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# PANViews



***Newsletter of PA Nonbelievers, Inc., affiliated with American Atheists,  
Atheist Alliance International and the Council for Secular Humanism.***

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## ***President's Report***

*Josh CruverKibi*

American Atheists will be hosting their national convention online this year. The online convention will be this coming weekend from Friday evening through Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>. They will have various speakers and conversations that you would expect at an Atheist convention, but virtual. PAN will have a booth at the convention along with other affiliate groups and vendors. If you are interested in attending, here is the link to the American Atheists' 2021 Online Convention:  
<https://convention.atheists.org/>

There are also some potential tabling events for PAN for the upcoming summer including Jubilee Day in Mechanicsburg, on June 17. We will let you know when we get other definite tabling events. Also, as more of our members become vaccinated, we can start having small group PAN meetings regularly again. Outdoor events are obviously safer as it gets warmer and would further mitigate the potential to catch or spread COVID.

With the new PAN board, and hopefully as we move away from all online and COVID restricted interactions this year, PAN would like to announce an initiative to start some new groups and activities this year. There has been a lot of interest over the years to have an atheist secular meetup group for families with children. Atheist secular families have unique experiences and struggles with dealing with popular cultural assumptions and at times find it difficult to find families with similar thoughts for their children to interact with. Some of our PAN family members have reported that the COVID quarantine has made networking and connecting with other secular families even more difficult. Let me know if you are interested in joining the family activities group and I will add you to a private group. The plan would be for the private family activities group to be a place for secular and atheist families to network and potentially plan activities together. This group is meant to be a potential kids and family outdoor activities group, practicing safe social distancing, with the potential for hopefully more interaction and engagement as the COVID pandemic comes under control.

The PAN board has also decided to set up two other committees, SciCom and Humanism and Philosophy. PA Nonbelievers is often criticized at our tabling events and at times on social media by people that think our group is or should be just for atheists to hang out and not stand for anything. The PAN mission statement lists several other objectives that go well beyond atheism (not believing in a god). But in fairness, PA Nonbelievers as a non-profit may not be promoting and working on our other mission statement goals as well as we could. The SciCom committee will be to work on communicating scientific ideas and promoting scientific thinking in everyday life. In the age of misinformation, this appears to be a worthy goal for us to work on. The Humanism and Philosophy group will work on communicating and developing group activities to talk about and look how humanism and philosophy can be used to answer existential questions and apply to our lives (likely better than religious groups can). As I have mentioned before, many of our members philosophical and skeptical thoughts, ethics, and morals prevented them from participating in the January 6<sup>th</sup> insurrection at the congressional building in Washington DC. But, why did christian nationalists

conclude that the insurrection was alright and why were they so susceptible to authoritarian lies and manipulation? We need to explore the humanist and skeptical philosophical ideas and promote them more to counteract the clear examples we have all seen that christianity or atheism does not mean moral or immoral, it is our acts and intent beyond the labels that dictate moral perception. If you are interested in joining one of these committees let us know, so that you can join the PAN team to work on these projects.

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

**Never Waste a Crisis**

Some religious organizations are taking advantage of the corona crisis to push for blanket immunity from civil and criminal liability.

According to the ACLU, at [aclu.org](http://aclu.org), many religious people were upset that local and state governments banned church services, to reduce the risk of transmitting corona. Lawmakers in Arizona, South Carolina and Montana have taken that unhappiness and run with it, by proposing laws that would let religious groups do practically anything, as long as they say they are “exercising their faith” while they are doing it.

The ACLU gives a few examples of what this could mean. A congregation could avoid prosecution, or lawsuits resulting from child abuse that occurs during a religious ceremony. They would not have to worry about violating nondiscrimination laws, if discrimination is part of their belief system. Patients at religious hospitals could be enjoined from suing for harm caused by care, or lack of care, provided it is based on the hospital’s religious beliefs.

Even more disturbing, these laws would exempt houses of worship from basic public safety rules. They could not be cited for violating fire codes, for example. A religious-based childcare center could not be denied a license as long as it could claim that it was doing was part of exercising its religion.

Arkansas has already passed a similar law. KNWA television, located in northwest Arkansas, describes the bill on its website, [nwahomepage.com](http://nwahomepage.com). Act 94 will limit the ability of the governor to restrict houses of worship during emergencies. Governor Asa Hutchinson signed it, despite having imposed occupancy limits on churches earlier in the pandemic.

So far, no such law has proposed in Pennsylvania. A constitutional amendment will be on the May 18 ballot that would limit the governor’s emergency powers to 21 days, but it applies to all emergency actions, not just those affecting churches.

