

ADF- Church Alliance

Legal Advocacy for NID Congregations

During the past couple months, we have all been faced with questions like....

“What are the limits to the government’s power over the church right now?”

“Is my church being treated fairly?”

“What are my rights – what *can* we do?”

Answers to these questions differed state by state and we also found out that our congregations right to assemble is at risk.

COVID-19 has changed our world and taught us that we must know our legal options so we can proceed with confidence when leading the congregations God has called us to. We are thankful to have Alliance Defending Freedom as a partner.

“As restrictions descended upon our nation, including the church, we began consulting with legal counsel, and friends like the Alliance Defending Freedom [ADF], with whom the Missouri Synod has been involved in several key religious-freedom Supreme Court cases.”

President Matthew Harrison

[We invite you to consider ADF Church Alliance membership](#) – we believe your church will benefit from having this legal advocate who is an experienced and proven advocate and defender of religious liberties – especially in this uncertain time. ADF Church Alliance is a membership program that provides legal help so you can freely preach and operate your church in accordance with Christian principles.

Benefits of membership include:

- ✓ **Religious liberty document review:** ADF reviews your church’s documents to minimize threats to your religious freedom.
- ✓ **Direct access to attorneys:** Consult ADF attorneys with religious liberty questions.
- ✓ **Pro bono legal representation:** ADF can represent your church in cases involving its religious freedom.
- ✓ **Legal Resources:** Access resources to help you and your congregation navigate religious liberty issues.

Because of our partnership, **you will receive a 20% discount on your membership (use promo code NIDLCMS20 when you apply).**

Sherri Huston, a regional director at ADF Church Alliance, would be happy to speak with you about the ways they can serve your congregation. You can contact her at shuston@adflegal.org or 480-206-9164.

We, at The Northern Illinois District, strongly encourage you to talk with Sherri and prayerfully consider if your church would become a member of the ADF Church Alliance. Membership will not only benefit your congregation now, but will better prepare your church to worship freely in the future, share mercy, and continue the expansion of God’s kingdom here on earth.