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## WHITE HOUSE HOSTS 100 EVANGELICAL LEADERS FOR STATE-LIKE DINNER

**Pray that there will be a continual flow of dialogue for our Christian leaders with the President and all governmental leaders. Share your prayer with President Trump, [click HERE](#).**

*I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. (1 Tim 2:1-2)*

About 100 evangelical leaders were invited to dinner at the White House Monday night for what was a prayer-filled event that's been compared to a church camp meeting and a campaign rally.

Dubbed a "state dinner" for evangelical leaders, the event was held specifically in the "honor of evangelical leadership." The dinner was attended by dozens of evangelical pastors, evangelists and activists who've been involved in informally advising the administration including well-known figures like Franklin Graham, James Dobson, and Greg Laurie.

The dinner was also attended by Vice President Mike Pence, Secretary of Homeland Security Ben Carson, Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services Alex Azar and Ambassador at-Large for International Religious Freedom Sam Brownback. The event was officially hosted by first lady Melania Trump.

"We are here today to celebrate America's heritage of faith, family and freedom," Trump told the crowd. "As you know in recent years, the government tried to undermine religious freedom but the attacks on communities of faith are over. We've ended it."

Trump continued by boasting about the promises his administration has kept to a conservative evangelical base that played a large role in helping him win the 2016 presidential election.

The president went on about how his administration has taken several steps to protect religious liberty for conservatives who object to things like abortion or gay marriage, his administration's pro-life victories and how the administration has spoken out about worldwide religious persecution.

Trump even took a moment to recognize Dobson and his wife, Shirley on their 58th wedding anniversary. Trump concluded by telling the crowd that they are "very special people."

"The support you have given me has been incredible but I really don't feel guilty because I have given you a lot back — just about everything I promised," Trump said. "As one of our great pastors just said, 'Actually, you have given us much more than you have promised.' And I think that is true."...

What ensued, Graham said, was about 35 to 40 minutes of pastors expressing their appreciation for what the Trump administration has been able to do to progress a socially conservative agenda in the last 18 months. While Christians are often called to speak "truth to power," Graham said the leaders in the room felt called to speak "love to power."

"They were getting up and saying what we appreciate and care about, expressing our faith and our love. It was very similar to a meeting that you would have at a church," Graham said, adding that it was like a testimony meeting. "With that many preachers and Christian leaders in the room, we believe the spirit of God was very present. Scripture was shared, verses were given to the president. The truth was delivered and love was delivered."...

Graham noted that many prayers were offered throughout the night.

In a statement provided to CP, Dr. James Dobson, the founder of Focus on the Family and Family Talk radio, said the dinner was "wonderful" and unlike any event he has attended at the White House before.

"I have served five presidents in the past 38 years and this was perhaps the most exciting event in that time," Dobson said. "The president spoke first and thanked us generously for the support we have given to him and his Administration since his inauguration. At least 15 ministers and leaders then rose to thank Mr. Trump for keeping his promises during the campaign and since his inauguration."...

The difference between Monday's dinner and last May's dinner, Graham said, is Monday's dinner was far less structured and allowed for more of a "conversation" between the leaders and the president.

"It was basically like a state dinner in the way that it was organized with the president, vice president, members of the cabinet and so on," Graham explained. "It was the first time that anyone knows about ... a sitting president of the United States that has gathered evangelicals at a state-type dinner."...

"In providence in the plan of God, this was planned weeks ago," Jack Graham said. "Tonight was the night and it was a very special night with a very special leader and his wife with some great people in that room who are working hard for our churches and our communities." (Excerpts from Samuel Smith article in [The Christian Post](#))

#### **LANNY DAVIS ADMITS HE WAS SOURCE FOR CNN'S TRUMP TOWER STORY, LIED ABOUT IT ON AIR**

**Pray that the Lord will expose all deception and lies that are yet to be uncovered. Pray about the Cohen matter and the special counsel with our specific, strategic special report. [Click HERE for a FREE download.](#)**

***Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but he who makes his ways crooked will be found out.***  
**(Prv 10:9)**

Michael Cohen's attorney has acknowledged being an anonymous source for the disputed CNN Trump Tower story and also admitted lying on TV about his involvement.

Lanny Davis told BuzzFeed News on Monday evening that he was a source for the story claiming that President Trump had personal prior knowledge of a controversial Trump Tower meeting with Russians — a story the Cohen camp has since repudiated.

"I made a mistake," Mr. Davis said.

As the July 26 CNN story claiming that Cohen had direct knowledge of Donald Trump Jr. telling his father of the meeting came under increasing scrutiny, Mr. Davis publicly lied about his role.