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**Discrimination? Yeah, So What?**

Normally, when supervisors discriminate against someone because of their religious beliefs, they are a little subtle. While they think the discrimination is justified, they also understand that the law is against them.

Not the supervisors at the Panera Bread in the Pittsburgh suburb of Pleasant Hills. The Pittsburgh Trib Live, at triblive.com, reports that a woman was discriminated against and finally fired because she is a Pagan. She's now filed suit in Federal court.

Tammy McCoy is Neopagan, which, according to her lawsuit, is "a movement by modern people to revive nature-revering/living, pre-Christian religions or other nature-based spiritual paths, frequently also incorporating contemporary liberal values."

McCoy says that she did not discuss religion at work. However, the assistant general manager, Kerri Ann Show, told McCoy that she was a Christian, and asked McCoy what religion she practiced. McCoy said she was a Pagan. Show told her she was going to hell. The general manager, Lori Dubs, overheard the conversation. And told Show to mind her own business and get back to work? No, of course not! Dubs nodded her head in agreement with Show.

McCoy went back to work. A few days later, according to the lawsuit, Show told her that her hours were being cut until she found God. Her hours continued to be cut, and sometimes she was sent home early. Dubs and Show repeatedly told McCoy that she needed to believe in God, she was going to hell, and that they were praying for her. McCoy told the district manager she was being harassed, but the district manager said Dubs and Show were just kidding. McCoy requested a transfer but was turned down. She asked the district manager for the telephone number of Panera's human resources department. The district manager told her, "If you call HR about this, you'll be fired on the spot."

McCoy managed to find the phone number and called human resources several times. Nobody ever called back. Finally, the district manager demanded that McCoy resign, adding, "How are those phone calls going for you?" McCoy's husband, who worked at the same Panera location and had not been involved in any of this, was fired as well.

It's hard to believe a company as large as Panera would risk a Federal lawsuit for something so obvious.

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### **Bad Idea, Continued**

The White House has announced that President Joe Biden has reestablished the White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships. An article on businessinsider.com explains that the White House wants the Office to coordinate policy with religious and community organizations, especially as a way to reach marginalized communities.

The Office dates back to 2001, when George W. Bush set it up as an expression of his "compassionate conservatism." President Barack Obama continued it and gave the Office its current name. President Donald Trump had a similar initiative, called the Center for Faith and Opportunity Initiatives, but did not appoint a director.

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The White House statement announcing the office promised that church-state separation for “people of all faiths and none” will be respected, and the office “will not prefer one faith over another or favor religious over secular organizations.” We’ll see.

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### Mormon Conflict

A few years ago, an accountant who worked for the LDS Church claimed that the church misled members who tithed, by not telling them what their money was really used for. Now James Huntsman, brother of former Utah governor Jon Huntsman, has accused the church of fraud, and has sued to recover millions of dollars in tithes.

The Salt Lake City Tribute, stltrib.com, says that Huntsman has filed a Federal suit, claiming that the church solicits donations from members for missionary work, building temples and other charitable causes, when in fact the money is used to buy real estate, and to build an insurance company. Huntsman is demanding the return of \$5 million of his own donations.

The lawsuit specifically alleges that a \$100 billion LDS investment fund built on member donations had used \$2 billion to help financially ailing church businesses, including City Creek Center, an upscale mall in downtown Salt Lake City.

The church denied the charges, claiming that Huntsman resigned from the church last year, and was using the lawsuit to get his donations back. The article quoted a legal expert as saying that unless Huntsman’s donations came with specific instructions as to how they were to be used, it was unlikely that he would win.

The church fund in questions filed a report to federal regulators in March 2020, showing \$37.8 billion in excess tithing, invested in a portfolio of more than 1,650 stocks and mutual funds. A later filing with the SEC showed the fund gained more than \$6 billion in 2020, about 16%.

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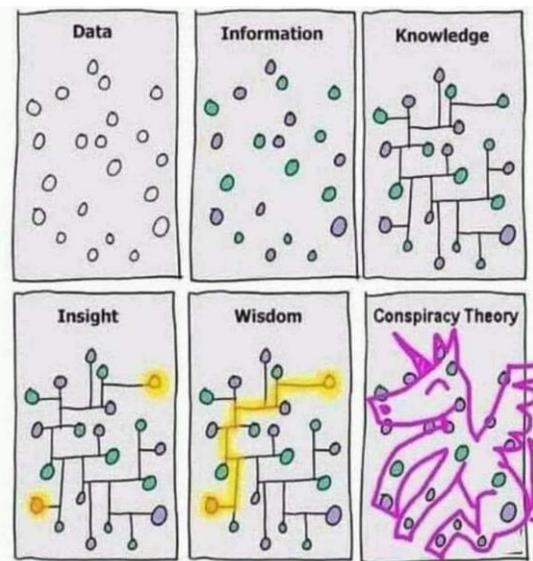
*The York Emporium*

### Trouble in the Air

Members of the Hasidic branch of Orthodox Judaism have had problems on airplanes in the past. Generally, trouble starts when a Hasidic man’s seat is next to that of a woman. Hasidic Jews have strict rules about contact between men and women, even on planes.

