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**THE ARMOR OF LIGHT, A DOCUMENTARY BY ABIGAIL E. DISNEY
AND FEATURING TDBI PRESIDENT, REV. ROB SCHENCK,
HAS BEEN NOMINATED FOR AN EMMY AWARD**

**Also Nominated for an Emmy, the PBS Town Hall, *Armed in America: Faith and Guns*,
featuring TDBI President, Rev. Rob Schenck and other Evangelical Leaders**

(July 27, 2017 – Washington, D.C.) -- The Dietrich Bonhoeffer Institute is pleased to announce that the film, *The Armor of Light*, featuring TDBI President Reverend Rob Schenck, has been nominated for an Emmy for Outstanding Social Issue Documentary. In addition, the PBS Town Hall, *Armed in America: Faith and Guns*, featuring TDBI President, Rev. Rob Schenck and other Evangelical Christian leaders, has also been nominated for an Emmy for Outstanding News Special.

The Armor of Light tracks Rev. Rob Schenck, pro-life activist and Evangelical conservative leader, who breaks with orthodoxy by questioning whether being pro-gun is consistent with being pro-life. Rev. Schenck is shocked and perplexed by the reactions of his long-time friends and colleagues who warn him away from this complex, politically explosive issue.

Along the way, Rev. Schenck meets Lucy McBath, the mother of Jordan Davis, an unarmed teenager who was murdered in Florida and whose story has cast a spotlight on “Stand Your Ground” laws. Also an Evangelical Christian, McBath’s personal testimony compels Rev. Schenck to reach out to pastors around the country to discuss the moral and ethical response to gun violence.

The Armor of Light follows these allies through their trials of conscience, heartbreak and rejection, as they bravely attempt to make others consider America’s gun culture through a moral lens. The film is also a courageous look at our fractured political culture and an assertion that it is, indeed, possible for people to come together across deep party lines to find common ground.

Regarding the Emmy nomination and the film, Rev. Schenck says, “I never dreamed I’d be associated with anything nominated for an Emmy award, but I’m honored and humbled by it. It’s

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also very meaningful that a film about the sanctity of human life and the moral, ethical, an even theological question of when and how life can be taken has gotten this kind of attention."

In addition, the PBS town hall [ARMED IN AMERICA: FAITH AND GUNS](#) was nominated for an Emmy for Outstanding News Special. The town hall featured a panel with lead film subject Rev. Rob Schenck and other Christian leaders along with comments from director Abigail Disney and film subject Lucy McBath, who were in the audience.

The Dietrich Bonhoeffer Institute congratulates Abigail Disney and Fork Films for the Emmy nomination and also extends congratulations to Independent Lens/PBS for their Emmy nomination as well.

If you haven't seen the film, [watch it now](#).

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About Rev. Rob Schenck

The Rev. Dr. Rob Schenck is an ordained Evangelical minister and president of the Dietrich Bonhoeffer Institute, located in Washington, DC. A leader among American Evangelicals, Rev. Schenck served a 2-year term as chairman of the Evangelical Church Alliance, America's oldest association of independent Evangelical clergy.



Rev. Schenck holds a B.A. in Religion, M.A. in Christian Ministry, D.Min in Church and State, and is a senior fellow at the Oxford Centre for the Study of Law and Public Policy.

Rev. Schenck serves on numerous boards and committees, including the National Advisory Board on Community Engagement in the State Courts. His professional memberships include the National Association of Evangelicals, the American Academy of Religion, the Capitol Hill Executive Service Club, and The University Club of Washington.

Rev. Schenck lives in Washington, DC, with his wife, Cheryl, a psychotherapist in private practice.

About The Dietrich Bonhoeffer Institute

The Dietrich Bonhoeffer Institute is a charitable, educational, and religious organization (501c3) that seeks to promote the philosophy and moral theology of Dietrich Bonhoeffer in practical ways for today's culture. By applying the ideas espoused by Bonhoeffer in his writings -- especially those found in Ethics, Letters and Papers from Prison, and Collected Sermons -- The Dietrich Bonhoeffer Institute seeks to find concrete solutions to current ethical crises, conundrums, ambiguities, and dilemmas.

We settle for nothing less than a just society infused with collaboration and equity. This vision brings together Evangelicals (both those on the left and right politically) and the broader Christian faith

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community on a biblically sound and Bonhoeffer-styled treatment (versus partisan) of the pressing issues of the culture.

By working within a broad community that includes other faith traditions and secular proponents, The Institute seeks to find practical solutions and resolutions to the often difficult, ambiguous, and far-reaching problems that plague our society.

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