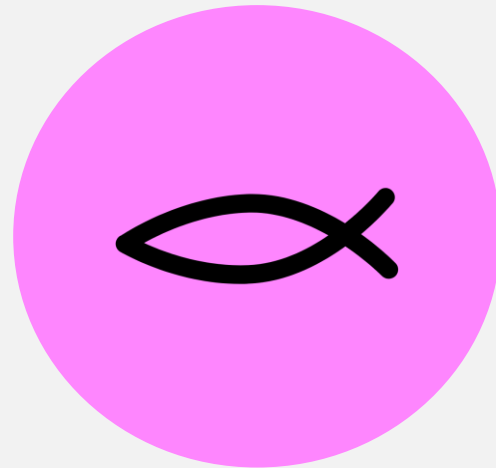


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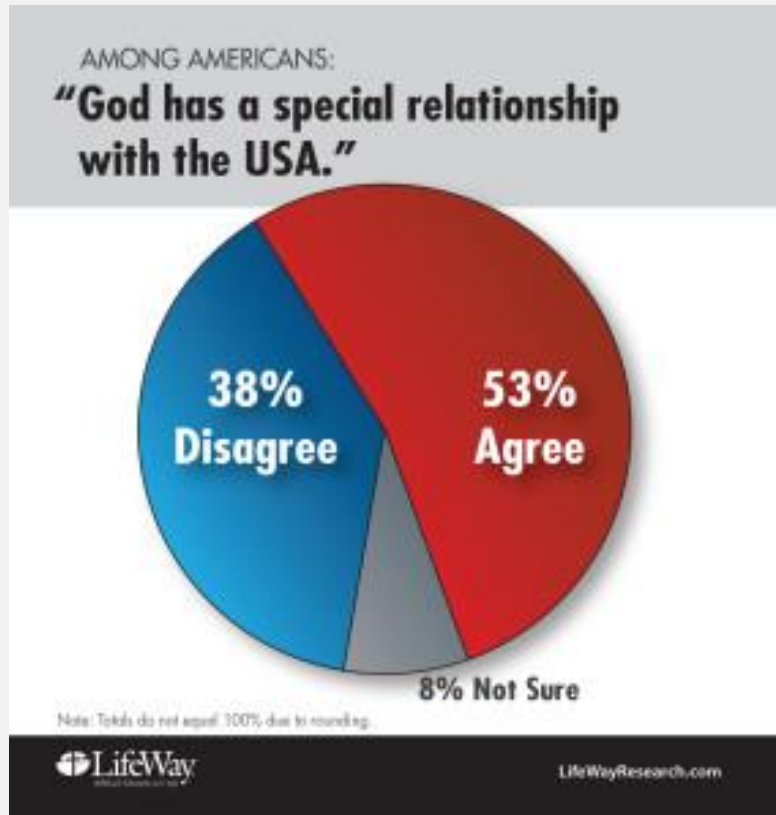


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Agenda

- Announcements, Attendance, & Prayer
- The Challenge of Christian Nationalism
- Faith First (Not America First) – 3 Steps Forward
- So What? Continuing the Conversation

Challenge of Christian Nationalism



Among Evangelicals Age 45 & Older
71% Agree

Americans Optimistic About Nation's Future.
(LifeWay Research. July 1, 2015)

Nationalism vs Patriotism



“White Christianity in the United States, and particularly its Evangelical and Pentecostal expressions, lives in a bubble. It is insulated by a worldview that believes God has a special relationship to the United States that automatically commingles nationalistic pride with spiritual righteousness.”
(Future Faith, p.140)



“While some degree of patriotism is permissible, nationalism is never an acceptable approach for those who follow the Way of Jesus.”

Nationalism: Just Say No
(So What Faith. July 5, 2019)

Step 1: Listen to Non-American Voices

“Except for Pope Francis, voices of leaders in world Christianity, and particularly those from places where the church is growing fastest and shaping the future of faith, are typically unheard and largely unknown.”