Now there’s a new issue. USAtoday.com reports that Jewish groups are accusing Frontier Airlines of anti-Semitism because the carrier cancelled a flight from Miami to New York because a group of Hasidic Jews refused to don masks.

The Orthodox Jewish Public Affairs Council accused Frontier of “bigoted behavior.”



It posted a video on Twitter, stating that a Hasidic Jewish couple had been forced to leave the plane because their 18-month-old child wasn’t wearing a mask.

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The Council claimed the cabin crew applauded, exchanged high-fives and congratulated each other as the family left the plane. They assert that adult members of the extended family wore masks.

Frontier disputes this. In an email, Frontier stated that "a large group of passengers" refused to put on masks. It claims that the group refused to leave the plane and exhibited "aggression towards the flight crew," causing the flight to be cancelled. After the Council released its statement, Frontier specifically said that, "The issue did not stem from a child under 2."

The Council responded that not all the people in the group were related. It also noted that Frontier did not respond to accusations that the crew was hostile toward the Hasidic passengers.

One of the Hasidic passengers told the New York *Times* that there was no problem with adults wearing masks on the flight. Martin Joseph said, "We're law-abiding citizens. We have small children. We understand that the mask has to be worn, and everybody has to wear a mask, and that's the law. We comply one million percent."

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### It's Always About Abortion

The US Catholic church is worried about vaccines. Why? Because of abortion, of course.

According to the National Catholic Reporter, ncronline.org, in December Bishop Kevin Rhoades (remember him? Former Harrisburg bishop), head of the US Conference of Bishops, and Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City, recommended that if someone has a choice of vaccines, "we recommend that you pick one with the least connection to abortion-derived cell lines." This concern increased in March, because the Johnson & Johnson vaccine was, they say, "developed, tested and is produced with abortion-derived cell lines." Other Bishops joined in. The New Orleans archbishop called the J & J vaccine "morally compromised," and Alfred Schlert, bishop from Allentown, agreed that the vaccine "should not be accepted by Catholics if other choices are available."



The controversy results from the use of cell line HEK-293, which was cloned from a fetus aborted in the early 1970s. The Detroit Free Press, freep.com, chimed in: Michigan's 7 Catholic bishops, expressed reservations about the J & J vaccine, saying it is tied to an aborted fetus. This was especially problematic, in that it happened at about the same time the Detroit Mayor turned down J & J vaccines for the city, saying that he wanted Detroit residents to have access to the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, which he thought had been more thoroughly vetted. He backed away from that position, and the bishops also said that if Catholics could take the J & J vaccine if none other was available.

That is the Vatican's position. It has specifically said that it is "morally acceptable" to get coronavirus vaccines that use abortion cell lines. USAtoday.com reports that back on December 21,

Pope Francis approved a statement on the morality of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines: "In the absence of other means to stop or even prevent the epidemic, the common good may recommend vaccination, especially to protect the weakest and most exposed." The US Conference of Bishops has now softened its attitude and agrees that all vaccines are acceptable.

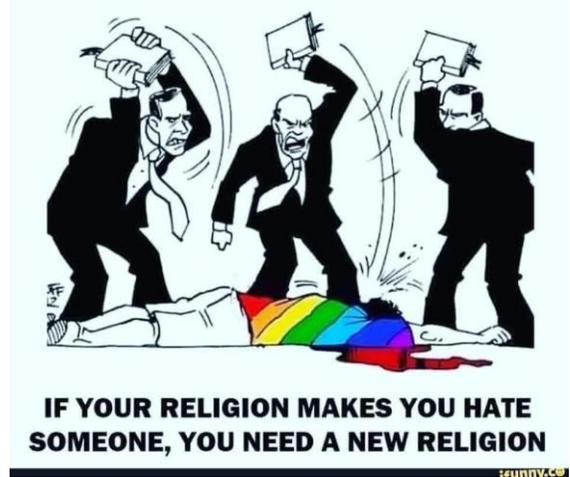


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### Faith-Based Protections Aren't Popular

Conservative religious groups are being forced to confront a hard truth: people don't like laws that discriminate based on religious tenets.

