

OUR CULTURE  
IS CHANGING.



IS YOUR  
CHURCH PREPARED?

ALLIANCE DEFENDING FREEDOM  
CHURCH ALLIANCE

PRACTICAL LEGAL HELP FOR YOUR CHURCH

# OUR CULTURE IS CHANGING

**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.

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

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

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

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***Do you know the changing laws impacting your church?***

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**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.**



**3,200**

ADF WORKS WITH OVER  
3,200 ALLIED ATTORNEYS



**80%**

ADF HAS WON NEARLY  
80% OF ALL CASES



**54**

ADF PLAYED A ROLE IN  
54 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.

# STATEMENT OF FAITH

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

**We believe** the Bible to be the inspired, infallible, authoritative Word of God.

**We believe** that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**We believe** in the deity and humanity of Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, in His present rule as Head of the Church and in His personal return in power and glory.

**We believe** that for the salvation of lost and sinful men regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.

**We believe** in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.

**We believe** that all those who die in God's grace through faith are assured eternal salvation; those who die in a state of sin and unbelief suffer the punishment of hell.

**We believe** in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ, with equality across racial, gender, and class differences.

**ADF Church Alliance members must be in specific agreement with the following portions of the Alliance Defending Freedom statement of faith:**

**We believe** God immutably creates each person as male or female. Rejecting one's biological sex rejects God's created design.

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

**We believe** all forms of sexual immorality are sinful and offensive to God.

**We believe** God endows all human life with inherent dignity at every stage of development, and it must be respected and protected from conception to natural death. Thus, the unjustified, intentional taking of human life before or after birth is sinful and offensive to God.

# 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:

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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 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



# 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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