An Open Letter to Christian pastors, leaders and believers who assist the anti-Christian Progressive political movement in America

A Call to Repentance & Renewal

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Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation... (St. Paul, II Corinthians 7:10 NIV)

With heavy hearts and a hope for cultural justice and restoration, we Christian leaders urge 'progressive' evangelicals and Catholics to repent of damaging and often well-paid support of the liberal political agenda.

As recent leaked <u>documents</u> confirm, and as Rev. Jim Wallis of Sojourners eventually <u>admitted</u>, wealthy, anti-Christian <u>foundations</u>, following the lead of <u>billionaire</u> George <u>Soros's</u> Open Society <u>Foundation</u>, fund and "rent"* Christian ministers as "<u>mascots</u>" serving as surprising <u>validators</u> for their <u>causes</u>. The consequent realities include injury to countless people, the Church, the family, nation and the global Church including many martyrs.

We must reclaim the Church's witness in the world that God so loves. Biblical truth and wisdom are the highest love for human beings. While God loves justice and mercy for all, many "social justice" campaigns are politically crafted and not the true Gospel. Only the truth of our sin, both personal and systemic, and Jesus' atoning sacrifice for our salvation and rebirth, is true hope for persons and nations. The gospel charges all things with hope.

"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." ~ Jesus. John 14:6

We are not here endorsing or denouncing a political candidate but reminding you of basic Christian morality. How ironic, stale and shameless for the very leaders whose 'progressive' policies are hurting minority communities to falsely label those with political differences as 'racists.' Under liberal leadership, Hispanics and African-Americans suffer the loss of work and income, rising urban violence, family disintegration including children targeted by abortionists for death. It's time to tell the truth and rebuild together.

As Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. <u>taught</u>, "In contrast to ethical relativism, Christianity sets forth a system of absolute moral values." He <u>wrote</u>, "We need to recapture the gospel glow of the early Christians who were non-conformists Their powerful gospel put an end to such barbaric evils as infanticide Finally, they captured the Roman Empire for Jesus Christ."

To religious leaders assisting unwise, anti-Christian politicians and global elites:

- What wise and loving biblical morality would Jesus declare to be 'hate-speech'?
- What justification would Jesus offer for those who murder children and sell their body parts to the highest bidder?
- What money would Jesus give to a nation stating, "Death to Israel and America"?

• What judges would Jesus appoint who attack Christian believers and the Church?

"Tolerance [of evil] is not a spiritual gift; it is the distinguishing mark of postmodernism; and sadly, it has permeated the very fiber of Christianity." ~ Rev. Dr. John Stott

Consider some of the consequences of Progressive political activism over the past eight years:

- 1. A growth industry trafficking in human <u>baby organs</u> and body parts funded, defended and applauded by the Democrat Party.
- 2. The <u>abandonment</u> of a biblical view of marriage that protected and liberated children and adults from centuries of pagan slavery, <u>poverty</u> and non-life-giving sexuality.
- 3. The <u>Transgender</u> agenda imposed by Obama-government edict, including gender re-education to be forced on our citizens, businesses, schools, military and churches.
- 4. Doubling our national <u>debt</u>, economic stagnation and increased welfare dependency.
- 5. Open borders and 'sanctuary' cities with increasing drugs, crime, gangs and terrorism.
- 6. Forced refugee resettlement in hundreds of American cities without citizen consent, mandated by the federal government in collusion with the United Nations. "Refugees" are primarily non-assimilating Muslims, while authorities reject persecuted Christians.
- 7. Racial <u>division</u>, increased minority unemployment and <u>violent</u> inner city lawlessness, with an accompanying <u>loss</u> of opportunity, self-determination and family stability.
- 8. Hostility towards Judeo-Christian religious liberty in our courts, media and universities.
- 9. The growing phenomenon of <u>paid demonstrators</u> being recruited, <u>paid</u> and dispatched to instigate <u>riots</u> and shut down conservative <u>speakers</u>, free thought and liberal education.
- 10. The widespread, systematic use of the <u>IRS</u> to intimidate conservative, <u>patriotic</u> and Christian groups that disagree with the current political establishment.

After such demoralization and pain, why would any religious leader ask Christians to embrace a Progressive political agenda that is clearly anti-Christian?

When Hillary Clinton stated during a 2015 <u>speech</u> at the Women in the World Summit that religious beliefs "have to be changed," she was openly declaring war on Christian believers and the Church. And now Progressives claim that supporting such a view is the Christian thing to do? This is spiritual abuse of the family, the Church and the nation.

