

Summit 2019 Speakers



RYAN T. ANDERSON, SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOW AT THE HERITAGE FOUNDATION, FOUNDER OF PUBLIC DISCOURSE

RYAN T. ANDERSON

THE CULTURE OF LIFE IN AMERICA

Keynote #1

Ryan T. Anderson is the Will E. Simon Senior Research Fellow at the Heritage Foundation and the founder and editor of *Public Discourse*, the online journal of the Witherspoon Institute of Princeton, New Jersey. He is the author of *When Harry Became Sally: Responding to the Transgender Moment* and *Truth Overruled: The Future of Marriage and Religious Freedom*. He has received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Princeton University and later a doctoral degree in political philosophy from the University of Notre Dame.

Anderson has made appearances on ABC, CNN, CNBC, MSNBC, and Fox News. His work has appeared in the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, the *Wall Street Journal*, the *Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy*, the *Harvard Health Policy Review*, the *Georgetown Journal of Law and Public Policy*, the *Weekly Standard*, and *National Review*. Most notably, his research has been cited by two U.S. Supreme Court justices, in two Supreme Court cases.



ALVEDA KING, DIRECTOR OF CIVIL RIGHTS FOR THE UNBORN, PRIESTS FOR LIFE & FOUNDER OF ALVEDA KING MINISTRIES

ALVEDA KING

CIVIL RIGHTS FOR THE UNBORN

Keynote #2

Alveda C. King is a creative Christian evangelist and civil rights activist. She currently serves as a Pastoral Associate and Executive Director of Civil Rights for the Unborn for Priests for Life and Gospel of Life Ministries. She is a voice for the Silent No More Awareness Campaign and shares her testimony of two abortions, God's forgiveness, and healing. She is also the founder of Alveda King Ministries. Alveda is also known for her contributions in film, music, politics, education, and journalism. She is an actress, singer, songwriter, producer, blogger, author, Fox News Contributor, Newsmax Insider, and a television and radio personality.



REV. RICK BERGH, THANATOLOGIST, AUTHOR, COUNSELOR, SPEAKER

REV. RICK BERGH

SOULFULL CONVERSATIONS

Keynote #3

Rick was ordained into the Anglican Network in Canada as a priest in the fall of 2017. He is a Certified Thanatologist (CT), Narrative Therapist (NT), speaker, workshop leader, and best-selling author. His first 31 years of experience were as an ordained Lutheran Minister and as a counselor with extensive work and ministry in palliative care and bereavement.

Rick's wisdom on this topic is much more than just theoretical – his practical knowledge comes out of his own personal experience. Rick and his four children used these principles following the death of Rick's first wife from ovarian cancer at 47 years old. Rick serves a parish in Langford, BC and provides numerous workshops across Canada and the US. His mission is to equip and train leaders and laity in ministering about loss and end of life. Rick lives in Victoria, BC with his wife, Erica.



DAVID BERIT, PRO-LIFE ADVOCATE, FORMER CEO OF 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

DAVID BERIT

WHAT TO DO NOW THAT YOU KNOW

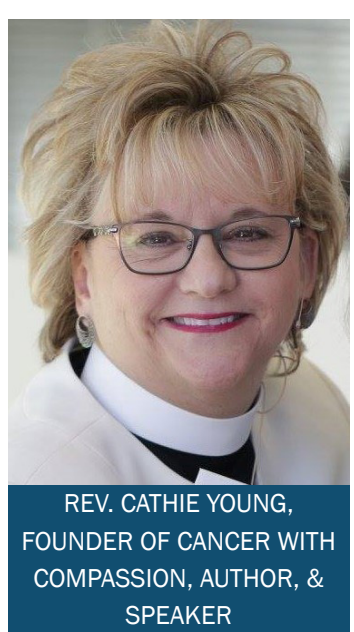
Keynote #4

David started and led the 40 Days for Life movement through its first decade, building it into the largest grassroots pro-life mobilization in the world. Through its network of more than 2,000 local leaders and 750,000 volunteers in 769 cities in all 50 American states and in 50 nations worldwide, 40 Days for Life has helped to save 14,643 children's lives, bring 177 workers out of the abortion industry, and close 96 abortion centers. David recently stepped away from his role as CEO of 40 Days for Life to pray, plan, and prepare for new ministry projects.

David is an internationally sought-after speaker, media spokesperson, bestselling author, and strategic advisor to many top pro-life organizations and leaders.

WORKSHOPS

ATTEND 2



REV. CATHIE YOUNG, FOUNDER OF CANCER WITH COMPASSION, AUTHOR, & SPEAKER

REV. CATHIE YOUNG

FINDING SACRED JOY IN SUFFERING

Workshop #1

Physical sickness and emotional pain are all around us. This workshop will deepen our understanding of the measure of Christ's presence that is available to those who suffer. Learn to engage your parishioners and extended community on how not to run from suffering, but to embrace it as part of the sacred joy of life.

