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# PANViews



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## **President's Report**

*Josh CruverKibi*

I spoke on an interfaith panel at the York YMCA on Wednesday September 18<sup>th</sup>. This event was one of a series of events for the York YMCA's Welcoming Week for immigrants held from Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup>. The panel was made up of various 'faith's', which I would say would be more accurately stated as various, cultures, philosophies, and ethics codes. I represented the Secular Humanist perspective and there were representatives for the Native Americans, Sikhs, Baha'is, Mormons, Lutherans, and Baptists. Each of us were there to talk about our groups beliefs, policies, practices, and perspectives on immigrants in this land. There is of course no Atheist perspective on immigration because atheism only means no belief in gods. It appeared to be helpful to make the distinction for the audience between what little atheism meant and the comparison of secular humanism with the other perspectives represented. I summarized the Humanist perspective on immigration using the Humanist Manifesto III.

I thought the audience found the panel interesting overall, but I would have liked more discussion and possibly debate on how to affect change for each group. I did notice an interesting division in philosophies between the Judeo-Christian representatives; Baptist, Lutheran, and technically Mormon, and the holistic to humanistic representatives, Native American, Baha'i, Sikh, and Secular Humanism. It seemed to me that the Judeo-Christian groups tended to focus on their acts as a group affecting change and the other group seemed to focus on philosophies of self-improvement, taking personal responsibility to help others, and trying to affect and bring about balance in the world. The philosophical difference appeared to be; obligation to obtain a reward, versus, obligation due to feeling personally responsible for choosing the balanced right thing to do. I would have liked to have discussed this more with the panel because it may have gone to the crux of why individuals and groups in America may or may not have a problem with immigration and what they chose to do.

PAN's next and last tabling event of the year is the two-day Pumpkinfest in October. Pumpkinfest will be on Saturday October 12 from 9:30-5 PM and Sunday 11- 5 PM. If you are interested in volunteering or attending, you can say that you are going on Facebook and or Meetup.com.



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***Atheist News in Pennsylvania – The Nation – The World!***

**Correction: It's Lehigh**

Last month PANViews reported on a Court of Appeals decision allowing a cross to remain on Lehigh County's Seal. Except the story said it was Lebanon County. Despite the seal's clearly saying Lehigh. Sorry for the error!



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**Why They Think They're Right**

Last month PANViews also reported on another loss, the Court of Appeals decision that supported the PA House of Representatives' refusal to let nonbelievers offer an invocation in the House. How do religious people feel about this?

Rep. Russ Diamond, Lebanon County, posted the following on his Facebook page: *Thank God for this ruling. Literally. While I respect the rights of those who believe in nothing, I also believe the real objectives of this suit were A) to eliminate the opening prayer, and/or B) to provide some militant atheist an opportunity to use the invocation as a platform to humiliate people of faith.*

Former PAN board member, and current Florida resident, Carl Silverman, posted Diamond's comment on his own Facebook page. Here are Diamond's responses to comments from people who thought that non-religious invocations should be allowed:

*It's kind of hard to advocate for such a position when our state constitution begins*

*with "WE, the people of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, grateful to Almighty God for the blessings of civil and religious liberty, and humbly invoking His guidance do ordain and establish this Constitution."*

*The House prayer is no different than the preamble.*

Another person responded to Diamond: *When maybe the preamble needs changed. I don't understand why god is part of any of our government. Freedom of religion, remember that one? So, if it said Allah, Buddha, Zeus etc. Would you be ok with that?*

Diamond answered: *It's generalized. Those are more specific. I was OK when we said "Higher Power" in AA.*

*It's the Constitution I swore an oath to. No one has ever proposed changing that part of it.*

The Freedom From Religion Foundation notes that the PA Legislature is again considering a bill requiring that "In God We Trust" be displayed in classrooms and public-school buildings. While the sponsors pretend that such posting are just intended to display the national motto (no religion here!) this bill notes that James Pollock, known as "The Great Christian Governor" when he the governor of PA, was the director of the US Mint who first suggested putting the motto on coins.

