

2003

[AACS PROTECTION BATTLE PLAN]

a standing proposal to provide AACS with a simple yet comprehensive legislative plan to maintain and expand our political freedom. “Let not your children have reason to curse you for giving up those rights and prostrating those institutions which your father delivered to you.” Mathias Burnett, Congregational pastor

all things by prayer! Phil. 4:6

AACS Protection Battle Plan for 2003-04

(many of these things are happening already)
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- I. Goal: to provide the eternal vigilance in the truth which is the price of liberty (Jn. 8:32; Pro. 11:10,11; 29:2).

“It does not take a majority to prevail...but rather an irate, tireless minority, keen on setting brushfires of freedom in the minds of men.” Samuel Adams

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- II. Philosophy: to be salt and light in our national and state communities (Mt. 5:13,14). An on-going (vs. crisis) involvement is preferred (Pro. 25:15), capitalizing on our strengths: purity, Scripture, prayer, local churches.
- III. Plan (Pro. 8:12; 16:9; Dan. 3:17,18; 4:35):
 - A. Preach the Word!**

Communicate our position to decision makers; provide a flow of good information (truth) to “the people,” the three branches of civil government, bureaucracy, special interest groups, the media, and “big name” friends. It is a war of ideas.

 1. *Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine* (II Tim. 4:2). *And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free* (Jn. 8:32; Pro. 23:7).
 2. Encourage AACCS Washington office; develop Minutemen; list contacts: eg, Values Action Team, key congressional legislative directors; develop friendly media contacts; beware raising profile; identify unknown supporting legislators.
 3. “Humiliate” (prayer, study), educate, negotiate, legislate, litigate – in that order. (“Being there.”)
 - B. By long forbearing.**

Develop relationships with legislators.

 1. *By long forbearing is a prince persuaded, and a soft tongue breaketh the bone* (Pro. 25:15; 18:24; 17:17).
 2. Have each legislator befriended by a pastor or another friend of the cause. Develop a trust.
 3. Develop Minuteman program. Promote this program, enlist pastors, and follow up with them.
 - C. With good advice make war.**

Involve the state associations “in the kitchen”; be importunate on two (or so) major and two (or so) minor issues, and address other issues along the way as able.

 1. *Every purpose is established by counsel: and with good advice make war* (Pro. 20:18; Lk. 11:8; Jms. 4:2).
 2. Have bi-annual meetings of the Legislative Committee to recommend to the Boards specific issues, positions, and strategies. Have a prayer program, like “Intercessors for America.”
 3. Stay informed (Pro. 1:5); research the issues. (Search the Scriptures; search historical documents; survey Human Events, World, Insight, New American, Washington Post, Rush Limbaugh.)
 - D. When the righteous are in authority.**

Identify and support key candidates.

 1. *When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn* (Pro. 29:2; Ps. 75:7,8).
 2. Survey our people and other organizations to identify God-fearing candidates.
 3. Consult with David Barton and our Regional Legislative Directors.

E. The generation to come.

Educate and establish our young people and parents in the Biblical American way; promote a Christian worldview.

1. *We will not hide them from their children, shewing to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done* (Ps. 78:1-12; 9:17; 33:12; Pro. 22:6; Hos. 4:6; Dt. 6:20).
2. Identify and promote good videos, books, and provide Washington tours with affordable housing. Have preachers stir other preachers and pastors with this vision. Educate local churches, pastors, and families in the responsibilities and privileges of being involved in the civil process. Use David Barton, Catherine Millard and David Nobel materials.
3. Promote mastery of scriptural principles, founding documents, and famous quotes.

IV. Administration:

- A. Apply the principles of the best organizational plan, the “body-of-Christ” plan of Romans 12. This is sketched out in the “Task Breakdown” sheet (attached). Make sure all the bases are covered. Develop goals, plans and schedules for each of the five planks listed above under “III. Plan.”
- B. Have the Legislative Committee include evaluation and “holding accountable” of all these things as well as protection strategizing in their bi-annual meetings, reporting regularly to the Boards. Develop a “Platform for National and State Governments” (attached).
- C. Give our people a summary “Legislative Action Plan” (attached) which will provide direction and a sense of effectiveness.