

ONE Voice for Liberties Conference -- Sep. 27-28, 2018

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Religious exempt day cares & Fingerprint Checks

The fingerprint requirement for workers and volunteers at religious exempt day cares is drawing closer. The financial impact to these day cares was of great concern to VAIB. The Department of Social Services (VDSS) listened and has determined to help with the initial cost. Here is an excerpt from a letter dated October 12, 2017.

“We are pleased to announce that the Department of Social Services (VDSS) will be covering the cost of initial fingerprint based criminal history searches for those individuals in child day programs who are required to be fingerprinted.... all current employees, volunteers, applicants, agents, and household members must complete a fingerprint based criminal background check by September 30, 2018. **Again, fingerprinting has not yet begun and you will be notified when you should obtain a fingerprint based check.**”

We are thankful for the initial financial help, but this cost will be ongoing. Therefore, all facilities should plan accordingly.

Preparing for the 2018 General Assembly

The elections on November 7 will impact legislation over the next four years. A key focus for the 2018 General Assembly will be to uphold religious liberties and moral values. In response to judicial decisions and other activities, VAIB is working on:

- Protecting privacy in public schools and other government venues, while opposing special protections for transgender individuals

- Opposing the usual efforts to add sexual orientation to nondiscrimination protections,
- Protecting religious free speech,
- Opposing a change to our state constitution regarding marriage.

I am in discussions with other like-minded groups on possible legislation to help in these areas. As Christians, we must continue to speak the truth in love while holding to sensible biblical values. ***But the answer is changed hearts, not laws.***

Conference Messages Available Online

I am thrilled by the outpouring of positive comments regarding the ***ONE Voice for Liberties Conference***. The music led by Steve Hall (Valley Baptist Church, Stuarts Draft) was uplifting! The spiritual challenges from Pastor Shahn Wilburn (Riverview Baptist Church, Ripplemead VA) and Pastor Tim Butler (People's Baptist Church, Greenville NC) were exactly what was needed. It was refreshing to hear from our elected officials: Congressman Rob Wittman, Delegate Bobby Orrock, Delegate Ben Cline, and Senator Bryce Reeves. What a blessing we received both nights from Tim Barton who gave historical facts on our country's religious roots! And we were greatly enlightened by Attorney David Gibbs III of the National Center for Life and Liberty.

If you missed the September conference, these messages will be available in November on our web site <http://vaib.org/education/conference-recordings/> .

I want to thank all the churches and individuals who gave to make this conference a success. Plan to attend next year on **September 27-28, 2018** at Landmark Baptist Church in Richmond.

More Churches Involved!

I am thrilled with the new churches who have partnered with VAIB! They see the value of VAIB and the work we do for religious liberties and churches. Some benefit from the sales and use tax exemptions. Do you? Contact VAIB for more information.

Pray for the continued success of VAIB ...Your voice for Christian liberties!

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