It's just had its first hearing before the House State Government Committee. Guess who is the secretary of the Committee? Russ Diamond! Other Central PA representatives on the Committee include Seth Grove (York Co.), Dawn Keefer (York and Cumberland Cos.), Jerry Knowles (Berks Co.), Andrew Lewis (Dauphin Co.), Brett Miller (Lancaster Co.) Francis X. Ryan (Lebanon Co.) Maybe it's time to give them a call.



### Finally, A Victory!

The Northeast PA Freethought Society has won the right to put the above ad on busses in Lackawanna County.

This case has dragged on for years. COLTS, the Lackawanna County Transit Authority, offered a variety of reasons why it should not be required to accept the ad, finally culminating in the claim that riders would be so upset by the sign that violence could break out on the busses. COLTS tried to compromise by eliminating any type of religious or atheist advertising.

The ACLU ([www.aclupa.org](http://www.aclupa.org)), which represented NEPA, reported the decision. The majority opinion held that the policy was viewpoint discrimination. The court also pointed out that the restriction on religious speech had no connection to the purpose of the advertising program, which is obviously to make money.

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From HAPI



### Justice At Last?

Philadelphia prosecutors filed child-abuse charges against Catholic priest Robert L. Brennan six years ago, after years of frustration, according to the Philadelphia *Inquirer*, [www.inquirer.com](http://www.inquirer.com).

They were especially happy, because two grand juries had found that Brennan had molested at least 20 children, but the cases all fell outside of the statute of limitations. Finally, the prosecutors had found a case that was within the time limit.

The prosecutors' happiness was short-lived. The accuser died from a drug overdose about a month after charges in his case were filed. But recently prosecutors have found a new way to approach stale child-abuse cases. Federal authorities have charged Brennan with 4 counts of lying to the FBI, saying that he lied when he told agents that he didn't know Sean McIlmail, the accuser who committed suicide, or his parents.

If convicted, Brennan could face 32 years in prison if he was convicted on all charges. Federal sentencing guidelines recommend no more than 2 years and 9 months for this type of lying, though.

Brennan's history is all too familiar. He was moved from one Philadelphia parish to another for more than 20 years, from the 1980s to the 2000s. Occasionally he spent time in Catholic mental hospitals. Parishioners were told that he was on retreat or being treated for Lyme disease.

Brennan spoke with the FBI voluntarily last April. During these conversations, he denied knowing Sean McIlmail, his brother Michael, or anyone in the McIlmail family. That's interesting, because the McIlmail family has pictures of their sons posing with Brennan. The parents were also active members of their parish. The pastor of the church when Brennan was stationed there contracted him, flatly stating that he did not believe Brennan didn't know the McIlmails.

A conviction for lying won't be as satisfying as a conviction for child abuse would be, but it's better than nothing.

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### Another Victory, Sort Of

Invocation battles are taking place all over the country. The ACLU of Alaska sued the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly because it enacted a policy stating that invocations could

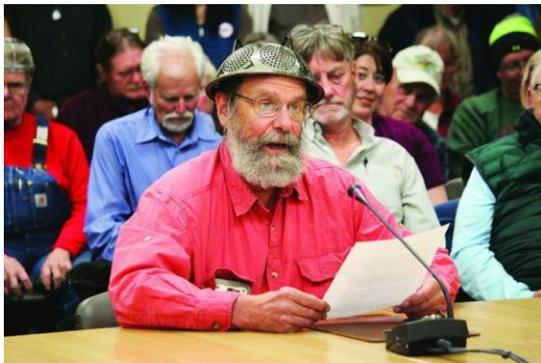
only be offered by people who belong to an official organization with an established presence on the Kenai Peninsula. An atheist and a Jewish woman were denied permission. The Alaska Supreme Court ruled against the Kenai Peninsula last year.

