

Facing Legal Threats and Protecting Your School's Religious Liberty

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(1921-2003)



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Co-Founder,
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Dr. James Dobson

President and Founder,
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Dr. D. James Kennedy

Former Senior Pastor,
Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church
(1930-2007)



Marlin Maddoux

Former Host,
Point of View Radio Program
(1933-2004)



William Pew

Former Chairman, Maranatha Foundation,
businessman and author
(1922-1997)

A photograph of a family running across a grassy field at sunset. In the foreground, a young boy in a striped shirt and dark shorts is running towards the right. Behind him, a man in a dark shirt and pants is also running. To the right, a woman in a light blue shirt and dark pants is running. The background shows a clear sky with a warm sunset glow and some trees in the distance.

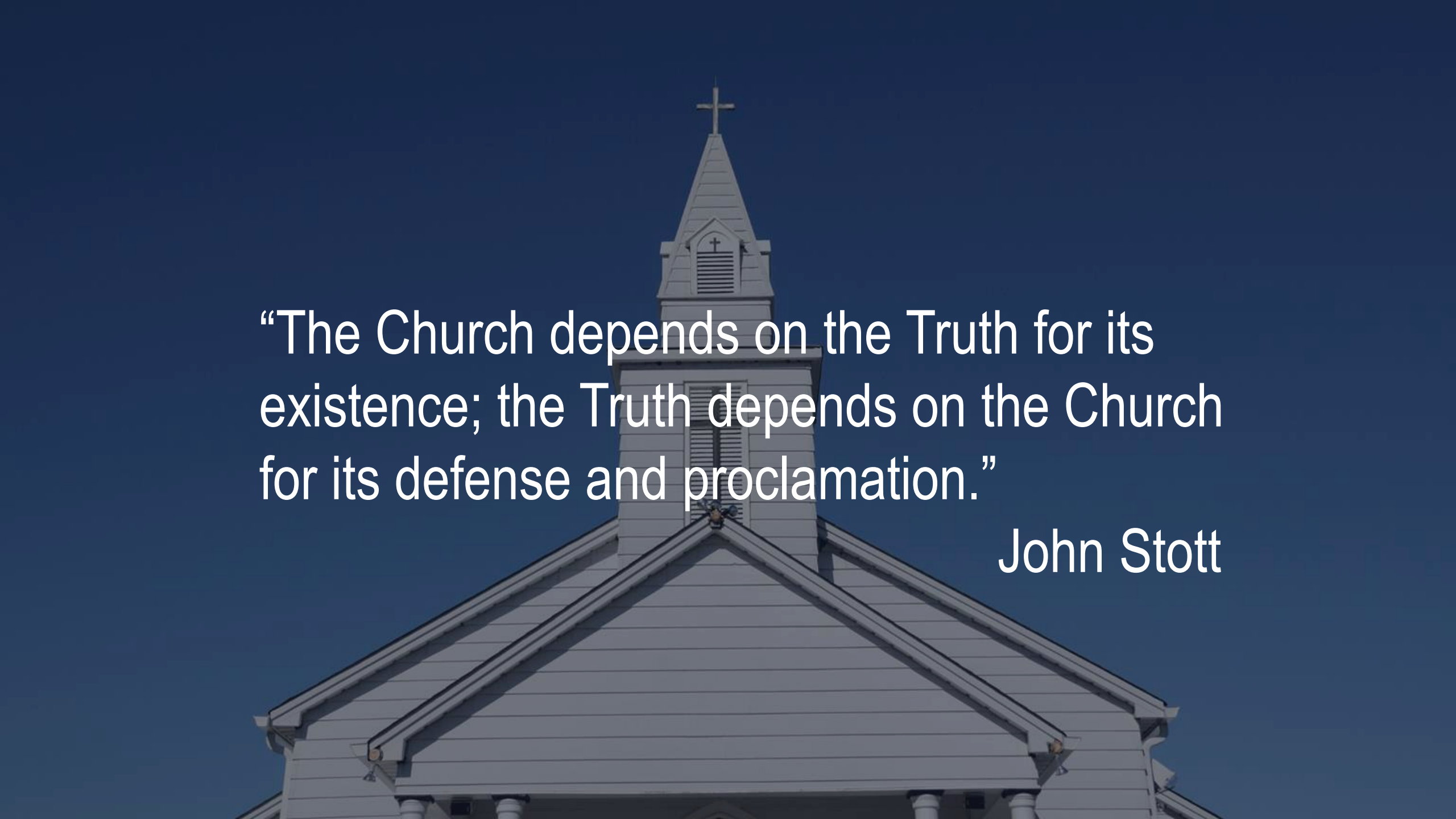
**Religious Freedom Prevails
All Can Speak Freely
Life is Safeguarded
Parental Rights are Guaranteed
Marriage and Family are Protected**

The Law

- Protect Free Speech
- Prohibit Abortion
- Safeguard Religious Freedom
- Define Marriage, Expand Parental Rights

The Church

- Spread the Gospel
- Make Abortion Unthinkable
- Fulfill the Great Commission, Disciple Nations
- Build Healthy Families



“The Church depends on the Truth for its existence; the Truth depends on the Church for its defense and proclamation.”

