



New Jersey Christian Coalition

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Dear Pastor or Church Leader,

This fall is an important election and we want to be a resource for you and your church. We are happy to meet or discuss any of your concerns, and would be available to speak to your church or church leadership. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us at 201 358-1382.

There are several ways to be involved with this fall's election:

Voter Registration Drive — We've included a voter registration form that you may photocopy and provide to your members. Registrations must be submitted by October 9th in order to participate in the November election.

Road to Victory — The Coalition's annual conference in only 3.5 hours away in Washington, D.C. Pastors attend free and there is a luncheon on Friday, September 29th. If there is enough interest, we'll try to arrange transportation or at least coordinate car-pooling.

Voter Guide Distribution — The Sunday prior to the election, you'll be able to distribute voter guides for your congregation. These guides are totally non-partisan and cannot impact your tax-exempt status.

Recent rulings by both the FEC (Federal Election Commission) and the IRS, have put the Coalition in absolutely clear standing to continue this work of voter education. (There is an enclosed sheet that goes into more detail.)

In a recent meeting with Congressman LoBiondo, the Coalition presented the Action Alerts that we have received over the past several years. (These alerts are available to you via email just send me an email to start receiving them), They represent the basis for the grassroots efforts to promote passage of certain pieces of legislation. They are main-stream issues — nothing radical! When surveyed, the legislative agenda of the Coalition has had over 60% support.

The Coalition supports legislation that falls into the following categories:

Abortion/adoption - Adoption Awareness, Partial Birth Abortion Ban, Child Custody Protection Act, Abstinence Funding, and Funding Planned Parenthood;

Cultural Matters - Needle Exchange, Juvenile Justice, Internet Filtering (sans porn for kids), Funding National Endowment for the Arts, Penalties for Sex Offenders;

Education - Education Flexibility, Straight A's Academic Achievement for All, Dollars to the Classroom;

Taxes - Education Savings Accounts, Marriage Tax Penalty, Repeal of the Death Tax, 100% Deductibility on Health Care;

Religious Freedom - Charitable Choice, Religious Liberty Protection Act, etc.

The current Alert discusses overriding the Marriage Tax Penalty (HR 4810, preventing Internet Gambling (HR 3125), and passing an anti-euthanasia measure - the Pain Relief Promotion Act (HR 2260).

If you want to be sure to receive any of our resources, please let us know. Ideally, we would like to have a point of contact (liaison) for your church. If there are people in your church who have shown an interest in politics, please have them contact me.

Regards,
