



Reforming a Challenged Church: Six Lessons from Church History

At the dawn of the third millennium, the church is facing serious challenges and scandals. Dr. Bellitto will look back at how the church has survived—and even renewed herself—during difficult times in her history. By discussing six lessons from the history of church reform, he will put today's challenges in perspective and explore how the institutional and grass-roots church can move forward together in a constructive and Christian way.

SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, April 9th, at the First Congregational Church on the Green in Norwalk. All meetings start at 7:30 pm and are free and open to the public.

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