The Associated Press ([www.apnews.com](http://www.apnews.com)) reports that a “pastor” from the Church of the Flying Spaghetti Monster recently gave an invocation, wearing the traditional colander on his head (see picture below.) In an interview with radio station KSRM, Pastor Barrett Fletcher noted that some of the members of the Assembly felt the need of a higher authority.

His invocation: “So, I’m called to invoke the power of the true inebriated creator of the universe, the drunken tolerator (sic) of the all lesser and more recent gods, and maintainer of gravity here on earth. May the great Flying Spaghetti Monster rouse himself from his stupor and let his noodly appendages ground each assembly member in their seats.”

No one stood, or removed their hats, and one man turned to face the wall, during the invocation. In June, the reaction was a little more dramatic when a Satanic Temple member started her invocation with “Hail, Satan!” That caused about a dozen people to leave the room.

Perhaps governmental bodies will decide that invocations are more trouble than they are worth?



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### FREETHOUGHT OF THE DAY

“Mr. Buffett’s parents were observant Presbyterians and he, too, sang in the choir. Early on, though, he became an agnostic. He avoids houses of worship. His concerns are entirely secular. “The nice thing about an agnostic is you don’t think anybody is wrong,” Mr. Buffett said.”

### Warren Buffett

New York Times (1997)

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### When They Lose

Municipalities sometimes run into church/state separation lawsuits willy-nilly, without pausing to consider what will happen if they lose. PANViews has reported before that they can be conned by Christian law firms who provide their services for free, without bothering to mention that if they lose, the municipality will be responsible for the winning side’s legal fees.

Hemant Mehta, the Friendly Atheist, [www.friendlyatheist.patheos.com](http://www.friendlyatheist.patheos.com), tells the sad story of Bloomfield, NM. The city had a Ten Commandments monument outside a municipal building. This is not one of many such monuments constructed in conjunction with the *Ten Commandments* movie in the 1950s; Bloomfield built it in 2011.

The ACLU challenged the monument, and courts repeatedly ruled against Bloomfield. The Alliance Defending Freedom, a Christian organization notorious for these kinds of situations, encouraged the city to keep fighting. The ACLU tried to warn Bloomfield, pointing out that the law was unambiguous.

Bloomfield didn’t listen. In February 2018 they lost yet another appeal, and realized that they owed the ACLU \$700,000. The city had the option of making three annual payments, or pay the entire amount in 2021. The city chose to make three payments. The 2019 city budget shows \$12.5 in revenue and \$12.2 in expenditures. The expenditures include \$233,000 in payment to the ACLU.

Bloomfield has now set up a GoFundMe campaign to raise the remaining \$467,000. The city continued the lawsuit in part because it was widely supported by city residents. Why wouldn't those supporters be willing to chip in?

It doesn't appear to be working out. As of September 26, there were 6 donors, contributing \$1,775. 2 donors are responsible for \$1,500 of that total. Some of the comments on the GoFundMe site make excellent points: *I wonder if ANY church or devoutly religious person will donate to this fund raiser. Do you think maybe Joal Osteen will cover this debt? How about Kenneth Copeland? Ken Ham? We shall see...*

*This campaign is a lie. There was not "overwhelming public support" during the litigation. We were told we would not be charged for the lawsuit because 'private donations' would be covering them. This is not private donations, this is you basically trying to tax us (again) for this. The city council should be held liable out of their own pockets. If they're not in office now they should be sued by the city. We didn't want the monument, we didn't want the lawsuit and everything in this campaign is a lie.*

*Where are all they private donors we were told were paying for this? You violated (sic) the rights of every citizen, never took a vote on whether we even wanted the dumb thing in the first place (even though you claimed it was a private donation and other private donations of 'art' would be honored and never were) and you never took a vote as to whether we wanted you to go to court over it rather than just move it. You dishonored all the citizens that live here. Now you're begging for money? F\*ck that.*

Maybe, just maybe, other municipalities will hear about this, and think twice before they fall for the Alliance Defending Freedom's fairy tales about glorious victories that don't cost anything.

