



Susquehanna Valley Moral Issues Coalition

Dear Pastors, Churches, and Friends,

Stand up for moral principles in the current culture war! We can help you with vital information.

Susquehanna Valley Moral Issues Coalition (formerly Susquehanna Valley Moral Issues Committee) consists of volunteers encouraging traditional family values in the public arena. In the past two years we have provided many churches:

- 1) Data from Alliance Defense Fund, a leading Christian legal organization, on what churches may do in elections.
- 2) Websites with information on voting, moral issues, and candidates' positions.
- 3) Non-partisan candidate comparisons over a range of issues covering races for PA governor, Supreme Court, and Superior Court, as well as U.S. Senate and House.

You can help us! Please send us contact information* for one or two people in your church willing to distribute to your congregation and friends both voter guides and alerts on critical events and legislative issues. Include other churches that would find this material valuable. We welcome comments and try to read each one, but can't always respond individually. Our goal is to help equip you to promote sound values in our society. God bless!

“Since 1954, legislation regarding the Internal Revenue Code has prevented pastors and other clergy from endorsing or supporting candidates for public office. . . . ***Ironically, this silencing of our church leaders goes completely against the desires of our Founding Fathers!*** . . . pastors do have the right to speak out on the moral and biblical issues of the day, even during election season.

To further clarify, the only thing pastors are prohibited from doing is endorsing or opposing candidates for public office (this prohibition does not apply to the pastor in their individual capacity). ***Therefore, the distribution of non-partisan voter guides, the holding of political debates, and the preaching of moral issues are all allowed to take place within a church facility. . . . It has never been more important for pastors to understand that they have the right to speak out on current issues of the day and not face repercussions from the IRS***”

-Condensed verbatim from an e-mail from Jay Sekulow, Chief Counsel of the American Center for Law and Justice, 10/19/06.

—SVMIC coordinator, Rev. Howard R. McKenzie has long had interest in American history and government. The Daughters of the American Revolution awarded him for the highest American History average in a high school class of 300. He earned his Th. B. with a 4.0 GPA then an M.A. in religion, served churches in four states, and worked in Christian education for 15 years. He taught high school sciences, Bible, Church History, PA History, Civics, and college Biology with a section on social issues and bioethics. He helped lead successful efforts against pornography, and abortion funding, and helped obtain a block grant for a Christian pregnancy center.



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SUBSCRIBE TO SVMIC E-MAILS

Receive information including alerts on critical legislation and issues, and voter guides for selected races.

To help us reach many citizens without a huge mailing list . . .

. . . **Organizations**, please enroll one or two contacts who will distribute information to others in your church, para-church ministry, Christian school, etc.

. . . **Individual enrollees**, please try to provide information to at least seven others.

. . . **All**, find your congressional district: ([click here](#)) scroll down, enter zip code,click Go, use the number after your representative under "President & Congress, e.g. (D10).

*To Subscribe:

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. . . **Adequate:** [E-mail](#) us the following information with the **boldfaced items as a minimum:**
Organization name, Congressional District number, Pastor/Leader's name,
Street Address, **City, County, State, Zip**, Phone area code & number, Denomination,
1st Contact's name & e-mail address, 2nd Contact's name & e-mail address.

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