The 30th Anniversary
Gettysburg Conference

The Fifteenth Biennial Conference of the American Cusanus Society and the International Seminar on Pre-Reformation Theology

Lutherans and Catholics, Then and Now:
500 Years (and More) of Religious Reform

September 30-Oct. 2, 2016
Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary
Gettysburg, PA

On the eve of the 500th anniversary of Luther’s 95 Theses and having just celebrated 50 years since Vatican II’s seismic shift in ecumenical dialogue, the American Cusanus Society will take
an historical and ecumenical look at the state of Lutheran-Catholic relations, then and now. We will first explore the history and state of the Roman Catholic-Lutheran dialogue before stepping back to the late medieval world of intellect and spirituality that gave birth to Nicholas of Cusa and Martin Luther.

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PROGRAM

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 (for early arrivals)

5:30 p.m. Social Hour Singmaster Center
7:00 p.m. Dinner (Optional)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

8:00 to 9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast Refectory
10:30 a.m. Battlefield Tour Valentine Commons
11:50 a.m. Chapel
12:15 p.m. Lunch Refectory Meeting of the Executive Committee, American Cusanus Society
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Registration and Refreshments Valentine Commons/Coffee Shop
3:00 p.m. Public Lecture I: The Kiyomi Koizumi Watanabe Lecture Valentine Auditorium
   Introduction to the Conference Theme
   Christopher Bellitto, Kean University
   Lutherans and Catholics after 50 Years: History of a Dialogue. The Catholic Perspective
   Susan Wood, Marquette University
4:00 p.m. Wine Hour Coffee Shop
4:30 p.m. Public Lecture II: The Morimichi Watanabe Lecture Valentine Auditorium
   Lutherans and Catholics after 50 Years: History of a Dialogue. The Lutheran Perspective
   Timothy Wengert, Philadelphia Lutheran Seminary
5:15 p.m. Social Hour
   Recent Acquisitions, Bond-Watanabe Collection
   Pioneer Room, Library

6:15 p.m. Dinner

7:45 p.m. **Public Session III: The F. Edward Cranz Roundtable**
   Valentine Auditorium
   Chair: **Richard Serina**, Concordia College-New York
   
   Parish-Based Ecumenism: Lutheran-Catholic Dialogue at the Grass-Roots Level
   
   **John Borelli**, Georgetown University
   **Bishop Donald McCoid**, Pittsburgh

9:00 p.m. Social Hour
   Singmaster Center

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**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1**

7:30 a.m. Breakfast
   Refectory

8:30 a.m. Ecumenical Service of Prayer with Commemorations
   Chapel

9:00 a.m. **Session I**
   Library Lecture Room
   
   **Working Session: Institutional and Personal Reform**
   
   Led by **Phillip Stump**, Lynchburg College
   
   --Selections from Martin Luther, *Address to the Christian Nobility* (1520), pp.
   126-33 (First Wall): reform proposals 7, 13, 15, 18, 20, 25 from *Luther’s Works*
   
   from Thomas M. Izbicki, ed., *Nicholas of Cusa, Writings on Church and Reform*,

10:15 a.m. Coffee Break
   Library Rotunda

10:45 a.m. **Session II**
   Library Lecture Room

   Chair: **Philip Krey**, Philadelphia Lutheran Seminary
   
   **Intellectual Contexts**
   
   “Cusanus and Nominalism”
   **Meredith Ziebart**, Thompson Rivers University
   “Luther and Dionysius: Between Neoplatonism and Nominalism”
12:15 p.m. Lunch Refectory

1:30 p.m. Session III Library Lecture Room

**Working Session: Is There a Theology of the Cross?**
Led by Knut Alfsvåg, School of Mission and Theology, Stavanger


3:00 p.m. Free Time

**Tours:** Award-winning Gettysburg Seminary Ridge Museum; Gettysburg Battlefield (Colonel Izbicki of the Cusanus Cavalry)

5:30 p.m. Mass

5:45 p.m. Social Hour Singmaster Center
Business Meeting of the American Cusanus Society

7:15 p.m. Candlelight Banquet Refectory
Entertainment: Gettysburg Camerata

9:00 p.m. Social Hour Singmaster Center

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2**

7:00 a.m. Mass St. Francis Xavier Church

7:30 a.m. Breakfast Refectory

8:15 a.m. Ecumenical Service of Word and Sacrament Chapel
Led by Philip Krey

9:15 a.m. Session IV Library Lecture Room

**Spirituality**
“Luther and his Age: Spirituality and Suffering”

Vincent Evener, Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary
Response: **Paul Robinson**, Concordia Seminary

10:30 a.m. Coffee Break

10:45 a.m. **Session V**

**Working Session:** Councils and Authority

Led by **Thomas Izbicki**, Rutgers University and **Michiel Decaluwe**, Freiburg University


12:00 p.m. Close

**Departures begin at 12:30 p.m.**

12:30 p.m. Lunch (Optional)

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The Program Committee for the 2016 Gettysburg Conference: **Christopher Bellitto and Thomas M. Izbicki** (co-chairs); **Meredith Ziebart, Philip Krey, Richard Serina**.

Arrangements chair: **Gerald Christianson**. Registrar: **Margaret Folkemer**; with **Erika Tobin, Ashlin Liszka**, and **Kayla Edmonds**.