



# Courageous Conversations

## Christian Responses to the Cultural Wreckage of Sexuality

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He is the author of *When Harry Became Sally: Responding to the Transgender Moment* and *Truth Overruled: The Future of Marriage and Religious Freedom*. He is the co-author of *What Is Marriage? Man and Woman: A Defense and Debating Religious Liberty and Discrimination*, and the co-editor of *A Liberalism Safe for Catholicism? Perspectives from "The Review of Politics."* Anderson's research has been cited by two U.S. Supreme Court justices, Justice Samuel Alito and Justice Clarence Thomas, in two Supreme Court cases.



He received his bachelor of arts degree from Princeton University, graduating *Phi Beta Kappa* and *magna cum laude*, and he received his doctoral degree in political philosophy from the University of Notre Dame. His dissertation was titled: "Neither Liberal Nor Libertarian: A Natural Law Approach to Social Justice and Economic Rights."

Anderson has made appearances on ABC, CNN, CNBC, MSNBC, and Fox News. His work has been published by the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, the *Wall Street Journal*, Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, the *Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy*, the *Harvard Health Policy Review*, the *Georgetown Journal of Law and Public Policy*, *First Things*, the *Claremont Review of Books*, and *National Review*.

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**Rev. Dr. Brian T. German**. After graduating from Concordia University Wisconsin in 2006 (B.A.), Dr. Brian T. German attended Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana (M.Div., 2010), and Wycliffe College at the University of Toronto (Ph.D., 2014). Dr. Brian German is Chairman of the Department of Theology and Director of the Concordia Bible Institute at Concordia University Wisconsin. He is author of *Psalms of the Faithful: Luther's Early Reading of the Psalter in Canonical Context* (Lexham Press, 2017) and a forthcoming commentary on *Haggai and Malachi* (Concordia Publishing House, 2024). His general area of research has been the history of biblical interpretation, with a particular focus on Martin Luther's Old Testament writings. He and his wife Kalia have four children: Grace, Zephaniah, Job, and Amos.



**Rev. Matthew E. Wurm** received a B.A. from Concordia University, Wisconsin in 2003. In 2004, he served as a short-term volunteer missionary in Panama City, Panama for LCMS World Missions. In 2008 he received a M. Div. from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He served Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Bemidji, Minnesota from 2008-2013 and from 2013 to present he has been the Senior Pastor at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, Brookings, South Dakota. Both congregations he has served have had active campus ministries and vicars. In 2014 he was inducted as a Fellow of DOXOLOGY. He was appointed as a Circuit Visitor in 2019. He and his wife, Kyra, have been blessed with six children, Micah Joel, Annika Kathryn, Aubrey Elizabeth, Isaac Matthew, Elena Grace, and Benjamin Grant. In his free time he likes to play hockey, build things, and resurrect dead vehicles and equipment.



**Dr. Beverly K. Yahnke** is a clinical psychologist serving as the Executive Director of Christian Counsel for DOXOLOGY. During her 25 years in private clinical practice, she provided care for church workers and their families. She has also served as Department Chair and Professor of Psychology at Concordia University Wisconsin where she was named "Faculty Laureate". Most recently, her work with DOXOLOGY has focused on providing pastors, teachers, and church workers with opportunities for renewal and advanced training. Dr. Yahnke has written numerous articles about psychology, education, and faith, and is a frequently invited speaker for clergy and educator conferences. She also serves on the Board of Regents of Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

