

2008 CLF National Law Student Conference Report
University of Windsor – Feb 21-24, 2008

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Thank you to EVERYONE who prayed for, participated in and attended the 2008 CLF National Law Student Conference in Windsor! Our theme was *One in Christ*, and the Holy Spirit was certainly working through all who attended to bring us closer together as the Body of Christ. Indeed, we were not disappointed as the concept of unity was resoundingly present throughout the entire weekend and in every discussion.

The weekend began with our Thursday night social at the St. Clair College Residence and Conference Centre. The night was fun and exciting for sure! Lasagna and cupcakes filled bellies as we brawled over Bible Outburst. Fearless leaders Jhan Moskowitz and Mike Schutt led their teams in round after round until finally Mike Schutt's team won (but rumour has it they cheated).

Friday morning began without a hitch as we jumped into various issues of broad magnitude relating to unity. We learned about immigration law, the concept of the profession of law as a calling from God, unity in Christ, legal ethics, growing a law practice, and perspectives from newly called lawyers. Each speaker spoke with such a passion for God! The seminars were informative and inspiring to say the least!

Friday night was action packed with 40 plus law students, speakers and lawyers all on one bus off to the Palace for some DEEEEEEEETROIT BASKETBALL!! Not only were we united in spirit as brothers and sisters in Christ, but we were united in physical appearance due to our fabulous FREE HATS! A nearby Detroit fan ask me why we were all wearing the same hat, and I was able to share a little bit about who we were, a group of Christian students and lawyers, and where we were from -- Windsor, Ontario. Our hats enabled me to tell this person that we were at the game because we all shared a common love for Jesus Christ and basketball. Overall, the game was super fun, the Pistons destroyed the Bucks 127-100, I ate the best brownie and ice cream dessert on the planet, and we crossed the border with no problems at all!

Saturday morning seemingly began too soon after very, *very* little sleep. The morning, however, proved to be rich in message and meaning as we delved into intimate and personal issues of unity. We heard from Michael Chang about unity in relationships and how spiritual attacks can cause us to suffer from spiritual infections. We then heard from Dr. Marsh who spoke on the importance of sexual purity and practical steps on how to remain sexually pure. Our group then

divided by gender as we heard from speakers, at various life stages, who helped shed some light on the concept of work-life balance in the professional and legal world.

Saturday afternoon was filled with sunshine and fun as we participated in various social activities. One group headed to the malls, one group hung out at the Residence Centre, one group took a gambled on an all-you-can-eat buffet, and yet another group attempted to go ice skating. The ice, however, decided to melt, so the skating crew quickly rebounded to going for lunch and just spending time getting to know each other better. Friendships were formed and developed!

Saturday night was a wonderful evening of socializing, dinner and worship at the St. Clair Centre for the Arts. Our Celebration Banquet Dinner featured a lovely view overlooking the river and the city of Detroit. We heard from author Randy Singer as he shared with us a very inspirational message. I never knew I could be so touch by a story of a dog named Lambo! Our students and lawyers then had the opportunity to rock with Firelife and to spend time in praise and worship. We wound down with a late-night time of group sharing and prayer.

Sunday morning our troops rallied once more to meet for worship at Parkwood Gospel Temple. The service was a blessing as Pastor Mark Hazzard shared with us a message called *Don't Ignore God*. After the service, we enjoyed a delicious lunch and enjoyed another time of sharing our weekend testimonials and experiences. As we closed the afternoon in prayer, united, hand-in-hand, I looked around the room and my eyes filled once again with tears of joy. I could undoubtedly sense the presence of the Spirit and the hand of God upon everyone in that moment. It was a moment that I pray I will never forget.

This Conference has impacted my life in a way that I never imagined to possible. Throughout the planning process, God directed, led and helped me to make several life altering decisions. These decisions were those were beyond my power to make alone. I cried out for God's help, He heard my cries, and He has been faithful and merciful. This process also forced me to acknowledge my weakness and to reach out to other Christian brothers and sisters for prayer support, strength and encouragement. I have been blessed beyond words. Every one of you has impacted my life for the better, and I will be forever grateful for this experience.

All glory to God, for He is so good!!

Yours united,

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