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Media Advisory: Peter Wehner Named as Senior Fellow

Trinity Forum Announces Peter Wehner as Senior Fellow

WASHINGTON, DC - The Trinity Forum is delighted to announce the appointment of Peter Wehner as a Senior Fellow of the Trinity Forum. Mr. Wehner has served as a Senior Fellow of the Trinity Forum on an adjunct basis since 2019 and will be joining as an in-residence Senior Fellow on May 2nd. He will join the Trinity Forum from the Ethics and Public Policy Center, where he was a Senior Fellow.

Trinity Forum President Cherie Harder noted that "Pete's writing on Christianity and culture is among the most insightful and penetrating of our time. He combines a deep Christian commitment, incisive analysis, intellectual curiosity, and personal graciousness, which is reflected in his approach and work. I've long admired Pete's courage and principled convictions, and I am thrilled to welcome him to the Trinity Forum."

"It's a tremendous honor to join the Trinity Forum, which is doing so much to enrich our public life. The Forum believes in the importance of soulcraft and culture care. It helps us think more deeply and more clearly about Christian faith and the most profound questions of human life. And it knows that politics rightly understood is committed to justice and the human good," Wehner said.

"Few organizations elevate our minds and hearts; the Trinity Forum, under the leadership and guided by the vision of Cherie Harder, is one of them. And no institution is more focused on the discussion of great ideas and their application to human flourishing."

In this new capacity at the Trinity Forum, Mr. Wehner will continue to write widely on faith, culture, sociology, philosophy and politics for the *Atlantic*, where he's a contributing writer, and the *New York Times*, where he's a contributing opinion writer. He'll also contribute to the Forum's publications and programs.

Trinity Forum Board Chairman Richard Miles added: "I'm very pleased to welcome a distinguished public intellectual like Pete to the Trinity Forum as a residential scholar. His insightful writings on faith, philosophy, theology and culture represent the best of Christian

thought leadership to a broad audience, which is precisely our mission." And Trinity Forum Trustee Claude Alexander noted: "Pete Wehner is a unique blend of conviction, curiosity, intellect, care, and courage. It's an honor to have him as a Senior Fellow."

New York Times columnist David Brooks said this: "Pete Wehner has become one of America's most inspiring writers on faith, politics and the Christian presence in America. The Trinity Forum has become the essential venue for conversations and thought on exactly these subjects. The marriage between the two just makes so much sense. It's like Florence in the 15th century! A meeting of minds that will bear so much creative fruit."

Mr. Wehner is the author or co-author of three books, including *The Death of Politics*, City of Man: Religion and Politics in a New Era (co-authored with Michael Gerson), and Wealth and Justice: The Morality of Democratic Capitalism (with Arthur Brooks). His writing has appeared in <u>Christianity Today</u>, Comment, <u>Commentary</u>, the <u>Financial Times</u>, <u>National Affairs</u>, National Review, <u>Politico</u>, <u>Time</u>, <u>the Wall Street Journal</u>, and <u>the Washington Post</u>. Mr. Wehner also has appeared on CNN, Fox News, MSNBC, PBS, CBS, and C-SPAN.

Mr. Wehner previously served in the administrations of Ronald Reagan, George H. W. Bush, and George W. Bush, including serving as deputy director of speechwriting for President George W. Bush before becoming the director of the Office of Strategic Initiatives. After leaving the White House in 2007, he joined the Ethics and Public Policy Center, where he also served for a time as director of the Faith Angle Forum. A graduate of the University of Washington, he was named the Pamela and Jack Egan Visiting Professor at the Sanford School of Public Policy and the School of Arts and Sciences at Duke University in 2019-2020. He currently serves on the Advisory Board of the Vanderbilt Project on Unity & American Democracy.