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From *God Is Still Laughing*



### Isn't Jail Bad Enough?

A Virginia jail instituted a "Life Learning Program." Participants received private cells, use of a TV and a microwave. One problem, according to the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, [www.richmond.com](http://www.richmond.com). The program was Bible based, so much so that the inmates called it the "God Pod."

The Riverside Regional Jail ended the program after Muslim inmates filed a lawsuit. Although the program's administrators admitted it was Bible-based, they insisted it was open to all faiths.

A lawyer for the chaplain who administered the program claimed that the Bible is a religious text respected by both Judaism and Islam and therefore Bible-based program can't be assumed to favor Christians. The chaplain works for Good News Jail and Prison Ministry, which has a contract to provide chaplain services to the jail. Its mission, according to its website, is to "bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to prisoners."

The Muslim prisoners presented evidence to show that only Christians were actually picked to live in the God Pod.

PANViews readers have probably already noticed that nobody seems to think any of the prisoners might be nonreligious – or atheist.

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Freedom From Religion Foundation - Jim Benton



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### Where's Your Sense of Humor?

Nobody ever accused the Catholic hierarchy of having a sense of humor – or proportion. They've proved that again with their objections to the appointment of a woman to a governing body because of online jokes she made about Catholicism.

The *Catholic News Agency*, [www.catholicnewsagency.com](http://www.catholicnewsagency.com) summarizes the kerfuffle. Virginia governor Ralph Northam appointed Gayle Gordon Donegan to the Virginia Council on Women. This is an advisory group for state government, which also awards scholarships.

It turns out Donegan hasn't been shy about criticizing Catholicism on Twitter. Here's a sample:

"Abortion is morally indefensible to Catholic priests bcuz it results in fewer children to rape."

"Saw a bumper sticker: 'You can't be both Catholic & Pro-Choice.' Add: You can be a pedophile though!"

In addition to Catholics, Donegan has also tweeted insults about the Boy Scouts, Republican politicians, and Bernie Sanders' supporters.

Virginia has two Catholic dioceses, and both were predictably huffy. The diocese of Richmond called the tweets "extremely offensive to Catholics and the Catholic faith." The Diocese of Arlington stated, "Ms. Gordon Donegan has a record of ridiculing Catholic beliefs and practices and trafficking in stereotypes that would disqualify her from this role had they targeted any other category of persons."

Donegan describes herself as an atheist. She noted that her husband was severely beaten in Catholic foster homes as a child. He is now an ex-Catholic.

Northam has not rescinded the appointment.

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### VA and Religion

Vice President Mike Pence is mad. Former President Barack Obama ordered the removal of Bibles and religious symbols from Veterans Administration hospitals. But don't worry, Pence says: The Bible stays.

*Rawstory*, [www.rawstory.com](http://www.rawstory.com), reported this nonsense, which Pence spewed while speaking at the American Legion National Convention. The story notes that the policy against religious symbols in VA hospitals started before the Obama administration (quoting a story in *The Florida Times-Union*.)

In addition, VA medical center administrator Brad Nelson explained that Christianity or any other religions can be practiced. "There are no prohibitions on chaplains reading Scripture, talking about Jesus or praying in his name at chapel services, during ceremonies or when providing spiritual care to patient and families that identify with the Christian faith."

That does not mean there's nothing to be concerned about, however. The Bladensburg

Cross decision is again having a malign effect on secularism, according to [www.dailysignal.com](http://www.dailysignal.com), because the VA is citing it in new guidelines for religious practices in its hospitals.

These new guidelines allow, under for religious content in public displays, and for religious literature to be provided in VA facilities.

Even more ominously, the VA may now accept donations of religious literature, etc., and allow its distribution, “under appropriate circumstances.”

Wonder who gets to decide when circumstances are appropriate?

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Andy Pennell's Photos



### Here's Some Stupid

A Catholic school in Nashville has banned the Harry Potter books. Because – wait for it – the curses and spells in the books are real.