An article by Kelsey Dallas in the *Deseret News*, [deseret.com](http://deseret.com), illustrates this. The Public Religion Research Institute (PRRI) released a survey that showed only 22% of US adults favor exempting business owners who discriminate against the LGBTQ community on religious grounds from prosecution. Double that number, 44%, think their rights can be threatened by other people's religious liberty claims.



The recent passage by the US House of the Equality Act, which would provide Federal protection from discrimination for members of the LGBTQ community, has brought this issue to the forefront. Currently anti-discrimination laws are a state-by-state patchwork, the Equality Act would offer uniform protection throughout the US.

Josh Wester, chairman of research in Christian ethics for the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, thinks that the effort to associate religious freedom with bigotry has worked. Wester says, "About five years ago, critics of religious protections rebranded religious liberty as a 'license to discriminate.' It was an effective PR move and it's paid a lot of dividends." They are trying to change that narrative to one that emphasizes Christian love. The PRRI survey said that 90% of US adults think that people should be allowed to practice their religion as long as it doesn't hurt anyone else; conservative Christians think that gives them a window of opportunity.

It's a small window, however. PRRI found that 46% of Republicans, 45% of Protestants of color, 46% of white Americans, and 41% of Hispanic Americans feel threatened by other people's religious liberty claims.

Christian groups think that religious organizations should condemn harm done to the LGBTQ community even as they defend their own beliefs. They also note that religious organization provide a lot of social services, to members and non-members of their faiths, that would be hard to replace if they had to shut down because of successful discrimination complaints.

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### Progress in Education

Christians are upset because there's a bill pending that would require all schools – including religious schools – to teach humanism along with other religions. Oh, and while they're at it, provide more detailed sex education, too.

Where is this happening? In Wales. *The Christian Post*, christianpost.com, reports that once the Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Bill passes, which it is about to do, “religious education” would now be called “religion, values and ethics” to allow for non-religious philosophies to be taught.

This has stirred up the Christians, of course. The Alliance Defending Freedom, UK, complains that the change would allow for the “transferring the right of parents to decide their child’s best interests about sex and religious education to the State.”

While this is good, it could have been better. Originally, the bill would have given atheists a veto over any religious teaching in schools.

The Christian Institute has several concerns about the legislation. It is concerned that humanists would be allowed to oversee and help develop the course. The Institute notes that the bill “allows for disproportionate time to be spent studying Humanism ... It also repealed key safeguards on the teaching of sex education.” The Institute further argues, “In the last census only 815 people said they were humanists in the whole of Wales. Why have they been handed such influence over the content of religious teaching in schools?”

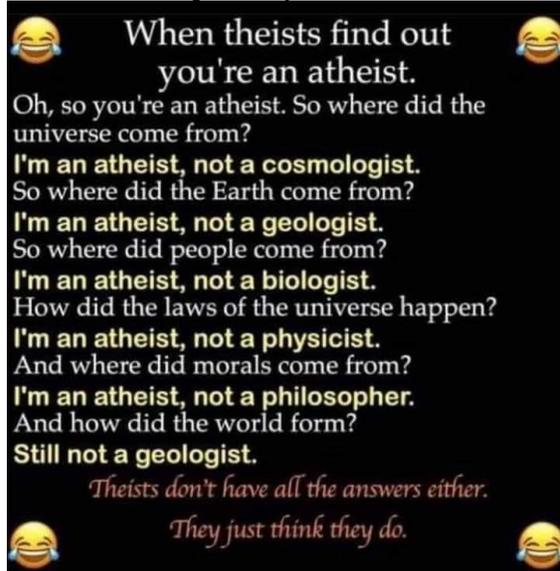
Wales Humanists were thrilled with the law. Kathy Riddick, representing the group, says, “We are absolutely delighted that the Senedd (note – the Scottish parliament) has passed this bill and that, after many years of campaigning by Wales Humanists, humanism will be put on an equal footing with religions throughout the curriculum.”

Christian groups are worried that this attitude, especially as it affects sex education, will spread. The Institute warns, “the Welsh law will act as the final pretext the Scottish parliament needs to move forward with plans to remove the current discretion given to faith schools when teaching sex education.”

Other parts of United Kingdom are moving forward, too. According politics.co.uk, the Scottish Parliament has passed the Hate Crimes and Public Order (Scotland) Act, which, among other things, repeals Scotland’s law against blasphemy. Northern Ireland is now the only part of the United Kingdom to still outlaw blasphemy. Since 2015, when humanists began a world-wide campaign to end blasphemy laws, Denmark, Norway, Iceland, the Republic of Ireland, Malta, France, New Zealand, Canada, and Greece have repealed theirs.

