

Indianapolis

Roundtable Discussion

Shepherding Ministries in a Changing Landscape

Belief-Based Decisions Discussion

Outline of Safety Library and Outside Resources

A. Current Landscape and Trends

- I. What should churches and ministries know about the Supreme Court's decision regarding same-sex marriage?
 1. [Same-Sex Marriage: New Challenges, New Opportunities](#) – **Christianity Today** article
- II. How do ministries balance their sincerely held religious beliefs with current cultural trends, which in some cases run counter to biblical teaching?
 1. [Employment Decisions Based on Religious Beliefs](#)
 2. [Sample Policy—Purpose Statements \(Biblical Foundation and Creedal Foundation samples\)](#)
 3. [Sample Policy—Morals Clause](#)
 4. [Sample Policy – Marriage, Intimacy, and Appropriate Behavior](#) (No link available)

B. Lawsuits/Threats

- I. What type of lawsuits should ministry leaders be aware of regarding belief-based decisions?
 1. No Resources

C. Potential Solutions and Protections

- I. What steps can a ministry take to protect itself if it wishes to avoid activities, events or the use of its premises if the activity or use runs counter to the beliefs of the ministry?
 1. [Sample Facility Use Agreement](#)
 2. [Lending Church Facilities: Facility Use Agreements](#)
 3. [Lending Your Church Facilities: Guidelines and Preparation](#)
 4. [Risk Management Issues Associated with Lending Church Facilities](#)

D. Insurance Considerations

- I. What is the benefit of a ministry-focused insurance company versus the wider insurance industry?
 1. [Religious Freedom Liability Coverage Endorsement \(BGL-66\)](#) (No link available)