As reported by *The Tennessean*, [www.tennessean.com](http://www.tennessean.com), Rev. Dan Reehil had the books removed from the library of Nashville's St. Edward Catholic School. He explained his reasoning, such as it was, in an email: “These books present magic as both good and evil, which is not true, but in fact a clever deception. The curses and spells used in the books are actual curses and spells; which when read by a human being risk conjuring evil spirits into the presence of the person reading the text.” Reehil said that he had “consulted several exorcists in the U.S. and Rome who recommended removing the books.”

Many commentators have noted that the spells have been recited quite a bit, in audio books and the movies made from the series. No outbreak of evil spirits has been reported.

Reehil is not alone in this lunacy. Catholic priests in Poland burned the books as sacrilegious. They posted Bible verses on Facebook to support their position, although the posts have since been deleted. Here are some of their citations:

From Acts of the Apostles: “Many of those who had practiced magic collected their books and burned them in front of everyone. So, they calculated their value and found it to be fifty thousand pieces of silver.”

From Deuteronomy: “Burn the images of their gods. Don't desire the silver or the gold that is on them and take it for yourself, or you will be trapped by it. That is detestable to the Lord your God.”

Catholics aren't alone in their Harry hate. Focus on the Family, a conservative Christian group, also have complained about the series.

It's amazing that such superstition survives.

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### Ex-Muslims Fight Back

Ex-Muslims have taken a page from the atheist playbook. They've started a billboard campaign (see above) highlighting the number of Muslims who have become atheists.

The website [www.exmuslims.org](http://www.exmuslims.org) describes the project. The sponsoring organization Ex-Muslims of North America (EXMNA) had some difficulty finding a company willing to

put up the billboards, but they went up in early September.

The president of EXMNA, Muhammad Syed, explained why they wanted to publicize their existence. "In a dozen Muslim-majority countries, ex-Muslims are condemned to the death penalty. In the West, our existence is not a crime, but we still face isolation, threats, and abuse by our own families and former faith community. Unsurprisingly, many former Muslims choose to hide their lack of belief. But the first step to gain acceptance is coming out openly, without shame or fear." Sounds familiar, doesn't it?

The organization's Executive Director, Sarah Haider, had this to say. "We want closeted ex-Muslims to know they are not alone. We also want them to know that while the prospect of coming out as nonreligious is frightening, there is a light at the end of the tunnel. You can make it to the other side, you can rebuild your life and find joy in the freedom from religion."

ESMNA's mission is to advocate for acceptance of religious dissent, promotes secular values, and to reduce discrimination faced by those who leave Islam. In service of this mission, EXMNA operates underground support communities for ex-Muslims throughout the United States and Canada.

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### Now We Understand

Tony Perkins, head of the Family Research Council, says dumb things all the time. However, he recently achieved a level of stupidity that is unusual, even for him.

He knows what has caused all the recent mass shootings, reports [www.huffpost.com](http://www.huffpost.com). Perkins explained on the TV show Fox & Friends: "We've taught our kids that they come about by chance through primordial slime and then we're surprised that they treat their fellow Americans like dirt. I think we have to go back to the point where we instill in these children, at least give them the opportunity to know that they're created in the image of God, therefore they have inherent value." Thanks for clearing that up, Tony.

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Greg Orme



### Religion Infects Hospitals

Colorado has a medical aid-in-dying law. Shouldn't be a problem for a doctor to offer aid to a dying patient, right?

Right, unless the doctor works for a Catholic hospital group. The *Denver Post*, [www.denverpost.com](http://www.denverpost.com), reports that Centura Health Corp. fired Dr. Barbara Morris, a geriatrician with 40 years of experience, because she joined in a lawsuit to force the hospital system to abide by the law. The health system cited its religious belief that assisted suicide is "inherently evil."

Colorado's aid-in-dying law was approved by voters with a wide majority in 2016. It allows physicians to prescribe lethal drugs to dying patients who request them. Dr. Morris' patient, Neil Mahoney, age 64, had terminal cancer, and wanted to die at home. Centura, which is jointly run by the Catholic and Seventh-day Adventist churches, told Dr. Morris that she had violated church doctrine in joining the lawsuit.

