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# The Role of the Church in Doing Justice

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Seek justice, encourage the oppressed. Defend the cause of the fatherless, plead the case of the widow.

Isaiah 1:17

## Welcome

Dear Friends,

The second millennium brought with it the closing of some tragic events and a sobering landscape for the future. With the genocide in Rwanda and ethnic cleansing in the Balkans still fresh in our minds, other horrors began filling the headlines: a slaughter in Darfur, child soldiers in the Congo, 27 million lives enslaved, and two billion around the globe living in poverty.

In all of this, where was the Christian church? With biblical commands to “seek justice” entrenched in its very being, the church should be front and center in the human rights crisis. Thankfully, the church is becoming increasingly involved in the fight, and issues of human rights are growing in importance among Christian leaders. Especially among young Christians, social justice is an ever-present topic of conversation.

Faith in God serves as the source of strength for the victims of some of the greatest human rights abuses; in many oppressed regions, the churches are the only viable institutions; and in many wealthy regions, churches can be a source of leadership and resources. The church may prove to be the key to addressing human rights issues—both theologically and pragmatically.

Please join us at the Nootbaar Institute’s annual conference on “The Role of the Church in Doing Justice,” as we explore with some of the church’s foremost Christian leaders, the biblical foundations of justice, the history of the church’s leadership and failure of leadership on social justice issues, and the ways that churches today can address the mandate to “seek justice.”

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# The Herbert and Elinor Nootbaar Institute on Law, Religion, and Ethics

The purpose of the Herbert and Elinor Nootbaar Institute on Law, Religion, and Ethics is to bring the redemptive capacities of religious faith and moral insight to law, to find ways in which persons trained in law can serve “the least of these” throughout the world, and to explore how the practice of law might be a religious calling. We seek to do so at a theoretical level through seminars, conferences, and scholarship.

We also seek to put theory into action, working with governments and human rights organizations to bring peace, justice, and the rule of law around the globe.

## The Global Justice Program

The Nootbaar Institute’s Global Justice Program touches all corners of the globe through its initiatives in 1) international human rights and religious freedom, 2) developing the rule of law, and 3) global development. Through these initiatives, students and faculty collaborate to seek justice and create a lasting impact in some of the world’s most vulnerable places. The Global Justice Program is growing rapidly in response to student interest and demand from global partners.



**INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE MISSION** is a human rights agency that secures justice for victims of slavery, sexual exploitation, and other forms of violent oppression. IJM lawyers, investigators, and aftercare professionals work with local governments to ensure victim rescue, to prosecute perpetrators, and to strengthen the community and civic factors that promote functioning public justice systems. They are headquartered in Washington, D.C., and operate 14 international field offices, with 90 percent of staffers holding national citizenship in those countries.

## ADVOCATES INTERNATIONAL

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**ADVOCATES INTERNATIONAL** is a worldwide nonprofit organization based in Fairfax, Virginia, that deals with issues of religious freedom around the world. Advocates International (AI) is engaged in proactively promoting and protecting religious freedom, family, reconciliation, human rights, the sanctity of life, justice for the poor, and the rule of law. AI is the world’s largest international faith-based network of legal professionals networked for these common goods.

## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

**KAY WARREN**, international speaker, author, and advocate for the world's weak and vulnerable is a two-time cancer survivor and works with Saddleback Church and its global initiatives to fight HIV/AIDS and care for its victims, as well as move Christians and churches around the world to action on their behalf.

**RICH STEARNS**, World Vision U.S., president, has been at the helm of World Vision U.S. since 1998. Under his leadership, World Vision has dramatically increased donations and become one of the largest nonprofits in the world. He is also a world-traveling author and communicator of the goals and motivations that drive World Vision's relief, development, and advocacy work.

**DR. JOSEPH D'SOUZA**, Dalit Freedom Network, international president, and Operation Mobilisation, associate international coordinator, is an international speaker, author, and advocate for India's "untouchable" Dalit caste. Dalit Freedom Network partners with the Dalits in their quest for religious freedom, social justice, and human dignity by mobilizing human, intellectual, and financial resources.

**EMILY ALLEN**, Allen, Butler & Generazio, LLP, founding partner, represents families and individuals in a variety of immigration cases. She is a Pepperdine alumna and the co-supervising attorney for Pepperdine's Asylum Clinic.

**VAN BECKWITH**, Watermark Community Church, Justice Task Force, attorney, has a national trial practice in the Dallas area and leads the domestic and international legal efforts of Watermark's Justice Task Force.

**SAM CASEY**, Advocates International, executive vice president and advocates general counsel, spent many years as the executive director of the Christian Legal Society and a member of the Advocates International (AI) board before taking on his current role.

**MICHAEL CROMARTIE**, Ethics and Public Policy Center (EPPC), vice president, directs the Evangelicals in Civic Life and Religion and the Media programs for EPPC. He also served four years as a presidential appointee to the U.S. Commission for International Religious Freedom, chairing the commission for three of those years. He is also an author and editor of numerous articles and books.

**BETHANY HOANG**, International Justice Mission (IJM) Institute, director, heads the IJM Institute, which is a think tank community of Christian leaders advancing solutions for overcoming injustice. She is responsible for equipping leaders of the global church and academic communities with tools and resources for bringing others into a deeper level of understanding, passion, and commitment to seeking justice.

