

**LIMEY PASTOR**

**A limey letter to President Trump**

Dear Mr. President, I didn't think that I would write to you again so soon, but I thought that it might help a situation developing. I noticed today's headlines about your tweets. My own feeling is that, if sleep is difficult, it is better to be wakeful and pray for others than to tweet and cast stones. The White House is indeed a glass house. I think de-tweeting is on the cards, unless some joyful, positive melodies of thought can be produced. I think you can, as you have an inner comedian that is quite enchanting. You appearances on television comedy shows are hilarious.

I previously wrote to you when you were just the president elect and you were in a whirl of activity. I remember reminding you that you are a creation of God's providence that his destiny for you is going to astonish everyone.

I still firmly believe that God has called you to a very high purpose, and that the Lord likes to take some fairly rugged folk and make out of them shining examples to mankind is beyond doubt. Look at Moses, who murdered, and King David who lusted and committed adultery. All of us who call themselves Christians, and I know you do, have some pretty checkered pasts. King Henry VIII — the English King who was the driver of the English reformation — was driven by unseemly lusts for multiple wives, without which we would still be a European afterthought.

I said in my letter that you had called out to the poor and that you had been elected by the poor. This is true. I know you are moved by human suffering.

You spoke to the senators and congressmen about how what they had crafted with health care needed to have a heart.

This is true, painfully so, as you and God both know — most American's are on the edge, struggling to make ends meet on a daily basis. You are their champion. Of all the things that concern Americans, their



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ability to care for their families and themselves is of utmost significance to them. You care about this and aren't going to allow millions to lose their health care for grubby politicians in suits.

That is why the recent froth and chum of debate on health care is so difficult. My own background is of a fellow from limeyland, where, in the 1940s we created a countrywide health service where we got rid of the gatekeepers

(the insurance companies) and paid the doctors, nurses, and workers in health care directly. At least 50 percent of the money goes to the insurance companies who are the gatekeepers in these situations. In limeyland we didn't get rid of private health care companies but we stopped giving most of the money to them. This is sufficient to take care of the bills. This has worked now for 70 years.

You are the artist of deal making, so please dear sir make a deal where that can happen. It will solve the issue quickly. Even make a deal with Canada to use their systems if necessary. You don't need to pay billionaires more money to get the same technological infrastructure. It exists already just up the road.

With my recent heart operation I know the huge amount of effort that went into rescuing my sorry self, and the cost of the effort was staggering. I also know that it would be quite possible, quite soon, to have such surgery be beyond my reach. I can honestly say that America, with its doctors and nurses, conspired to save this limey's life, who, in thanks, rededicates his efforts to sharing the good news of Jesus Christ who escorts us to Paradise.

I wish all Americans to have the opportunity of sharing my blessing. Tweet joyfully, dear President Trump.

*Colin Brown is the pastor at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, located on Locust Road in Boardman. Come and visit us 11 a.m. Sundays.*

**BRIEFLY**

**Christian writers' announces summer conference**

PORTLAND — Top editors, agents, and award-winning authors will help writers of all levels and genres reach their writing goals during the Oregon Christian Writers Summer Coaching Conference.

With a theme of "Filled with His Wisdom," Frank Peretti and Tessa Afshar are the keynote speakers. The event also offers coaching classes, manuscript reviews, one-on-one meetings with editors and agents, mentoring with published authors and professional panels.

The event is Tuesday, Aug. 15 through Friday, Aug. 18 at the Jantzen Beach Red Lion, 909 N. Hayden Island Drive, Portland. For registration information, visit [www.oregonchristianwriters.org](http://www.oregonchristianwriters.org). Discount registration is available prior to July 10. For

more information, contact [summerconf@oregonchristianwriters.org](mailto:summerconf@oregonchristianwriters.org).

**Nazarene church hosts outdoor worship service**

HERMISTON — People are invited to bring a lawn chair, sunglasses and attend Church in the Park.

Hosted by Hermiston Church of the Nazarene, the event is Sunday at 10:30 a.m. at Victory Square Park, 150 S.W. 10th St., Hermiston. A worship service will kick off the event, followed by a potluck meal and games. People are encouraged to bring a dish to share, yard game equipment and enjoy a time of fun and fellowship.

For more information, contact [hermistonnaz@gmail.com](mailto:hermistonnaz@gmail.com) or 541-567-3677.

