

Letter to the Churches

Victorian State Election, 24 Nov. 2018

The need for the wider Church to be informed of the dangers inherent in the coming elections

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are writing to you at a time of rapid decline in the Judeo/Christian foundations that built one of the greatest societies on the planet. These foundations, that have served our nation so well, are currently being discarded at perilous cost.

Our Western civilisation was built on *the Kingdom of God of foundations of Justice and Righteousness*. Without these foundations our nation will progressively self-destruct.

In recent decades there has been a 'long march' through the institutions where contentious ideas have relentlessly repudiated bible-learned boundaries and aspirations that give people a hope and a future. The outcome of this dissonance is family breakdown, depression, suicide, domestic violence, rampant pornography and loss of moral compass in domains such as banking, media, health, politics and so on.

Despite our cultural disregard for our creator God, our Father in Heaven has given us a respite we don't deserve. He has recently given us a true follower of Jesus Christ as Prime Minister. We now have a national leader who honours the identity of Jesus Christ as King of kings and Lord of lords.

In turn we, the wider church, need to understand the gravity of hostile legislative dangers ahead in the governance of our states and Nation.

This means that in every electorate, church and ministry leaders need to be well informed to help educate the people of God on the dangers of electing candidates who oppose God and his ways. We also need to know who to vote for. Who are the candidates committed to honouring the preamble to the Australian constitution: "*Humbly relying on the blessing of Almighty God.*"

Over the page we have listed certain perilous party policies. This is intended to help the Christian community understand the serious dangers ahead. In this way we can better work together to elect leaders who will honour the values of the kingdom of God in our Local Councils, State and Federal Parliaments. For these bodies are the governing ecclesia God appoints to care for our nation.

Let us work together to better inform the wider church how to vote for political candidates and parties who are committed to building a future free from so-called "Safe Schools" and free from radical gender theory. Let us work together to multiply our voting influence in preserving freedom of religion and freedom of speech. Let us vote together to protect the family as the basis of a civil society.

By our prayers, our standing for public office, our volunteering and by our democratic vote we have a holy responsibility to elect and support leaders who will bring the Kingdom of God principles of Justice and Righteousness to the governance of our State and Nation. Let us vote YES to God and NO to evil.

Sender(s):

This is a grass roots letter for every follower of Christ to consider, discuss and present to their Church leaders. In this way the wider church will be better informed on the very serious issues we are voting on in the forthcoming election.

Specific Policies of Death, Deception and Loss of Freedoms

We have chosen here seven dangerous anti-biblical party policies to help the wider church be better informed on how to vote in coming State election on 24 November.

1. Freedom of Religion and Freedom of Speech

The progressive Left are doing all they can to legislate their rights as more important than the rights to religious freedom and freedom of speech. This is a culture war the church will lose unless it is recalibrated as high priority across the nation. The risks are much higher from the Greens and Labor than from Conservative and Centre Right parties. For example:

- In August 2016 the Victorian Labor Government passed a bill in the Lower House to remove religious exceptions for the employment of a person by religious bodies and schools. This could have stopped Churches, Christian Schools and Missions employing people who uphold their biblical values.
- This bill was lost in 2016 by one vote in the Upper House. However, if Labor and the Greens are re-elected we can expect to see this bill again attacking religious freedom.

2. Abortion

The refusal to protect the rights of the innocent in the womb was instigated in Australia by Labor in the Victorian Parliament in 2008. From there abortion has spread to every state in the nation except NSW. What have we learnt since then?

- In the 2008 vote in Victoria the Church had almost no influence on the outcome and Protestant Ministers were mostly absent from the debate in the parliament.
- In the recent Queensland Parliament debate on abortion the parties voted as follows: **Labor:** YES 43/NO 1/Abstain1; **LNP:** Yes 3/No 36; **Katter Party:** NO 3; **One Nation:** No 1; **Green:** YES 1; **IND** Yes 1.
- Overwhelmingly ALP and the Greens are the parties of death to innocent babies.
- In 2016 Rachel Carling-Jenkins then with the DLP led a bid to restrict abortion in Victoria
- Will we remain silent while babies up to full term can be dismembered in the womb?

3. Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide

In Victoria **Labor** has pushed Euthanasia through the Parliament. The majority of Labor MPs in the lower house backed the bill, along with two Greens, two independents and a few Coalition MPs. In the upper House 12 out of 16 Coalition members opposed the bill.

4. So-called "Safe Schools"

Labor has in the States and nationally propagated and funded teaching of radical anti-biblical gender theories along with the sexualising of children as young as four. Federally the **Coalition** Government has defunded Safe Schools and in Victoria if the **Liberals** are returned on 24 November they will replace Safe Schools and return religious education to classes.

