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Transatlantic Christian Council

Dear reader,

As a Christian entrepreneur, you will have sold your business and will suddenly be confronted with Pride Month: an imposed celebration, recognition and embrace of the lifestyle of LGBTI colleagues. It happened to one of the members of TCC’s Business Network. At first, governments in particular were targeted by activists. Now gender ideology is also being imposed on us through companies, sports and schools. An extra stimulus to give further substance to TCC-Project 2019-2021: For Life, Family and Freedom at UN – EU – OSCE And Strengthening Transatlantic Ties (NL(Eur)-US/Can)

After the unique TCC-Business event at the Residence of US Ambassador Hoekstra, there has been a productive collaboration with various American representatives of institutions, in The Hague and in Washington DC. Protection and promotion of entrepreneurial freedom and Christian education had an important place. In this context, a visit was also made to the Netherlands Reformed Christian School in New Jersey. In the autumn we will be working on this in concrete terms.

Around the European Parliament elections we said goodbye to MEP Bas Belder and explored the new playing field with MEP Bert-Jan Ruissen.

At the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva, our efforts could not prevent the extension of the first 3-year mandate of the so-called Expert on Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity (SOGI).

Among other things, this Expert is committed to no longer take the biological differences between men and women as the starting point, but how you feel: male, female, changing, etc., etc. And UN member states to adhere to this new international standard. Where does this lead to? Do we want this mixture? Concretely: do we want to be confronted with someone of the opposite sex in a dressing or shower room?

Hopefully after the summer we can still stop this development at the UN in New York.

Are you touched by this activist agenda or do you want to talk about what TCC is doing about it? Mail to: info@tccouncil.org

For an impression of the work of the past quarter you will find below a number of tweets, photos and videos.

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American ambassador receives Christian entrepreneurs at residency
The American ambassador Pete Hoekstra received Christian business people at his residence in The Hague on Thursday 21 February.
The meeting was organized by the American Embassy and Transatlantic Christian Council (TCC), a Christian lobby organization for life, family and freedom. More than fifty entrepreneurs attended the meeting.
TCC director Henk Jan van Schothorst opened by having a Psalm verse sing: Psalm 68:10. Ambassador Hoekstra then briefly spoke, before he took the opportunity to answer questions from the audience.
At the end of the question session, a book was offered on behalf of a number of entrepreneurs: The fourfold state of Thomas Boston (1676-1732). The special edition was provided with the name of the ambassador. The entrepreneurs had taken another two copies: one for President Donald Trump, and one for Vice President Mike Pence.
Later in the evening, the entrepreneurs could converse more informally with each other and with the ambassador and employees of him.
TCC lobbying at the UN in New York by Peter Smith:

March 20-21: Commission on the Status of Woman

The Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) is the meeting where the most radical pro-abortion NGOs appear. We were able to encourage the good delegates to resist a lot of bad words, and on the last day about half of the countries of the world objected to procedural abuses and inclusion in the final document of SRH (Sexual and Reproductive Health) and CSE (Comprehensive Sexuality Education). All references to SOGI (Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity) have been removed. The result was also an improvement compared to last year. Read more on our website and find here a video report:
Flyer TCC for delegates during the CSW:

Social protection systems, access to public services and sustainable infrastructure for gender equality and the empowerment of [all] women and girls
Draft agreed conclusions (7 March 2019)

The current draft contains:

189 references to gender,
56 references to sex(ual) and
27 references to reproductive (health, rights etc.)

Women are more than sex objects.

Please have more balance and improve the document.

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April 1-5: Commission on Population & Development

The Commission on Population and Development (CPD), now dominated by UNFPA, tried to push their pro-abortion agenda a little too far. Over the past four years, they have been unable to agree on a final document. This year there was a one-page political declaration without the aforementioned language, such as SRH, CSE and SOGI. This has been a great result.

Smith about his contribution to the UN:

We’re having a very positive effect at the UN, but I can’t measure my own personal contribution because only the Lord knows. I cannot see into the hearts and minds of those who oppose the culture of death, only God sees those things and He gives them courage. Many delegates who meet me as they leave say, “Seeing you here gave me courage.”

The delegates change every 2 to 4 years. So there is a constant need to get to know the new delegates.