(Future Faith, p.152)



Bishop Efraim Tendaro
General Secretary
(2015 – Present)
World Evangelical Alliance



Rev. Dr. Olav Fykse Tveit
General Secretary
(2010 – Present)
World Council of Churches

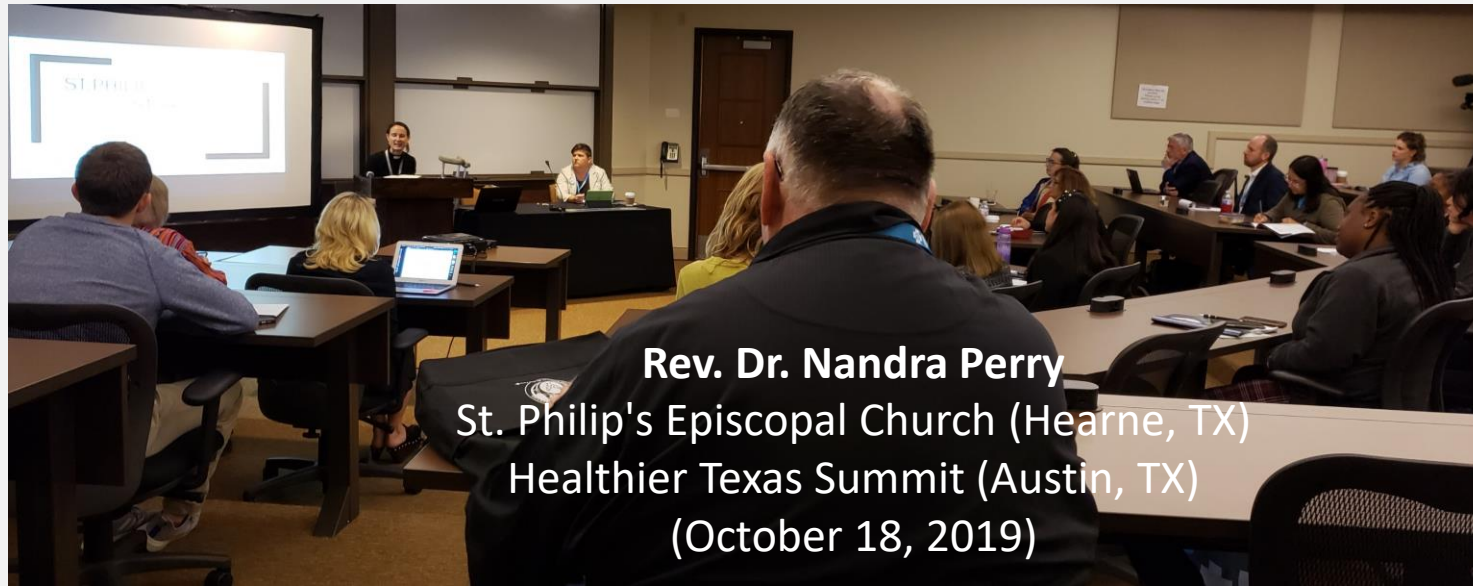


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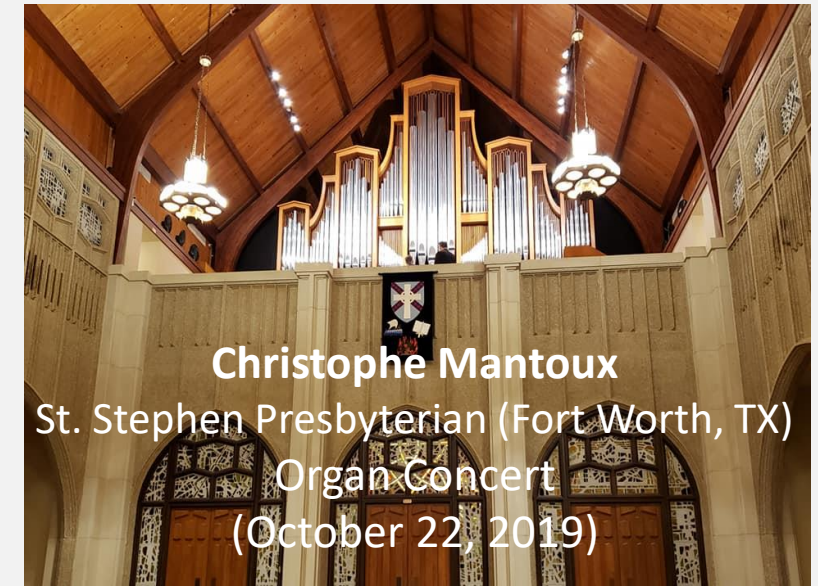