Here are three helpful web sites:

- <http://youreteachingourchildrenwhat.org>
- <https://www.stopsafeschools.com>
- <http://kidsrights.org.au>

5. Reparative or Conversion Therapy

This could apply to any prayer, counselling or therapy that supports change from homosexual to heterosexual orientation. Clause 83 of Labor's draft National Platform states:

"Labor opposes the practice of so-called conversion and reparative therapies on LGBTIQ+ people and seek to **criminalise** these practices."

If these policies become law and in the future your child comes home from a so-called 'Safe School' and tells you they want to change their gender, then helping them embrace their birth sex will be a crime. International consensus advises that up to 90% of children who question their gender will naturally resolve it through puberty. Children need support and affirmation not medication or surgery for gender transitioning.

6. Attacks on our God Given Identity as Male and Female

The Victorian Labor Government passed the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Amendment Bill 2016 in the Lower House. If enacted this bill would have permitted persons to change the sex on their birth certificate every 12 months. This bill was lost in the Upper House. However, if Labor are voted back into power this bill is likely to come up again. In Tasmania Labor and the Greens are trying to remove birth sex from Birth Certificates altogether. These are very serious dangers that voters must understand before they vote.

7. Government Abuse of Public Funds

At the 2014 Victorian election, \$400,000 in taxpayer money was siphoned off and spent on the ALP "red shirts" campaign staff, rather than the electorate support staff it was supposed to fund. When the rort was first uncovered, the government spent almost \$1 million trying to block an Ombudsman's report all the way to the High Court. With a full police investigation now under way, senior ministers including Victoria's chief law officer, the Attorney-General, are refusing to co-operate. Will you support corruption with your vote?

Because of radical and unsafe policies like these we must register our opposition to the ALP and Greens with our vote.

If you wait until other ungodly laws are enacted, it will be too late!

Supplement

Why Churches need to Inform Congregations of perilous Party Policies

In past elections political party values statements were developed to help the Christian community in their voting choices in Australian elections.

However, times have changed with the rapid rise of anti-Christian sentiment across society. Some of this we have brought upon ourselves through the findings of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

But the issues are now much wider and deeper than that. We are immersed in a global war of sexual, gender, identity and other ungodly agendas that are endemic in every domain of society such as Arts and Entertainment, Business, Education, Government, Health, Justice, Media, Religion, Sport and Recreation, Welfare and Not-for-Profits and so on.

In the past, pastors have often said that they were "apolitical." However, **it's now time for the church to speak with a prophetic voice**. If the Church does not bring Godly influence into public life the devil is unrestrained in bringing lies, deception and death into legislation.

Some Christians will quote Jesus when he said that *his kingdom is not of this world*. Quite right. Yet in the Lord's prayer Jesus teaches us *to bring the Kingdom of God and the will of God on*

earth as it is in heaven (Matt 6:10). This means we do not surrender our families, our churches and our nation to perilous and ungodly principles. Rather we disciple believers to bring the principles of heaven to every sphere of interest in our nation.

It's understandable that some pastors feel they cannot advocate for a political party. Nevertheless, it is our responsibility to warn God's people of alarming consequences of anti-biblical policies that certain parties seek to implement with grave consequences.

It's also our responsibility to encourage Christian people to become involved in the process of the governance of society, as did David, Joseph, Esther, Daniel and more recently, Wilberforce, Bonhoeffer and Martin Luther King Jr.

To illustrate the point, it is a vital responsibility of the Church to protect the security and freedom of the family under God. Where a political party has a policy that deconstructs the family in opposition to the written word of God we cannot be silent.

It is now more vital than ever for Church leaders to be well informed of the serious dangers in coming elections so that we can have a voice and vote for righteousness. It's vitally important that we encourage men and women of God to stand for public office. If we don't, who will?

The wider church must be informed by its leaders about unsafe policies that will come into play if a party comes into power. This is crucially important in the coming Victoria, NSW and federal elections.

In Ezekiel 3:16-21 God speaks in the first person to give the Watchman responsibility to speak out about impending dangers. If we are silent, the scripture says, the blood will be on our head.

In the Lord's prayer Jesus teaches us: *your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven*. This mandate is not just for the local church but for all the earth. Jesus authorises this mandate in the Great Commission where he states: *I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations* (Matt 28:18-19 NLT).

This commission has application into every domain of society. This is a 21st Century reformation in our understanding of Jesus' purpose for his church.

We must love our neighbours by informing them of impending dangers in advance. The future of Australia is at stake and the church cannot be silent.

Please join with us in helping God's people use their voice and their vote to push back against ungodly policies. In this way we will let the political parties know that we will stand up for justice and righteousness in the Australia we love.

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