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**Obama Admin Tells Court: Hobby Lobby Must Obey HHS Mandate - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2012/11/13 15:52**

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<http://www.lifenews.com/2012/11/01/obama-admin-tells-court-hobby-lobby-must-obey-hhs-mandate/>

**Re: Obama Admin Tells Court: Hobby Lobby Must Obey HHS Mandate - posted by EverestoSama, on: 2012/11/13 19:17**

Crazy.

**Re: Obama Admin Tells Court: Hobby Lobby Must Obey HHS Mandate - posted by MaryJane, on: 2012/11/13 19:33**

Ginnyrose

this is an open attack on this business owner and their faith. Forcing them to supply abortion drugs for their employees in the name of health care is persecution for their faith. The administration states that a business owner leaves all their first amendment rights behind when they enter into the business world because in their view its a secular place so basically this administration is decided how a business will be run. all I can think to say is we need to be in prayer all the more, dark days are ahead.

God bless  
mj

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2012/11/13 19:38**

Quote:  
-----The administration's arguments in this case are shocking. Here's what they are saying: once someone starts a "secular" business, he categorically loses any right to run that business in accordance with his conscience.  
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This is one reason why I have recommended ministries and churches not to have non-profit status. I do realize some larger ministries need to have this status because of the large amount of assets and donations but most local churches 50-100 people (which is the majority of churches) could easily run apart from this status.

**Re: - posted by JB1968 (), on: 2012/11/13 21:49**

The problem with this is that the churches would have to pay thousands of dollars in taxes; which in turn helps to fund the corruption in govt. Right now churches are protected by being nonprofit. If they forfeit this status, they will have even more reasons (according to the Obama administration) to comply with corrupt regulations.

We (the church I was pastor of) were somewhat faced with this dilemma in the 1990's and decided to stay tax exempt. No problems developed and we were able to continue to be a ministry reaching out to lost souls and feeding the flock of God.

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**Re: - posted by MaryJane, on: 2012/11/13 21:56**

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I agree we need to pray for the president. He is lost and deceived and in need of much prayer.

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**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2012/11/13 22:22**

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Brother, thank you for your sharing of personal experience and convictions. I am not saying 100% it is a bad thing for all churches but when I have been looking into this and praying about it many years ago I felt the early church example in the Book of Acts they never sought to have status with the Government of their day and grew well and multiplied disciples.

I suppose one could exist under this situation as is currently happening in North America but I wonder how the picture would look if churches simply met in homes and had a meeting place (building) that they pay taxes on like all other individuals. I guess the problem happens when a church is large and has staff, a large building, other assets etc.

At least I believe definitely that small groups (house churches) could exist easily without ever having to have status with the government and it might be the church might have to come to that place to be able to preach all of God's truth.

Would be interested to hear your further thoughts as a pastor dear brother.

**Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2012/11/13 23:14**

Ok, so you are advocating house churches....nothing wrong with it but there have been people who ran afoul of some city ordinances for hosting Bible studies in their homes. Now what?

**Re: - posted by Goldminer (), on: 2012/11/13 23:52**

Wow ginnyrose where have they run afoul of ordinances for home bible studies? I have not heard of that. In the USA?

I do believe the only place in the future where we will be able to speak the word without compromise will be in house or underground churches. I see traces of it now when pastors try to be politically, ugh, correct. I think there is a lot of fear in the hearts of many pastors, or people in ministry about what the repercussions will be if they do speak out against the befriended sins of the land. And they are right to count the cost, because it could land us in jail in the future. Who do we obey, who do we please, we better make the right choices now when it is still easy to do so. We are establishing patterns that will carry us through the difficult times ahead.

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Brother And Sister, yes I also believe that a time is coming soon that we will not be able to meet freely to preach the whole counsel of God. One of the burdens of my heart for a long time has been to encourage the body of Christ to prepare for such a time many years ago. There is still time to prepare.

God has laid it on my heart and other brothers to help compile a resource book to encourage the meeting together of saints: [www.sermonindex.net/fellowships/](http://www.sermonindex.net/fellowships/) the free eBook will be published God willing in the next 1-3 months.

House Churches and Home Bible studies have come under scrutiny and there has been pressure against them. There are 10's of cases a year that I hear about alone from my small vantage point. I believe home meetings will be the only true way to meet at some point and it would be wise for any fellowship to start preparing in this way though still having larger assembly meetings.

**Re: Obama Admin Tells Court: Hobby Lobby Must Obey HHS Mandate - posted by Trekker, on: 2012/11/14 6:54**

Thanks for posting. Never knew Hobby Lobby was Christian owned. It is clear from the article now that Obama Admin is extremely hostile towards Christians, hating them. But his ObarfaCare will destroy businesses in general now too.

**Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2012/11/14 9:48**

QUOTE:

"where have they run afoul of ordinances for home bible studies? I have not heard of that. In the USA?"

Yes, Goldminer, this has happened in the USA - United States of America! Maybe somebody else can help here - I am poor with dates and names of places (sometimes), but where did this happen? It was discussed a lot here on SI...I think it happened in AZ and FL.

You see one ordinance said a house of worship cannot be in a zone for residential housing which means that if you have ten cars parked outside with people inside having a Bible Study you are having a church, therefore it is illegal. However, you can have this many vehicles and a party and be legal.

Now choke on that! Just don't do it before you cook for all your customers!

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2012/11/14 11:15

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I am wondering how this would effect charity organizations like Christian Aid Ministries (Berlin, OH). If ministries who dole out humanitarian aid were forced to abandon their mission, who would feed the poor? cleanup after natural disasters? See where I am going with this? Or, am I missing it all completely?

Re: , on: 2012/11/14 12:06

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Hi Sister GinnyRose. Although I have no direct knowledge of US Law it is my understanding that the principle benefit from a definition of "private house church" forming the basis for meeting together is to negate the public legal responsibilities that come with organizations with a "public interest" element such as a formal church organization which are open to the public, regardless of tax status. In short the house church would be "legal" in sentiment only. The term church would be informal and the legal basis for meeting would be Civil Law. Dropping the Tax Status benefits would remove the house church from the obvious restraints and dictates of State and Federal government but would not remove civil responsibilities at a county level. The house church would also not be seen as a business but a private initiative. This could be demonstrated by informal deed setting out the broad terms of meeting together without specifying a formal church title; in essence a private agreement. We are going to have to be smart in the future. It would be good to start thinking about it now.

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Yes brother, exactly. And the giving to the pastor would be literally cash in hand, giving from friends. To not have a set salary and health benefits would scare many pastors but to be a shepherd of the flock you will need to make steps to suffer to still feed the flock during times of great persecution.

I agree fully we need to start thinking of these things. The book we are writing on this [www.sermonindex.net/fellowships/](http://www.sermonindex.net/fellowships/) "Principles for the Gathering of Believers" is to help saints consider how to meet during times of persecution and to learn from underground churches in china, north korea and iran.

**Re: - posted by twayneb (), on: 2012/11/14 15:55**

I think we are going to have to change our thinking about the church and churches. We tend toward a church paradigm that looks a lot like a business. What is the first thing that comes to mind when you hear the word "church". We often think in terms of a building, programs, clergy, and congregations that "pay for" the benefit of the programs through tithe and offering. All too often, I am afraid, this even leads to a sense of consumerism among the clergy and the congregants in the sense that the first sees the second as their target market, and the second sees the first as the provider of the service that they enjoy. I think this paradigm will shift as persecution increases.

The church is the worldwide body of believers in Jesus Christ who have been born again by the Spirit of God. The local church is the local body of believers. All of the other things, buildings, programs, budgets, paid pastors/leaders/elders/teachers/etc., are simply ways of accomplishing goals that are convenient in our current society and social structure. However, if we are persecuted to the point of being driven underground, the church will still exist and will still thrive. We will still meet. We will still hold all things in common and give liberally to one another's needs and to generously honor those who labor among us in the word and act as servant leaders to the body.

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**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2012/11/14 16:34**

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Very well said brother!

**Re: Obama Admin Tells Court: Hobby Lobby Must Obey HHS Mandate, on: 2012/11/14 16:53**

Maybe Hobby Lobby could hire all men to work in their stores.

I would like to know if the Obama Administration is forcing companies that are owned by Muslims to do the same thing. I never hear anything from the Muslim community being up in arms over any of these issues, it seems to be all Christian related.

**Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2012/11/14 20:54**

Ok, I get it as far as a body of Believers owning and operating at certain property, like a church house, etc.

So then, how about charitable organizations? Some pay their employees, other operate mostly with donated labor...

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2012/11/14 21:24**

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Sister, agree with you exactly that small churches can go underground but larger churches or large non-profit organizations cannot they will have to dissolve at some point if persecution gets that serious. Or they can do things undercover ie have a secular outward look but in the end be sharing the Gospel.

**Re: Obama Admin Tells Court: Hobby Lobby Must Obey HHS Mandate - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2012/11/20 16:41**

Here is an update on this issue:

<http://www.onenewsnow.com/ap/legal/federal-judges-offer-conflicting-views-on-contraceptive-mandate>

**Other groups fight Obamacare - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2012/11/23 8:40**

Here is more about religious organizations who are fighting this mandate from the Obama administration.

<http://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/topics/h/health-care-reform/>