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Experts Discuss Religious Freedom at Cedarville Summit

CEDARVILLE, OHIO – Cedarville University, in partnership with the Chuck Colson Center for Religious Worldview, will host a two-day Religious Freedom Summit Oct. 9-10, 2014, in the Dixon Ministry Center. National experts will discuss the assault on religious freedom as well as ways of preserving religious freedom.

The headlining speaker is **Steve Green, president of Hobby Lobby**. The arts and crafts retailer made national news this year when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in the company's favor, finding that it didn't have to fully comply with the Affordable Care Act based on its religious beliefs. Green will speak October 9 at 7 p.m. He will also lead a breakout session on business at 2 p.m. on the same day.

Joining Green at the Summit will be **Russell D. Moore, president of the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission; John Stonestreet, fellow at the Chuck Colson Center for Christian Worldview; and Jennifer Marshall, vice president for the Institute for Family, Community, and Opportunity at the Heritage Foundation**. A full list of speakers can be seen below.

"Religious freedom has been an important American freedom since our founding," said Mark Caleb Smith, Ph.D., director of the Center for Political Studies and assistant professor of political science at Cedarville University. "As our country becomes more diverse and as we have more disagreements over moral issues and even religion itself, the idea of religious freedom is going to be at the heart of those discussions."

In addition to plenary sessions, there will be breakout sessions in political science, pre-law, business, education, communication, bioethics and theology.

“This conference is an opportunity for us to speak in depth about an important topic for our culture,” said Smith, “It will provide all attendees a great opportunity to engage their minds on this issue.”

To learn more information or register for the conference, visit cedarville.edu/freedom. Cost is \$60 per person and the fee includes all meals and refreshments as well as conference materials.

Roundtable and Plenary Leaders at Summit:

Mike Adams	Political Commentator, townhall.com
Mindy Belz	Editor, WORLD Magazine
Eric Buehrer	President, Gateways to Education
Phillip Bethancourt	Executive Vice President, Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission
Jeremy Ervin	Dean, School of Education, Cedarville University
Thomas Farr	Project Director, Religious Freedom
Steve Fedyski	President and CFO, Vibrant Consulting Group
Mike Gonidakis	President, Ohio Right to Life
Derrick Green	Interim Chair, Department of Communication, Cedarville University
Steve Green	President, Hobby Lobby
John Hart	General Counsel, Cedarville University

Mark David Hall	President, Christians in Political Science
Jason Lee	Dean, School of Biblical and Theological Studies, Cedarville Univ.
Jennifer Marshall	Vice President, The Heritage Foundation
Angelia Mickle	Interim Dean, School of Nursing, Cedarville University
Russell Moore	President, Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission
Austin Nimocks	Senior Counsel, Alliance Defending Freedom
Craig L. Parshall	Senior VP and General Counsel, National Religious Broadcasters
Loren Reno	Dean, School of Business Administration, Cedarville University
David Rich	Professor of Public Administration and Political Science, Cedarville Univ.
Mark Caleb Smith	Assoc. Prof of Political Science & Director, Center for Political Studies, Cedarville University
Warren Smith	Associate Publisher, WORLD Magazine
Dennis Sullivan	Director, Center of Bioethics, Cedarville University
John Stonestreet	Fellow, Chuck Colson Center for Christian Worldview
Eric Teetsel	Executive Director, the Manhattan Project
Robert Vaughn	Assistant Professor of Political Science, Cedarville University
Jeffrey J. Ventrella	Speaker and Fellow, Chuck Colson Center for Christian Worldview
Kristen Waggoner	Senior Counsel, Alliance Defending Freedom
Thomas White	President, Cedarville University

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