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### Loophole

The owners of a religious boarding school for girls in Missouri has been charged with hideous abuse of their students.

According to nbcnews.com, Boyd and Stephanie Householder, owners of the horribly misnamed Circle of Hope Girls’ Ranch, were charged with multiple counts of child molestation, sodomy, sexual contact with a child, abuse and neglect, and child endangerment, for incidents that occurred from 2017 to 2020.

What’s even more appalling is that the issues with this “school” had been reported before. Why did it continue to operate?

Circle of Hope opened in 2006, claiming it could “reform” rebellious teenage girls. NBC and its program, “Dateline,” had previously reported on abuse there. In addition to sexual abuse, the Householders withheld food, restrained the girls with handcuffs and zip ties, stuffed dirty socks in their mouths, slammed their heads into walls, poured hot sauce into one girl’s mouth, among many other abuses.

The school had been reported by parents, staff members and others at least 19 times to 3 sheriff’s departments, state child welfare and education officials, the highway patrol, and the Missouri attorney general’s office. So why did nothing happen? Because Missouri has a loophole in its laws regulating schools and boarding schools: they don’t apply to religious schools.

The Householders’ daughter, Amanda, and other adult women who survived Circle of Hope, began posting videos on the TikTok app, detailing what happened there. Alumni of another so-called religious school started posting stories of their terrible treatment on TikTok as well, and that put enough pressure on local law enforcement to find a way to prosecute the Householders, which they did. The Householders voluntarily closed the ranch last summer.

Missouri isn’t the only state where it is difficult to prosecute abuse in religious schools. Montana and Arkansas also have licensing exemptions for them, and another 14 states exempt boarding schools from licensing requirements if they are privately owned or funded. The story states that a variety of reasons are given for the exemptions, but what it boils down to is that states are nervous about interfering with private schools and are concerned about angering religious conservative voters.

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### Disappointed Again

Ever since Francis became Pope, Catholics have been hopeful that he will modernize the church – let women become priests, and recognize gay marriage.

They seem to have given up on women priests, but Francis has repeatedly dropped breadcrumbs that allowed Catholics to think that the church might join the 21<sup>st</sup> century on the issue of gay marriage.

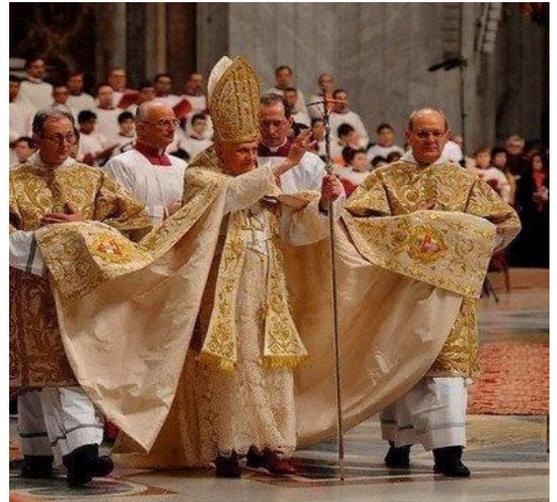
Well, that hope has been crushed again. Per NPR.org, the Vatican released a statement, approved by Francis, reiterating that the church cannot bless same-sex marriage, because God “does not and cannot bless sin.”

Not that they condone discrimination, the church insists. Catholics should “welcome with respect and sensitivity persons with homosexual inclinations.” As long as they don’t want to be treated as fully human, of course.

On a note that should be related but probably isn’t, Pope Francis has ordered pay cuts for the Vatican staff, according to Reuters.com, because the pandemic has reduced the Vatican’s income.

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*Britannic Xen Osiris Zane*



**Pope Benedict XVI, wearing a fabulous vintage chiffon-lined Dior gold lame gown over a silk Vera Wang empire waist tulle cocktail dress, accessorized with a 3-foot House of Whoville hat and Judy Garland’s Wizard of Oz ruby slippers.. on his way to tell us it’s Wrong to be Gay.**

### More Church Embezzlement

The treasurer of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Latrobe has been arrested for embezzling \$150,000 from the church. It seems stories like this crop up every few months. Why is this one noteworthy?

Well, there's always the first question: How did the church not miss that much money? Glenn Yothers, the treasurer, didn't take it gradually over 20 years; he stole it all between 2015 to 2019. In fairness to the church, board members did notice that bills weren't getting paid, and deposits weren't being made. According to Hemat Mehta at friendlyatheist.patheos.com, Yothers blew some smoke about paying bills himself, and then reimbursing himself from the church account. Finally, the church contacted the police, and the police noticed that Yothers was making payments to a particular website, which leads to the second reason why this is interesting.

