Americans United for Separation of Church & State, Orange County Chapter

Presents: Bill Mefford, AU National Faith Outreach

Keeping Sacred Spaces Sacred: A Discussion on Pulpit Politicking

Saturday, October 15th at 1:45 pm

Community Room, Irvine Ranch Water District[1]
15500 Sand Canyon Ave. (at Waterworks), Irvine, CA 92618

This discussion will lead to a deeper understanding of the role faith communities can take in public engagement. We will define "politicking from the pulpit" and ensure that there is understanding of what constitutes violations of the Internal Revenue Service tax code. We want to take this time to begin to imagine and envision what a faithful and constructive public engagement looks like and how faith communities can engage in advocacy and organizing without causing others harm. We will create a space so that deeper understanding and deeper connections can be made and can lead to a more coordinated and stronger connection of faith partners in their local communities.

Previously, Bill spent ten years working with United Methodists from across the United States building grassroots movements on the issues of defending the rights of immigrants, ending mass incarceration, and ending gun violence. Bill earned a Masters of Divinity degree in 1998 from Asbury Theological Seminary and a Bachelor's of Science from McMurry University in Abilene, Texas in 1990. Bill writes regularly for the blog, www.jeremiahweeping.blogspot.com and is a co-author of *The Not On Our Watch Christian Companion* with Gregory Leffel.

There is no charge for this event and no reservations are required. Please join us for this interesting discussion. Our doors open at 1:15 for socializing; seating will be on a first-come, first-seated basis.

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