"The framers of our Constitution meant we were to have freedom of religion, not freedom from religion." ~ Rev. Dr. Billy Graham

For many years, Soros's Open Society and other liberal <u>foundations</u> have funded not only most of the <u>disturbing</u> campaigns mentioned above (1-10) but also the Religious <u>Left</u>, using and creating ostensibly evangelical and <u>Catholic</u> organizations to "message and mobilize" Christians

into Progressive causes. They use the Marxist-Alinsky tactic of funding "ministers" who cherry-pick faith language to confuse and divide the Church's morality, mission and vote.

At a time when many Christian ministries are struggling, the Soros network "faith" grantees include Jim <u>Wallis</u> of <u>Sojourners</u>, <u>Richard Cizik</u>'s New Evangelical <u>Partnership</u>, <u>Telos</u>, <u>J Street</u> to malign Israel, the U.S. Council of Catholic <u>Bishops</u>, Catholics in <u>Alliance</u> for the Common Good, <u>Faithful</u> America and <u>Gamaliel</u>. Faith in <u>Public</u> Life (FPL) "<u>counters</u>" Christians and Tea Party independents in the media and, with PICO, advocates for <u>amnesty</u>, mass Islamic <u>migration</u>, and even sought to influence the <u>visit</u> and priorities of <u>Pope Francis</u> himself. Additional funding for "refugee" and migrant <u>resettlement</u> to <u>VOLAGs often</u> comes from the <u>Obama</u> administration.

Beyond "faith" fronts, Soros also funds thousands of other collaborators and projects that suggest his goal is to demoralize America (and <u>Europe</u>). The list includes: Hollywood and <u>hundreds</u> of <u>media</u> outlets; attempts to <u>control</u> the <u>Internet; racial</u> and <u>gender</u> agitation; <u>euthanasia; drug</u> legalization and "injection zones;" <u>abortion</u> and the "<u>sex</u> worker" industry; Al <u>Gore's</u> Climate campaign; pro-Palestinian and anti-Israel projects; the rights of jihadists and Sharia advocates.

Soros and friends also fund open borders and <u>mass immigration</u> followed by <u>voting</u> "<u>rights</u>" and <u>redistricting</u> schemes, while at the same time financing the campaigns of Barack <u>Obama</u> and <u>Hillary</u> Clinton. (Soros is presently the second largest <u>donor</u> to the Democratic Party and the chairman of Ready for <u>Hillary</u> PAC.) One wonders if the end goal seems to be the destruction of national identity through demoralization, open borders and debt, thus the "fundamental <u>transformation</u>" (weakening) of American civil society. He has done this to other cultures.

We urge you to question the true intentions of persons or organizations that receive money from Soros and other billionaire globalists. We must not give his surrogates four more years.

Our true America is more just, generative and loving than the "new America" of <u>stateless</u> and "post-American" social engineers. <u>Global</u> socialism is a system of control over the lives of others. This sends us backwards. The hostility of the Progressive political agenda to biblical faith is foreign to the Spirit of Jesus. Instead, let us do justice to the American story and future. Though imperfect, it is a great forward leap in human dignity, freedom and actual progress.

And so we ask again, why do those who claim to share our faith in Christ continue to advocate for politicians who will pass legislation, and appoint justices and judges who will attack Christian liberty and persecute believers? Turning our nation over to the enemies of biblical faith does not honor Christ, promote love of neighbor, or advance God's kingdom in the world.

We ask those who have intentionally or unwittingly aided the Progressive agenda in the past to look at the actual consequences of their policies. Please stop inviting fellow believers to assist global profiteers and political activists who are determined to de-Christianize America.

Please repent and turn away from those who attack the Church. Say "no" to blood money. Refuse funds from anyone attempting to put the Church and America in chains.

We must return to the whole counsel of Scripture, not the political abuse of Scripture. We must

now be about healing, wisdom and renewal of our faith and culture. Let's stimulate humility and gratitude, not pride and entitlement. Let's see the image of God in people and enable the virtuous cycle of creativity, opportunity, work, productivity, wealth and thus greater voluntary generosity.

To the Church in every nation, now is the time to pray, to speak and to act with Godly courage. If America continues to fall, our witness alongside you also fades. Let us stand together.

"Courage is contagious. When a brave man takes a stand, the spines of others are often stiffened." ~ Rev. Dr. Billy Graham

In faith, hope and Agape love, we write as evangelical and Catholic followers of Jesus Christ, stewards of the nation he has placed us in, and fellow workers for the Kingdom of God in the world He loves.

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^{*} from paragraph 2: New America Foundation strategy, "Rent An Evangelical" and "Rent A General" as "mascots."