Yothers told the police the payments were going to "Flirt for Free." It was not exactly a charity, he explained, and in any event, he was sending money to individual persons on the website.

The police did a little more research, and asked Yothers if this wasn't in fact a pornographic website. Yothers admitted that it was but defended himself by saying that he got to know people on the site, and was trying to help them. His intentions were pure, he claimed. Well, great. Except it wasn't his money.

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*Sad and Useless Humor, via SadandUseless.com*



### Another One Bites the Dust

The Southern Baptist church has had many defections this year, according to a story in USAtoday.com. But the denomination has been shaken by the departure of Beth Moore, a prominent author and lecturer.

*PANViews* readers may not be familiar with Moore. She has spent decades writing and speaking to predominantly female audiences, attracting "stadium-sized crowds", per cnn.com.

Publishers Weekly, publishersweekly.com, reports that at her peak, Moore generated more than \$30 million per year. Her 25 books of Bible studies have sold more than 21 million copies.

According to religionnews.com, Moore had some issues with the Southern Baptists through the years, largely because her influence and speaking skirted too close to preaching for some of her fellow religionists. The Southern Baptists believe that only men may preach.

Moore was always careful to agree that only men can preach, and she supported Southern Baptist missions and evangelism.

The church's enthusiasm for Donald Trump was a bridge too far. She once wrote about Trump, "Wake up, Sleepers, to what women have dealt with all along in environments of gross entitlement & power," which Religion News describes as a "riff" on a passage from the New Testament Book of

Ephesians. Her criticism of Trump cost her financially. From 2017 to 2019, her organization lost more than \$1.8 million.

As sex abuse scandals began to crop up among Southern Baptists, Moore became critical of the church's tolerance of men who disrespected women. In 2018 she wrote a "letter to my brothers" complaining about how she was expected to behave around male leaders – for example, wearing flats instead of heels when she was going to speak alongside a shorter man. In 2019, a friend of hers noted that the friend would be preaching in a church on Mother's Day. In a tweet Moore described as "really dumb," Moore responded that she was going to preach on Mother's Day, too, adding, "let's please don't tell anyone this." This tweet set off renewed complaints about Moore not knowing her place. Albert Mohler, Jr., president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, said on his podcast, "There's just something about the order of creation that means that God intends for the preaching voice to be a male voice." Finally, this year Moore decided she had had enough. She announced in March that while she was still a Baptist, she was no longer a Southern Baptist.

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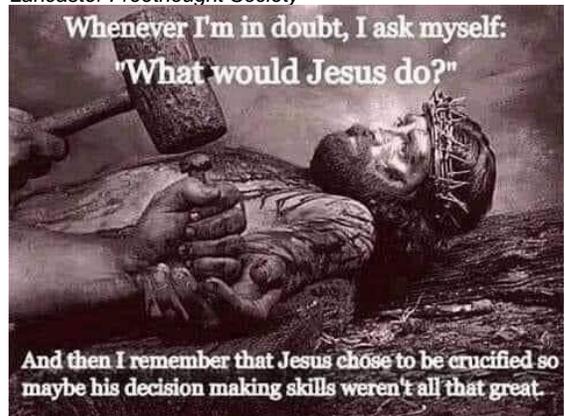
### Euthanasia in Spain

Spain has become the fourth European Union country to approve euthanasia. Under current law, helping to end another person's life can result in jail. Per [cnn.com](http://cnn.com), the new law specifies that people who have "serious, chronic illness with no chance of recovery and with unbearable suffering" may ask a doctor for help. Doctors would not be obligated to participate in the act.

Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands are the European Union countries that already allow euthanasia under certain conditions. Portugal had passed a euthanasia law, but it has been declared unconstitutional. Opponents of Spain's law have announced that they will appeal it. A Spanish Member of Parliament, one of the opponents, said that it would "provoke distrust between parents and children. Today, the weakest in society have reason to fear."

As was to be expected, the Catholic church protested the new law. [Catholicnewsagency.com](http://Catholicnewsagency.com) quoted Catholic leaders as describing the law as "a defeat for all", which abandons those who suffer.

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Bishop Luis Javier Argüello Garcia, auxiliary bishop of Valladolid and secretary general of the Spanish Bishops' Conference, encouraged doctors who don't want to participate in the law to feel free to express their objections. He said Spaniards should take the new law as a chance "to promote a culture of life and to take concrete steps to promote a living will or advance declarations that make it possible for Spanish citizens to express in a clear and determined way their desire to receive palliative care." He urged doctors "not to induce death to alleviate suffering," but instead to treat the patient with "tenderness, closeness, mercy, encouragement, and hope for those people who are in the final stage of their existence, perhaps in moments of suffering that need comfort, care and hope."