The Rev. Cathie Young is an Anglican priest, author, and cancer sufferer. After her own life-threatening cancer storm, she founded "Cancer with Compassion", an outreach ministry to cancer sufferers and survivors, and authored her book *Gold in the Road: Through the Cancer Storm with Jesus Christ*. Having retired from congregational ministry in January 2018, Rev. Cathie's ministry focus is centered on the cancer community, who she calls her "people group." Seeking to bring comfort and hope to those with cancer, she has learned much about the role of suffering and how through it we may share more fully with Christ, our Suffering Savior, thereby bringing sanctity to earthly suffering.



SAMMIE FRANKS, AFL COORDINATOR OF MINISTRY OUTREACH

SAMMIE FRANKS & REV. STEVEN TIGHE

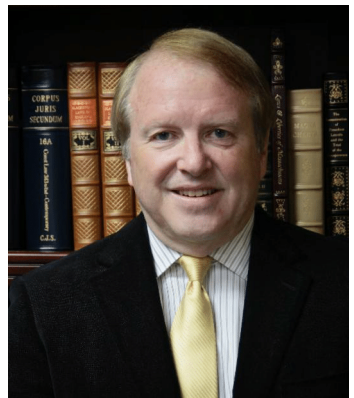
SHARING ABUNDANT LIFE FOR YOUTH MINISTRY

Workshop #2

This workshop will highlight Anglicans for Life's new youth curriculum, Abundant Life: You Were Made For More. Sammie and Steven will share statistics that highlight the challenges faced by Millennials and reinforce the importance of engaging them in our witness for life.

Sammie serves as the Coordinator of Ministry Outreach at Anglicans for Life. Sammie grew up in Pittsburgh, and after completing her undergraduate degree, she joined the AFL team in 2017. In addition to her work in our ministry, she also works with the Women's Choice Network, going to public schools and speaking to high schoolers about healthy relationships and sex education. Outside of work, she is involved in leading a youth group at her church. She is passionate about serving in nonprofit organizations that empower young children and teenagers to be who they were created to be through Jesus Christ. In her free time Sammie enjoys running and grabbing coffee with her identical twin sister.

Steven has been following Jesus and working with adolescents for more than thirty years. He serves as the ACNA's Canon for Youth Ministry, leads a non-profit that focuses on youth ministry training (La Frontera Youth Ministry Education), and studies and writes about the interaction between family and church in the religious socialization of adolescents. He currently lives in El Paso, Texas with his wife, Tricia, and has two mostly grown sons.



TOM GLESSNER, J.D. FOUNDER & PRESIDENT NAT'L INSTITUTE OF FAMILY & ADVOCATES

TOM GLESSNER

PREGNANCY CENTER MINISTRY & THE CHURCH

Workshop #3

The goal of this workshop is to highlight the opportunities for ministry that exist between Pregnancy Centers and your Church. Tom will also explain how the efforts of pro-aborts to close pregnancy centers backfired with a SCOTUS decision that ensures freedom of speech.

Thomas A. Glessner is the founder and President of the National Institute of Family and Life Advocates (NIFLA). As the CEO of NIFLA, Mr. Glessner has developed and implemented legal guidelines for Pregnancy Resource Centers, to enable them to convert their operations into licensed medical clinics and provide for abortion-minded clients' medical services, such as ultrasound. Mr. Glessner and his wife, Laura, live in Fredericksburg, Virginia, and have four children — Joshua, SaraLynn, Brannan, and Jefferson.



SHEILA HARPER, PRESIDENT & FOUNDER OF SAVEONE

SHEILA HARPER

HEALING AFTER ABORTION

Workshop #4

This workshop will explain the need for abortion after-care programs and why, if we want to end abortion, healing those who have had abortions must happen. Sheila will explain why the Church plays a critical role in helping people hurting after abortion find healing and forgiveness.

Sheila Harper is the Founder and President of SaveOne, an international outreach ministry for men, women, and families suffering in silence after abortion. She holds a master's degree in biblical counseling and is the author of eight books. Her first book, *SaveOne-A Guide to Emotional Healing after Abortion*, has been translated and distributed in fifteen languages. SaveOne currently has 205 chapters in 21 countries. Sheila has traveled the world, speaking on the topic of abortion recovery as well as training abortion recovery leaders. After enduring seven years of personal anguish over choosing abortion, she found restoration and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. Sheila has two awesome sons and now lives in Nashville, TN with her husband, Jack.



AUSTIN RUSE, PRESIDENT OF CENTER FOR FAMILY & HUMAN RIGHTS

AUSTIN RUSE

THE INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS OF ABORTION

Workshop #5

What is happening on the international front related to abortion and Human Rights? Austin will answer this question and share ways we as the Church can connect our missions outreach with life-affirming ministry in underdeveloped countries.

Austin Ruse has headed the Center for Family and Human Rights (C-FAM) for nearly 20 years, a research institute dedicated to reestablishing a proper understanding of international law and protecting national sovereignty and the dignity of the human person. He holds a degree in political science and journalism from the University of Missouri. As a writer, Austin has written over 800 essays, articles, and columns for various media outlets and two books, *Take Science: Exposing the Left's Skewed Statistics, Fuzzy Facts, and Dodgy Data* and *Little Suffering Souls: Children Whose Short Lives Point Us to Christ*. Austin resides in Virginia with his wife, Cathleen, and two daughters, Lucy and Gigi.