"I think the reporting of the story got mixed up in the course of a criminal investigation. We were not the source of the story," he told CNN's Anderson Cooper last week.

He told BuzzFeed on Monday about the Cooper comments that "I did not mean to be cute."

Further, in the original CNN story, Mr. Davis is actually quoted on the record, despite his being an anonymous source.

"Contacted by CNN, one of Cohen's attorneys, Lanny Davis, declined to comment," the article read.

Both Mr. Davis and Cohen, who entered into a plea deal last week with Special Counsel Robert Mueller, have backed away from the Trump Tower story in the past week, though CNN stands behind it.

The article cited the plural "sources with knowledge."

But as other news outlets wrote stories "matching" the CNN scoop, which if true would contradict the president's repeated and public denials of any knowledge of the meeting, Mr. Davis was eagerly confirming the story to those other outlets.

The New York Post and the Washington Post each has publicly named Mr. Davis as their confirming source for their Trump Tower meeting stories, despite initial grants of anonymity. (Excerpt from Victor Morton article in [The Washington Times](#))

### **WHY IS CHRISTIANITY BOOMING OUTSIDE EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA?**

**Give thanks to the Lord for His wonderful grace being poured out in all these countries beyond our borders. We also pray that our nation will embrace the majesty of God's hand in the days ahead.**

***The Lord says, "Hold on to what is right and fair. Do what is right and good. My saving power will soon come, and I will show what is right." (Is 56:1)***

Why is Christianity booming in the global South, but seemingly stagnant in the global North? A new fascinating book offers an answer.

Dr. Glenn Sunshine is a long-time Fellow at the Colson Center, and he's that rare sort of historian who sees the sweep of intellectual and cultural history, and then brings it all together in a way that not only explains the past, but advances our understanding of the here and now.

His new book, co-authored with Jerry Trousdale, is called "The Kingdom Unleashed: How Jesus' 1st-Century Values Are Transforming Thousands of Cultures and Awakening His Church."

In the book, by telling compelling stories of God at work through ordinary people—both today and throughout history—Sunshine and Trousdale counter the prevailing myth that Christianity is in decline around the globe.

Take, for example this story from Africa.

Hassan, president of a ministry to Muslims, "reached out to one particularly resistant Muslim community that had martyred six Christian evangelists a few years ago." Hassan saw the community needed a school, so he "approached the Muslim leaders and offered to send a qualified teacher (who was also a trained church planter) if the community provided the necessary resources."

This practical assistance opened the door to these closed communities. In two years, Sunshine and Trousdale describe, seven churches were planted.

But there's more to this story. Some of the local Muslim leaders, upset by the spread of Christianity, hauled Hassan before the Muslim governor of the state. He used the opportunity instead to speak about the grace of God, and how God had helped the ministry provide this community with mobile medical clinics, dentists, safe water programs, seed banks, and schools—all to serve Muslims.

As Sunshine and Trousdale conclude, "Many of the Muslim clerics who had entered that meeting burning to have Hassan deported walked away with his business card or plans for further conversation."

And that's just one story of what's happening in the global South. Here are some amazing statistics: In 1900, there were only nine million Christians in all of Africa; by 2000, there were 335 million. In Latin America, there were a mere 50,000 Protestants in 1900; today, there are more than 64 million, and most of them since the 1960s.

As Glenn told me on the BreakPoint podcast, "The fact is, the church is growing faster than it ever has in human history." We're seeing disciple-making movements boom across Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

The story is not the same, however, in the global North. One reason may be the bifurcated vision of the Kingdom and the Gospel that's so prevalent in Europe and North America. We tend to focus either on individual salvation or social justice.

But since the time of Jesus right up until today, wherever the Gospel has flourished and spread like wildfire, believers were steeped in prayer, and committed to a "full-orbed" vision of the Gospel. That vision includes preparing souls for heaven, but also includes advancing kingdom truth, values and restoration in social structures and institutions.

Throughout "The Kingdom Unleashed," Sunshine offers amazing historical examples of Christians who lived this way. For example, Baptist missionary William Carey sought to save souls in India, but he also introduced libraries, agricultural improvements, hospitals, and schools. Not unlike what we see today with Christians like Hassan in Africa.

Glenn writes frequently at our website BreakPoint.org, and his latest article addresses another malady afflicting the Church in the global North: Secularism. He's spot on. And while you're at BreakPoint.org, click on the BreakPoint podcast to hear Glenn describe his new book "The Kingdom Unleashed."

And for a full picture of what God is doing through His Church around the world, get a copy of this powerful book, "The Kingdom Unleashed." (Excerpts from John Stonestreet and Stan Guthrie article in [The Christian Post](#))