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David Llewellyn is a respected lawyer in the Sacramento region. He was called “God’s Lawyer” on the cover of the California State Bar Association magazine California Lawyer. He has represented churches, school districts and Christian groups and individuals since the early 1980s in local, state and federal cases addressing a range of issues from abortion, evolution, home schooling, prayer in schools and the right to die. He’s filed appeals and amicus briefs in the U.S. Supreme Court, the California Supreme Court and other state and federal appellate courts. David Llewellyn continues to practice in Citrus Heights near Sacramento

Derek Martin is the head of theatre at William Jessup University in Rocklin, California. He is also a professional actor, director, choreographer, educator, speaker, and consultant. He has spent the last eighteen years working professionally in the Arts, Media, and Entertainment. He has worked professionally in a range of theatres around the country. Derek is former Artistic Director and founder of the professional summer theatre company – THE AMERICANA THEATRE COMPANY in Plymouth, MA. Derek speaks regularly on the healing of culture through imagination, creativity and the arts. He has been published on crosswalk.org and has spoken previously at the Convergence World conference as well as various churches and universities.

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I. Topic Summary:

Religious Freedom is a foundational right that impacts many other rights, in particular freedom of thought, conscience, speech, expression, and assembly. But Religious Freedom is threatened in many parts of the world as both secular and religious perspectives conflict within their groups and with each other.

Throughout the globe, religious persecution has become widespread. And even the United States, religious intolerance and clashes between the faith based community and the secular community have become commonplace. Religious freedom has also been a concern in various forms of political and artistic expression.

Most recently, the case of Masterpiece Cakeshop has gone to the U.S. Supreme Court for hearing on December 5. This case addresses a range of justice concerns for religious freedom and freedom of expression as the baker/artist is being forced to make specialized wedding cake for a gay couple in contradiction to his religious views about marriage.

While this court decision and other related laws and practices are important in protecting religious freedom. Ultimately, it is the will of the people and their level of engagement with faith based perspectives that will determine how free a society will be for religion and other rights.

II. Key Biblical Verses:

- Ephesians 2:8
- Joshua 24:15
- Matthew 19:16-23
- Romans 1:16

III. Key Constitutional and Human Rights Standards:

- U.S. Constitution, First Amendment
- Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
- International Covenant on Economic Social & Cultural Rights
- Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief
- International Religious Freedom Act
- Religious Freedom Restoration Act

IV. Key Resources:

- Alliance Defending Freedom
- American Center for Law and Justice (ACLJ)
- The Beckett Fund
- Pacific Justice Institute
- U.S. State Department
- U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom
- U.N. Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief
- U.N. High Commission for Human Rights

