

What does the Bible say?

Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world."
(John 18:36)

There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. (Galatians 3:28)

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind... and your neighbor as yourself."
(Matthew 22:37-39)

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
(Matthew 5:9)



What does the United Methodist Church say?

We believe the state should not attempt to control the church, nor should the church seek to dominate the state... Separation of church and state means no organic union of the two, but it does permit interaction. (Book of Resolutions, #4100, Church-Government Relations)



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Living **FAITH** Seeking **JUSTICE** Pursuing **PEACE**

CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM

What do the facts say?

- Christian nationalism is a political ideology that seeks to merge American civic life with a particular expression of Christianity, often to the exclusion of religious minorities and non-Christians. (Baptist Joint Committee & Freedom From Religion Foundation, 2022)
- Studies show that Christian nationalism is associated with support for authoritarianism, racial hierarchy, anti-immigrant policies, and the erosion of church-state separation. (Sociologists Andrew Whitehead & Samuel Perry, 2020)
- 60% of Americans believe the U.S. should not be declared a “Christian nation,” while 67% of white evangelicals support the idea. (PRRI, 2022 American Values Survey)
- Christian nationalism was a motivating factor in the January 6, 2021, Capitol insurrection, where Christian symbols and rhetoric were used to justify violence. (U.S. House Select Committee on the January 6 Attack)



What do you say?

Take **ACTION** for justice...

- **Speak out** when Christian symbols are used to justify hate, exclusion, or violence.
- **Support** civic and religious education efforts that uphold pluralism, democracy, and the true message of the gospel.
- **Learn** more through resources like Christians Against Christian Nationalism (www.christiansagainstchristiannationalism.org).
- **Encourage** your church to affirm its commitment to the separation of church and state and the equal dignity of all people.



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