



Conference for Renewal Theology



The God Who Renews

“And he who was seated on the throne said,
‘Behold, I am making all things new’”

Revelation 21:5



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REGENT UNIVERSITY STATEMENT OF FAITH

Regent University is a Christ-centered institution. The board of trustees, along with the faculty and staff of the university, is committed to an evangelical interpretation and application of the Christian faith. The campus community is closely identified with the present-day renewal movement, which emphasizes the gifts, fruit and ministries of the Holy Spirit. All employees are expected to understand and adhere to the following articles of belief:

1. That the Holy Bible is the inspired, infallible and authoritative source of Christian doctrine and precept.
2. That there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
3. That man was created in the image of God but, as a result of sin, is lost and powerless to save himself.
4. That the only hope for man is to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, the virgin-born Son of God, who died to take upon Himself the punishment for the sin of mankind, and who rose from the dead so that by receiving Him as Savior and Lord, man is redeemed by His blood.
5. That Jesus Christ will personally return to earth in power and glory.
6. That the Holy Spirit indwells those who receive Christ for the purpose of enabling them to live righteous and holy lives.
7. That the Church is the Body of Christ and is composed of all those who through belief in Christ have been spiritually regenerated by the indwelling Holy Spirit. The mission of the Church is worldwide evangelism and the nurturing and discipling of Christians.



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MISSION & VISION

The Regent School of Divinity exists for the glory of God by providing biblical, theological and ministerial education that seeks to be faithful to the Scriptures and emphasizes the renewing work of the Holy Spirit in order to train laborers who will bear witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ in the Church, the world, and the academy. We support the mission and vision of Regent University in the following ways:

1. **Biblical fidelity:** We are committed to excellence in theological and ministerial education that is grounded in the authority of the Bible as the eternal, infallible and inspired Word of God.
2. **Trinitarian worship:** We seek to offer our labor in education and research as worship of the Triune God and aim to declare His holiness and glory in all that we do.
3. **Spiritual renewal:** We are focused on the renewing presence of the Holy Spirit from creation to the consummation, and embrace the biblical, historical and contemporary expressions of His renewing work.
4. **Holistic formation:** We understand the call to formation to be the lifelong process of being conformed to the image of Christ by His Spirit and seek to promote holistic habits of spirit, soul and body that promote human and ministerial flourishing.
5. **Ecclesial focus:** We desire to serve the Body of Christ with humility and integrity, recognizing the central role of the Church in the eternal plan of God.
6. **Missional leadership:** We participate in God's mission by providing education, training, empowerment and equipping to all whom God calls, regardless of ethnicity or gender.
7. **Prophetic relevance:** It is our vision to graduate Christ-centered leaders that will be prophetic witnesses in their generation, standing firm in their commitment to biblical values of holiness and morality.



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STATEMENT ON RENEWAL THEOLOGY

Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.” (Jude 1:3, ESV)

The School of Divinity was founded on the Biblical call to train ministers, scholars and leaders who will contend for the faith that was once delivered to the saints (Jude 1:3). We believe that the Gospel of Jesus is indeed the power of God for salvation (Romans 1:16), a light that shines in the midst of darkness (John 1:1-5). It is our aim to train Christian ministers, scholars and leaders who will participate in the transformation of our world through a faithful commitment to the Gospel of Christ, a fidelity to the Holy Scripture and by being witnesses of the active work of God’s Spirit in our world.

The Regent School of Divinity is focused on the study, praxis and proclamation of Renewal Theology. Renewal Theology is the believing reflection on the activity of God in Holy Scripture and in the history of the Church from the point of view of the renewing work of the Holy Spirit. It operates within a Trinitarian framework with a Christological focus, and is shaped by the normative voice of Holy Scripture. Renewal Theology values the gifts and power of the Holy Spirit, while acknowledging the role of love as “the most excellent way” (1 Corinthians 13).

Renewal theology aims to strengthen the faith of the Christian community and emphasizes the conviction, formalized by Augustine in the fourth century as *credo ut intelligam*, “I believe in order to understand” and by Anselm in the eleventh century as *fides quaerens intellectum*, “faith seeking understanding.”



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STATEMENT CONTINUED

In our pursuit of Renewal Theology we know that we are treading on holy ground. God is never “summoned into the presence of reason; reason is summoned before the presence of God.” Renewal Theology is not merely free speech, but rather holy speech.

Renewal theology is rooted in the idea that the triune God alone is the source of all genuine reviving and awakening, and thus it seeks to foster within all people an inner experience of treasuring the beauty and worth of God in an ever-growing love for God and the Lordship of Christ over all of life. To this end, the Bible is the primary means through which God makes his nature, beauty, and will known to humanity. As such, the Old and New Testament are God’s self-disclosure, through the many genres of literature, like the many colors of the rainbow. No one literary type or literary device is preeminent over all others (e.g., propositional, metaphor, etc.). Rather, God’s renewing and reviving works are mediated through the multi-colored spectrum that constitute the palette of literary forms. The Spirit of God carries out his restoring and reviving work primarily through the Scriptures, by which he confronts, convicts, imparts faith, produces repentance, and creates life-sustaining joy in the heart, so that people begin to value and intentionally display his worth in their lives. These displays of his worth are expressed through our natural giftedness, as well as the Spiritual gifts he grants for the purpose of building up the Church—which is Christ’s body—and to empower us as his witnesses, with the biblical text adjudicating these expressions; making it both the means and the standard of renewal.



