



**Speech to Ottawa County Board on 06-27-2023– “For Christ and Christian Covenant”  
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The State of Michigan is on track with bill 4474 to criminalize Biblical Christian speech and make criminal justice capricious by basing it on subjective response to speech.<sup>i</sup> This follows the 2020 Federal Supreme Court decision mandating speech in the workplace consistent with LGBTQ and DEI ideology.<sup>ii</sup> This is tyrannical and wicked. In order to address this challenge and others like it, it is important that the County decide what each individual must also decide: will we follow Jesus Christ and His Biblical word, or not? I would ask this Board to let the voting citizens of the County decide in a referendum, done by the traditional open ballot system,<sup>iii</sup> whether we as a county will follow the path of federalist secular humanism or anti-federalist Biblical Christianity.

Federalist secular humanism means the high level elites in Washington and Lansing have decided Ottawa County will follow the path of secular humanism, so like serfs we follow the path of secular humanism. It is top-down governance. In contrast, anti-federalist Biblical Christianity means we at this lower governing county level choose to follow the path of Biblical Christianity, and so as a county we seek to follow Christ and His word, even if Washington and Lansing dictate otherwise. It is bottom-up governance.

Let’s be clear: the original national constitution of the USA- the Articles of Confederation- is an explicitly Christian covenant calling us to follow Jesus Christ as Lord, and it organizes the nation according to anti-federalist principles. It was illegally and fraudulently replaced by the Federal Constitution. Furthermore, the Northwest Ordinance, upon which the State was founded, stipulates the State is to follow the Articles. It is those on the side of federalist secular humanism who have employed illegality over the years to trample Christian liberty. There is thus both a strong legal and moral basis to recognize the Articles as the rightful national constitution, and this issue should be part of the referendum. We should encourage other Michigan “constitutional counties” to hold the referendum too,<sup>iv</sup> laying the seeds for a Biblically reformed State of Michigan.

If the county decides for anti-federalist Biblical Christianity, then one consequence would be that Biblical Christian speech will remain legal in the county, even if elites in Washington and Lansing say otherwise. Either way, I have decided and pray that God would give me as an individual courage to speak Biblical truth in contrast to DEI ideology, even if it should mean imprisonment, because “we ought to obey God rather than men.”

Leading up to the County referendum there would need to be public debate so citizens are informed on the issues. I have invited a number of the local leaders supportive of federalist secular humanism to a public debate with me on the topic, and I am waiting for answers back. I have written a book entitled *Return to the Articles of Confederation: A Rebuttal to Trustee Steele and All of Those who Oppose Biblical Christian Rule*, that lays out the case for anti-federalist Biblical Christianity. It is available on Amazon<sup>v</sup>, and there is a free online version at [www.puritans.net](http://www.puritans.net).<sup>vi</sup>

Gods calls us publicly, like He did those of Joshua’s day, to “choose you this day whom ye will serve.”<sup>vii</sup>

<sup>i</sup> <https://www.cbsnews.com/detroit/news/hate-crimes-bill-passes-the-michigan-house-republicans-voice-concerns-over-speech/>

<sup>ii</sup> <https://www.natlawreview.com/article/us-supreme-court-extends-title-vii-coverage-to-gay-and-transgender-employees>

<sup>iii</sup> <https://sociallogic.iath.virginia.edu/node/39>

<sup>iv</sup> <https://ottawaimpact.com/board-declares-ottawa-county-a-constitutional-county>

<sup>v</sup> [https://www.amazon.com/Return-Articles-Confederation-Rebuttal-Christian/dp/B0C7SZBQFV/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?crd=SZYTL94AEKX4&keywords=return+to+the+articles+of+confederation&qid=1687723573&sprefix=%2Caps%2C206&sr=8-1](https://www.amazon.com/Return-Articles-Confederation-Rebuttal-Christian/dp/B0C7SZBQFV/ref=sr_1_1?crd=SZYTL94AEKX4&keywords=return+to+the+articles+of+confederation&qid=1687723573&sprefix=%2Caps%2C206&sr=8-1)

<sup>vi</sup> <http://www.puritans.net/book-return-to-the-articles-of-confederation/>

<sup>vii</sup> Joshua 24:15