



## When Should My Church Contact ADF?

### Equal Access:

- You've been told by the local school, library, or other government facility that your church cannot rent rooms for worship or other religious activity, even though community groups are permitted to use the facilities for secular meetings.
- Your church has been prohibited from sharing the Gospel on public sidewalks, parks, or along streets.

### RLUIPA or Land Use:

- Your church is denied permission by the local zoning board to buy or rent a particular piece of property because churches aren't allowed in that district, but other assemblies, such as private clubs or civic organizations, are permitted.
- Your church is being unfairly taxed.

Pulpit Freedom: The IRS or other government agency has contacted your church about a sermon the pastor preached that specifically addressed candidates for office and how their platforms line up with biblical teaching.

### Interference with Internal Affairs:

- A lawsuit has been filed or threatened against your church, claiming its teaching, form of government, or interaction with employees is unlawful.
- Your church wants to make sure that its bylaws and other founding documents are in order, and present the most defensible position in the event of a lawsuit.

Intimidation or Harassment: Your church has been threatened or intimidated by those opposed to your religious message.

Government Programs: Government funding has been denied to your church or other ministry because it is religious.

Campaign Finance Law: A government agency has informed your church that it must register with a state agency and provide regular reports to it because your church took a position on –or encouraged people to vote for or against – a law.

Contact the Alliance Defense Fund at 1-800-TELL-ADF or [www.speakupmovement.org/Church](http://www.speakupmovement.org/Church) if you think your rights may have been violated. Our highly trained legal team has a wealth of experience in protecting religious freedom. And because ADF is a ministry organization, we do not charge a fee for our legal services. If you have a concern or are in doubt about what to do, contact ADF and let us put your mind at ease. We're here to serve you and your ministry.