PLENARY SPEAKERS

Dr. Mark A. Jumper

Associate Professor and Director of Chaplaincy and Military Affairs at Regent University School of Divinity

Holding ordination in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Dr. Jumper is a third-generation Presbyterian minister, experienced pastor, and retired U.S. Navy chaplain with 24 years of service with the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. He is the author of *Presbyterian Prophet: The Life and Ministry of J. Rodman Williams* (Stone Tower Press, 2024), co-editor of *The Holy Spirit and the Reformation Legacy* (Pickwick, 2020), co-author of *Chaplaincy: A Comprehensive Introduction* (Baker Academic, 2024).

Dr. Craig S. Keener

F. M. and Ada Thompson Professor of Biblical Studies at Asbury Theological Seminary

Dr. Keener is the author of 37 books, over 100 academic articles, 7 booklets, and more than 200 popular-level articles. His books have won thirteen national and international awards, including six from *Christianity Today*. Dr. Keener is a former president of the Evangelical Theological Society, former editor of the *Bulletin for Biblical Research*, and former program chair for the Institute for Biblical Research. His works pertinent to this conference include *Spirit Hermeneutics: Reading Scripture in Light of Pentecost* (Eerdmans, 2017), *The Mind of the Spirit: Paul's Approach to Transformed Thinking* (Baker Academic, 2019), *Gift and Giver: The Holy Spirit for Today* (Baker Academic, 2020), and *Miracles Today* (Baker Academic, 2021).



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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Check-in & Coffee
8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Worship
9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Introduction
9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Plenary Session 1 - Dr. Mark Jumper
10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Break
10:45 a.m. – 11:25 a.m.	Presentation Session A
11:35 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Presentation Session B
12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	Lunch & Renewal Testimony w/ Dr. Debra Haggins
1:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Plenary Session 2 - Dr. Craig Keener
2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	Break
2:45 p.m. – 3:25 p.m.	Presentation Session C
3:35 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	Presentation Session D
4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Closing



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PRESENTATION SESSIONS

Session A - 10:45– 11:25 a.m.

- RH 101 - Leroy Gilbert: “God Who Renews: Divine Empowerment and Intervention for Individuals Living with Chronic Illness and Adversity”
- RH 103 - Trevor Hodges: “A Renewed Pneumatological Perspective: The Holy Spirit’s Role in Prayer.”
- RH 107 - Alex Mekonnen: “The Groaning of Creation and God's Renewal.”
- RH 112 - William Skiles: “The Blessings of Celebrating Holy Communion on University and College Campuses”
- RH 116 - Daniel Topf: “Envisioning the Renewal of All Things: A Theocentric Framework for Addressing Political, Economic, Social, and Technological Developments in Society.”

Session B - 11:25 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

- RH 101 - Matthew Arakaky: “I Almost Forsook the Heavenly Vision: Apostasy And Renewal In 1 Kings 18–19.”
- RH 103 - Lance Bacon: “The Tabernacle and Heavenly Temple: A Paradigm for Progressive Renewal.”
- RH 107 - Paul Belcher: “God's Providential Renewal Plan to Make a Holy Communion Place for the Heirs of Eternal Hope.”
- RH 112 - Russell Huizing: “The Foundation of Renewal: The Gospel of Jesus”
- RH 116 - Kevin Spawn: “Reforms, Awakenings, and Blessings: 2 Chronicles 20:1-30 as the Climactic Conclusion of the Chronicler's Jehoshaphat Narrative (2 Chronicles 17:1-21:1a)”



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PRESENTATION SESSIONS

Session C - 2:45 – 3:25 p.m.

- RH 101 - Michael Blythe: "Spirit, Purity, and Real Estate in Luke-Acts: Renewal in Route to Rome"
- RH 103 - Steve Carlin: "Pentecostal Purpose Reimagined: Infusing Sacramental Language with Spirit-filled Theology"
- RH 107 - Chuck Crocker: "The Lamb that Renews: Metaphor, Rhetoric and Eschatological Hope in John's Use of a Slain/Standing Lamb."
- RH 112 - Jody Fleming: "Community Spiritual Renewal: Narrative, Pneumatology and the Woman at the Well (John 4:1-42)."
- RH 116 - David Wallace: "'By the Mercies of God' – Spiritual Renewal in Romans 12:1-2"

Session D - 3:35 – 4:15 p.m.

- RH 101 - Jeffrey Anderson: "Renewal Theology in Light of the Other Theologies"
- RH 103 - Zachary Dawson: "The Method and Theology of Ministry of Martyn Lloyd-Jones: A Critical Evaluation with Reflections for Contemporary Application."
- RH 107 - Jordon Jones: "J. Rodman Williams and the Intellectual Adventure of Ancient Man (Spirit Hermeneutics for Cognitive Environment Criticism)"
- RH 112 - John-Paul Lotz: "Incarnation, Anakephalaiosis and the Renewal of Humanity in Irenaeus of Lyons."
- RH 116 - Prince Nwankuku: "Renewal in Christian Philosophy and Apologetics."