The article pointed out that 5 of the top 10 US hospital systems (by revenue) are now associated with the Catholic church, including many that were previously independent. Given that aid-in-dying laws are increasingly common, this conflict will become increasingly common.

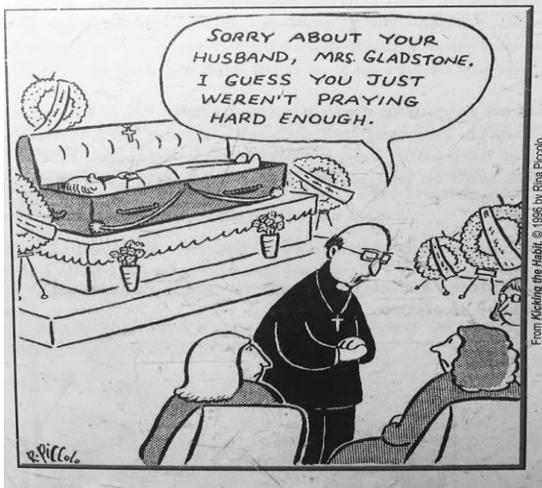
Centura has requested that the lawsuit be elevated to federal court, and cited the religious freedom clause of the First Amendment in its defense.

Centura claims that Dr. Harris violated the Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services, but did not respond to the claim that Centura violated the state aid-in-dying laws. Centura explained, "We believe the freedom of religion doctrine at the heart of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution supports our policies as a Christian health-care ministry. We will vigorously defend our Constitutional rights."

Robert Rivas, the general counsel for Final Exit Network, a group that promotes the right to die, summarized the situation. "When you look closely at what they are saying, it turns out they really want to be empowered to force their religion on others."

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*God Is Still Laughing*



### Catholic Schools and LGBTQ Teachers

A few months ago, Cathedral High School in Indianapolis was forced by the Indianapolis archdiocese to fire a teacher because he was in a same-sex marriage. He sued the archdiocese (the school didn't want to fire him) for wrongful termination.

According to the Indianapolis *Star*, [www.indystar.com](http://www.indystar.com), the US Department of Justice issued a Statement of Interest in the case, supporting the archdiocese, citing the

archdiocese's First Amendment right to interpret its religion, and enforce its rules.

This archdiocese's position in this case appears hypocritical, because it claims that its teachers are also "ministers" who must exemplify the Catholic faith. Many people have pointed out that the archdiocese isn't applying that standard to the Cathedral's Protestant and divorced Catholic teachers.

Around the same time another Indianapolis Catholic high school, Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School, refused to fire one of its teachers who is gay and married. (Because Brebeuf is owned and operated by the Jesuit religious order, it is not subject to the archdiocese's direct control.)

The archdiocese fought back by issuing a decree, rescinding Brebeuf's status as a Catholic institution. Brebeuf appealed the order to the Vatican's Congregation for Catholic Education. The Vatican has temporarily suspended the decree, and would like the parties to reach a compromise, but it is unlikely that the Vatican will support Brebeuf's retaining a married gay teacher.

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### The Clergy Project Reaches a Milestone

The Clergy Project will be welcoming its 1,000 participant this month, according to the Religion News Service, [www.religionnewsservice.com](http://www.religionnewsservice.com).

Founded in 2011, the Clergy Project provides a private online space where current and former clergy can be open about their nonbelief. Founded in 2011 with funds from the Richard Dawkins Foundation, it has expanded to offer transition services to its participants, such as a grant to help with resumes and other job search skills, and up to 12 sessions with a licensed counselor.

The Clergy Project reaches clergy in 49 countries, although most of its members are from the US and Canada. To join, participants must reject belief in the supernatural.

Obviously, making that declaration publicly isn't easy. Many people find it difficult to come out as atheists, but for clergy, it can

also result in the complete upending of their life. Careers and personal relationships are dependent of the clergy person's continuing to espouse belief.

