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An Invitation and Explanation of the Coram Deo Pastors Conference

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Life and Books and Everything - Clearly Reformed

Dear brother pastor,

In a spirit of prayerful expectation, I want to invite you to the Coram Deo Pastors Conference. This new event is hosted by Clearly Reformed (a new ministry I help to lead) and Christ Covenant Church (where I have the privilege of serving as senior pastor). We look forward to filling our sanctuary with nearly 2,000 pastors and church leaders at Christ Covenant Church in Matthews, North Carolina on March 12-14, 2024.

Transcript

(music) Greetings and salutations. Welcome back to Life and Books and Everything. I want to take just a moment to tell you about new conference called Coram Deo Pastor's Conference that I've been involved in organizing behind the scenes.

We just launched the last day or so. I want you to hear about it. There's an Invitation and Explanation about the who, what, where, and why of the conference.

You can go to CoraMDeo.org. That's Latin for before the face of God. CoraMDeo.org. Here's the Invitation and Explanation. Dear brother pastor, in a spirit of prayerful expectation, I want to invite you to the CoraM Deo Pastor's Conference.

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After the conclusion of the Together for the Gospel Conference in 2022, a number of us started talking about how we might build on that legacy to provide a venue for pastors and their wives, if that would benefit some couples, to be edified, inspired, equipped,

and recharged for faithfulness in ministry. To that end, I organized a small steering group of friends, Justin Taylor, Ryan Kelly, Greg Gilbert, Jason Halopolis, and Matt Schmucker, to think and pray about whether we might launch a new conference and what that conference might look like. Coram Deo Pastor's Conference, CDPC, is the fruit of those conversations.

It may not be obvious from the conference schedule, but we've deliberately tried to organize the conference with three kinds of messages in mind. Expository sermons from Colin Smith, John Piper, HB Charles Jr., History Theology Lectures from Joel Bieke, Kevin DeYoung, Nathan Finch, Ed Van Dixhorn, and messages that address current hot topics. Those are from Carl Truman and Greg Gilbert.

Three panels roughly follow the same pattern, one panel in pastoral ministry, one on the Christian in history, and one on the vexing issue of Christianity and politics. We hope this approach enables the conference to cover a variety of topics, while also being clear about what the various messages are trying to accomplish. We think there is much to be gained by hosting the conference at a local church, even if that means our space is somewhat limited.

We will still have a great bookstore, exhibitor sponsors, and the feel of a conference, but we also hope for the feel of church. The music will be led by Nathan Clark George, the pastor of worship at Christ Covenant, as he collaborates with other musicians from inside and outside our church. I love being a pastor and I love pastors, which is why I am thrilled to be a part of this new initiative.

I hope to see many of you here in the Charlotte area for the inaugural Cornum Deo Pastors Conference, March 12-14, next spring 2024.

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