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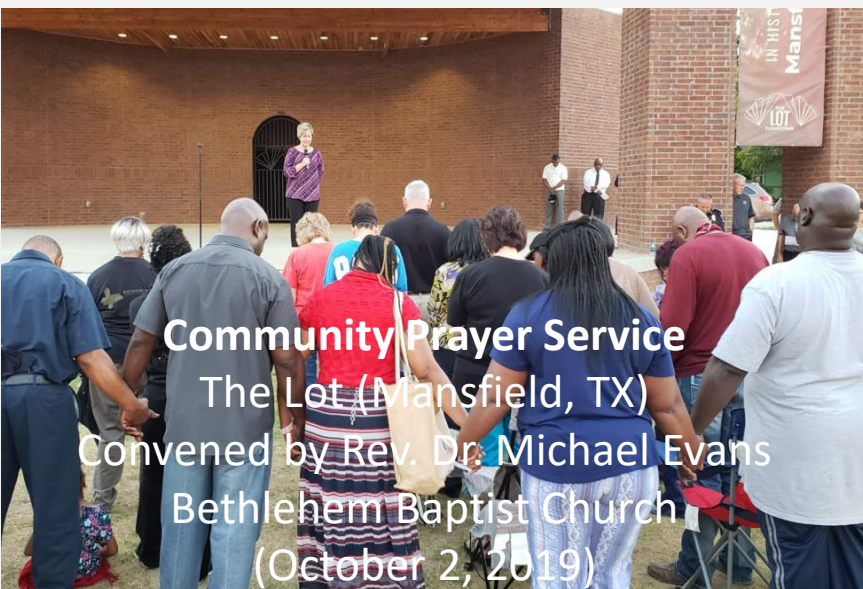
Step 2: Deepen Faith Formation



Rev. Dr. Nandra Perry
St. Philip's Episcopal Church (Hearne, TX)
Healthier Texas Summit (Austin, TX)
(October 18, 2019)



Christophe Mantoux
St. Stephen Presbyterian (Fort Worth, TX)
Organ Concert
(October 22, 2019)



Community Prayer Service
The Lot (Mansfield, TX)
Convened by Rev. Dr. Michael Evans
Bethlehem Baptist Church
(October 2, 2019)



Oren Cass
Mopac Event Center (Fort Worth, TX)
Lecture: The Future of Work
(October 22, 2019)



Harambee Festival
Evans Avenue Plaza (Fort Worth, TX)
Seafood, Chicken and Blues
(October 4, 2019)

Step 3: Actively Engage Society

“De-Americanizing the gospel in our time becomes concrete in actions of Christian solidarity and requires a strategy of active engagement in society rather than strategic withdrawal from it.”

(Future Faith, p.160)

#1

Young Black People

#2

Immigrants

#3

Muslims

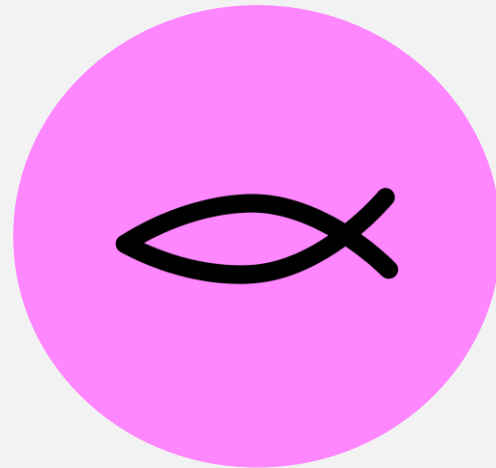
So What? Continuing the Conversation



- ✓ How has Christian nationalism impacted you?
- ✓ What is one way you will commit to de-Americanize the Gospel in your life?

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