## LAUSANNE CONSULTATION ON JEWISH EVANGELISM

2014 North American Conference March 3-5 (Monday to Wednesday) Wheaton, Illinois

The NT's Use of the Old: How Are the Passages Messianic?

Dear Friend of LCJE in North America,

We're headed to the center of the evangelical universe in Wheaton, Illinois, for our 2014 conference! We will follow the same basic schedule as previous years, opening with our 10:30 AM session on Monday, March 3, and ending with our closing banquet at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, March 5.

Our theme this year is "The NT's Use of the Old: How Are the Passages Messianic?" As people engaged in reaching Jewish people with the Good News of Messiah Yeshua, we lean heavily on the fulfillment of Messianic prophecy to demonstrate His identity as the Son of God. Everyone knows that traditional Judaism takes issue with our interpretation of the OT Messianic prophecies; however, what isn't so widely known is that even Christian/Messianic scholars sometimes disagree on how or in what sense certain OT passages are Messianic.

On Wednesday, Tim Sigler of Moody Bible Institute will be moderating two forums in which several leading evangelical scholars will defend at least two different viewpoints on the fulfillment of Messianic prophecy. Right now the list includes: Walter Kaiser, Darrell Bock, John Monson, Michael Rydelnik, Randall Price, and Daniel Block. (Information about suggested reading is available at www.lcje-na.org for those wishing to learn more about the different approaches to Messianic prophecy in preparation for our conference.)

The arrangement this year will differ from past years. Rather than having the conference at a hotel as we usually do, our daily sessions will be in the Coray Alumni Gym (in the Beamer Student Center) on the campus of Wheaton College. Our Sunday night reception (which is provided through the generosity of The Olive Tree Congregation where Dan Strull is the pastor) will be in the foyer of The Billy Graham Center, located right across the street (see the Daily Schedule online).

We'll be staying at various hotels within a five-mile radius of the college. You'll find more information about local hotels on leje-na.org. Most of the hotels offer shuttle service, so we don't anticipate transportation being much more than a minor inconvenience.

Deborah Kline and Vince Iantorno of Shir Chadash Ministries in California will be returning to LCJE this year to lead our music and worship. Deb and Vince are familiar faces (and voices) to our folks and they are always a blessing! Their ministry verse is taken from Psalm 96: "Shiru L'Adonai shir chadash" ("Sing to the Lord a new song"). Their music defies categorization. It's definitely upbeat, clearly Messianic (Jewish-Christian), sprinkled with a dash of salsa (especially the songs they sing in Spanish), but always uplifting and glorifying the Lord Yeshua the Messiah. Deb describes their musical objective like this: "Preparing hearts to be free and surrender through musical praise and worship, inviting the Ruach Hakodesh (the Holy Spirit) to be among us, and finally, to bring us into His Holy presence." We are trusting the Lord to use these two choice servants to do His work in our midst when we are together in Chicagoland! You can read more about them (and purchase their CDs, if you like) at debraklinemusic.com.

Our guest speaker for the closing banquet on Wednesday evening will be Erwin Lutzer, senior pastor of the historic Moody Church in Chicago. Dr. Lutzer is widely regarded as a senior statesman of the evangelical movement in North America. He's also a longtime friend of many of our LCJE folks and we're excited that he has accepted our invitation.

There are three ways to register. (1) You may take advantage of our streamlined, online registration process by going to www.lcje-na.org and clicking on "registration." Follow the step-by-step instructions from there. (2) You may download the "LCJE-NA 2014 Conference Registration Form" from www.lcje-na.org, fill it out, and snail-mail it along with your payment to Kathi Graham at the address on the form. Or (3) you may complete the registration form (see #2 above), scan and email it to na-secretary@lcje.net, and pay the fee upon your arrival in March (no late penalty will apply; just see Kathi at the registration table on Monday morning). The registration fee is \$80 for members (\$90 for non-members) and covers participation in all of the sessions, a welcome packet with thumb drive (containing the 2014 papers), coffee breaks, and the closing banquet on Wednesday evening. For questions regarding conference registration, please call Kathi at 630-251-4965 or email her at na-secretary@lcje.net.

If you're not yet a member of LCJE, we urge you to join! You can begin the membership process by visiting our international site at www.lcje.net. Click on "join" and follow the instructions from there. You'll need to affirm that you are in substantial agreement with the Lausanne Covenant and you'll need two references from current LCJE members. It's really easy and simple.

Transportation from and back to the airports (O'Hare and Midway) is available via two services recommended by our friends at Wheaton College. The first is West Suburban Travelers, which provides transportation from O'Hare airport to the Naperville area for \$49.00 (from Midway the rate is \$58.00). For reservations, call 1-800-345-5466 or 630-668-9600. Their website is at www.westsublimo.com/contact. The second service is Flag Limo with a rate of \$48.00 from O'Hare or \$52.00 from Midway. For Flag Limo reservations call (630) 357-5257. Their website is at http://flaglimo.com.

Meals other than the closing banquet on Wednesday night are not included in the registration fee. In the mornings, most of the area hotels have either a breakfast buffet or a restaurant on site for your convenience. Breakfast will also be available in the Wheaton College cafeteria from 7 AM. Lunch will be served daily in the cafeteria, where a section of tables will be reserved for our group. Dinner will be on your own Monday and Tuesday, and there is a wide variety of restaurants to choose from within a reasonable distance from the campus.

We're all looking forward to our usual great fellowship and informative sessions at the upcoming Chicagoland conference.

Safe travels and we'll see you there!

In Messiah's love,

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