

Two more tenets of Reformed Theology

Thursday Morning Convocation
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- What is the chief end of man? Man's chief end is to glorify God and enjoy him forever.
- We trust in God's sovereign love to save the world.
- We view faith as a mystery and as a response to God's grace.



- Faithshaping by Stephen Jones.
- Jones talks about shaping faith by both nearness and directness.

Nearness: Being near to faith and its traditions and practices is pivotal to nurture with youth.

- Adults regularly verbalize their own commitments to God and youth experience how much faith is valued by important adults.
- The young person feels she is an integral part of the church.
- Families regularly express their faith.
- The young person develops deep, healthy relationships with adult Christians models.

Directness: There must be specific times when the issues of faith are presented directly to young people.

- The message of the gospel is presented in an appealing, fair, and meaningful way.
- The focus on a decision is seen as only one aspect of the journey of faith.
- Young people are offered a faith decision in relation to their maturity, life experience, and interest.
- We help youth address their own questions of faith.

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- Ruling Elder Cynthia Bolbach of the National Capital Presbytery, moderator of the 219th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

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LARS AND THE REAL GIRL



"AWHIMSICAL,
FUNNY,
MOVING FILM!"
-Rollin'

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FRAGILE

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