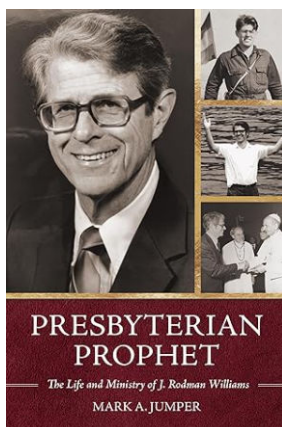
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LEGACY OF J. RODMAN WILLIAMS

J. RODMAN WILLIAMS (1918–2008), known by many as the father of modern Renewal Theology, had a long and vibrant ministry as a Presbyterian minister and scholar. He served variously as a pastor, military chaplain, seminary professor and president, international speaker, theologian, and author. Yet, it was his experiences and efforts as a key figure in the Charismatic Movement of the 1960s and beyond that gave him the stature of the movement's most prominent theologian and one of its key leaders. Drawing from research in educational and denominational archives, interviews with family and friends, and the writings and personal papers of Williams, author Mark Jumper presents an overview of the life and ministry of a remarkable and dedicated Christian scholar. He presents the personal, professional, and spiritual journey of a remarkable Christian servant with insightful clarity and understanding.

Presbyterian Prophet: The Life and Ministry of J. Rodman Williams by Mark A. Jumper is available for sale by all major book publishers.



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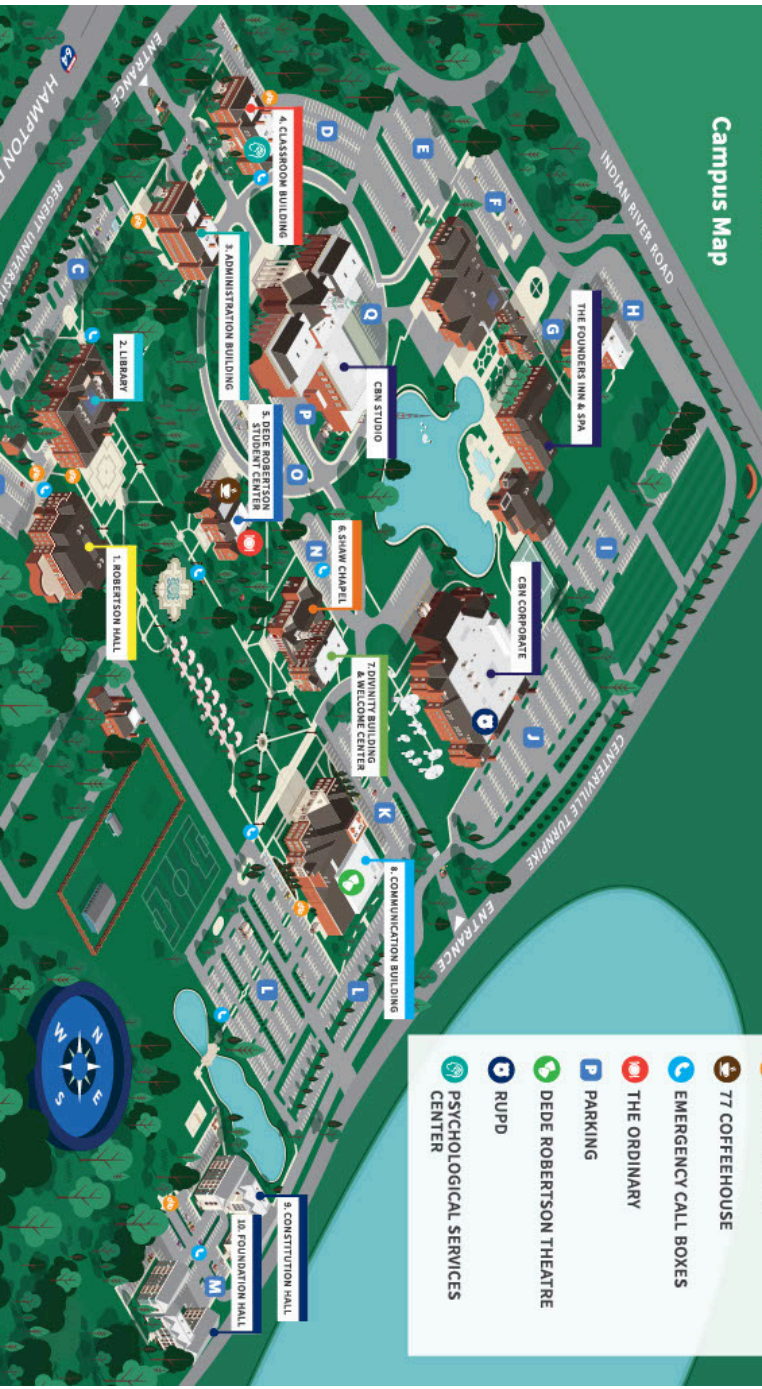
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