

Faculty senate forces Gus to attend Christian kennel



Gus's portrait (top left) shows his disgust at his new peers.



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Faculty senate voted to require faculty and administration to send their dogs to Christian kennels, more specifically kennels endorsed by the Christian Reformed Church, last Thursday.

This came immediately following a Chimes investigation which showed that Calvin president Michael Le Roy sent his

beloved goldendoodle Gus to the public kennel, Hell's Hounds.

"We believe in the value of Christian education for all ages and species," the senate's statement said. "What kind of reckless worldview will develop from a dog care facility that does not profess Reformed doctrine?"

The statement put out by faculty senate cited the local kennel "Christian Rufformed Cennel" (CRC) as a possible option for staff looking for a replacement to their current pagan provider. Their slogan is "While you're on vacation, have your dog find its vocation."

The owner of the kennel, Houndrich Zwingli, supported the policy. "Here at the CRC we understand that all dogs are totally

depraved. You can't find that kind of perspective at other kennels."

Several faculty and administrative members spoke out against the policy, citing the higher costs of Christian kennels.

"Public kennels can provide good care for dogs. The family can fill in the rest of the pups' spiritual needs," said education professor Terry Err.

Notable Calvin alumna and US Secretary of Education Detsy BeVos has advocated for "kennel choice" which would allow families to use federal funds to send their dogs to private kennels.

This action would reduce the cost of kennels like the CRC but has faced staunch opposition from public kennel unions.

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Le Roy denied knowing that the CRC was an option and stated that he sent Gus to Hell's Hounds because he believed no other choice was available for the pooch. Chimes reached out to Gus for comment, but he declined an interview. He will be transferring kennels this coming fall.

Sources say that this change has rattled the high-profile dog, who has been seen with a downcast face while on his walks.

Earlier this week, students circulated a video of him urinating on the faculty senate's offices on Twitter.

Chapel's updated schedule features other religions

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Campus ministries announced a drastic change in its weekly schedule, remodeling its current format to a more inclusive layout. The format will still maintain chapel's focus on being; however, it will give students the opportunity to explore "being" in an entirely new religion.

On Mondays, students can grab their hijabs and prayer mats and "Be Muslim." On Tuesdays, Chaplain Master Perry will lead yoga for "Be Buddhist." On Wednesday, the worship apprentices will pass out

holy underwear and conduct baptisms for the dead as a part of "Be Mormon." On Thursday, students can abandon faith altogether and "Be Atheist." Finally, on Friday, students will return to the faith of their fathers (and/or mothers) and worship to "Be Christian."

"If Calvin is really going to be a liberal arts university, we need to engage all viewpoints. As long as we do it with Reformed discernment, it's chill right? That's what John Calvin's Institutes were about, I think," said worship apprentice Nai Eve.

According to Perry, the switch had practical reasons as well. "Our abnormal spire in the chapel functions incredibly well as a minaret for the Muslim call to prayer," said Perry. "And because it takes place during

chapel break, it won't interrupt any classes."

The transition got off to a rocky start, especially on Wednesday for "Be Mormon" when the worship apprentices led singing with music from the Broadway musical "Book of Mormon" rather than songs based off the actual Latter Day Saints holy book.

Some on faculty have expressed concerns about the switch and noted that the day to "Be Christian" fell conveniently on Friday when prospective high schoolers and their parents visit Calvin. Campus safety's newly expanded Thought Protection Task Force quickly silenced their concerns.

Students have given mixed reviews to the new chapel schedule. Senior Hart Throb expressed excitement for the "Be Mormon" chapel especially. "If I get to be a Mormon, I can tell my girlfriend that when I hook up with my ex that I'm just expanding my celestial kingdom," he said.

Sophomore Dona Caire was apathetic to the changes. "Truthfully, people only show up for Friday chapel anyways, so it doesn't really make that big of a difference."

Many alumni protested the change and pulled their donations as a result. Campus Ministries announced that local mosques and wards would be picking up the difference in funding in order to show their support for Calvin's more inclusive measures.

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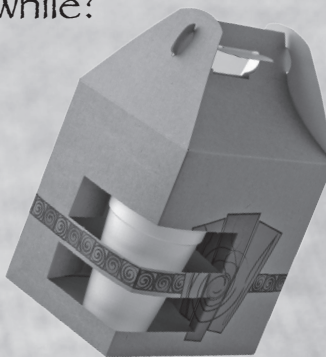
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