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WE ALL BELONG CAMPAIGN

**Protect Democracy
Reject "christian" nationalism
Build the Beloved Community**



ABOUT THE CAMPAIGN

“We All Belong” is our campaign to **protect democracy, reject “christian” nationalism, and build the Beloved Community**. We seek to protect democracy so that all Americans have equal access to justice, opportunity, and representation. We reject “christian” nationalism which merges Christian and American identities and distorts the Gospel of Jesus and the principles of equality that guide our nation. We seek to build the Beloved Community where diversity is celebrated, and everyone is valued and respected.



Protect Democracy

America is a democracy of the people, by the people and for the people – we believe that means **all** the people, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, gender, social status or sexual preference. As a people of faith, we support:

- equal representation and voting rights for all Americans.
- separation of church and state, rather than a national religion, so all people can worship without persecution.
- equal access to justice, opportunity, and wealth for everyone.

As descendants of many races and cultures, we celebrate the vibrancy, power and collective wisdom of a diverse and multicultural society.

These democratic ideals are under threat by those who seek power and privilege for themselves. We must protect and preserve democracy.



Build the Beloved Community

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr called God’s kingdom on earth the Beloved Community. (Matthew 6:10) He described Beloved Community as a society in which:

- caring and compassion drive political policies that support the worldwide elimination of poverty, hunger, bigotry and violence.
- the intrinsic worth of all people is respected and prejudice, cruelty and greed are replaced with an all-inclusive spirit of friendship and goodwill.

The Beloved Community is inclusive, diverse and welcoming and embodies the best of America’s heritage and ideals.

We seek to create the Beloved Community for the many races, faiths, cultures, and ways of life that together make up this nation.



Reject 'christian' nationalism

"Christian" nationalism is a political ideology that merges Christian and American identities. It presumes that only Christians can be real Americans and "true" Christians hold certain political beliefs. These "real" Americans should be a privileged class.

"Christian" nationalism is not supported by the teachings of Jesus and his apostles:

- Jesus commanded his followers to “love your neighbors as yourselves”. (Matthew 22:39-40)
- Jesus taught that when we care for others, especially the poor and marginalized, we care for him. (Matthew 25:34-40)
- Jesus rejected the temptation to be an earthly ruler and taught his followers not to be like earthly rulers who love to exercise authority over others. (Luke 4:5-8, Mark 10:42-43)
- The Apostle Paul said we are all part of one body and each part is equally important. (I Corinthians 12:12-31)

"Christian" nationalism distorts the Christian Gospel and long-standing principles of equality that have guided our society.

- It would create a favored class based on race and religion.
- It would transfer wealth and political power to a favored elite.
- It would enable an elite minority to impose limits on how we live our lives, what history we are taught, what books we can read and what words we can say.
- It would deprive ordinary Americans of many of the freedoms and protections granted in the Constitution, including the right to vote.
- It would establish a state religion and encourage racial and religious discrimination.

"Christian" nationalism would radically alter our American ideals and must be rejected.