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***Rev. Nancy Brink on Progressive Christianity and the
Separation of Church & State***

Saturday, August 18th at 1:45 pm

Community Room, Irvine Ranch Water District¹
15500 Sand Canyon Ave. (at Waterworks), Irvine, CA 92618



Rev. Nancy Brink is a member of the Board of Trustees for Americans United for Separation of Church and State. She has been the Director of Church Relations at Chapman University in Orange, CA since January 2009. She leads a group of nearly 100 Disciples and UCC students and brings to both organizations her skills as coach, and spiritual mentor. She was a parish pastor for 30 years, 20 of them as Senior Minister of North Side Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Omaha, NE. She holds a BA in Religion from Texas Christian University in Fort Worth and an M.Div. from the Divinity School of Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee.

There has been a powerful strand of progressive thought that has emerged directly from the culture wars over science and the social gospel movement. These reformers argued that Christians should apply the teachings of scripture to public problems. For example, Dorothy Day and Martin Luther King, Jr. pushed for values of religious activism leading to the civil rights movement. American progressive history would not have been possible without the inspirational values and moral authority of the socially conscious progressive movement. Progressive Christians have been a consistent support for the separation of church and state.

Progressives today come in many stripes, and nonbelievers and believers alike have managed to find common ground on key areas from climate change and poverty to war and social policy. This discussion will explore the religious roots of progressivism and provide a basis for a discussion about the role of faith in progressive politics and how they support and are supported by the separation of church and state.

Please join us for what should be a powerful and interesting discussion.

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