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Center for Christianity and Public Life to Host Inaugural Summit: "For the Good of the Public"

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Center for Christianity and Public Life (CCPL) is proud to announce its inaugural summit, "For the Good of the Public," taking place on November 6-7, 2023, at The Capital Turnaround, 700 M St SE, Washington, D.C.

The two-day summit will feature national and local leaders addressing a range of pressing issues facing all Americans. Topics include service and volunteerism, poverty, cultural and demographic shifts, the rise of artificial intelligence, and more. The event provides a unique opportunity for civic and religious leaders to engage in a constructive conversation about America's future.

“At a time of great significant political and cultural change, ‘For the Good of the Public’ will bring together civic and nonprofit leaders to learn and gain from what Christian resources have to offer for the good of society, and to explore the contributions most needed from Christians in the years to come,” said CCPL’s Founder and President, Michael Wear.

Distinguished speakers at the summit include (full speaker list available upon request):

- Liz Bruenig, *The Atlantic*
- Dr. CJ Rhodes, pastor of the historic Mt Helm Church in Jackson, MS
- Rev. Eugene Cho, Bread for the World
- Christine Emba, *Washington Post*
- Paul Monteiro, Maryland’s Secretary of Service and Civic Innovation
- Eboo Patel, Interfaith America
- Dr. Rosalind Picard, MIT
- Chris Griswold, American Compass
- U.S. Senator Chris Coons
- U.S. Senator Chris Murphy

To purchase a ticket for the event and see the full list of speakers, individuals are invited to visit <https://forthegoodofthepublic.eventbrite.com/>.

As part of the summit, CCPL will present its first Civic Renewal Awards on the evening of November 6 at the Capital Turnaround. This prestigious award recognizes individuals who have made exemplary contributions to the health and well-being of their community and nation. The 2023 recipients are Sr. Norma Pimentel and the late Timothy Keller, both of whom have demonstrated a commitment to CCPL's

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mission of contending for the credibility of Christian resources in public life, for the public good. Chris Crawford, a CCPL board member, and Michael Luo, editor of newyorker.com, are expected to present the prizes to Pimentel and a representative for Keller, respectively.

Following the award ceremony, attendees will be treated to a concert by Jon and Valerie Guerra, enhancing the celebratory atmosphere of the event. Jon and Valerie Guerra are musical collaborators based in Austin, TX. In addition to releasing two albums, Jon composed music for Terrence Malick's 2019 film, "A Hidden Life."

The Center for Christianity and Public Life encourages all those passionate about the public good to join this transformative conversation.

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About the Center for Christianity and Public Life (CCPL)

The Center for Christianity and Public Life is a nonpartisan nonprofit in Washington, D.C. with the mission to contend for the credibility of Christian resources in public life, for the public good. CCPL launched publicly in October 2022. We advance our mission through two streams of work: Christian Civic Formation and Public Imagination. CCPL's approach is grounded in the conviction that spiritual formation is central to civic renewal. For more information, visit www.ccpubliclife.org.

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