

## 2016 New Mexico Joint Christian Retreat Speakers' Background

### Dr. Robert F. Rea

Dr. Robert F. Rea came to Lincoln Christian Seminary in 1987, where he is Professor of Church History/Historical Theology, teaching primarily graduate students. He left an eight-year associate ministry with First Christian Church of Florissant, MO, where he worked primarily with youth. His academic degrees include his Ph.D. in Historical Theology from Saint Louis University (1990), M. Div. in New Testament



from Emmanuel School of Religion (1978), and B.Th. and B.A. degrees in Bible/Theology from Kentucky Christian University (1975).

Dr. Rea has worked in short-term mission work in Chile (summer 1973), Mexico (summer 1978), and the Dominican Republic (8 trips 2007-2015, 9th trip pending in May 2016). He teaches courses live by internet (2014-2015 and 2015-2016 school years so far) with Seminario Biblico de Las America with GO Ministries in Santiago, DR). From 1992-2006

he served on the national dialogue team representing Christian Churches and Churches of Christ with the Church of God (Anderson). Since 2000 he has also served on the national dialogue team representing the same group in the Stone-Campbell Dialogue with Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and Churches of Christ. Dr. Rea grew up in inner city Columbus, OH, has served as minister of a primarily African-American church, and is part of a multi-ethnic family. He was faculty sponsor of Imago Dei (LCCS student pro-life group) (1988-2003), worked as March for Life staff (1990-2007), gave the opening prayer at the March for Life (1992, 2002), and led prayer at the March for Life Convention. He and his wife Mary Ann have served as adoptive family counselors, conducting adoption training, home studies, and post-placement visits. Dr. Rea's historic spiritual mentor is John Cassian, a fifth century spiritual master who helped develop Christian spirituality in the West. His book *Why Church History Matters: An Invitation to Love and Learn from Our Past* was published by IVP Academic in June 2014. Dr. Rea has ministered in churches in West Virginia, Tennessee, Missouri, and Illinois. He continues to work with churches through interim ministries, and is currently in his 30th interim ministry over the past 29 years. Dr. Rea married Mary Ann Rea on May 17, 1986. Bob and Mary Ann have two grown children, Hannah (25) and Bethany (23). Dr. Rea also loves major league baseball and college football, and played softball for many years as a younger man.

### **Pastor Curtis S. Silcox**

Curtis S. Silcox has been in full time ministry for 46 years, sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with people in his native country and with people in every part of the world. He is Founder and President of Good News Today and SEASONS (our office in China). He has formal training and holds a degree in Psychology and has credential and a



ministerial license through The Rock Ministries. His personal mission to “Go Ye into all the world and preach the gospel” has taken him to China, Kenya, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Malawi, South Africa, Russia, Kazakhstan, South Korea, India, Amsterdam, Iceland, Brazil, Haiti, Honduras and Mexico. Through his mission efforts in these countries he has assisted in benevolent mission’s projects, aid for children’s homes and church planting and growth education. Curtis S. Silcox has also served as senior pastor along with his wife, Paula Silcox, for 20 years of his time in ministry. Since leaving his pastoral position, he and his wife have fully dedicated the last 26 years

of their lives going into all the world to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Currently as a Missions Evangelist, he is concentrating his efforts on preparing the upcoming generation to go further and stronger with the gospel and to train up leaders in communities to build a strong foundation among the people with which they live and work.

### **Pastor Scott Silcox**

Scott Silcox is a gifted communicator that inspires people of all generations to be better stewards of their purpose and destiny in Christ. Currently serving as the



Executive Pastor of The Rock Family Worship Center in Huntsville Alabama, Scott has a passion to see cities transformed by the power of Jesus. Raised in a family devoted to global missions and evangelism, Scott was introduced to the reality of the supernatural at a very young age. As a teen he began preaching the gospel to a young generation and has had the privilege of leading a youth movement for over a decade. While serving as the Youth Pastor of The Rock Family Worship Center, Scott led a dynamic group of young people that believed in miracles, healing and prophetic evangelism. This Spirit-led culture moved them outside of church and into the city where God opened doors in public high schools and community projects for the purpose of

releasing the presence of Jesus. Other churches throughout the US began to ask to be a part of this movement and VERGE summer camp became the vehicle to empower and equip towards this same goal. Thousands of young people have experienced the power of the Holy Spirit and committed their lives to seeing the Kingdom of God be made manifest in their lifetime. From youth ministry to Leadership training, Scott continues to push people back to God's original design for their lives so they can access the wisdom and resources made available to them through Jesus.

### **Carlee Clark**

Carlee Clark is a recent graduate of Auburn University, in Alabama, where she earned a degree in Aviation Management. She has been a national competitor in the show horse industry for ten years, and now enjoys teaching young students to ride.



She also has experience in the classroom, as teacher of aviation-themed material to middle school and high school classes. Carlee is passionate about spreading the truth of the Gospel, defending the sanctity of Scripture, and advocating orphan care and adoption. She has once traveled to China with a small group of ministers, during which time she was both deeply humbled and

excited by the faith displayed in the lives of the Chinese Christians. Carlee is currently studying the Hebrew language, and also has interest in politics and the defense of Israel. She is employed by the National Flight Academy, and still does some competing with her horse, UF Smoke Signal. Carlee splits her time between her family in Alabama and Tennessee.