

TOTAL LIFE INSURANCE

REFORMED YOUTH SERVICES CONVENTION ★ JULY 22-26, 2019

CEDARVILLE UNIVERSITY ★ CEDARVILLE, OHIO

Reformed Youth Services 2019 National Convention

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“What can we do to get you into this policy today?” Insurance agents will do almost anything to close the deal when it comes to selling life insurance. It makes sense to do some preparation for the time when this life is over. But how much time do we spend preparing for eternal life? Even at an early age, it is not too soon to think about where we will be in eternity.

“Total Life Insurance.” What does that type of life insurance policy look like? Where do I get it? Is it very expensive? What are the benefits? These are the questions we will look at as we explore the necessity of preparing for the future, not only for this life, but also for the life to come.

We hope you will be able to join us at the 2019 RYS National Youth Convention to be held July 22-26 at Cedarville University in Cedarville, Ohio, Lord willing. A total of ten workshops, including special guys and girls-only breakout sessions, will complement our main theme.



Main Speakers

Rev. Paul Murphy is the pastor of Messiah’s Reformed Fellowship in Hell’s Kitchen, New York City. Pastor Murphy has been a keynote and workshop speaker many times over the years.

Rev. Bradd Nymeyer is the pastor of the 1st URC in Chino, CA. Pastor Nymeyer has also been a keynote speaker and workshop leader within the last several years.



“What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?”

Romans 8:31



Day Away & Other Fun Stuff!

This year, convention participants can select from two great options. For those who enjoy the theme park experience, we would suggest Kings Island, featuring over 9 miles of roller coasters, games, shows and more. We are also excited to offer a great second day away choice at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force, which features hundreds of historical airplanes from every era. You will select your day away preference at time of registration, so choose carefully.

As usual, boys and girls basketball, soccer, co-ed volleyball, and a 5K run will be held with RYS prizes going to the winning teams. A variety of non-athletic activities will also be available to enjoy.

If you have a special talent to share, please start making plans today to try out for our annual talent show. God-glorifying variety is highly encouraged!



Workshops

Good and Angry

Ever struggle with anger issues? Has anger (yours or others) poisoned personal relationships? From low-grade irritation to full-blown rage, everyone encounters anger in one form or another. What does Scripture reveal about the heart issues lying beneath our anger? Is there a better alternative to “clamming up” or “blowing up” in response to our anger?

Rev. Paul Ipema is a professor at Divine Hope Seminary.

Male and Female He Created Them

This session will briefly examine the modern phenomena of LGBTQ, specifically as it has been normalized in the West and in American churches, and equip Christians to both articulate a Christian response to those who identify as LGBTQ, and live out God’s wonderful design as male and female in Christ. *Rev. Samuel Perez is the pastor of Grace Reformed Church in Jersey City, NJ.*

7-Day Christian

We often forget that all Christians, not just pastors, have callings from God. This goes beyond the call to worship on the Lord’s Day; God also extends callings to us throughout the week. In this session, we consider the Doctrine of Vocation. Live ordinary life to the glory of God! *Rev. Zach Wyse is the pastor of Westside Reformed Church in Cincinnati, OH.*

Sloth is Not Only an Animal

You may think a sloth is a cute or strange looking creature, whose extremely slow movements are something to smile about. But a spiritual sloth is not a laughing matter to God, others, and even ourselves. In this workshop, we will learn what the Bible says about the temptation and sin to be lazy, as well as how God teaches and enables us to be faithful servants, enthusiastically doing our best with the gifts and tasks He has given us to do for Him and others. *Rev. C.J. den Dulk is the pastor of Trinity CRC in Sparta, MI.*

Are Everyone’s Parents as Clueless as Mine?

Tensions can abound in parent/child relations. While all desire to have loving and appropriate interactions, unfortunately, these relationships often are more about survival than anything else. Can healthy family dynamics truly exist or is this simply a nice sentiment? Along with enduring a few Dad jokes, attendees will acquire principles for healthy, God-honoring family relationships. *Rev. Russell Herman is the pastor of Cloverdale URC in Boise, ID.*

Why Do I Feel This Way?

