

THE EKKLESIA OF OKLAHOMA *Oklahoma First Platform*

The Ekklesia of Oklahoma is committed to train, resource, & equip the Body of Christ to transform cities & cultures.

Freedom, sustainable prosperity, and justice are the legitimate goals of all nations and people groups. Throughout the world these goals are becoming harder to obtain and we are moving further away from obtaining them.

The Ekklesia of Oklahoma is a global movement of Christ followers and concerned citizens responding to the growing social, political, and economic crises with practical Biblical principles and models that solve specific community and national problems.

We are a group of people seeking to transcend self-interests and “politics as usual” to help our communities, cities, states, and nations thrive out of these crises.

EKKLESIA PRINCIPLES (Seven Mountains of Cultural Transformation)

- Family
- Education
- Government & Politics
- Business
- Arts & Entertainment
- Media
- Religion

FAMILY

Preamble: The families of the United States have been under constant and prolonged attack. Today fatherlessness, divorce, abuse, homosexual marriage, pornography, and other negative influences have brought great dysfunction to the family. God is calling fathers and mothers (both spiritual and biological) to bring order to the chaos that the enemy has unleashed against families in America. He also wants to bring healing to marriages and relationships within families in order to maintain a moral foundation for children in the future to stand upon.

- We believe abortions are contrary to the Word of God and must not be approved (or supported by) or included in our party platform; with no exceptions. We believe intentional abortion is murder and should be treated as such in accordance with our state laws.
- We believe that at the point of conception, a person is granted the rights guaranteed in the U.S. Constitution.
- God is the Author and Creator of life and that all human life, both born and, in the womb, should be protected.
- We believe in traditional marriage; the union of one man and one woman.
- We believe that the family is the cohesive element that maintains social order and protects individual rights. The duty and privilege of nurturing our young people belongs to parents and the traditional family.
- We believe employers and taxpayers should not be forced to violate their religious convictions or bear the cost of paying government benefits to “non-traditional marriages.”

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- We believe that there are only two genders and sexes, male and female, determined at conception.
- We believe children are a special gift from God, and their safety and protection are paramount. We support strict adherence to due process of law during child abuse investigations. We believe extended traditional family members should be eligible for foster care payments if a child is being placed into their foster care. Siblings should be kept together if possible. These Payments should be obtained from the negligent parent(s).
- We support holding the Department of Human Services and other agencies accountable and provide for civil and criminal penalties when these agencies are negligent or abuse their authority.
- We encourage an adoption process that recognizes the rights of parents while maintaining safeguards for the children.
- We support initiatives that encourage adoption.

Addendum: Be it resolved that the abortion be in the state of Oklahoma will be abolish and treated as murder.

EDUCATION

Preamble: We acknowledge our dependence upon Almighty God and ask His blessings upon our students and their parents, teachers, and nation. It is the right and responsibility of parents (hereafter to mean parents and/ or legal guardians) to direct their children's upbringing and education whether public, private, charter, or education by other means without interference, regulation, or penalty from the government. The primary goal of public schools should be to teach proficiency in the basic subjects of phonics-based reading, written and oral communication, mathematics, sciences, history, founding documents, Godly heritage of our nation, critical thinking skills, basic morals, and civics. Locally elected school boards should have the authority to determine and implement all public-school curricula, policies, and procedures for their districts. We demand excellence and accountability from all tax-funded institutions of education in Oklahoma. The federal government has no constitutional role in education.

- It is the right of every parent to act in their children's best interest including health decisions and choosing the form of their education, whether at a public school, private school or education by other means.
- We support the sole right and responsibility of parents to rear, educate, discipline, nurture, provide healthcare and spiritually train their children without government interference.
- We believe the traditional family unit, consisting of a (husband) man, (wife) woman, and child(ren) is the foundation of our social structure. The Oklahoma Department of Education and the various Boards of Regents should uphold and teach this definition of traditional family at all levels of public and higher education.
- We believe individuals should have the right to choose their own education and career tracks.

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- We believe in and affirm the right of students and school employees to the free exercise of religion as guaranteed by the First Amendment, including the right to wear and display religious symbols, voluntary vocal prayer, optional Bible and religious study, religious expression including holidays, and equal access to use of school facilities for these activities.
- We believe the United States flag should be displayed in the classroom. Students should start the day by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, including "one nation under God", and be taught the history of and respect for our United States flag.
- We believe the K-12 public-school system is for the benefit of children of legal residents of the United States.
- We believe schools should teach knowledge rather than teach children the philosophy, values, and theology to live by. Such responsibility belongs to a child's parents, family and church. We therefore oppose the teaching of character education programs, which are almost always developed and lobbied into schools by outside private parties without any oversight by school patrons. The psychological subtlety of the intended outcomes of such programs may elude a cursory review by administrators or board members.

GOVERNMENT & POLITICS

Preamble: God is raising up Righteous & Just magistrates who will serve the people in humility and in the courage of Christ. They will Abolish Abortion, defend religious and constitutional rights. They will fear God and not man.

- That we are to function as a Constitutional Republic with undefined State power as described in the Constitution; where Oklahoma Sovereignty is considered constitutionally superior to a Federal Govt.
- Revenues collected at all levels of government should be used only for well-defined, legitimate government functions, and should be carried out efficiently so that tax rates may be kept as low as possible.

BUSINESS

Preamble: The Ekklesia must embrace its responsibility to train up those who are called into the marketplace to create, multiply and sustain wealth and provide leadership with integrity & honesty. We believe it is the Lord's will to make his people prosperous and that He desires for His Church to use its wealth to advance the kingdom of God.

- Economic freedom is the cornerstone of individual liberty and the private sector and free market principles are the best to stimulate economic development rather than government subsidies or programs.
- Stewardship/kingdom wealth carriers

RELIGION

Preamble: We are called to be salt, light, seed, leaven, & cities on a hill. This means it is the Ekklesia's responsibility to reach the lost with the love and Gospel of Jesus Christ and advance the Kingdom through the discipling of nations nationally and internationally. Outside the four walls of the institutional church.

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- We believe our Founding Fathers based our Constitution, Declaration of Independence, Bill of Rights, and laws on the Bible and on traditional Judeo-Christian ethics and values. We believe these documents are the basis for law, order, and behavior, allowing individuals, including government workers and officials, the freedom to involve God in all activities according to their conscience.
- In the free exercise of religion and right to worship as we please without government intrusion or interference.
- We believe the Religious Clause of the First Amendment was meant to protect an individual's freedom of religion, not remove religion from public life.
- We believe church leaders have the same freedom of speech rights as leaders of other organizations, without the threat of penalties, including the loss of tax-exempt status.
- We oppose any government oversight, harassment, licensing, or taxation of religious institutions, chaplains and their ministries, such as counseling, wedding ceremonies, funerals, or other liturgical practices.
- We oppose all efforts that violate religious liberty and freedom of conscience by mandating that employers and individuals buy coverage for sterilization and contraceptives, including drugs that induce abortion.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Preamble: In this mountain we find some of the most influential forces shaping our society. Music, filmmaking, television, social media, and the performing arts drive the cultural tastes, values and standards of a nation's citizens. The body of Christ needs powerful, righteous men and women who are not afraid to take their God-given talent into the arts and entertainment arenas.

MEDIA

Preamble: The media has the potential to sway popular opinion on current issues based upon its reporting, which is not always truthful or accurate. Christians who are gifted for and called into this type of work must be willing to report righteously and truthfully in the secular marketplace.

- We believe the first Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.