John Stott



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ADF's Top 3 Priorities:

1. Gender Identity
2. Parental Rights
3. Cancellation/De-banking



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



MID VERMONT
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

High
School

MID VERMONT CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

The image shows the exterior of a large, multi-story brick building, identified as Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish. The building features a central entrance with a glass door and several large windows. A group of students, some carrying backpacks, are walking along a paved sidewalk in front of the building. To the right, there is a modern glass-walled extension. A red metal railing runs along the edge of the sidewalk. The scene is set against a clear blue sky, and a large tree is visible on the left side of the frame.

SACRED HEART OF JESUS PARISH



Seattle's Union Gospel Mission

A man with short brown hair, smiling, wearing a blue polo shirt, stands on a wooden deck. The background shows a house with large windows and a wooden railing. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting daytime.

Union Gospel Mission of Yakima



Madison Metropolitan School District

A photograph of a man with a grey beard and glasses, wearing a teal polo shirt, shaking hands with a young man in a dark blue t-shirt and cap. They are outdoors, surrounded by other young men in similar attire, with trees in the background. The image has a dark, moody filter.

Indigenous Advance Ministries



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**We exist to ensure ministries can freely live
out their missions and speak the truth.**

A background image showing two hands holding pens and signing documents. The image is dimmed and serves as a backdrop for the text.

How Do We Empower Ministries?

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- Sample Statements
- Document Review
- Access to Attorneys
- Case Assessment & Representation

A person wearing a blue suit is holding a microphone in their right hand and a dark blue Bible with a gold cross on the cover in their left hand. The background is blurred, suggesting a church or public speaking setting.

How Do We Empower Ministries?

EQUIP TO SPEAK WITH BOLDNESS

The Wall of Misunderstanding

6 Things You Need to Know about the "Separation of Church and State"

You want a Theocracy!

Well, you want to take God out of everything!

Conversations and arguments surrounding the relationship between government and religion have been increasingly heated for many years in our country. Unfortunately, the arguments themselves seem to be almost "repetitive" in nature and often.

At Heritage Defending Freedom, we want to help cut through some of the confusion and provide clarity on what some of the founding fathers believed and what the Constitution actually says about the matter. You are so busy you want to know about this primer.

1) When did the phrase "separation of church and state" first come about?

The phrase "separation of church and state" was first used by Thomas Jefferson in a letter to the Danbury Baptists in 1802, which has been misquoted in other contexts about the state involvement and disentanglement of religion and public policy, whether in education, health care, or other issues. The Constitution actually says about the matter: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or infringing the right of people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

MALE & FEMALE HE CREATED THEM

UNDERSTANDING & RESPONDING TO A CRISIS OF IDENTITY

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PROTECTING YOUR PREGNANCY CENTER:

HOW TO BETTER PREPARE YOUR PREGNANCY CENTER FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM LEGAL THREATS

DEFENDING FREEDOM LEGAL THREATS AND CHALLENGES & MINISTRIES

Corporate Cancellation

Understanding the Activism Threatening Churches and Ministries

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PASTORAL PRIMER

Gender Identity, God's Design, and Walking in Newness of Life

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IS YOUR MINISTRY READY FOR THE NEW MICHIGAN BILL?

In March of 2015, Michigan passed Senate Bill 6, which amended the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act (ELCRA) to add sexual orientation and gender identity as protected classes.

The ELCRA already discrimination is employers, housing, places of public accommodation, and education.

The Michigan Civil Rights Commission has been reporting that the ELCRA has not been used to create sexual orientation or gender identity since the 2015. The Michigan Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA) is also in place. This means that religious entities are protected on the basis of moral decisions in private life. This means that religious entities are protected on the basis of moral decisions in private life. This means that religious entities are protected on the basis of moral decisions in private life.

Michigan's religious could already report churches, ministries, other organizations, and individuals who live out their faith, but are not in the public square, are not protected by the law. Significantly, the legislation did not add any religious liberty protections when it amended the law. Some other states have religious, sexual orientation, and gender identity discrimination. Some religious organizations, many of which are faith protectors.

The Michigan Ministry, we need to understand the potential adverse consequences of the legislature's addition of "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" to the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act.

Gender Ideology Resource Collection

Gender Dysphoria

- American College of Pediatricians, "Resources on Gender Dysphoria and Transgender Identity."
- Anderson, Ryan T., "Sex Reassignment Doesn't Work, Here is the Evidence," The Heritage Foundation.
- Hopai, Wal, SexChangeProject.com
- Hsu, Paul W., Myles, Lawrence S., McHugh, Paul R., "Transition Plans," The New Atlantis.

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A LEGAL RESOURCE FROM
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A photograph of a group of people, likely in a church setting, sitting around a table. They have their hands clasped in prayer over several open books, which appear to be Bibles. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent dark blue filter. The text "How Do We Empower Ministries?" is written in a yellow, serif font, and "CONNECT TO COMMUNITY" is written in a large, white, sans-serif font.

How Do We Empower Ministries?

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Up to 500K	\$500	\$400
Over 500K up to 1M	\$1,000	\$800
Over 1M up to 3M	\$2,000	\$1,600
Over 3M up to 5M	\$3,000	\$2,400
Over 5M up to 7M	\$4,000	\$3,200
Over 7M up to 10M	\$6,000	\$4,800
Over 10M up to 15M	\$8,000	\$6,400
Over 15M up to 20M	\$10,000	\$8,000
Over 20M	Contact us	



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