Faith, Reason, and World Affairs Symposium Themes

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| Date | Title | Major Speakers |
| Sept. 15-17, 1985 | Food, Farming, and the Future | Orville Freeman,  Frances Moore Lappe,  Charles Lutz |
| Sept. 14-16, 1986 | Communication and Controversy: Visions and Realities | Richard B. Gregg,  Guy R. Doud |
| Sept. 13-15, 1987 | Constitution of the United States: Facing the Third Century | Robert F. Drinan,  Anthony V. Bouza,  Ralph A. Rossum,  Hendrick L. Smith |
| Sept. 18-20, 1988 | Homeless in America | Mitch Snyder,  Madeleine Stoner,  Richard Appelbaum |
| Sept. 17-19, 1989 | Biomedical Revolution: Power, Values, and Responsibility | Daniel Maguire,  William May,  Paul Menzel |
| Sept. 16-18, 1990 | Fragile Environment: Global Development and Human Responsibility | Gerald Barney,  John Cobb, Jr.,  Frank Popper |
| Sept. 15-17, 1991 | Church and Society: Shaped – Shaping | Allan Boesak,  Barbara Lundblad,  Martin Marty |
| Sept. 13-15, 1992 | A Gathering of Spirit: Gifts of the Native Americans | John Mohawk,  Gordon Straw,  Philip Hogen |
| Sept. 20-21, 1993 | Who Care For Our Children? | Dr. Samuel Proctor,  Dr. Emmy Werner,  Dr. Walter Allen,  Dr. Ernest Boyer |
| Sept. 18-20, 1994 | With Respect to Difference: Voices of a Multicultural Society | Dr. Ronald Takaki,  Linda Chavez,  Rev. Craig Lewis,  Dr. Manning Morable,  Dr. Carlos Cortes |
| Sept. 17-19, 1995 | The Wealth of Nation: Cooperation or Competition? | Patricia Fernandez-Kelly,  Sen. Byron Dorgan  Gov. George Sinner,  Dr. Luther Tweeten |
| Sept. 15-17, 1996 | Soul Searching: The Unsettled Church and America’s Spiritual Quest | Kathleen Norris,  Wade Clark Roof,  Walt Kallestad,  Peggy Wehmeyer,  Timothy Lull |
| 1997 | No symposium |  |
| Sept. 27-29, 1998 | God, Galileo and Little Green Men | Dr. Own Gingrich,  Dr. Chris Mckay,  Dr. Margaret Race,  Dr. Frederick Ferre |
| Sept. 26-28, 1999 | Who is My Neighbor? | Robert Putnam,  John Kretzmann,  Nadinne Cruz |
| Sept. 17-19, 2000 | Healing and Spirituality | Tibetan Monks,  Darrel Amundsen,  Lori Alvord,  Herbert Benson\*  \*(cancelled week before) |
| Sept. 23-25, 2001 | Moral Formation: Where Commerce Ends and Character Begins | George Riteer,  Jean Bethke Elshtain,  Ralph Nader |
| 2002 | No symposium |  |
| Oct. 26, 2003 | Part I – The Reformation Tradition of the Church and College | Roland Martinson,  Kerstin Gäefgen-Treck,  Pat Graham |
| Feb. 9, 2004 | Part II – The Reformation Tradition in North America: Past and Present | Martin Marty |
| Oct. 31-Nov. 2, 2004 | Part III – The Future of the Reformation Tradition: Contemporary Problems and Issues | Dr. Marc Ellis,  Dr. Musimbi Kanyaro,  Bishop Mark Hanson,  Dr. Merold Westphal,  Bishop Munib Youman, |
| Sept. 11-13, 2005 | HIV/AIDS in the Global Community: Scientific, Economic, and Cultural Challenges | Dr. Gro Harlem Bruntland,  Sue Coe,  Julienne Munyaneza |
| Sept. 10-12, 2006 | Faith and Public Life: Celebrating Vocation in Action | Steven Lewis,  Edward Cardoza,  Dr. John Neafsey,  Dr. David Batstone,  Rev. Ann Svennungsen,  Dr. Sharon Daloz Parks |
| 2007 |  |  |
| Sept. 16-17, 2008 | Changing with the Climate: How Fast, How Far? | Dr. Lonnie Thompson  Dr. Ellen Mosley-Thompson  Rev. Vy Nguyen  Brad Crabtree  David Loer  Carmen Miller  Dr. Eugene Tackle  John Flicker  Christine Ervin |
| Sept. 15-16, 2009 | Where is the We in an iWorld? | Dr. Neil Howe  Dr. Mark Bauerlein  Don Myhre |
| Sept. 14-15, 2010 | Awakening to Wonder: Re-enchantment in a Post-Secular Age | Dr. Adam Frank  Dr. Michael Saler  Dr. Ronald Thiemann  Dr. Mary Evelyn Tucker  Judith Valente |
| Sept. 13-14, 2011 | The Role of the Artist in Society: Inspiration, Issues, Impact | Dr. Dan Flory Jennifer Heath Colum McCann Dr. Lawrence Rothfield |
| Sept. 11-12, 2012 | Beyond Genocide: Learning to Help and Hope | Rose Mapendo  Gretchen Steidle Wallace  David Feinberg  Gregory Gordon |
| Sept. 10-11, 2013 | Happiness: Living the Good Life | Dr. Ellen Charry  Dr. Sonja Lyubomirsky  Michael J. Strand  Dr. Valerie Tiberius |
| Sept. 16-17, 2014 | Sustainability: Local Action, Global Impact | Dr. David Orr  Dr. Juliet Schor  Simran Sethi |
| Sept. 22-23, 2015 | China Rising: A New Global Order? | Dr. Minxin Pei  Dr. Elizabeth Economy  Dr. Martin Jacques  Kwon Kisoo |
| Sept. 20-21, 2016 | America and the Middle East: Local and Global Dimensions | Farah Pandith  Dr. Asaad Al-Saleh  Lee Keylock  Hend Al-Masour |
| Sept. 19-20, 2017 | Reformation: Transforming the World One Door at a Time | Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton  Dr. Cynthia Moe-Lobeda  Rev. Dr. Surekha Nelavala  Rev. Dr. Moses Penumaka  Jim Ziolkowski |
| Sept. 18-19, 2018 | Power Plays: Why Gender Matters | Rebecca Walker  Jackson Katz  Debra Fitzpatrick |
| Sept. 17-18, 2019 | Speech: Freedom vs. Responsibility? | Nadine Strossen  Zachary Wood  Roxana Saberi |