



**REFORMED INSTITUTE OF METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON**  
**RETHINKING THE EDUCATIONAL MISSION OF THE CHURCH**  
-the next step

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**PASSING ON THE FAITH: THE CHALLENGE TO YOUR  
CONGREGATION**

**an event for lay and professional church leaders designed to facilitate fresh  
strategic thinking about the church's educational ministry**

When was the last time you took part in a serious discussion of the "big picture" in the educational ministry of your church? When have you had a chance to step back from the routine of program planning and take a good, hard look at some of the more fundamental issues at stake in that part of your church's life? The event the Reformed Institute is planning to hold on April 17 at Virginia Theological Seminary is designed to provide such an opportunity, and to do so in a manner that will stimulate fresh thinking on the relevant issues. Our premise is that it can no longer be taken for granted that the educational ministry of our churches can be carried on in the familiar ways. The time has come to acknowledge that we are facing a situation that demands something more from us than just business as usual, and we hope on April 17 to set in motion an ongoing process that will enable Reformed (and especially PCUSA) churches in the DC area to understand this challenge and respond to it constructively."

**Stephen Prothero, Boston University**  
**"Religious Illiteracy: Is It Really a Problem?"**

**Michael Jinkins, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary**  
**"The Life of the Mind in the Service of the Church--A Reformed Perspective"**

**Virginia Theological Seminary, Alexandria, Virginia**

**Saturday, April 17 (9:30 a.m.--3:30 p.m.)**

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