



Transatlantic Christian Council  
Building Bridges between Europe and America

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### Transatlantic Christian Council

Dear reader,

Two things have greatly influenced the work of TCC in the past quarter: COVID-19 and the discussion around the US presidential elections.

**COVID-19** - The coronavirus has caused several meetings of international organizations to be cancelled or only held virtually. This limits our ability to represent Christian principles. Planned work such as at the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva, at the OSCE in Warsaw, and at the UN in New York could not go ahead. The limited presence and influence of NGOs such as TCC and others makes it easier for the UN and its agencies to implement the issues they want, such as abortion and a liberal (sexual) rights agenda. We try to use our available possibilities and hope to be active and effective again soon.

**Elections USA** - As of August, several newspapers and radio and TV broadcasters contacted us to hear how we view President Trump in particular. The basic reaction is that TCC is concerned with policy, not so much with people. This is the line taken in the two opinion articles in [Trouw \(Sept. 11 - NL\)](#) and the [Reformatorsch Dagblad \(Sept. 26 – translated to EN\)](#), included in this Newsletter. Granting everyone the right to their own opinion and taking note of it with interest (and sometimes with disbelief or concern), there is

a lot at stake for American fellow Christians. If the Democrats win, their program will have a profound left-liberal agenda in store for them. Thus, unborn life will be outlawed for up to nine months, the Black Lives Matter agenda will be pursued, which unmasked itself by promoting on their website the 'disruption of the nuclear family' and a kind of group education, which was quietly removed after its discovery on 21 September

<https://www.foxnews.com/media/black-lives-matter-disrupt-nuclear-family-website>).

Classical freedoms such as religion and education can also be in direct danger. For paid education, Biden-Harris requires parents to send their children to public schools, that has been stripped of Christian roots, in their zip code area. If the Republicans win, the plan is for parents to receive vouchers that can be redeemed at a school of their choice. So, even Christian education, which currently costs them about \$10,000 per child per year. TCC is actively involved in this matter. There is a lot at stake. Let us pray and work.

Finally: [see the visit of Amb. Pete Hoekstra](#)

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## July

[HenkJanvanSchothorst @tccouncilorg – July 6, 2020](#)

It was a great reunion and joyful event! In celebration of the 244th Anniversary of the Independence of the United States of America we were invited by family Hoekstra, [@usambnl](#)/[@usembthehague](#) to join an exclusive theatrical screening of [#Hamilton](#) at [@Pathe](#) The Hague. Thank you!!



## August

[HenkJanvanSchothorst @tccouncilorg – August 6, 2020](#)

Thank you [@usambnl](#), [@petehoekstra](#) en [@usembthehague](#) for the invitation and the fantastic company during the beautiful +100 km ride 6 [#fietsdiplomatie](#). From border Limburg/Brabants Cuijck, Gelders Buren, Utrechts Vianen, finishing in Hollandse Schoonhoven. [#echte vrienden](#)



August 20, 2020 - Stand.nl Democracy in America is at stake

[Click on the image for the link to the radio interview and transcript](#)



In the program Speakers on Radio 1 Henk Jan van Schothorst responds to the proposition: Democracy in America is at stake.

August 20, 2020

## September

September 1, 2020 - The AD asked Henk Jan van Schothorst about Trump's policy.

[Click on the image to watch the video \(Dutch spoken\)](#)



September 11, 2020 - In order to get more balance in the reporting on Trump's policy, Henk Jan van Schothorst was asked by the newspaper Trouw to write his opinion.

At this moment no translation in English is available since a version of this text is offered to US newspapers.



Viewed from a Christian and conservative perspective, President Trump has brought America much good. His policy reflects the Republican core values, writes Henk Jan van Schothorst, Board of Directors at Transatlantic Christian Council (TCC).

**Featured! September 22, 2020 - Henk-Jan van Schothorst: Can you still be positive about Trump?**

Henk-Jan van Schothorst explained in an opinion article in Trouw what he thinks is so good about President Trump's policy. After that, he received a lot of criticism. Can you still be positive about President Trump in the Netherlands? (Dutch spoken)



**September 24, 2020 - Network meeting at [Gezinsplatform.nl](https://www.gezinsplatform.nl)**

Had a good networking meeting at GezinsPlatform.NL. The family, the cornerstone of society.



**September 26, 2020 [Opinion in the Dutch Newspaper Reformatorisch Dagblad](#)**

[Click on the image for the translation in English](#)



Trump's policy in a very divided America has had consequences that a Christian can be happy with. He appointed conservative judges, campaigned for free choice of school and put the U.S. on a proliferation course.

September 29, 2020 - TCC business visit with US Ambassador Pete Hoekstra to Zeeland

[Click on the image for the report](#)



The American ambassador Pete Hoekstra and his wife Diane visited a number of companies in Zeeland.

A short video impression of the day:



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