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President of Seminary to Speak at US Army Marriage Retreat

Dr. Michael A. Milton to teach and perform at Strong Bonds in Gatlinburg, TN

[Charlotte, NC—August 7, 2009]—Dr. Michael A. Milton, President and Professor of Practical Theology at Reformed Theological Seminary in Charlotte, NC and Interim President of the Orlando Campus, will speak and perform at Strong Bonds, a marriage retreat for United States Army soldiers and spouses in Gatlinburg, TN from Friday, August 7 through Sunday, August 9.

Strong Bonds is a national program by the US Army to provide marriage support for deploying and redeploying soldiers. Soldiers and their spouses receive instruction from Army chaplains, enjoy personal application and interaction with others, and are also able to spend recreational time together. The time will conclude with Dr. Milton, on Sunday, in robe and Army stole, conducting a rededication of marriage vows for all soldiers and spouses who want to participate. This is sure to be a powerful conclusion to a moving weekend.

Dr. Milton will be preaching and performing music from previously released material as well as introducing the song, “The Miracle of Marriage.” When asked about this new song, Dr. Milton said “I was so moved by the privilege and sacred responsibility of getting to speak to and sing for soldiers and their wives (and maybe a few husbands) that I wrote this song, went into the studio, sought help from my producer and accompanists to get this ready for these heroes. I can’t wait to share it with them.” The song has been produced for radio play on The Call with Mike Milton (<http://thecall.rts.edu>) and will also be released as a single on iTunes, Amazon, Napster and other major online music distributors through Bethesda Words and Music. The song is dedicated to military families.

Formerly Senior Pastor of the historic First Presbyterian Church of Chattanooga, Tennessee, Milton also founded two churches and a school. Once an executive with two Fortune 500 companies, he was also a top-secret linguist in the Navy. He accepted the call to become President of Reformed Theological Seminary in November 2007. Dr. Milton is the author of 9 books including his autobiography *What God Starts, God Completes: Help and Hope for Hurting People* (Christian Focus Publications, 2007). His teaching can be heard on select radio stations in the US and over the Internet at www.thecall.rts.edu. Milton often illustrates his sermons through original songs and has released two CDs on the label Music for Missions called “He Shall Restore” and “Follow Your Call” available through iTunes.

Reformed Theological Seminary is one of the largest seminaries in the nation, with campuses in Charlotte, Jackson, Orlando, Atlanta, and Washington DC. The seminary, which began in 1966, ministers to almost 3,000 students from over 60 denominations. The Virtual Campus of RTS offers a fully accredited Masters of Arts through distance education. Learn more about RTS Charlotte at <http://www.rts.edu/charlotte>.

RTS Charlotte, founded in 1992, seeks to prepare pastors and missionaries and other Christian leaders to have a mind for truth and a heart for God in order to transform the world through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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