

# Press Release

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

**On Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 pm in the State House, the “Faith Alliance to Preserve the Sanctity of Marriage as Established by God” (Faith Alliance) will hold a press conference to express its opposition to House Bill #5015 that proposes to legalize “same sex marriage” in Rhode Island. The Faith Alliance, recently formed by a culturally diverse group of religious and civic leaders representing over 100 organizations in Rhode Island, is also supported by the Knights of Columbus in Rhode Island which has over 7,000 members. Rev. Luis David Rodriguez, co-founder of the Faith Alliance and President of the Hispanic Ministerial Association of RI, states, “**Marriage is a sacred covenant between God, man, and woman. It was the first covenant that God made with man and woman. The Church and God-fearing people have been given the charge to protect and preserve God’s holy institution of marriage.**”**

The press conference will include a formal position statement from the Faith Alliance and remarks from several speakers such as Bishop Thomas J. Tobin, Catholic Diocese of Providence; Rev. Luis David Rodriguez, President of The Hispanic Ministerial Association of RI, and pastor at Iglesia de la Comunidad; Rev. Luis Suarez, President of the Hispanic Coalition of Pastors and ministers and pastor at Iglesia Nueva Generacion Cristiana; Rev. Santos Escobar, Iglesia Vida Abundante UMC; Ron L’Heureux, Founder of Exodus 18; and Darrell Lee, Founder of Building Cities on God Ministries. Mr. Lee, a co-founder of the Faith Alliance, asserts, **“The state, by law, only has the right to ensure the “legal” administration of God’s covenant of marriage; 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.”**

Christopher Plante, Director of the National Organization for Marriage, a major national voice in the movement to preserve the institution of marriage, will highlight the status of the national battle to prevent same sex marriage where 32 states have recently reaffirmed the traditional definition of marriage in their constitutions. Key topics presented during the press conference will include Biblical and historical perspectives, the impact on families, and legal implications. Brian Camenker of MassResistance will also provide comments regarding the effect of same sex marriage legislation in Massachusetts on government, businesses, employment, education, adoption laws, and public health.

The Faith Alliance’s purpose and position are to safeguard God’s covenant and definition of marriage. In doing so, it is neither judging nor condemning gay, lesbian, or transgender

individuals. Pastor Rodriguez addresses this position by stating, **“Unfortunately, there is a tendency to logically or purposefully associate matters of homosexuality with same sex marriage. While the former may be a right of personal choice or innate sexual orientation, the latter is a privilege ordained by God and administered by the state. Once this distinction is clearly articulated through our collective efforts, we are confident that the people of Rhode Island will strongly urge their state legislators to hear the voice of the people.”**

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