

OUR CULTURE
IS CHANGING.



IS YOUR
CHURCH PREPARED?

ALLIANCE DEFENDING FREEDOM
CHURCH ALLIANCE

PRACTICAL LEGAL HELP FOR YOUR CHURCH

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**America is becoming increasingly hostile to Christianity.
Now is the time for churches to stand together.**

Helping people of faith with legal issues for 25 years, in local, state, and federal courts, Alliance Defending Freedom has seen the cultural trends clearly shift.

The legal needs of churches across the country have increased as a result of the changing culture. Today, it is not a question of *if* churches will be threatened or sued for standing true to God's Word – the question is *when* and *where* such cases will arise.

When states attempt to mandate that church facilities be used in ways that violate the churches' religious beliefs on sexuality; when cities attempt to use zoning laws to force churches to the outskirts; and when governments attempt to regulate church operations, churches find it more difficult to do ministry. Alliance Defending Freedom established the ADF Church Alliance membership program to carry these legal burdens.

Becoming an ADF Church Alliance member not only prepares and serves the legal needs of your church, but it also helps other churches encountering legal issues in their communities. Membership makes a difference for the religious freedom of all churches.

When we join together, freedom is protected, churches are empowered, and more people hear the life-changing Gospel.

Is your church ready or planning for the changes in our culture?

In a threat to your religious freedom, do you have trusted counsel to call?

Has a religious liberty attorney recently reviewed your church's organizational documents, bylaws, constitution, policies, etc.?

Do you know the changing laws impacting your church?

We created the ADF Church Alliance so that your answers to these questions can be "yes."

PREPARE & PROTECT YOUR CHURCH

ADF Church Alliance makes it possible for churches of all sizes and denominations to access practical legal help. Your membership can help protect religious freedom for today and future generations.

AS MEMBERS, WE WILL

ENGAGE

You will know the cultural and legal issues facing the Church, so that your church can be prepared. Through our e-newsletters and members-only website, you will have on-demand legal resources tailored to protecting the religious liberty of your church and congregation. You can be confident that we are ready to engage in preserving religious freedom for all churches.

EMPOWER

Whenever you have legal questions, you can consult directly with an ADF attorney. That way, you lead your church knowing your legal options. You can have peace of mind as laws change or when confronting legal issues because we help you navigate them. Your church will have ADF attorneys in your corner.

PROTECT

Our attorneys will review your church's documents – constitution, bylaws, policies, and more to expose and correct areas where your church may be at risk for religious liberty legal issues. Also, if necessary, we can represent your church – free of additional charge – in cases involving your church's religious freedom.

*“IF ONE MEMBER SUFFERS, ALL SUFFER TOGETHER;
IF ONE MEMBER IS HONORED, ALL REJOICE TOGETHER.”*

1 CORINTHIANS 12:26

Alliance Defending Freedom has advocated for religious freedom since 1994. Your membership helps support individuals, churches, and organizations that seek to freely live out their faith.



3,300

ADF WORKS WITH OVER
3,300 ALLIED ATTORNEYS



80%

ADF HAS WON NEARLY
80% OF ALL CASES



55

ADF PLAYED A ROLE IN
55 U.S. SUPREME COURT
VICTORIES

Because precedent-setting cases can impact the entire nation, a victory for any church is a victory for the Church. Your membership can keep the legal doors open for the life-changing Gospel.

VICTORY

Our team is committed to victory so that churches can flourish.
The church stories below represent a few of our notable wins.



HORIZON CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP V. WILLIAMSON

In 2016, the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination interpreted the commonwealth's public accommodations law to apply to churches. The commission decided that churches should be forced to open their changing rooms, shower facilities, restrooms, and other private areas to anyone based on their asserted gender identity.

With the help of Alliance Defending Freedom, Horizon Christian Fellowship won this case. This allowed churches across Massachusetts to use their facilities in alignment with their faith.



BRONX HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH V. BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

Bronx Household of Faith outgrew its meeting place in homes and needed a bigger, yet affordable, place to gather for worship. The only viable option for this church was to meet in one of New York City's public schools.

School officials turned down the church's application because of its policy prohibiting worship services, even though they allowed other groups, including churches, to meet for other purposes. ADF initiated a strong legal challenge to the policy, and now religious groups are allowed to hold worship services in the schools.



REED V. TOWN OF GILBERT, 2015

Alliance Defending Freedom represented Clyde Reed, a pastor of a small church in Gilbert, AZ. In a 9-0 victory at the United States Supreme Court, the Court found that the Town of Gilbert's sign code discriminated against the church.

Pastor Reed stood for his freedom of speech. More importantly, he stood for the right to freely share the Gospel by inviting the public to his church. With God's blessing, we had a big win for his church and churches across the nation.



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH OF COLUMBIA, INC. V. COMER, 2017

In a 7-2 victory, Alliance Defending Freedom defended another church at the United States Supreme Court and established the legal principle that churches should not be excluded from general public benefits solely because of their religious status. This win ensures that churches will not be discriminated against and will be able to equally participate in public programs and benefits. This Missouri church stood for religious freedom, and their victory is a victory for the entire Church.

ALLIANCE DEFENDING FREEDOM STATEMENT OF FAITH

ADF Church Alliance members should be in general agreement and be able to certify that their church's statement of faith (or similar document) does not materially conflict with the following statement of faith and the Alliance Defending Freedom Doctrinal Distinctives.

