

OUR CULTURE  
IS CHANGING.



IS YOUR  
CHURCH PREPARED?

ALLIANCE DEFENDING FREEDOM  
CHURCH ALLIANCE

PRACTICAL LEGAL HELP FOR YOUR CHURCH

# OUR CULTURE IS CHANGING

Our culture is becoming increasingly hostile to Christianity.  
Now is the time for churches to stand together for religious freedom.

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.

Local governments have attempted to legislate transgender ideology and control how ministries can use restrooms and other private areas. Cities have treated church leaders like second-class citizens – refusing to let them use public spaces for worship services. States are forcing churches to provide elective abortion coverage in employee health plans. Public officials and politicians threaten local churches' tax exempt status.

ADF Church Alliance provides churches with the practical legal help they need in these changing times.

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 in this program 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.**

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***Is your church equipped to handle legal challenges related to sexual orientation and gender identity?***

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***If your religious freedom is threatened, do you have like-minded Christian counsel to help you?***

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***Has an experienced religious liberty attorney recently reviewed your church constitution, bylaws, employment documents, and policies?***

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***Is your church prepared for changes in the law impacting religious liberty?***

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**By joining ADF Church Alliance, you can answer “yes” to these questions.**

# PREPARE & PROTECT YOUR CHURCH

Churches need legal preparation and help. ADF Church Alliance membership prepares and protects churches in the face of religious freedom threats. Your membership is an investment in religious freedom for your church - and all churches - for today and for future generations.

## HOW WE SERVE

### DOCUMENT REVIEW

We review your church constitution, bylaws, employment documents, and policies from a religious liberty perspective. Then, we make recommendations on how you can provide additional protection to your church. Whenever you make changes to your documents, we are available to review them.

### ATTORNEY ACCESS

Whenever you have legal questions, you can consult directly with an ADF attorney. When legal issues arise threatening your religious liberty, you can have peace of mind knowing we will help you navigate them.

### LEGAL RESOURCES

ADF Church Alliance members can access a members-only website with on demand video trainings, sample documents, legal guides, trending news on cases, and more. Members also receive e-newsletters with legal updates that are impacting the Body of Christ.

### LEGAL REPRESENTATION

Your church, and Bible believing churches like yours, can have the legal representation you need when facing a religious liberty threat. If necessary and appropriate, we can represent your church in court at no additional cost to you.

**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.**



**3,400**

ADF WORKS WITH OVER  
3,400 ALLIED ATTORNEYS



**80%**

ADF HAS WON NEARLY  
80% OF OUR CASES



**60**

ADF HAS PLAYED A ROLE  
IN 60 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**

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**

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**

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 helps ensure 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 its victory is a victory for the entire Church.

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

**1 CORINTHIANS 12:26**

# 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 only 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 and inalienable right of religious freedom to believe, pursue truth, and live within ordered liberty such that no civil 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:**

- ✓ Legal review of church bylaws and policies that relate to protecting your church's religious liberty
- ✓ Direct access to attorneys to answer your questions about protecting your church's religious liberty
- ✓ Consultation for legal issues involving your church's religious liberty (prior to litigation)
- ✓ Legal representation in cases involving the church's religious liberty, if necessary and appropriate:
  - 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.

## **Matters ADF does not provide legal representation for include, but are not limited to:**

- Intra-ministry, inter-ministry, or denominational disputes or negotiations
- 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.*

*Alliance Defending Freedom reserves the right to terminate any membership agreements and/or add, change, or remove rules, conditions of membership, scope of services, and all services offered by and through ADF Church Alliance at any time and in its sole discretion. In the event of membership termination, Alliance Defending Freedom shall only be obligated to return to a former member any prepaid but unused membership dues, without penalty or interest.*

APPLY ONLINE AT [ADFCHURCHALLIANCE.ORG](http://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.

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Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address associated with card \_\_\_\_\_

Card#  -  -  -

Expiration  -  V-Code

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

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

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On behalf of the church named above, I have read and understand the ADF Church Alliance Scope of Services. I also understand Alliance Defending Freedom reserves the right to terminate any membership agreements and/or add, change, or remove rules, conditions of membership, scope of services, and all services offered by and through ADF Church Alliance at any time and in its sole discretion. In the event of membership termination, Alliance Defending Freedom shall only be obligated to return to a former member any prepaid but unused membership dues, without penalty or interest. I have also read and understand the ADF Statement of Faith and agree that the above named church's statement of faith (or similar document) is compatible with the ADF Statement of Faith. We consider ourselves generally likeminded. I affirm that this church stands in full agreement with the ADF Doctrinal Distinctives. I agree to have my card automatically charged for the amount indicated above.

Please charge the account or card above and automatically renew my membership.  
I understand we can cancel our membership at any time.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE TEAR ALONG PERFORATED LINE.



# JOIN TODAY



## STEP 1

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION



## STEP 2

GET ACCESS TO ATTORNEYS



## STEP 3

KEEP THE LEGAL DOORS OPEN  
FOR THE GOSPEL

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

**JOIN TODAY:**  
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