

# 2016 WHY JESUS?

NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE ON EVIDENCE FOR CHRISTIAN FAITH

**Saturday, May 7, 2016 | 12:00 PM — 1:00 PM**

**Cross Insurance Center in Bangor, Maine**

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## **NOONDAY ELECTIVE SESSIONS**

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### **Arena & Conference Center**

**CONFERENCE ATTENDEES WILL NEED TO CHOOSE ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING SESSIONS, ALL OF WHICH WILL RUN CONCURRENTLY:**

**ELECTIVE #1 • Meet the Oasis Chorale • Arena**

A mini-concert, a brief address on **Artful Music for Thoughtful Worship**, and an opportunity to personally meet members of the chorale.

*This elective session will be of interest to all, but probably of particular interest to worship leaders and worship teams.*

**ELECTIVE #2 • Personal Greeting & Book Signing by Speakers • Ballrooms 1, 2, 3**

A great opportunity to personally meet our speakers and have them autograph books that they've authored and that you supply.

**NOTE:** Books by all plenary speakers will be available for sale on-site at the Lamb's Bookstore exhibit on the day of the conference.

**ELECTIVE #3 • Why Jesus? on Campus • Ballrooms 4, 5, 6, 7**

A **panel** of seasoned campus ministry leaders will talk about apologetics and faith at the university. How to stand strong in the faith amidst significant pressures.

Panelists presentations to be followed by a live Q&A session.

**Participants include:** Rob Gregory (Moderator); Joe Cousins (Cru), Joel Wentz (InterVarsity), Nate Daman (Navigators), Lori Peters (Ratio Christi), Doug Palmetter (Life Ministries), Ben Pascut (Consortium of Christian Study Centers), Alycia Wood (RZIM), Kevin Young (Challenge UMaine)

*Young people should not miss this session! Especially valuable for college-age and college-bound youth.*

**ELECTIVE #4 • Why Jesus? in Sports & Recreation • Conference Room A**

A team of individuals with experience in a whole range of athletics will be available to discuss practical ways in which they've incorporated apologetics in their ministry.

**Presenters include:** Jarrod Lynn (Athletes in Action), Phil Tuttle (Fellowship of Christian Athletes), Henri Aldunate (Heartbeat AT, i.e. Appalachian Trail), and Craig Clapper from Bremen IN (a former Appalachian Trail chaplain and pastor)

**Drop-by session.** *Come and go as suits your schedule.*

**ELECTIVE #5 • Why Not Jesus? • Conference Room B**

How Non-Christian Worldviews Ultimately Fail

*Insightful 45-minute lecture by Dr. Terry Smith, educator and speaker. Q&A session.*

**ELECTIVE #6 • Why Jesus? Who Cares? • Conference Room C**

Contending for Faith When Religion Is Judged Irrelevant

*An especially enlightening 45-minute lecture by professor and pastor, William Johnson. Q&A session.*

**ELECTIVE #7 • Why Jesus? in Your Local Church • Conference Room D**

Designed for pastors, church staff, and other Christian leaders. How can apologetics be incorporated into the life of your local church?

Daryl E. Witmer (AIIA Institute), Bob Valiant (Evidence for Hope), and Rick Carver (Reason & Rhyme) will be available to consult with you on this subject.

**Drop-by session.** *Come and go as suits your schedule.*

**ELECTIVE #8 • How to Equip Kids with Evidence for Faith • Conference Rooms 1 & 2**

A team of experienced presenters will be available to share resources and approaches for grounding young children and teens in the Christian faith.

**Presenters include:** Edie Cunningham & Karen Weitzel (ABWE), John Romano (Child Evangelism Fellowship), and Bjorn Anderson (Young Life).

Sunday School teachers, Christian educators, homeschoolers, parents with young children — don't miss this session!

**Drop-by session.** *Come and go as suits your schedule.*

**ELECTIVE #9 • Options for Formal Studies in Christian Apologetics • Conference Room 3**

Speak with representatives from three schools about how to deepen your knowledge and develop your skills in apologetics.

Schools include: Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (Ian Shearing), New Brunswick Bible Institute in Canada (David Doherty), and Grace Evangelical Seminary & New England Bible College (Terry Phillips & Robert Sherman)

**Drop-by session.** *Come and go as suits your schedule.*

**ELECTIVE #10 • Why Jesus? in an Age of Phony Religion • Conference Room 4**

Help for Recognizing Cults and Aberrant Controlling Groups —and Recovering from the Damage They Cause.

Bob & Judy Pardon (MeadowHaven and the New England Institute of Religious Research) will be available to consult on this often intense subject.

If you know someone who has been involved, or still is trapped, in such a group, you should plan to talk with the Pardons during this session.

**Drop-by session.** *Come and go as suits your schedule.*