8:30 a.m.  Registration
9:00–11:30 a.m.  Keynote addresses—Defending Religious Freedom in a Secular Age: Fundamental Principles, Practical Priorities, and Fairness for All
Elder Lance B. Wickman, General Counsel, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and Emeritus General Authority

Religious Liberty v. Secularity: Is the American Founding Still Useful?
Matthew S. Holland, President, Utah Valley University

11:45–1:00 p.m.  Lunch

1:15–3:15 p.m.  Choice of Workshops (repeated once)

Understanding Media Coverage of Religion
Questions to be discussed: How can I better understand what I hear and see in the media? How do I get good information on religion and religious freedom issues?

What does the Separation of Church and State Really Mean? The First Amendment’s Establishment Clause
Questions to be discussed: Does the Establishment Clause prohibit all government involvement with religion? When are religious symbols permitted in public places? What does separation of church and state really mean?

Muslims, America, and Religious Freedom
Questions to be discussed: What types of challenges to religious freedom are faced by Muslims? Are Muslims trying to impose Sharia law or replace the U.S. Constitution? Are Muslims able to integrate into American Society? How are Muslims defending their religious freedom?

How Can I Discuss Religious Freedom Effectively?
Questions to be discussed: How can I convey messages about religious freedom without being misunderstood? How can I persuasively articulate the case for religious freedom? How best can religious believers communicate concerns about their values to those who don’t share their religious beliefs?

3:30–5:30 p.m.

Plenary Session—Political Trends and Religious Freedom: Where Are We and Where Are We Going On Religious Freedom Issues Nationally?

Topics include:

• The Role of Religion and Religious Tolerance in the Upcoming Election
• “Christian Bigots” and “Muslim Terrorists”: Religious Liberty in a Polarized Age
• State of the States: Religious Freedom in State Legislatures
• Strategies for Reducing Perceived Conflict between Religious Freedom and LGBT Rights
CONFERENCE SCHEDULE
FRIDAY, JULY 8, 2016

8:30 a.m. Registration

9:00–10:00 a.m. Plenary Session—What Should Religious Freedom Mean in Society?
Topics include:
• Prioritizing Religious Freedoms
• (De)constructing American Community: Religious Freedom as Substance and Symbol

10:30–11:30 a.m. Plenary Session—Interfaith Cooperation: How Can We Work Together to Promote Religious Freedom?
Topics include:
• Interfaith Cooperation to Promote Religious Freedom in Muslim Majority Countries
• What Politics Can Learn from the Family: Jews, Latter-day Saints, and the Case for Religious Freedom

11:45 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Lunch

1:15–3:15 p.m. Choice of Workshops (repeated once)

How Broad is Religious Freedom? Constitutional and Legislative Protections
Questions to be discussed: How does the First Amendment to the Constitution protect religious activities? How do the courts balance religious freedom claims against public interests? Do Religious Freedom Restoration Acts authorize discrimination?

Religion and the Workplace: Rights and Accommodations
Questions to be discussed: What rights do I have as a worker to practice or manifest religious beliefs in the workplace? What religious liberty rights are most often threatened in the workplace and, if I have a concern, how do I effectively approach my supervisor, human resources department or management? As an employer, how do I properly accommodate religion? What threats exist regarding accreditation of professionals and how might they be addressed?

Religion in Public Schools: What Rights Do Parents and Students Have?
Questions to be discussed: What rights do students have to practice or manifest religious beliefs in public schools? What rights do parents have regarding mandatory curricula that violate their conscientious beliefs? How do I effectively approach school district administrators? How do I effectively enlist other parents in the cause of religious liberty?

How Do I Get Involved? Where Can I Make a Difference?
Questions to be discussed: How can I get involved on religious freedom issues? What have others done in their individual capacities to get involved? Where can I make a difference?

3:30–4:30 p.m. Plenary Session: Religious Freedom at the Supreme Court Now and in the Future
Topics include:
• The Roberts Court and Religious Freedom
• What Will the New Supreme Court Do On Religious Freedom?

4:30–5:45 p.m. Plenary Session—Current Developments in Europe.
Concluding Remarks