



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 Meeting of the Executive Committee, American Cusanus Society	Refectory
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Registration and Refreshments	Valentine Commons/ Coffee Shop
3:00 p.m.	Public Lecture I: <i>The Kiyomi Koizumi Watanabe Lecture</i> 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	Valentine Auditorium
4:00 p.m.	Wine Hour	Coffee Shop
4:30 p.m.	Public Lecture II: <i>The Morimichi Watanabe Lecture</i> Lutherans and Catholics after 50 Years: History of a Dialogue. The Lutheran Perspective Timothy Wengert , Philadelphia Lutheran Seminary	Valentine Auditorium

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: <i>The F. Edward Cranz Roundtable</i> Chair: Richard Serina , Concordia College-New York	Valentine Auditorium
	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

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, <i>Address to the Christian Nobility</i> (1520), pp. 126-33 (First Wall): reform proposals 7, 13, 15, 18, 20, 25 from <i>Luther's Works</i> (American Edition) (29 total pages).	
	--Cusanus, <i>Reformatio generalis</i> (1459): entire treatise in parallel Latin-English from Thomas M. Izbicki, ed., <i>Nicholas of Cusa, Writings on Church and Reform</i> , (Cambridge, MA, 2008) (21 total pages).	
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"	

Piotr Malsyz, Beeson Divinity School

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	
	--Luther, <i>Heidelberg Disputation</i> (1518): Theological and Philosophical Theses, Theological Proofs, from <i>Luther's Works</i> (American Edition) (12 total pages). --Cusanus, <i>De deo abscondito</i> (1445?): entire treatise from Jasper Hopkins, ed., <i>A Miscellany on Nicolas of Cusa</i> (Minneapolis, 1994) (6 pages).	
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 Business Meeting of the American Cusanus Society	Singmaster Center
7:15 p.m.	Candlelight Banquet Entertainment: Gettysburg Camerata	Refectory
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 Led by Philip Krey	Chapel
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 Library Rotunda

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

Working Session: Councils and Authority

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

--Luther, *On Councils and the Church* (1539): Part II: conciliar powers, from *Luther's Works* (American Edition) (22 pages).

--Cusanus, *The Catholic Concordance* (*De Concordantia Catholica* (1434): from Paul Sigmund, trans., *Nicholas of Cusa: The Catholic Concordance* (Cambridge, 1996), I.14-17, II.1-4, 17-18 (22 pages).

12:00 p.m. Close

Departures begin at 12:30 p.m.

12:30 p.m. Lunch (Optional)

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