer of mankind. It is impossible that it should be otherwise. And in this sense and to this extent, our civilization and our institutions are emphatically Christian, ...”

The Bible says in so many words, Righteousness cannot be done in a land of forgetfulness. (Psalm 88:12, [KJV](#)). Pray God, First Presbyterian leaders would use this wonderful opportunity to rightly teach the sheep at First Presbyterian true Reformation church history, instead of exposing them to ecumenical wolves !

[No King but King Jesus ! \(The Lord Jesus Christ \)](#)

Declarations and Evidences of [Christian Faith](#) in America’s Colonial Charters, State Constitutions, and other Historical Documents during over 375 Years of American History: 1606 to 1982

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The Westminster Confession of Faith has ample evidence to convince the spiritual reader regarding the un-Biblical, anti-Christ, anti-Gospel nature of the [false religion](#) of Roman Catholicism, Satan's counterfeit church. Rome has not renounced the [Counter-Reformation's Council of Trent](#) (1545-1563), with over 100 *anathemas* of Protestant and Biblical doctrines and beliefs. In fact, the Council of Trent was re-affirmed at the beginning of the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) in the opening speech of Pope John XXIII. The leaders of the *ongoing* Counter-Reformation to undo and destroy the effects of the Reformation, are the Roman Catholic Jesuit Order. If you do not understand that fact, then you do not know who your enemy is (2 Corinthians 2:11, [KJV](#)).

The Manhattan Declaration is a great coup for the Jesuitical masters of the Ecumenical Movement, to water down Bible truth, to *Romanize* the Christian churches, and to further advance Rome's goal of eventually bringing Home to Rome, or destroying, the protestant, baptist, and evangelical churches and Christians.

The three principal co-authors of the Manhattan Declaration were (Council on Foreign Relations [member](#)) Robert George, and **Timothy George**, and Charles Colson. Two other prominent [signers](#) ([Richard Land](#) and [Roman Catholic George Weigel](#)) are or have been members of the [Jesuit-Vatican New World Order's treasonous, Jesuit-controlled, Council on Foreign Relations](#) ([CFR](#)) as well. As conspiratorial as that may sound, it should still be a very obvious red flag for any Reformed minister faithful to his calling when he learns among the prominent "Religious & Organizational Leaders" [signatories](#) of the Manhattan Declaration are [35 Roman Catholic Bishops, 15 Roman Catholic Archbishops, and another five](#) who were retired or emeritus.

That brings us to the selection of [speakers](#) for the [2017 Thornwell Lecture](#) series: "**STILL REFORMING – The Reformation at 500**". The other [signer](#) of the Manhattan Declaration scheduled to speak to the saints at First Presbyterian, is **William Edgar**. Furthermore, while speaker **Sam Allberry** is not a signer himself, he is "part of the speaking team for Ravi Zacharias International Ministries". Ravi Zacharias is a [signer](#) of the Manhattan Declaration, which begs the question, what is Sam Allberry's view on the matter? **Ryan Reeves** is an Assistant Professor at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. While he is not a signer himself, Dr. Dennis Hollinger, President and Professor at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary is a [signer](#), as is Dr. Timothy Tennent, Professor at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary also a [signer](#). In that climate, it is reasonable to ask, what is the position of Ryan Reeves on the matter? **Vincent Bacote** is an Assistant Professor at Wheaton College. While he is not a signer himself, Dr. Duane Litfin, President of Wheaton College is a [signer](#). In that light, what is Vincent Bacote's position? **Michael Haykin** is a Professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. While he is not a signer himself, Dr. Albert Mohler, Jr., President of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary is a [signer](#), as is Dr. Russell Moore, Senior VP & Dean of School of Theology, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary also a [signer](#). What then, given the President and a Senior VP & Dean of School of Theology of the Seminary are [signers](#), is Michael Haykin's position? Lastly, **Brian Habig** is not a signer himself, however he graduated from Covenant Theological Seminary. Dr. Bryan Chapell, President of Covenant Theological Seminary, St Louis, Missouri is a [signer](#). Is this the same seminary? If so, what is Brian Habig's position on the [Manhattan Declaration](#)? So, at least [seven of the eleven speakers](#) are either signers of the [Manhattan Declaration](#) (two: [Manhattan Declaration](#) co-author [Timothy George](#), and [William Edgar](#)), or are professors at seminaries where school leadership are signers (three: [Ryan Reeves](#), [Vincent Bacote](#), [Michael Haykin](#)), or is part of a large ministry whose head is a signer (one: [Sam Allberry](#)), or is an alumnus of a seminary whose president is a signer (one: [Brian Habig](#)).

Are we to believe this is all just coincidence, so many of these speakers are either themselves [signers](#) of the [Manhattan Declaration ecumenical abomination](#), or are professors at seminaries where school leaders are [signers](#), or have other connections? Or, are we to believe the consensus is so strong and so pervasive that yoking up with Roman Catholics in the culture wars is acceptable, despite the teaching of Scripture (e.g., 2 Corinthians 6:14-18; Ephesians 5:11-13, [KJV](#))? May the Lord forbid such rebellion and heresy.

The false gospel of Rome is another gospel. The Bible reveals such as preach "any other gospel" are "accursed" (Galatians 1:8,9, [KJV](#)). Why should the saints at First Presbyterian Church be exposed to signers and possible other supporters of the [Manhattan Declaration ecumenical abomination](#) in the context of a supposed celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, when doing so would be in truth a **Betrayal of Christ and the Reformation**?

Jesus Christ is King of kings, and Lord of lords (1 Timothy 6:15, [KJV](#))

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Inclousures:

- 1) "**STILL REFORMING – The Reformation at 500**" brochure (two pages)
- 2) Manhattan Declaration – full text (nine pages)
- 3) List of Religious & Organizational Leaders Signatories of Manhattan Declaration (sixteen pages)
- 4) John MacArthur on the Manhattan Declaration, November 24, 2009 (one page)
- 5) Ralph Ovdal, Pastor of Pilgrims Covenant Church, Monroe, Wisconsin (one page)
"A Short Statement in Response to the Manhattan Declaration", November 23, 2009
Sermon (audio) – "A Rebuke of the Manhattan Declaration Signers", November 22, 2009