PUBLIC AFFAIRS & RELIGIOUS LIBERTY (PARL)

THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS
AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY
DEPARTMENT IS
WORKING TO DEFEND,
PRESERVE AND EXPAND
RELIGIOUS FREEDOM
FOR ALL

Our team works to fulfill the following objectives:

Church Members Assistance

- We assist church members in resolving problems related to all religious liberty issues, working directly with the member in a hands-on approach and keeping the pastor informed as needed or requested.
- We keep the local conference PARL department advised on a continuing basis as to the status of a particular case.
- We provide documentation/letters for student exams, dietary requests, prison issues, Sabbath accommodation at work and immigration/naturalization oath of citizenship. If you have a problem not listed above, call our offices for consultation.

Advocacy

- •We monitor all eight states' legislative sessions for actions that threaten religious liberty or the way the church operates.
- •We move to clarify with state officials and legislators the church's position on the issues. When appropriate we work to bring about solutions that uphold individual religious freedom.
- •We mobilize the clergy and the laity to speak out on serious religious liberty issues whether on a local, state or regional basis.

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Liberty Magazine

Every year we conduct the strongest religious liberty campaign in the North American Division. Offering raised during this time allows us the opportunity to furnish Liberty Magazine to every elected official within the eight states in our union. We can also furnish you with a list of these key individuals. We encourage each pastor and congregation to take part in helping to defend liberty for all.

Waymarks Newsletter

PARL provides conference leadership, pastors, congregations and the local church religious liberty leader with information on current regional and national happenings in which the church has an interest and which bears on religious liberty issues.

Preaching and Teaching

Our team is available to you and your congregation. If you would like to have a religious liberty day at your church, please contact our office. Our programs range from Sabbath accommodation to prophecy and everything in between. We provide this service free of charge and we will custom fit the presentation specifically to your local church needs.

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TOOLS AND RESOURCES:

- •Liberty Magazine
- Waymarks Newsletter
- Commonly Asked Questions about Sabbath
 Accommodation in the Workplace (Brochure)
- Church Members Sabbath
 Accommodation Kit (Print
 Edition Only, Not available for download)
- •North American Division PARL Manual
- Local Church Religious
 Liberty Leaders Job
 Description
- Religious Liberty Campaign
 Kit (mailed to your home in
 January and available for
 download during campaign)
- Report Form; Sabbath
 Accommodation Problem
 (Available on our website as a fillable form)