

Tyndale Society USA Holds Third Annual Conference
A Quincentennial Celebration
Tyndale's 1526 New Testament in English:
Global, Transformative, Costly

The Tyndale Society USA held its Third Annual Conference on Saturday, March 14, 2026 at Lincoln University of Pennsylvania near Oxford, PA. Conferees gathered in the historic Mary Dod Brown Memorial Chapel, where many noted persons have visited over the years, such as poet Gwendolyn Brooks, poet and actor Roscoe Lee Brown, and Martin Luther King, Jr.

State Representative Dr. Dan K. Williams brought greetings and gave the Invocation.

Opening the Conference was pianist and singer Aaron Bryant, Lincoln University Class of 2026, Music Major, playing and singing his rendition of Amazing Grace. Attenders were especially grateful to hear this hymn as author Bruce Hindmarsh had given us the life story of composer John Newton at a previous conference.

Dr. Marilyn Button, Chairman of the Tyndale Society USA Board of Advisors, greeted the attenders and opened the conference with a stirring biography of Tyndale's life, along with photos of the cities in Europe to which he fled from England under pain of death in order to accomplish his work. Dr. Button's talk informed those in the audience unfamiliar with Tyndale's life that the English Bible came to us at great cost.

Rev. Dr. Richard A. Whitesel, Chaplain, U. S. Army Ret., gave us a detailed look into the life of Martin Luther, leading to a study of the Legacy of Martin Luther, the Keynote Address of the conference. Rev. Whitesel described the social and religious life of Luther, placing him squarely in the religious upheaval of 16th century Germany.

After a break, during which attenders were encouraged to peruse the amply supplied book table, Christopher Kraus, Director of Music at Faith Presbyterian Church of Wilmington, Delaware and member of the Tyndale Society Board of Advisors, led a demonstration of "Plain Song, Sacred Word: Rossetti, Tyndale, and the Vernacular" as he accompanied on the piano vocalist Robert Joubert, Director of Choral Activities at Rowan University, Medford, New Jersey.

Hon. Thomas E. Martin, Jr., J.D. discussed the "Affair of the Sausages," a look into the strictures of Lent from the viewpoint of the sixteenth century people who had to obey them. Surveying the life of Ulric Zwingli, he also explained how Christian liberty in Zwingli's view allowed voluntary participation or non-participation in observances "things indifferent," those not expressly commanded nor prohibited by the Scriptures.

Lincoln University Chaplain Frederick T. Faison, M.Div., M.Ed, Ed.D, closed the conference with prayer.