**TIM JONES**, Malibu Presbyterian Church, director of mission and outreach, guides the church's local and global outreach, and is a filmmaker and activist for the Burmese people with Lovemine.org.

**KEN KOONCE**, Central Dallas Ministries, director of Legal Action Works Center, leads the legal work of Central Dallas Ministries. The ministry partners with a variety of neighborhood and city organizations to address the root causes of poverty in the Dallas area.

**MARK LABBERTON**, Fuller Theological Seminary, Lloyd John Ogilvie Associate Professor of Preaching, is a speaker and author, as well as cofounder of the Christian International Scholarship Foundation. After many years as senior pastor at the First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley, he recently assumed the directorship of Lloyd John Ogilvie Institute of Preaching and also serves as a Senior Fellow at the IJM Institute.

**LA SHEA HENDERSON**, public defender, Riverside, California, has been a public defender for over four years. She has represented clients in various stages in her criminal law practice. Her current specialty is juvenile delinquency, where she represents clients ranging from 11 to 21 years of age.



**CHARLES LEE**, Ideation Consulting, The Idea Camp, New Hope, “ideation strategist, networker, and compassionate,” regularly speaks around the country on topics such as creativity, innovation, leadership, social media, community development and compassionate justice. He works with a variety of grassroots projects aimed at fostering collaborative and creative solutions for global justice issues.

**SEAN LITTON**, International Justice Mission, vice president, field operations, currently directs IJM’s casework operations around the world in Latin America, Africa, South Asia, and Southeast Asia, developing intervention strategies and advocating with local and national authorities. Prior to his position at headquarters, he worked for IJM in the Philippines, Thailand, and the Southeast Asia offices.

**JIM MARTIN**, International Justice Mission (IJM), national director of church mobilization, works to move churches to a deeper level of understanding God’s heart for justice and to action on behalf of the many victims of injustice around the world. He works with churches of all kinds, from those new in the work of IJM to seasoned partner churches doing the work of justice alongside IJM.

**VANCE SIMONDS**, Saddleback Justice Task Force, attorney, is a member of the Southern California-based Saddleback Justice Task Force, a group comprising judges, educators, social workers, psychologists, police, and private investigators. The task force trains and equips short term mission teams travelling internationally to see, hear, and respond to injustice.

**DR. ANA STEELE**, Dalit Freedom Network, executive president and Washington, D.C. director, spent 10 years teaching at Harvard University and Harvard Law, followed by 10 years in international missions before joining DFN. She recently led efforts that resulted in the first legislation of the U.S. government to condemn the practice of untouchability against the Dalit people in Indian society.

**BRITTANY STRINGFELLOW-OTTEY**, Pepperdine School of Law Legal Aid and Family Law Clinics, director, supervises the clinics located in the Union Rescue Mission in Downtown Los Angeles. Utilizing law clerks and volunteer attorneys, the clinic serves over 100 homeless and formerly homeless clients each month. She also teaches accompanying courses as an assistant professor at the School of Law.



## Location, Accommodations, and MCLE Credit

The conference will be held at Pepperdine University School of Law, Malibu, California. The weather in February is typically sunny and pleasant, in the mid-70s during the day and the 50s at night. The campus is along the coast, 45 minutes north of Los Angeles International Airport (LAX).

For links to hotels in the area, visit: [law.pepperdine.edu/welcome/visitor\\_information/hotels.html](http://law.pepperdine.edu/welcome/visitor_information/hotels.html)

**MCLE Credit** - This conference has been approved by the State Bar of California for six hours of Minimum Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) credit. Pepperdine University School of Law certifies that this activity conforms to the standards for approved education activities prescribed by the rules and regulations of the State Bar of California governing minimum continuing legal education.

# Conference Schedule

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2010

8 AM	REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST
9 AM	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION
9:15 AM	OPENING SESSION Kay Warren
10:00 AM	“THE BIBLICAL FOUNDATIONS FOR JUSTICE” Bethany Hoang (moderator) Michael Cromartie Mark Labberton
11:15 AM	“MOBILIZING THE CHURCH TO SEEK JUSTICE” Tim Jones (moderator) Sam Casey Jim Martin Charles Lee
12:30 PM	LUNCH SESSION Joseph D’Souza
1:45 PM	BREAK
2 PM	“SEEKING JUSTICE DOMESTICALLY” Brittany Stringfellow-Otey (moderator) Emily Allen Ken Koonce La Shae Henderson
3:30 PM	“SEEKING JUSTICE GLOBALLY” Bob Cochran (moderator) Sean Litton Ana Steele Van Beckwith Vance Simonds
5 PM	DINNER AND CLOSING SESSION Rich Stearns
7 PM	CONFERENCE CLOSING

# Registration

Preferred registration online at:

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General admission (*includes continental breakfast, lunch, and dinner*): \$120.00

Full-time ministry admission (*with meals, but you must register online*): \$60.00

Student/Faculty admission (*with meals, but you must register online*): \$25.00

Student admission (*no meals, but you must register online*): FREE

Please provide: ☐ vegetarian meal ☐ kosher meal

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