

IN GOOD FAITH: A DIALOGUE ON GOVERNMENT FUNDING FAITH-BASED SOCIAL SERVICE

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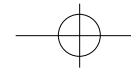
IN GOOD FAITH A DIALOGUE ON GOVERNMENT FUNDING of FAITH-BASED SOCIAL SERVICES

October 16, 2001 at the Columbus School of Law, Catholic University of America, 3600 John McComack Road, Washington, DC 20064, (202) 319-5139 from 8:45 am to 5 pm

Conference conveners are The American Jewish Committee and the Myer and Rosaline Feinstein Center for American Jewish History, Temple University

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This conference is culmination of a three-year effort by a diverse group of religious and civic organizations that met to discuss ways in which government and religious groups may work together to serve those in need at a time when policymakers and the public are focused on the issue of government funding of faith-based organizations. In February 2001 the group issued a report, *In Good Faith: A Dialogue on Funding Faith-Based Social Services*, based on that dialogue. This conference is a further effort to provide guidance to those involved in the policy process. We hope also to provide illumination to others interested in government's relations with religious organizations and the shifting structure of the social safety net. The conference will explore areas both of agreement and disagreement regarding collaboration between the government and religious organizations to aid conference participants to develop their own informed conclusions. While the groups who wrote "In Good Faith" continue to differ about what is constitutional and advisable on some points, all of us believe that religious organizations and the government can work together in productive ways to bring about the greater good of society. This topic will continue to be at the forefront of policy debates. Those engaged in the debate acknowledge that no one side is the sole protector of the poor or of religious liberty. The most fruitful public debate will result when all acknowledge our shared stake in both the general welfare of our nation and the flourishing of religious freedom. The conference is a step in this direction.

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<p>8:30 – 8:45 am REGISTRATION 8:45 – 9:00 am GREETINGS Douglas Kmiec, Dean, Columbus School of Law, Catholic University of America Murray Friedman, Director, Feinsein Center for American Jewish History; Director, Philadelphia Chapter, American Jewish Committee</p> <p>9:00 – 10:15 am THE CURRENT CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTION A. The Politics of Government Funding for Faith-Based Social Services The Honorable Chet Edwards*, (D. TX) U. S. House of Representatives The Honorable Marc Souder*, (R. IN) U. S. House of Representatives Julie Segal, Former Legislative Counsel, Americans United for Separation of Church and State Heidi Unruh, Policy Analyst, Evangelicals for Social Action</p> <p>10:15 – 11:15 am B. Is Charitable Choice Constitutional? Jeffrey Rosen, Professor, George Washington Law School; Legal Affairs Editor, <i>New Republic</i> Alan Brownstein, Professor, University of California, Davis, Law School</p> <p>11:15 – 11:30 am C. Break</p> <p>11:30 am-12:30 pm WHERE DID CHARITABLE CHOICE COME FROM?: A RETROSPECTIVE LOOK AT THE HISTORICAL BASIS OF GOVERNMENT FUNDING AND FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS Robert A. Destro, Professor, Columbus School of Law Derek Davis, Director, J. M. Dawson Institute of Church-State Studies, Baylor University</p> <p>12:30 – 1:00 pm THE CURRENT STATUS OF FAITH-BASED INITIATIVES A. Report from Dr. John DiIulio*, Director, White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives</p>	<p>1:00 – 1:45 pm LUNCH 1:45 – 2:30 pm B. Judicial and Legislative Update Richard Foltin, Legislative Director and Counsel, American Jewish Committee Marshall Breger, Professor, Columbus School of Law, Catholic University of America</p> <p>2:30 – 2:40 pm Break</p> <p>2:40 – 4:30 pm OUTSIDE THE BELTWAY: WHAT IS HAPPENING AND WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE? Funding Faith-Based Social Services: One State's Experience Sherri Heller, Deputy Director, Pennsylvania Department of Welfare A Critical Look at Government-Funded Faith-Based Social Services Samantha Smoot, Executive Director, Texas Freedom Network Current Research on Government-Funded Faith-Based Social Services David Wright, Director of Urban and Metropolitan Studies, Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government, State University of New York The Perspective From The Trenches: A Local Faith-Based Social Service Provider's View Reverend Alfred A. Terrell, pastor, Macedonia Baptist Church, Newport News, Virginia</p> <p>4:30 – 5:00 pm THE RAPPORTEUR'S PERSPECTIVE: A LOOK AT THE ISSUES DISCUSSED TODAY AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON NEXT STEPS Melissa Rogers, Executive Director, Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life E. J. Dionne, Senior Fellow, The Brookings Institution; Co-Chair, Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life</p>
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REGISTRATION FORM FOR THE IN GOOD FAITH CONFERENCE

October 16, 2001, 8:45 am to 5 pm

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No lunch requested _____

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