

## OCTOBER 31, 1517

is regarded as the day Martin Luther ignited the Protestant Reformation, which profoundly changed the institutions of church and society throughout Western Europe and beyond. Together, let us look at our past, our present, and our future. Together, let us raise our voices in song and lift our hearts in worship.

### EVENTS

*October 1*

Community-Wide Hymn Festival

*October 8*

“Is the Catholic Counter-Reformation Over?” with Eduardo Echeverria

*October 15*

“Reformation as Blessing and Bane,” with Mark Noll

*October 22*

“Being and Doing as One Body: Perspectives on Catholic and Reformed Worship,” with Joyce Ann Zimmerman

*October 29*

Community-Wide Worship Service



## 500 REFORMATION 500 HOLLAND

*Join Protestant and Catholic Christians of the greater Holland area to commemorate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Protestant Reformation.*





# PRESENTATIONS

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## IS THE CATHOLIC COUNTER-REFORMATION OVER?

**Sunday, October 8 at 7:00 p.m.**

*Fourteenth Street Christian Reformed Church  
Corner of 14<sup>th</sup> St. and Central Ave., Holland*

*with Eduardo J. Echeverria, Ph.D.*

*Professor of Philosophy and Theology  
Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit*

The Catholic Counter-Reformation is over insofar as the Catholic Church now recognizes the Reformation as a renewal movement. This does not mean that Christ's ecumenical imperative (John 17:11, 20–21) has now been completely fulfilled. Catholic teaching sees the Church's unity both as a gift, an existing reality, and a task. Since Vatican II (1965), the Catholic Church has been irrevocably committed to receptive ecumenism, in which ecumenical dialogue is an exchange of gifts, a dialogue of love, stemming from a common cause in the Gospel. The basis and limits of this ecumenism will be explored.

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## REFORMATION AS BLESSING AND BANE

**Sunday, October 15 at 7:00 p.m.**

*Fourteenth Street Christian Reformed Church  
Corner of 14<sup>th</sup> St. and Central Ave., Holland*

*with Mark Noll, Ph.D.*

*Francis A. McAnaney Professor of History, Emeritus  
University of Notre Dame*

The Protestant Reformation achieved many positive results, including a fresh vision of God's grace, a great boost to the distribution of Scripture, and a strong empowerment of lay men and women. And at the same time, the Reformation caused problems. These included a break-up of Christian unity, an occasional trivialization of Scripture and a much stronger role for the state in all religious matters. This lecture tries to explain "blessing" and "bane" as fairly as possible.

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## BEING AND DOING AS ONE BODY: PERSPECTIVES ON CATHOLIC AND REFORMED WORSHIP

**Sunday, October 22 at 7:00 p.m.**

*Fourteenth Street Christian Reformed Church  
Corner of 14<sup>th</sup> St. and Central Ave., Holland*

*with Joyce Ann Zimmerman, C.P.P.S., Ph.D., S.T.D.*

*Director, Institute for Liturgical Ministry  
Dayton, Ohio*

In the last fifty years, ecumenism has made giant leaps toward mutual recognition and acceptance of Roman Catholicism and Reformed Protestantism, especially with respect to their respective worship traditions. What we have in common, especially as concerns Baptism and Eucharist/Lord's Supper, can be a springboard for moving beyond what still separates us.

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# MUSIC AND WORSHIP

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## COMMUNITY-WIDE HYMN FESTIVAL

**Sunday, October 1 at 7:00 p.m.**

*Jack H. Miller Center for the Musical Arts  
Hope College, 221 Columbia Avenue, Holland*

**Robert J. Batastini, director**

**Peter Kurdziel, organist**

This community-wide hymn festival, themed, "Hymnody: The Voice of Christian Unity," will launch our commemoration. Director Robert Batastini will introduce each hymn with a brief description of its origin, beginning with four hymns from the 16<sup>th</sup> century—one each of Lutheran, Roman Catholic, Reformed, and Anglican origin—and ending with the work of some contemporary hymn writers.

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## COMMUNITY-WIDE WORSHIP SERVICE

**Sunday, October 29 at 5:00 p.m.**

*Christ Memorial Church  
595 Graafschap Rd., Holland*

*Preaching: Rev. Dr. John D. Witvliet*

*Liturgist: Rev. Marvin J. Hofman*

**Robert J. Batastini, director**

**Rhonda Edgington, organist**

**St. Francis de Sales Brass**

Rev. Marvin J. Hofman, minister of Fourteenth Street Christian Reformed Church, will be the liturgist, with Rev. John Witvliet, Director of the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, preaching. A massed choir of local singers will compliment the congregational singing. *Sola Dei gloria.*

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