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IN FOCUS – Liberty kicked off Global Focus Week with a wide variety of speakers, the Parade of Nations and the announcement of the G5 campaign at Convocation Monday, Sept. 25.

Celebrating diversity

Global Focus Week showcases different cultures on campus

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Liberty University reached outside of its bubble by hosting LU Serve's biannual Global Focus Week Sept. 24-27, which promoted cultural engagement and encouraged missions involvement in the student body.

More than 160 organizations

that were looking for Liberty student involvement came to the university throughout the week. Between the events, engagement, Convocation and artistic showcasing, there were two major themes of this semester's Global Focus Week: Eastern Religion and Liberty's involvement with Rwanda.

This year, the Office of Spiritual Development announced the G5

project from the convocation stage. The initiative is meant to focus Liberty's platform and resources on a different country during Global Focus Week every year.

G5 stemmed from Galatians 5, more specifically, the fruit of the Spirit, and is purposed to show those characteristics to a certain people group every semester. G5 essentially gives Global Focus

Week a more concentrated theme, and, for the fall 2017 semester, Rwanda was the country chosen to be featured.

Rwanda was highlighted throughout the week by multiple events and exhibits featuring the east-African country.

An art exhibit in the Center for Multicultural Enrichment space showcased the modern art of Rwan-

dan native Pacifique Niyonsenga.

In a Facebook video on the Liberty OSD page, Niyonsenga explained a painting representing Rwandese coming back to the homeland.

"We're just sharing our experiences with the American people," Niyonsenga said.

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Five hundred years later

Liberty celebrates the legacy and history of the Protestant Reformation

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Liberty University welcomed some of the country's most well-known Christian historians and teachers to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation this September.

Oct. 31 marks the 500 year anniversary of Martin Luther posting the 95 Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany, which began what would be known as the Protestant Reformation.

Liberty hosted the Legacy of the Reformation Conference Sept. 28-29, where the Reformation was celebrated and studied by students, faculty and guest lecturers.

Theology and apologetics major Kristian Tonnesen said the reformation teaches protestant Christians a valuable lesson about the truth of scripture.

"I think Luther is an inspiration for Christians to stand up for what the Bible says rather than common beliefs of the day or what the church itself may say," Tonnesen said.

The celebration started in the School of Music concert hall Thursday afternoon where music students sang Reformation-themed hymns including "A Mighty Fortress is Our God," a famous hymn penned by Martin Luther.



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THESES – Ed Hindson was one in a series of speakers during Reformation 500.

Some of the events included breakout sessions in the Jerry Falwell Library and DeMoss Hall where faculty and guests of campus presented academic papers ranging on The Influence of the Printing Press by Benjamin Laird to Reformation-Era Missions to Muslims by Benjamin Esswein. In all, there were 29 different papers presented in addition to the five plenary sessions.

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A Sloan Candidate

Sheriff's campaign still unopposed

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Lynchburg will have a new sheriff in town, as Don Sloan is campaigning to win the title, uncontested, in the upcoming Nov. 7 elections.

Sloan, who had served as the chief deputy under Ron Gillispie, beat out Sgt. John Romano in the Republican primaries in June, all but guaranteeing him the position with no Democratic candidate in sight.

The Lynchburg Sheriff's Office is responsible for courthouse and courtroom security, civil processes and prisoner transportation. The sheriff and deputy have the authority of law enforcement, but different responsibilities.

Sloan has a long history with the Lynchburg community.

When Don Sloan was growing up in Oregon, the Sloan family saw Jerry Falwell on the Old Time Gospel Hour on television, and, with a recommendation from a close friend, Don ended up coming to Lynchburg and then-titled Liberty Baptist College with his twin brother Ron in 1978.

"I knew I wanted to go to a Christian college, and we had seen Dr. Falwell on TV," Sloan said.

Arriving in 1978, the Sloan twins have been in Lynchburg for the majority of their lives.

"This coming January, we would have flown in 40 years ago," Ron Sloan said. "We have seen this school go from absolutely nothing."

When Don Sloan came to Liberty, he needed a job to help him through school. He always had an attraction to law enforcement and public service, having positive interactions and experiences with them growing up.

"They always treated others and myself nicely," Don Sloan said. "They were people I looked up to."

The Sloan brothers started working for the emergency services department in October 1979, which later became the Liberty University Police Department.

"I spent the next 22 years working for Liberty, working my way up the ranks, with the last four years being chief of police," Don Sloan said.

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SHERIFF – Don Sloan succeeded Ron Gillispie as Sheriff of Lynchburg.

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