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## **Member Submissions**

### **Meet the New Board Members**

#### **Holly Cardwell**

I was born and raised in Baltimore, MD. Originally brought up in the methodist church, then pentacostal, and later as a fundamentalist evangelical in a non-denominational radical belief church. As a product of the extreme purity culture of the fundamentalist movement I was married at 16 and had my first child at 18. I was a youth leader in my twenties and moved often with my first husband who was in the military. We lived on two continents, in three countries, and five states. I am a domestic abuse survivor and advocate for children and women. I enjoy helping others by donating time and money to help change people's circumstances.



These days I am remarried to a wonderful man, a mother of five amazing children, an atheist, humanist, and I dabble in child advocacy trying to push legislation to change marriage laws for children.

I will be starting a Recovering From Religion support group for York shortly to help serve those trying to leave religion in our area. My dream job would be to have a ranch where I could foster children and dogs. I am a firm believer that real healing happens when you have stability and love. My real day job is being an executive assistant for a real estate office, and running their social media platforms as well. I come from a sales background in the automotive industry and was formerly an aftermarket sales and service rep. I have a passion for cars and speed, so in my not-so-free time you might find me at the race track with friends, or at a local car show. I also love to hike, fish, bike, and garden.

#### **Colleen Dzwonczyk**



I was born in Centralia, in northeastern Pennsylvania. If it sounds familiar to you that is because there is a mine fire in the town which caused most of the town to evacuate in the 80s. I attended 12 years of Catholic school. I graduated from Penn State with a bachelors and master's degree in Communication Disorders in 1985. I married Joe, my soulmate, in 1989 and produced two daughters in the 90s (my greatest accomplishment).

After working for roughly 10 years as an audiologist, I decided that my true passion was working with adolescents and young adults. Therefore, I went back to school and earned a master's degree in school counseling from Western Maryland College, now known as McDaniel College. I worked for 15 years as a school counselor at Susquehannock High School. After retiring from the public school sector, I started a position at York College of Pennsylvania in Student Accessibility Services. My passions are family, helping others, reading, traveling, hiking, and my pup Harper.

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**COMMUNITY HELP CHALLENGE from Jim Waldie**

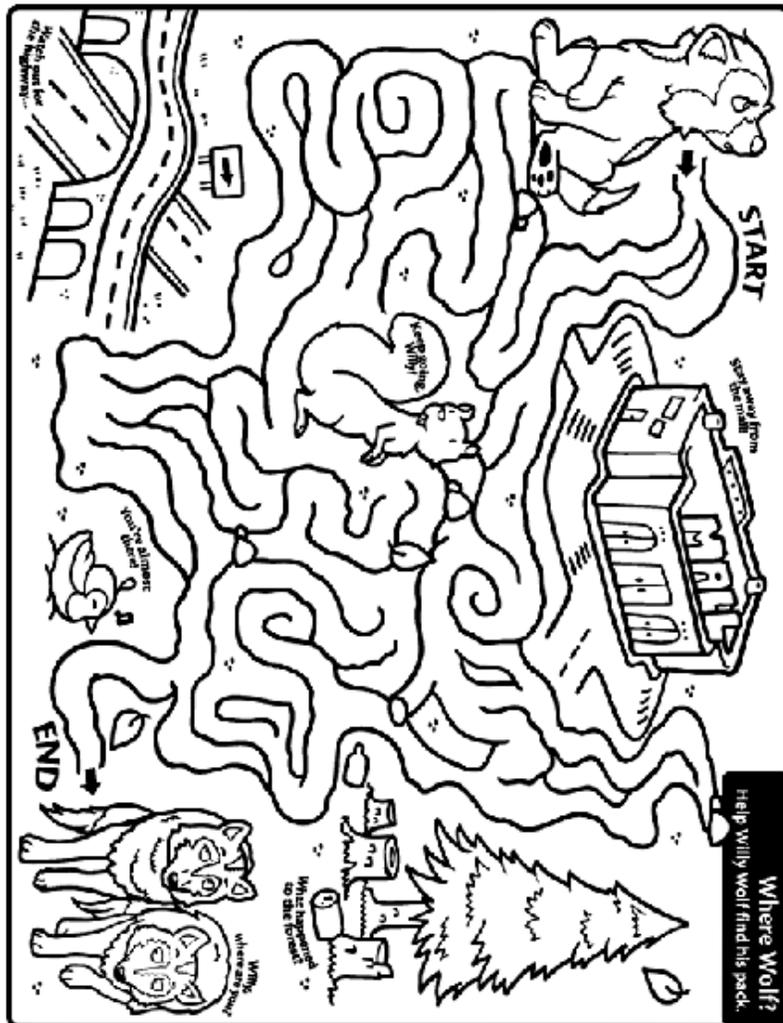
I am challenging all to join me and donate part of your \$1,400 stimulus check to help your neighbors and our nation. Do not send the money to me or to PA Nonbelievers.

