

# GRACE RELATIONS FORUM

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Overview: Issues of diversity and inclusion bombard us every day. Having no response or a reactive response are not options. Learn how to properly address these sensitive issues in a way that demonstrates the love of Christ and fosters a campus committed to biblical reconciliation.

8:00 – 8:15

Welcome & Instructions

8:15 – 9:30

## SESSION 1 — START AT THE BEGINNING — A BIBLICAL AND THEOLOGICAL CONSTRUCT FOR GRACE RELATIONS

Overview: One of the most divisive issues of this time is diversity and inclusion. The increasing voices, policies, laws, and resources focused on diversity and inclusion programs demand a biblical/theological perspective. How do we prepare our students with a biblical/theological foundation through discipleship that leads to loving God and one's neighbor?

- ▶ Why is a biblical/theological perspective on reconciliation?
- ▶ What are some key components of a biblical/theological perspective of reconciliation?
- ▶ What outcomes does God desire for biblical reconciliation?

9:30 – 10:15

Refreshment Break — Regency Foyer

10:15 – 11:45

## SESSION 2 — MODELING THE GRACE RELATIONS WAY

Overview: One of our most diverse colleges, The College of Biblical Studies, is committed to modeling the Grace Relations way, through truth, training, and transformation. Both failures and successes all lead to trusting God's grace for the present and future. Consider conversations that lead to collaboration and cultural change.

- ▶ *Let the redeemed of the Lord say so!* Celebrating God's grace in CBS' past
- ▶ *Let the redeemed of the Lord say so!* Celebrating God's grace in CBS' present
- ▶ Realizing CBS' Grace Relations dream — this to be a generation of biblical reconciliation

12:00 – 1:00

Buffet Lunch — Regency Foyer

1:00 – 2:15

## SESSION 3 — HOW DO THEY SEE US?

Overview: How do we biblically address the polarizing issues of diversity and inclusion. What are some of the fears and frustrations that paralyze us? Do we dare believe that by the Grace of God we can rise above the divisions within the world and create communities of light? How do we become known for loving God and our neighbor, committed to truth, training & transformation.

- ▶ How is loving God and your neighbor manifested on your campus?
- ▶ Reflecting upon your institution's Grace Relations story
- ▶ How do we handle opposition to the truth?
- ▶ God is not looking for our counsel but our obedience

2:15 – 3:00

Refreshment Break — Regency Foyer

3:00 – 4:15

## SESSION 4 — YOUR NEXT STEPS — A ROUNDTABLE CONVERSATION

Overview: Each of our institutions has a unique Grace Relations story. Therefore, the application of biblical/theological truths will not look the same in every institution. Yet every institution should be a manifestation of the wisdom of God in creating a diverse body of believers known for their love. Through roundtable discussions we will seek to discover two or three next steps in your Grace Relations journey that you can implement immediately.

- ▶ Conversations about collaborations leading to cultural change manifesting God's Grace
- ▶ Challenges facing our campuses and culturally appropriate next steps
- ▶ Pursuing the dream to make this a generation of biblical reconciliation -daring to dream

4:15 – 4:30

Wrap Up

6:00 – 8:30

CONNECTIONS DINNER — SAK COMEDY LAB — *Sponsored by Columbia International University*  
Ballroom B/C/D