



## Leadership: Growing the next generation of global partners

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"Everyone wants to feel that he counts for something and is important to someone. Invariably, people will give their love, respect, and attention to the person who fills that need."

John C. Maxwell, Leadership 101

### Leadership

*Real leadership is being the person others will gladly and confidently follow*

### Annual Conference

The CEPA Consortium is hosting its annual leadership conference October 27-28, 2016. The theme is *Leadership: Growing the next generation of global partners*. The conference site is the El Tropicano Riverwalk Hotel, San Antonio, Texas.

### Dr. Aaron Tyler, St. Mary's University



Aaron Tyler, Ph.D., Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, St. Mary's University, is the keynote speaker. An Associate Professor for International Relations, he was

named Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs in 2015.

He received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Baylor University, his Masters in International Relations from St. Mary's University, and his Ph.D. from Baylor University.

Provost Tyler is an active participant in global interfaith and religious liberty initiatives. Having traveled to and worked in various zones of intercommunal conflict, Tyler's vocational and research interests lie at the intersection of religion, identity, and peace-building.

His scholarship is interdisciplinary, appearing in a variety of peer-reviewed journals, including the *Journal of Political Theology*, *International Journal of World Peace*, the *APSA Journal of Religion and Politics*, the *International Journal of Christianity and Social Work*, the *UCLA Journal of Islamic and Near-Eastern Law*, and *Cultura i Polityka*. He is also the author of the book *Islam, the West, and Tolerance: Conceiving Coexistence*.

At CEPA 2015, Dr. Tyler encouraged participants to explore a world of ideas as they begin to develop a strong foundation of leadership. He stressed that future leaders should continue to develop a deep sense of integrity, inner strength and the ability to initiate a dynamic interchange of ideas with others dedicated to a common mission and philosophy. His signature statement underscored the need for preparing leaders with bold and adventurous ideas who possess the passion to take vision to implementation

### ***Dr. Diane E. Melby, President, OLLU***



Dr. Melby, President of Our Lady of the Lake University, will deliver the welcome remarks at CEPA 2016.

Dr. Melby was installed as the ninth president of Our Lady of the Lake University (OLLU) and took office in July 2015.

Student-focused, she immediately accepted the challenge of providing insight into Our Lady of the Lake University faculty and staff, news, and events. Community engagement is also important to Dr. Melby, and as such, has taken the leadership for promoting a partnership among community leaders and with the most important universities in San Antonio. Dr. Melby believes that:

People make a university great. Colleges and universities have an obvious vested interest in building strong relationships with the communities that surround their campuses. The United States is an increasingly more diverse country. And while the confluence of cultures adds to the complexity of the issues we face in this nation, it can also be our greatest asset. In order to take advantage of this asset we must develop leadership that emanates from every corner of every community and I applaud CEPA for taking a lead in addressing this truth.

Universities invited to CEPA 2016 include: St. Mary's University, Texas A&M University at College Station, Texas Christian University, The University of Texas at San Antonio, the School of Business at University of the Incarnate Word, as well as universities from Mexico, Latin America and the Caribbean.

### ***Dr. Michael J. Laney, Dean, OLLU***



Dr. Michael J. Laney, Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences at OLLU, is the Conference Director for CEPA 2016. Dr. Laney is committed to the principles and practices of developing an organizational cultural change where

leadership is viewed as power with people, not over people. He promotes the idea that emerging leaders measure themselves by the vision of the future.

Describing similar inspirational experiences, but in sports, A. Bartlett "Bart" Giamatti, president of Yale University and the seventh Commissioner of Major League Baseball, said, "Sports represent a shared vision of how we continue, as individual, team, or community, to experience a happiness or absence of care so intense, so rare, and so fleeting that we associate their experience with experience otherwise described as religious or we say the sports experience must be the tattered remnant of an experience which was once described, when first felt, as religious."

It takes vision and inspiration to encourage a new generation of leaders that will create a better tomorrow.

#### **Championing success**

The conference recognizes dreamers and visionaries, their pursuit of goals, and a desire to grow and excel. This event provides a premier opportunity for networking and high-powered professional development.

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