Depression, anxiety, and worry are real struggles that Christians face, and they raise difficult questions: If God loves me, why do I worry so much? If I feel depressed or even suicidal, can I still be a Christian? What advice should I give to a friend who seems trapped by anxiety? In this workshop we will seek wisdom by shining biblical light on this dark reality. *Rev. Nick Smith is the pastor of the URC of Nampa in Nampa, ID.*

The Future is Not Only Tomorrow

Are you excited, or anxious, about your future? Do you really believe that God is sovereign and that He is providing perfectly for you? Let’s look at how you can know and trust that He is working in your past, present, and future, enabling you to experience a Christ-centered and God-honoring life. “Your future is as bright as His love for you!” *Rip Pratt is the pastor of youth and family at New Life PCA in Escondido, CA.*

Biblical Justice: The Christian Standard for Social Justice

Wealth distribution, minority rights, equality, free health care, environmentalism. The social justice agenda has powerfully affected American society. What does the Bible say about this issue? How does the concept of biblical justice respond to social justice challenges? Learn how the Church can respond meaningfully to this great modern debate. *Rev. Breno Macedo is the pastor of Messiah’s IRC in Holland, MI.*



Please select five workshops online from the selections described at left. You will be assigned four plus the required guys/girls only workshop described below. Register today at reformedyouthservices.org to reserve your favorites!

Radical Men (guys only)

We live in a world where sexual temptations have never seemed so accessible, compromise so easy, and purity beyond reach. Yet, Jesus is still calling us men to deny ourselves, take up our cross daily, and follow him. Are you ready? *Rev. Aaron Verhoef is pastor of Newton Covenant Reformed in Newton, NJ.*

Radical Women (girls only)

God has chosen you to be His. As women of God we are set apart, different, radical. How should we live this life we are called to live? We will look together at how being a godly woman affects our lives, goals, relationships, and behaviors. *Mrs. Mary Jo Cox attends Providence Presbyterian Church (OPC) in Pflugerville, TX.*

REGISTRATION/HOUSING/DEADLINES/FEEES

Eligibility:

Conventioneers:

- Students must be at least age 14, but no older than 19 by convention, and must have completed grade 9 in school, but no more than grade 12 immediately prior to convention. Students may attend no more than four conventions.

Sponsors:

- At least 21 by convention.
- RYS strongly recommends groups adhere to a 5-1 student/sponsor ratio.
- Adult sponsors are required to attend all convention events with their students.

Registration Fees:

Member Churches

- Prior to April 1: \$395.00 (U.S.) per person
- April 2-15: \$435.00 (U.S.) per person

Non-member Churches

- Prior to April 1: \$435.00 (U.S.) per person
- April 2-15: \$475.00 (U.S.) per person

- After April 15: you may be placed on a waiting list by contacting RYS Director Ed DeGraaf.



Cancellation Fees:

- Cancellations before June 15 require a \$50 fee. Transfers may be made with a \$25 fee. No refunds or transfers after June 15.

Travel:

- Cedarville University is located in Cedarville, Ohio, about 30 minutes from Dayton and approximately an hour from Columbus and Cincinnati.
- No shuttle service will be provided from any airports to RYS, as all travel is your own responsibility.

Convention Schedule:

- Check-in: Between 1-5 p.m. (E.S.T.) on Monday, July 22
- Convention concludes by 11 a.m. (E.S.T.) on Friday, July 26
- Lunch will be provided soon after the last session on Friday
- All conventioneers must be off campus by 1 p.m.
- RYS has no pre-event or post-event housing available on campus.

Questions:

- Please contact RYS Director Ed DeGraaf at reformedyouth96@gmail.com or (616) 667-0694.

How to Register:

- Go to www.reformedyouthservices.org
- Click on 2019 Convention
- Create an online account with a unique email and password (or use last year's)
- Complete the online registration form

Choose a roommate or go potluck. If you do choose a roommate, you must both name each other on your registration forms. Married sponsors may room together; please choose that on your registration form.

Choose your workshops. Everyone will attend five workshops. Select five workshops in the order of your preference so that we can schedule you for four workshops of your choosing, plus the mandatory guys or girls-only workshop.

Complete the medical forms. Don't forget to have your parents sign the medical release form by checking the box online. (You can do this yourself if you are 18 or older.)

Rules form. Read and sign the rules form by checking the box online. We expect everyone to honor this agreement; please take it seriously.

Sweatshirts and fleeces. You may pre-purchase your convention sweatshirt (\$30) or RYS fleece (\$30) when you register. There will be a limited number available at convention at a higher price.

Payment-- Group Leaders please note: When registration is closed, your church will receive an invoice. **Please carefully confirm that all your participants are listed on the invoice!** Wait until you receive your invoice to make your payment. Then mail one group payment to RYS Convention, 6442 36th Ave., Hudsonville, MI 49426. **Payments are due no later than May 15.**