# The Ruth Institute Summit

# Backgrounder

#### NAME Ruth Institute Summit

ABOUT Since its inception in 2018, the Annual Awards Dinner and Summit for Survivors of the Sexual Revolution has become one of the signature educational programs of the Ruth Institute. The Summit is built around the idea that the Sexual Revolution has harmed millions of people who are systematically silenced by mainstream culture. Children of Divorce, Post-Abortive Women, Refugees from the Hook-Up Culture or the LGBT and Transgender Subcultures, these people, and many more, are socially invisible. Yet, if their stories were known, many people would change their minds about the desirability of the Sexual Revolution.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Summit will take place June 24-25, 2022, in Lake Charles, Louisiana.

## HISTORY OF THE RUTH INSTITUTE

**2008** The Ruth Institute was founded by Dr. Jennifer Roback Morse, Ph.D., who has a passion for helping young people avoid the poisonous personal consequences of the Sexual Revolution. She saw the connection between the crazy behaviors encouraged on college campuses, young people's unwillingness to get married and, ultimately, our cultural inability to stay married.

**2008-2013** For the first five years of its existence, the Ruth Institute operated under the National Organization for Marriage Education Fund (NOMEF). The Ruth Institute's primary mission was to promote lifelong married love to college students by creating an intellectual and social climate favorable to marriage. The Ruth Institute pursued this mission through conferences, lectures, and publications aimed at college students and those who work with them. The students who participated in these programs continue to have an impact on their campuses and beyond.

**2010** The Ruth Institute debuted on YouTube and eventually began the Dr. J Show, a weekly video podcast that features in-depth discussions with experts on family breakdown, gay parenting, gender ideology, abortion, clergy sexual abuse, pornography, cultural Marxism, the worldwide fertility crisis (Demographic Winter), and more.

**November 2013** The Ruth Institute became its own entity, a 501c(3) tax exempt organization centered on creating a new narrative, one where the victims of the Sexual Revolution, who are largely invisible in society and silenced in the cultural conversation, are given a voice.

2018 The Ruth Institute hosted the first Ruth Institute Summit.

**2018** The Ruth Institute sponsored the first Rosary Around the Lake in Lake Charles, Louisiana, inspired by the Rosary Coast to Coast national event, to pray for pardon for sin and salvation for our nation and our world. This is held yearly in October.

**2020** In August, the Ruth Institute's headquarters were destroyed by Hurricane Laura.

**2022** The Ruth Institute opened their new office in Lake Charles, Louisiana.

## **2022 SUMMIT TOPICS**

- Understanding and Confronting the Sexual Revolution
- Counting the Casualties of the Sexual Revolution
- The Medical Costs of the Sexual Revolution
- The Mistakes of Modern Philosophy and Why They Matter
- Healing the Children of Divorce
- Healing the Post-Abortive Church Congregation
- The Integrity of the Body: Confronting the Trans Ideology
- Sexual Orientation Change is Possible
- Demographic Winter: The Threat of Worldwide Falling Fertility

#### 2022 SUMMIT FEATURED SPEAKER

**Kristan Hawkins**, president of Students for Life of America, will be the keynote speaker on June 24. Kristan is a Christian wife, mother, grassroots activist, author, speaker, podcast host, and human rights advocate. She turned a small organization of a few dozen student groups scattered around the country into a coordinated national team that serves 1,200+ Students for Life chapters in all fifty states, and has trained more than 100,000 young people to be advocates defending life.

BIOS Dr. Jennifer Roback Morse, Ph. D
Founder and President — Ruth Institute

Dr. Morse was a spokeswoman for California's winning Proposition 8 campaign, defining marriage as the union of a man and a woman. She has authored or co-authored six

books and spoken around the globe on marriage, family, and human sexuality. Her work has been translated into Spanish, Chinese, Korean, Polish, and Chuukese, the native language of the Micronesian Islands. Her latest book is *The Sexual State: How Elite Ideologies are Destroying Lives and Why the Church was Right All Along*. She earned her Ph.D. at the University of Rochester and taught economics at Yale and George Mason Universities. Dr. Morse was named one of the "Catholic Stars of 2013" on a list that included Pope Francis and Pope Benedict XVI. Dr. Morse and her husband are parents of an adopted child and a birth child and were foster parents for San Diego County to eight children. In 2015, Dr. Morse and her husband relocated to Lake Charles, Louisiana, where the work of the Ruth Institute continues.

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