

Faith Alliance to Preserve the Sanctity of Marriage as Established by God

Position Statement

The “Faith Alliance to Preserve the Sanctity of Marriage as Established by God” (Faith Alliance) was recently formed by a culturally diverse group of religious and civic leaders representing members from over 100 organizations and seven denominations in Rhode Island. The positions of the Faith Alliance concerning marriage are outlined below.

Position #1

Marriage is a sacred covenant between God, man, and woman. It was the first covenant that God made with man and woman. The proposition of “same-sex” marriage does not conform to God’s definition of marriage and is not consistent with Biblical principles or its recorded history. The Church and people of faith have been given the charge to protect and preserve God’s holy institution of marriage. The members of the Faith Alliance intend to meet that call.

Position #2

The state, by law, only has the right to ensure the “legal” administration of God’s covenant of marriage to ensure the protection of children; it is not authorized to change, amend, or revise God’s definition of marriage. Marriage has been established and defined by God as a spiritual union between a man and a woman, and it is not to be altered by mankind or its government.

Position #3

Marriage was created and defined by God and given to religious institutions to administer. Civil union was created and defined by man and given to the government to administer. The attempt to recreate or redefine God’s covenant of marriage foreshadows a dangerous blurring of the line separating church and state. The responsibility of our legislators is to uphold this constitutional principle and ensure that proposed laws which potentially erode this separation are not passed. We expect our elected officials to be prudent and discerning in this regard concerning same sex marriage legislation.

The purpose of the Faith Alliance is to safeguard and promote God’s covenant and definition of marriage. In doing so, it is neither judging nor condemning gay, lesbian, or transgender individuals. We will make every effort to inform Rhode Islander’s of the moral and societal perils of same sex marriage and its adverse legal implications on religious organizations, government, employers, families, children, and the educational system. The Faith Alliance also acknowledges and joins the efforts of the 135 churches across Rhode Island who signed a joint resolution against same sex marriage.