Reformed In America

An Exploration of the History of Reformed & Presbyterian Christianity in the States

November 1-2 2013

Is there an American form of Christianity? Many believers who live in the United States would be content simply to identify themselves as Christians, others as American Christians, and still others would be inclined to say they are Christians in America. But are believers in any of these groups able to identify distinctive traits of *American* Christianity? Do you know enough of the history of Christianity in this country to recognize how your own expression of Christian faith and practice has been shaped by America in the modern age, for good or ill?

None of us are simply "biblical Christians" but have a history that has shaped us in one way or another. Reformed Christians have a rich heritage going back to the Protestant Reformation in sixteenth-century Europe, but they also have a peculiar history in the United States. Join us for this free two day conference which will explore some of the major outlines of the history of Reformed & Presbyterian Christianity in the United States.

Friday, November 1

Session 1 at 7:00pm
Alan Strange: "The Tumultuous Beginnings of American Presbyterianism"

Session 2 at 8:15pm
Darryl Hart: "The Challenge of Americanism"

Saturday, November 2

Session 3 at 9:30am
Alan Strange: "Politics and the Pulpit"

Session 4 at 10:45
Darryl Hart: "Kuyper & Machen--Models of Reformed Witness"

Lunch 12:00pm ($5.00 Fee for all participating)

Session 5 at 1:00pm
Alan Strange: "Unity without Union -- Beyond Acronyms"

Session 6 at 2:15pm
Darryl Hart: "Anti-Modernism"

Session 7 at 3:30
Q&A with speakers

"Reformed in America" will take place at Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church (3615 University Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa) starting at 7:00pm, Friday, November 1 and running through the afternoon of Saturday, November 2.

This conference is hosted by Providence Reformed Church and Grace Reformed Presbyterian Church, which are both congregations in Des Moines.

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