

# LET MY PEOPLE GO!

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## PURPOSE:

The purpose of the conference is to inform Christians as to the legal and theological perils of churches and ministries being licensed to the civil government, through incorporation and IRS 501(c)3 status, and to provide a legally and theologically-sound remedy.

## SCHEDULING REQUIREMENTS:

We offer everything from a brief introductory presentation (2.5 hours), to a full one and a half-day conference. Specially designed conferences and seminars can be tailored for your specific needs, and the time within which you would like us to accomplish what you need.

A full conference includes, as a minimum, an introductory session, and an all day seminar. The introductory session is entitled, *Christ or Caesar; Who is Sovereign Over the Church?* It should be scheduled the evening prior to the full-day seminar. We generally recommend doing this on a Friday evening, commencing around 7:00 P.M. and terminating no later than 9:30 P.M. Time can also be allotted for question and answer. This introductory session should be made available to not only all church and ministry leadership, but also to the congregation. It will answer many questions and concerns they will have about the legal ramifications of their church unlicensing.

The full-day seminar, entitled the Unlicensed Church Conference, should commence at a reasonable morning hour (e.g. 8:30 A.M.) and will conclude in time for supper. Coffee and refreshments should be provided. A continental breakfast can also be provided, if you

choose, and will encourage more people to come, and to arrive promptly. Sessions are 50 minutes each, with 10 minute breaks given between each session. A one to two hour lunch break is also taken. If adequate fast-service lunch restaurants are not immediately available, it is recommended that a simple lunch (e.g. sandwiches) be provided on premise to the attendees. This assures that we can recommence promptly after lunch.

Individual sessions for the all-day seminar may include some or all of the following, depending upon your specific needs. At the very least, we recommend presenting the first five sessions, which are intended as being introductory material. Time permitting, the balance of the sessions will delve into the actual “how-to’s” of unlicensing and operating as a free-church:

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## SESSION 1: THE UNLICENSED CLERGY; AMERICA’S *True* FOUNDING FATHERS

The role of the “Black-Robed Regiment” in bringing about a free and independent Christian Republic.

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## SESSION 2: THE CHURCH GAGGED

The church has been legislatively silenced by accepting certain “privileges and benefits” from the government. As a direct result, most churches are no longer boldly speaking to the vital issues of the day. The inevitable result of this silence is a culture where sin and immorality are no longer challenged and rebuked. Wickedness has “come out of the closet” and Christians are being pushed into the closet.

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### SESSION 3: THE ERASTIANS

Do we blame the government for this? Only if we don't understand the problem. This session exposes the key role played by Christian attorneys in selling out the church to the State.

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### SESSION 4: WWJ, INC. (WHAT WOULD JESUS INCORPORATE?)

The legal, theological and historical ramifications of the incorporation of the church, and why the incorporated church becomes, at law, a State-Church.

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### SESSION 5: THE 501C3 CHURCH

The legal ramifications of organizing a church as a "tax-exempt religious organization" and how the 501c3 serves to silence the prophetic voice of the church.

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### SESSION 6: UNLICENSING OVERVIEW

This session is an overview of the process involved in terminating a "non-profit charitable religious" corporation. More importantly, we deal with the proper methods for establishing a "free church" or a "free ministry."

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### SESSION 7: CHURCH ASSETS

This session deals with how an unlicensed church should legally hold title to property.

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### SESSION 8: KILLING THE CORPORATION

This session goes into some detail with respect to the statutory requirements of dissolving the corporation and rescinding the 501(c)3 and federal tax identification number.

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### SESSION 9: ORGANIZATIONAL DOCUMENTS

One of the most effective ways of avoiding potential problems and litigation is to have policies and procedures (particularly matters of church discipline) clearly spelled out in a church constitution. This section provides insight into the most important aspects of developing good organizational documents.

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### SESSION 10: VERBAL OBFUSCATION

Bureaucrats, attorneys and accountants conned us into bringing the church under Caesar's jurisdiction. One way they may attempt continuing to do so after a church is unlicensed is by encouraging God's people to unwittingly classify themselves as Caesar's minions. Unlicensed preachers and ministers must learn to begin speaking biblically and cease the use of statist language.

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### SESSION 11: JURISDICTION

What legally prevents a church or ministry from being sued or harassed by petty bureaucrats? Lack of their jurisdiction. Law schools today teach little if nothing about jurisdiction, and there's a reason why. In this session we'll teach you one of the most important of all legal principles and how to effectively use it.

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### SESSION 12: FREE-CHURCHES & BANKING

Unlicensed churches and ministries don't have tax identification numbers. The only reason why a church or ministry is likely to ever need one is to open a bank account. In this session we'll show you how to legally open a "non-enumerated" bank account.

