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LIFEST ANNOUNCES NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED SPEAKERS

Oshkosh, WI • Nationally known communicators will speak to thousands at the 12th annual Lifest. The 5 day Christian festival is scheduled July 7-11, 2010, at the Sunnyview Expo Center in Oshkosh, WI. Lifest is a 5-day Christian festival that features more than 150 acts, yet offers more than music, camping and food. Speakers from all over the nation appear and share their faith journey to thousands of attendees.

Jim Wallis is a bestselling author, public theologian, speaker and international commentator on religion, public life, faith, and politics. Wallis is president and CEO of Sojourners, where he is editor-in-chief of *Sojourners* magazine. He regularly appears on radio, television and is a frequent guest on the news programs of CBS, NBC, ABC, CNN, MSNBC, Fox, and National Public Radio. He has written eight books, including: *Faith Works*, *The Soul of Politics*, *Who Speaks for God?* and *The Call to Conversion*. He will appear at Lifest on Friday, July 9th.

Gianna Jessen's medical records state, "born during saline abortion." It is what caused her Cerebral Palsy. She says her life was given to her by the grace of God. Gianna states, "giving up is not an option." She has been seen and heard on major media news outlets including BBC News, World Radio, Sky News, The Good Morning Show in England, and Focus on the Family. She has spoken to thousands of schools, churches, women's groups and Christian gatherings all over the world on the value of every life. She will appear Saturday, July 10th.

Shane Claiborne is recognized as a best selling author, prominent Christian activist and sought-after speaker. His ministry experience is varied, from a 10-week stint working alongside Mother Teresa in Calcutta, to spending three weeks in Baghdad with the Iraq Peace Team. Shane is a founding partner of The Simple Way, a faith community in inner city Philadelphia that has helps connect faith communities around the world. He will appear Wednesday, July 7th.

Kent Annan is author of *Following Jesus through the Eye of the Needle* and co-director of Haiti Partners, a nonprofit organization focused on education in Haiti. His writing has been published in literary journals including Utne Reader, Subtropics, Geez, Adbusters, The Sun, Natural Bridge, Pilgrimage, Puerto Del Sol, and Orion. One of his essays was cited as a "Notable Essay" in the Best American Essays series. He has been featured on national TV shows including "The Hour" and "100 Huntley Street," as well as on NPR's "The Story." He will appear Saturday, July 10th.

Bob Lenz is author of *Grace – For Those Who Think They Don't Measure Up*, national communicator, and founder of Life Promotions and Lifest. He speaks to more than 350,000 young people each year. He has spoken in all 50 states, and abroad, and his infectious passion for life is lived out on stage when he presents. Millions have heard his presentations in communities throughout the country. He will appear on Thursday, July 8th.

Andrew Marin, president and founder of The Marin Foundation, and author of *Love Is An Orientation*, seeks to elevate the conversation with the gay community within the religious community. He will be sharing at Lifest on how to relate and approach those in the GLBT community in a loving and respectful way. Andrew has compiled one of the most complete curriculums ever created on the topic of GLBT and religious communities. He will appear Thursday, July 8th.

Luis Palau has reached more than 1 billion people through events and media. He has spoken in person to more than 25 million people in 72 countries. In 2004 he spoke in Minneapolis on the Capital steps to a crowd of 200,000, and in 2007 more than 100,000 attended in Omaha, Nebraska. Some of his global events have taken place in Scotland, Egypt, Rwanda, Romania, Spain, Jamaica, Peru, England, and others. One of his largest crowds ever recorded was 850,000 people in Argentina in 2008. Luis will present his message at Lifest on Sunday, July 11th, with worship performed by Kutless. Admission on July 11th is free to the public and all are invited to attend.

For More information on each of these speakers, and dozens of others appearing at Lifest visit www.lifest.com. For additional media information, contact Tammy Borden at 920-738-5588 or tammy@lifepromotions.com.

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