



The U.S. culture is increasingly opposed to longstanding Christian values and practices. Over the last 2–3 years the contrast between our Alliance churches and institutions, and the expectations of those to whom we engage has become significant.

- How do we faithfully and wisely live out the Gospel in a post-Christian progressive revisionist culture?
- What does the law actually require?
- What additional changes can we anticipate in the next few years?

Along with President John Stumbo and General Counsel Gary Friesen, you will hear from C&MA Outside Legal Counsel Stuart Lark and renowned Christian psychologist Mark Yarhouse. Dr. Yarhouse’s books include *Emerging Gender Identities: Understanding the Diverse Experiences of Today’s Youth* and *Understanding Gender Dysphoria: Navigating Transgender Issues in a Changing Culture*.

This event will present up-to-date legal, political, and cultural data in a way that is immediately applicable for you, your leaders, and your legal counsel. We have gathered the very best thinkers and communicators who will speak to these vital issues from an Alliance perspective.

WHERE: Sonesta Columbus Downtown, 33 E. Nationwide Blvd., Columbus, Ohio

WHEN: September 22–23, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Thursday; 8:00 a.m.–noon Friday

COST: Registration is only \$129 before July 31, 2022—after that it’s \$149. Lodging at Sonesta Columbus Downtown is \$179 per night and includes a hot breakfast buffet. Lunch will be provided on Thursday. Variable parking rates are available depending on location.

Please [register](#) no later than August 19. For more information, see the attached or contact Gary Friesen at frieseng@cmalliance.org or Sue Close at clases@cmalliance.org.



John Stumbo is president of the U.S. Christian and Missionary Alliance. Prior to being elected as president in 2013, John served in Alliance churches of all sizes in Pennsylvania, Minnesota, Washington, and Oregon. He earned a DMin in leadership and the emerging culture from George Fox Evangelical Seminary in 2011. John has written four books, *God in You: A Conversation*, *In The Midst: Treasures from the Dark*, *An Honest Look at a Mysterious Journey*, and *A Stained Beauty*.



Gary Friesen has served as General Counsel for The Christian and Missionary Alliance since 2014. After graduating from George Fox University and Willamette University College of Law, he practiced corporate and nonprofit law in Oregon for eight years. Gary holds a PhD in Biblical Peacemaking and served many years on the leadership team of Peacemaker Ministries. Gary loves to teach and has taught conflict resolution and leadership issues across the globe.



Stuart Lark has represented the C&MA as outside legal counsel for more than 20 years. His experience representing a large number of Christian nonprofits gives him a breadth and depth of experience in church, constitutional, and nonprofit organizational law. For more than 20 years, Stu has focused on helping nonprofit clients navigate complex matters related to their district operational and legal challenges.



Mark Yarhouse is a clinical psychologist who specializes in conflicts tied to religious identity and sexual and gender identity. He is the Dr. Arthur P. and Mrs. Jean May Rech Chair in Psychology at Wheaton College, where he runs the Sexual and Gender Identity (SGI) Institute. Mark has published over 80 peer-reviewed journal articles and book chapters and has authored or co-authored several books, including *Understanding Gender Dysphoria: Navigating Transgender Issues in a Changing Culture*.