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### SESSION 13: FREE-CHURCHES & TAXES

The First Amendment bars all government from passing any laws which effect religion. Therefore, no government may tax a church or ministry. In this session we will discuss the tax consequences to a free church or ministry, including income, property, sales, etc. We will

also show the proper methods required of contributors should they wish to continue receiving a tax deduction for their contributions to their unlicensed church or ministry.

Ample time is afforded for also addressing questions.

### **COSTS:**

We ask for a \$1,000 honorarium (cash is always appreciated), plus travel expenses for Mr. Kershaw and one member of his family (usually his wife).

In our experience, people tend to value the information they receive, based upon what they pay for it. As such, you are encouraged to help defray your own costs by charging pastors, ministers and church leaders to attend the conference. A reasonable fee is \$100 or more each. The Friday evening session might be free to all, or only a very modest charge assessed.

If the honorarium presents a problem, we will discuss other options, although it is imperative, in all cases, that our travel expenses are covered.

### **LOCATION:**

In order to minimize expenses, many churches will elect to host the conference at their church facility. While there is nothing inherently problematic with this, our experience has been that attendance may be less than if it were hosted at some “neutral” location. Sadly, many pastors often exhibit certain jealousies over the successes experienced by their peers. They may be more prone to attending a seminar held at a hotel conference center, than at another pastor’s church. Use your own discretion in determining the best location.

### **EQUIPMENT:**

The speaker prefers having a cordless microphone, so as to not be *shackled* to a podium. He also requires a podium for notes. Mr. Kershaw uses computer graphics (PowerPoint) displayed with an LCD projector. Please provide a projection screen, and small table with grounded electrical outlets for the computer and projector. A white-board, or easel with paper and markers, are helpful for Q & A, but not mandatory.

### **BOOK SALES:**

The speaker will bring a diversity of pertinent materials for sale and requires a book table, which should be located where it is convenient to the attendees. Mr. Kershaw is invariably fully engaged in answering attendees’ questions after the sessions. This is why he asks to bring a family member (to man the book table). However, should your budget be too tight for the added travel expenses, you will be expected to provide an honest and responsible person to manage sales at the book table the entire time of the conference.

### **RECORDINGS**

Permission for audio and/or video recording of the conference must first be obtained by Mr. Kershaw and, if granted, will include certain terms and conditions. Copyrights of any such recordings remain the property of Heal Our Land Ministries. The host will provide master copies of such recordings to Heal Our Land. Attendees may not audio tape, photograph or videotape the speaker, without prior permission.

### **PROMOTION:**

Most hosting churches and ministries will want to promote the conference in their community, and invite others to attend. While there are numerous methods of promotion, we can recommend several that have been especially successful, and that cost little or nothing.

1. Public Service Announcements or Community Calendar: Local radio and television are required to carry certain announcements, free of charge, for groups promoting issues of “community interest.” Check especially Public TV and Public Radio.
2. News Articles and Letters To the Editor: Local newspapers may be happy to receive brief articles from their readers. The Sunday “religion editor” is usually receptive. They are also generally cooperative with publishing a “Letter To the Editor.” We can supply you with sample articles and letters.
3. Radio Interviews: Mr. Kershaw has extensive experience with radio interviews. Many radio hosts, not just Christian, are interested in giving this issue some attention, particularly when they know the radio guest will be speaking in their community. Contact specific “talk-show” hosts that interview guests, particularly those that take live calls from listeners. They are generally more open to controversial subjects, like this one. Make arrangements for them to contact Mr. Kershaw for an interview.

4. Bulletin Boards: Christian Bookstores and many churches will allow you to post announcements of Christian events, such as this one.

## **TRAVEL**

In all cases, you are responsible for all travel expenses to and from your location (airfare, hotel, meals, ground transport, parking, etc.). Our departure airport is Springfield, Missouri (SGF). Preferred airline is American.

We are conscientious about keeping your costs down as much as possible, and will always make an effort to minimize expenses.

We prefer to make our own air travel arrangements. Our travel industry contacts can almost always get us less expensive flights than you could otherwise arrange for. Our travel agent will contact you with the travel itinerary and costs, and ask you to prepay via credit card, or other suitable arrangements.

Please inform Mr. Kershaw if you will be meeting him at the airport and where. He can also make arrange-

ments to rent a car, or get other suitable transportation, as you might recommend. If applicable, please provide detailed directions to your facility.

Mr. Kershaw will generally arrive the afternoon of the first presentation, and depart the morning after the seminar. He can also sometimes make himself available the Sunday after the conference to preach, if so desired.

As the effort involved in presenting the material is fatiguing, it is important that the speaker be well rested. We therefore request comfortable and quiet accommodations. Please prepay hotel so that we don't have to seek reimbursement from you.

## **ITINERARY**

With adequate advance booking, Mr. Kershaw can appear for these conferences on any days of the week. Though it is sometimes possible to schedule a conference on short notice, please allow at least 30 days advance booking notice. This will also help to minimize airfare.