



American Family Association of Pennsylvania Weekly Update
Seeking to Expose Attacks on Faith, Family and Freedom with a few wins thrown in!

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News From Around PA

On Monday federal judges rejected the lawsuit brought by GOP congressmen who opposed the new PA Supreme Court drawn **congressional map**. On the same day the US Supreme Court issued a one-line order denying PA legislative leadership's application for an emergency stay of the congressional map.

The president of **United Lutheran Seminary** in Philadelphia has been fired. It was revealed that she had worked for five years, beginning in 1996, as director of a group that helped those who wanted to leave the homosexual or transgender lifestyles. The revelations angered students and staff and eight board members resigned.

Philadelphia City Council will investigate two faith-based foster agencies – **Catholic**

Social Services and Bethany Christian Services – because they refuse to accept same sex couples as foster parents. The city has contracted with the agencies for about 20 years and they receive an aggregate amount of about \$3 million from the city annually. Intake has been closed to both agencies pending the investigation into "illegal discrimination" based on the city's Fair Practices ordinance which contains the words "sexual orientation and gender identity."

News from National Scene

In November Alabama voters will vote on a constitutional amendment which would allow the posting of the **Ten Commandments** on state property such as schools.

The Clarifying Lawful Overseas Use of Data (CLOUD) Act

was slipped into the Omnibus 2018 bill (p. 2201). It is supported by the larger tech industry and the intelligence community, however it is opposed by multiple privacy groups which argue that giving agencies with an already formidable surveillance

apparatus increased powers could further erode the trust between people within, as well as outside of, America, and the U.S. government.

Late Friday President Trump signed an executive order that would ban most **transgender**s from serving, allowing the military to apply well-established mental and physical health standards

The American Federation of Teachers announced its support of the recently reintroduced **Student Non-Discrimination Act**. This bill

would force all schools to allow boys who think they are girls to have access to the girls' bathroom, locker and shower rooms and to allow these same individuals to play in girls' sports.

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