Based on our adherence to the inspired, infallible, inerrant, and authoritative Word of God in Scripture, we profess with the Christian Church throughout time and around the world the faith expressed in the Apostles' Creed:

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

Alliance Defending Freedom Doctrinal Distinctives

Also, based on this confession, we are committed to honoring God by obeying the two Greatest Commandments, loving God and loving neighbor, and based on that commitment and derived from the inspired, infallible, inerrant, and authoritative Word of God in Scripture, we profess the following as necessary for living the gospel:

We believe in the spiritual unity and equality of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We believe that the Lordship of Christ requires us as disciples to seek to conform our actions, thoughts, and desires in obedience to Him.

We believe God creates each person with an immutable biological sex — male or female — that reflects the image and likeness of God.

We believe God designed marriage as a unique conjugal relationship joining one man and one woman in a single, exclusive, life-long union, and God intends sexual intimacy to occur within that relationship.

We believe God endows all human life with inherent dignity, and it must be respected and protected from conception to natural death.

We believe that God has endowed all humans with the natural, pre-political, and inalienable right of religious freedom to believe, pursue truth, and live within ordered liberty such that no political government may justly infringe upon it.

We believe that God, through His Son, Jesus Christ, calls all of us to deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow Him and that, in exchange, He promises us abundant life.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS & SERVICES

As an ADF Church Alliance member, you will receive:

- ✓ A religious liberty audit, including legal review of church bylaws and policies that relate to protecting the church's religious liberty;
- ✓ Direct access to attorneys to answer your questions about protecting the church's religious liberty;
- ✓ Consultation for legal issues involving the church's religious liberty (prior to litigation);
- ✓ Legal representation in cases involving the church's religious liberty:
 - Employment
 - Land use
 - Tax exemption
 - Church member discipline/removal
 - Requests to use church facilities
 - Government mandates or unconstitutional regulation
 - Volunteer requirements
 - Equal access to government property or benefits
 - Clergy confidentiality
- ✓ Specialized resources such as webinars and newsletters tailored to protecting the religious liberty of the Church.

ADF Church Alliance is not an insurance program, and Alliance Defending Freedom is not an insurance company. ADF will typically represent ADF Church Alliance members in all litigation related to protecting the religious liberty of the church. However, ADF cannot guarantee legal representation in every situation and does not provide casualty payments for a lawsuit. Any legal representation undertaken by ADF is without cost to ADF Church Alliance members.

Some church legal matters involve administrative tribunals such as zoning boards and tax agencies. ADF normally does not appear as legal counsel before administrative agencies or administrative tribunals. ADF will assist in finding local counsel for administrative phases of legal matters that fall within the ADF Church Alliance scope of services, but cannot guarantee that local counsel representation will be free of charge.

ADF does not provide legal representation for the following:

- Intra-ministry, inter-ministry, or denominational disputes;
- Allegations of child abuse or criminal prosecutions unrelated to religious liberty;
- Tax advice, tax audits, or investigations that do not relate to religious liberty;
- Start-up and filing requirements (e.g., 501(c)(3) applications, sales tax exemption applications, corporate filings);
- Advice regarding corporate structure or general liability issues not related to religious liberty;
- General advice regarding government contracts or grant agreements;
- Drafting business contracts such as rental agreements or vendor contracts;
- International legal matters or compliance with international law;
- Land use cases will generally only be approved if discrimination or unequal treatment is present.

ADF has the sole authority to determine whether a request for advice or representation falls within the scope of services offered.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I would like more information

Call Email Mail

APPLY ONLINE AT ADFCHURCHALLIANCE.ORG, OR FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW AND SUBMIT IT VIA:

EMAIL ChurchAlliance@ADFlegal.org | **FAX** 480-444-0028 | **MAIL** 15100 N. 90th Street, Scottsdale, AZ 85260

Name _____ Title _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Church Name _____ Church Phone _____

Church Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Denomination _____ Church Email _____

Pastor Name _____ Pastor Email _____

How did you hear about us?: _____

Do you have a promo code?: _____

Church Attendance	Monthly Plan	Annual Plan
Up to 150	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> \$250
151-500	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500
501-1000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000
1001-2000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$200	<input type="checkbox"/> \$2,000
Over 2,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$400	<input type="checkbox"/> \$4,000

SELECT PLAN

The price of ADF Church Alliance membership is based on average church attendance and whether payment is made monthly or up front at a discounted rate. Membership is an annual agreement that is automatically renewed unless canceled. Please check the appropriate box to select a monthly OR annual payment plan.

   OTHER _____

Name on Card _____

Billing Address associated with card _____

Card# - - -

Expiration - V-Code

Are you currently represented by an attorney?
 If so, please provide name:

Are you currently involved in litigation, or do you have a current legal issue? If so, please describe.

On behalf of the church named above, I have read and understand the ADF Church Alliance Scope of Services and ADF's Statement of Faith. The above named church's statement of faith (or similar document) is compatible with ADF's statement. We consider ourselves generally likeminded. I affirm that this church stands in full agreement with the final four bullet points of ADF's statement of faith. I agree to have my card automatically charged for the amount indicated above.

Signature _____

Date _____

PLEASE TEAR ALONG PERFORATED LINE.

JOIN TODAY



STEP 1

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION



STEP 2

GET ACCESS



STEP 3

LEAVE YOUR LEGAL BURDEN BEHIND

WHEN IT COMES TO
PROTECTING RELIGIOUS
FREEDOM, EVERY
CHURCH MATTERS.

JOIN TODAY



KEEPING THE LEGAL DOORS
OPEN FOR THE GOSPEL.

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