**SUBMIT FAITH NEWS**

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**Travel ban takes effect but less chaos expected**

By **MATTHEW LEE** and **ALICIA A. CALDWELL**  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A scaled-back version of President Donald Trump's travel ban took effect Thursday evening, stripped of provisions that brought protests and chaos at airports worldwide in January yet still likely to generate a new round of court fights.

The new rules, the product of months of legal wrangling, aren't so much an outright ban as a tightening of already-tough visa policies affecting citizens from six Muslim-majority countries. Refugees are covered, too.

Administration officials promised that implementation this time, which started at 8 p.m. EDT, would be orderly. Customs and Border Protection spokesman Dan Hetlage said his agency expected "business as usual at our ports of entry," with all valid visa holders still being able to travel.

Still, immigration and refugee advocates are vowing challenge the new requirements and the administration has struggled to explain how they will make the United States safer.

Under the temporary rules, citizens of Syria, Sudan, Somalia, Libya, Iran and Yemen who already have visas will be allowed into the United States. But people from those countries who want new visas will now have to prove a close family relationship or an existing relationship with an entity like a school or business in the U.S.

It's unclear how significantly the new rules will affect travel. In most of the countries singled out, few people have the means for leisure travel. Those that do already face intensive screenings before being issued visas.

Nevertheless, human rights groups on Thursday girded for new legal battles. The American Civil Liberties Union, one of the groups challenging the ban, called the new criteria "extremely restrictive," "arbitrary" in their exclusions and designed to "disparage and condemn Muslims."

The state of Hawaii filed an emergency motion Thursday asking a federal judge to clarify that the administration cannot enforce the ban against fiancés or relatives — such as grandparents, aunts



AP Photo/Jae C. Hong

**Travelers make their way up the arrival ramp at the Tom Bradley International Terminal at the Los Angeles International Airport Thursday in Los Angeles. After months of wrangling, tighter restrictions on travel to the U.S. from six mostly Muslim nations take effect Thursday evening after the Supreme Court gave its go-ahead for a limited version of President Donald Trump's plans for a ban.**

or uncles — not included in the State Department's definition of "bona fide" personal relationships.

Much of the confusion in January, when Trump's first ban took effect, resulted from travelers with previously approved visas being kept off flights or barred entry on arrival in the United States. Immigration officials were instructed Thursday not to block anyone with valid travel documents and otherwise eligible to visit the United States.

Karen Tumlin, legal director of the National Immigration Law Center, said the rules "would slam the door shut on so many who have waited for months or years to be reunited with their families."

Trump, who made a tough approach to immigration a cornerstone of his election campaign, issued a ban on travelers from the six countries, plus Iraq, shortly after taking office in January. His order also blocked refugees from any country.

Trump said these were temporary measures needed to prevent terrorism until vetting procedures could be reviewed. Opponents noted that visa and refugee vetting were already strict and said there was no evidence that refugees or citizens of those six countries posed a threat. They saw the ban as part of Trump's campaign promise to bar Muslims from entering the United States.

Lower courts blocked the initial ban and a second, revised Trump order intended to overcome legal hurdles. The Supreme Court on Monday partially reinstated the revised ban but exempted travelers who could prove

a "bona fide relationship" with a U.S. person or entity. The court offered only broad guidelines.

In guidance issued late Wednesday, the State Department said the personal relationships would include a parent, spouse, son, daughter, son-in-law, daughter-in-law or sibling already in the United States. It does not include other relationships such as grandparents, grandchildren, aunts and uncles.

Business or professional links must be "formal, documented and formed in the ordinary course rather than for the purpose of evading" the ban. Journalists, students, workers or lecturers who have valid invitations or employment contracts in the U.S. would be exempt from the ban. The exemption does not apply to those who seek a relationship with an American business or educational institution purely for the purpose of avoiding the rules.

Refugees from any country will face similar requirements. But the U.S. has almost filled its quota of 50,000 refugees for the budget year ending in September and the new rules won't apply to the few remaining slots. With the Supreme Court set to consider the overall ban in October, the rules could change again.

The travel ban may have the largest impact on Iranians. In 2015, the most recently available data, nearly 26,000 Iranians were allowed into the United States on visitor or tourist visas. Iranians made up the lion's share of the roughly 65,000 foreigners from the six countries who visited with temporary, or non-immigrant visas that year.

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