The Lord has called us to be a salty salt and a shining light at the UN. I have been doing that for the past 24 years, longer than anyone else in the coalition. If TCC can fund me, I am willing to continue to do this work while the Lord gives me strength. The struggle for life and family at the UN is in many ways a spiritual struggle, and that struggle belongs to the Lord. He is ultimately the one who "holds the nations in the palm of his hands". We are just His servants. We go there to talk to delegates, give language suggestions, encourage delegates, but the final outcome is very much in the Lord’s hands. I am blessed to be able to network with many people. I get along pretty well with almost all of the NGOs in our coalition. I know many delegates, including people who work in the UN. Even people who oppose what I stand for have some respect for me. A few years ago I was told by a colleague that the pro-abortion NGOs called me 'Mr Pro-Life'. I'm glad I hold that title at the UN.

Biography

At the beginning of this year, Peter Smith published a biography of his 24 years as a lobbyist at the UN in New York: ‘Confessions of a Pro Lifer at the United Nations’. For an impression, click here for a chapter of the book. (For a translation in Dutch, click here).
April 4: Ambassador Hoekstra appointed Honorary “Waegmeester” of Gouda

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US Ambassador Pete Hoekstra appointed Honorary “Waegmeester” of Gouda. Certainly as the son of a cheese trader I feel honoured that I was able to attend. 14:50 - 4 apr. 2019 from Bodegraven- Reeuwijk, Nederland
April 11: TCC with ECPM active in the European Parliament in Brussels, 1 of TCC's fields of work

April 18: Last meeting before EP elections with MEP Bas Belder during Strasbourg week

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Last meeting in office this morning at the EP in Strasbourg. It's been a pleasure working for and with you, @BasBelderMEP, hank you very much for your always thoughtful contributions and your tireless efforts. @hjaruissen as the intended successor also wishes salvation and blessing!

April 24: Guided tour of the European district of Driestar class A2Btto (VWO)
May 31: Launch of Family Platform: https://www.gezinsplatform.nl/

June 3: In studio Family7 – Featured! - about transatlantic relations

Family7 @Fam7

Trump visits Great Britain and Pompeo (Minister of Foreign Affairs) visits the Netherlands. Henk Jan van Schothorst @tccouncilorg about the influence of these visits on the relationship between America and Europe. 8:30 pm Featured!

08:04 - 3 jun. 2019

Riekelt Pasterkamp @TekstPast

"When I see this #Defense budget, @realDonaldTrump will think: first deliver, then I'll come" - @tccouncilorg at @Fam7 about visit @POTUS to the Netherlands #Trump #75jaarvrijheid @usambnl

11:55 - 3 jun. 2019
June 3-5: TCC at Global Entrepreneurship Summit (GES) in The Hague.

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At the international entrepreneurial summit #GES2019 in World Forum The Hague, organized by the Netherlands and the US. @IvankaTrump has just been welcomed by @SigridKaag and @usambnl @usembthehague @petehoekstra.

07:48 - 5 jun. 2019
June 8-10: Visit at Netherlands Christian Reformed School in New Jersey

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From June 8-10: Visited church and school community with Dutch origins in New Jersey. We talked about ways how the freedom of Christian Education could be best preserved in the light of a number of legislative initiatives about sexuality and equality that gives serious concerns.
June 10-12: TCC invited to SelectUSA Investment Summit, Washington DC, with Ivanka Trump

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Was inspiring to listen to @IvankaTrump twice in one week: last week at @theGESsummit in the Hague and this week at @SelectUSA (June10-12) in Washington DC with @SecretaryRoss of @CommerceGov.

For short video impression:

https://twitter.com/tccouncilorg/status/1139929040549228546

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@tccouncilorg represented at @SelectUSA for networking and strengthening Transatlantic ties in Policy and Business.
June 12-13: Various meetings in and around the Congress

09:20 - 15 jun. 2019 vanuit Washington, DC

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Meetings at and around Capitol Hill on June 12-13. Last speaker of the session at the @HouseFloor @replouiegohmert (R) from Texas had a speech worth listening to and a useful call: to pray again together as @HouseGOP and @HouseDemocrats. May God guide and bless them and the USA.

Meeting at U.S. Department of Education

Meeting at U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
June 21-22: On a trip to meeting Moldavia an unexpected fellow traveller: MEP Bert-Jan Ruissen
### June 24 - July 12, 2019: 41st session of the Human Rights Council Geneva - Extension Mandate SOGI

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Result of the vote on the renewal of the 3-year mandate of Expert on SOGI: Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity at the UN Human Rights Council Geneva yesterday. This after hours of praising human rights and putting SOGI people in the role of victim. Fight continues at UN-New York+ member states.

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**14:00 - 13 jul. 2019 vanuit Genève, Suisse**

### Theme: The international (LGBT) Pride Agenda broadened from politics to multinationals and sports umbrella organisations:
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