You can mail a check or go online and give to local groups like food banks, shelters, and/or clinics as well as national or international groups like St. Jude, Red Cross or Doctors without Borders. They all need help.

If we all give a little, it will help everyone a lot!

Join with me!

**FUN!**



### An IMPOSSIBLE Brain Teaser

This brain teaser is really not impossible, but it is tricky! Carefully read the directions in each line to make changes in the previous set of letters. Write the new letters in the blank after each instruction. The first two are completed for you.



1. Start with IMPOSSIBLE. IMPOSSIBLE
2. Change the second vowel from the left to E. IMPESSIBLE
3. If *occurrence* is spelled correctly, change the 2<sup>nd</sup> consonant to H. If it is not spelled correctly, change the last consonant to T. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Omit the letters, in order, that spell MESS. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Insert CABBAGE after the 1<sup>st</sup> vowel. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Change the 2<sup>nd</sup> I to A. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Move the first vowel so that is directly to the right of the 4<sup>th</sup> consonant. \_\_\_\_\_
8. If *mischievous* is spelled correctly, omit the first two letters. If it is spelled incorrectly, omit the double consonants. \_\_\_\_\_
9. Change the G to V. \_\_\_\_\_
10. Switch the places of the 2<sup>nd</sup> consonant and the 3<sup>rd</sup> consonant. \_\_\_\_\_
11. If *occasionally* is spelled correctly, omit the 2<sup>nd</sup> letter. If it is spelled incorrectly, add IN after the first letter. \_\_\_\_\_
12. Switch the order of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> letters. \_\_\_\_\_
13. If your letters now form a correctly-spelled word, write them in the blank below. If not, review the directions to find any possible errors.

Solving this brain teaser is not IMPOSSIBLE. It is \_\_\_\_\_ !



## ***PAN News & Update***

**Meetings** –PAN is also holding virtual meetings at 6:00 pm on Wednesdays for the time being. Get more information on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/groups/panonbelievers](https://www.facebook.com/groups/panonbelievers).

When the day dawns that we can have in-person meetings again, this is where and when they will be:

Carlisle – Fourth Friday of the month, 5:30 pm, Hops and Barley, 398 North York Street, Mechanicsburg

Chambersburg – Second Thursday of the month, 7:00 pm. Cafe Del Sol  
438 Gateway Avenue

Chambersburg, PA 17201

Harrisburg– First Wednesday of the month, 6:30 pm, Midtown Scholar, 1302 N. Third St.

Lancaster – Fourth Wednesday of the month, 6:00 pm, Centerville Diner, 100 S. Centerville Rd.

Lebanon - Second Wednesday of the month, 7:00 pm, Batdorf Restaurant, 245 W. Main St., Anville

Reading – Third Wednesday of the month, 6:00 pm, Oakbrook Brewing Company, 628 Park Avenue

York – First Sunday of the month, noon, I-ron-ic Coffee Shop and Art Boutique, 256 W. Philadelphia St.

Finally, it looks as if the following summer festivals may be held! We'll let you know if PAN will have booths at any of them.

Jubilee Day, Mechanicsburg, June 17

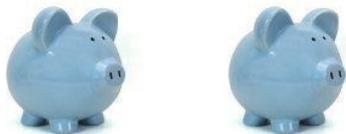
Old Anville Days, August 14, 9AM-2PM

Red Lion Street Fair, August 14

Pumpkin Fest, October 9 & 10

### ***How to Contribute to PAN***

**Giant Cards** - We will have Giant grocery store cards available for purchase at PAN meetings. You pay face value for the card and use the face value at the store, but Giant let's PAN have 5% of that face value. If you shop at Giant, anyway, use the cards in lieu of cash and help PAN. What could be easier?



**Pennies for PAN** - Finally, we are happy to take money the old-fashioned way. You can give your tax-deductible contribution to a Board Member at one of our meetings or events, you can donate via PayPal on our website, [www.panonbelievers.org](https://www.panonbelievers.org), or you can mail a check to us at PA Nonbelievers, Inc. PO Box 702, York, PA 17405. Remember when you donate you can indicate what fund you want your donation to go to, you can find the list of our funds on the PAN website in the Donate section.

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