The article quotes a Pew Research survey that reports only about 3% of Americans identify as atheist, and 4% identify as agnostic. However, the article also points out that is more than the total of US Jews (2%) and Muslims (1%) combined.

Ryan Cragun, professor of sociology at the University of Tampa who studies atheists has this to say about the Clergy Project: "It's not a project that fizzled and died. This is a project that has legs and is continuing to grow, and more and more people are signing up to say, 'How can I repurpose my life? I need to do something different.'"

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### Lively Church

One of the reasons people stop going to church is that it's boring. Well, not New Life Apostolic Church in Oak Hill, WV.

*Newsweek*, [www.newsweek.com](http://www.newsweek.com), reports on a spat between ministers' wives that ended with a gunshot in the church parking lot. Melinda Frye Toney, the pastor's wife, has been charged with pulling out a gun that then accidentally fired (oh, sure) during an argument with Lori Haywood, wife of the youth pastor.

According to Sheriff's Detective Kevin Willis (from the Beckley *Register-Herald* ([www.register-herald.com](http://www.register-herald.com))) bad blood had been festering between the two women for a while. The last straw occurred when Haywood wore a themed T-shirt to an event that apparently upset Toney.

Their husbands wanted the two women to publicly reconcile, and hoped that by getting the two of them together, they'd find a way to get along. Instead, it appears that it only made things worse.

According to Haywood, "We had a disagreement, and when we sat down to talk, I called her out, and she lost it." Toney

marched out of the meeting and went to her car in the parking lot, and got her gun.

Her pastor husband realized where she was going and what she was getting, so he followed her outside. He attempted to wrestle the gun away from her. During the struggle the gun fired, but no one was hurt.

Haywood, who was walking out of the church when the gun discharged, called the cops and told them that Toney was shooting at her. Law enforcement officials reviewed parking lot surveillance video, but could not tell if the gun was pointed at Haywood.

Toney refused to make a statement, and requested an attorney. Detective Willis notes that a mental health evaluation may be indicated.

Wonder if they had a big crowd at the next service?

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*From Sceptically Yours with Shabba Negusa Khepra*

When your girl gets pregnant, but you never had sex with her. And then the baby is born and three dudes you never met show up with gifts for the baby.



# PAN News & Update

## Volunteer and Activist Opportunities

**Pumpkin Fest** – October 12, 9:30 – 5:00 and October 13, 11:00 – 5:00, Adam Ricci Community Park, 100 E. Penn Drive, Enola, PA. This is always one of our busiest events, so we could use help, either day.

**Meetings** - For more details about our meetings, go to [www.panonbelievers.org](http://www.panonbelievers.org), or find us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/groups/panonbelievers](https://www.facebook.com/groups/panonbelievers).

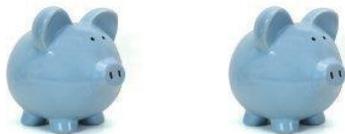
- Carlisle – Fourth Friday of the month, October 25, 5:30 pm, Desperate Times Brewery, 1201 Carlisle Springs Rd.
- Chambersburg – Third Tuesday of the month, October 15, 7:00 pm, Montezuma Mexican Restaurant, 1495 Lincoln Way East.
- Harrisburg– First Wednesday of the month, October 2, 6:30 pm, Midtown Scholar, 1302 N. Third St.
- Lancaster – Fourth Wednesday of the month, October 23, **NEW TIME 6:00 pm**, Isaac’s Famous Grilled Sandwiches, 1559 Manheim Pike.
- Lebanon - Second Wednesday of the month, October 16, 7:00 pm, Batdorf Restaurant, 245 W. Main St., Annville
- Reading – Second Wednesday of the month, October 16, 6:00 pm, Oakbrook Brewing Company, 628 Park Ave., Reading
- York – First Saturday of the month, October 5, 10:00 am, UUCY Carriage House, 925 S. George St., Rear.

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