Welcome to the Annual Meeting
2019 – Year In Review

Orange County Chapter
Americans United for
Separation of Church and State
Meeting Agenda

- Who is Steering this Thing?
- Elections
- 2019 – Year in Review
- Financial Report
- Outreach & Social Media
- What’s Going on at AU National?
- Programs planned for 2020
Our Steering Committee

- Introduction of Steering Committee
  - Brian Hansen
  - Christine Jones
  - Dean Inada
  - Jeff Sloan
  - Lynne Riddle
  - Rhett Kuseski
Our Board

- Introduction of the Board
  - Steph Campbell
  - Jay Matchett
  - Felicity Figueroa
  - Mary Tromp
  - Mike Anderson
Chapter Election

➢ Candidates

- **New Position: Senior Vice-President:**
  Rhett Kuseski

- **President:**
  Steph Campbell

- **Vice-President, Membership:**
  Felicity Figueroa

- **Treasurer:**
  Mary Tromp

➢ Nominations from the Floor?
Year in Review: Programs

- January – Film – Coming Out Under Fire: The History of Gay Men and Women in World War II
- February – Eddie Tabash – The Supreme Court Has Finally Fallen to the Religious Right
- March – Justin Massey – Creating LGBTQ Dialogue Within Evangelical Spaces
- April – Film – TRAPPED: What Remains of a Woman’s Right to Choose – Introduced and facilitated by Lynne Riddle
Year in Review: Programs

- May – Rhett Kuseski – From Atheism to Seminary and Back Again
- June – Film – Documenting Hate – an Orange County Connection
- July – Rob Boston – Editor of Church & State - Separation of Church and State: Where We’ve Been, Where We Are and Where We’d Like to Be
- August – Film - For The Bible Tells Me So – Introduced and facilitated by film producer, Robin Voss
Year in Review: Programs

- September – Rev. Sarah Halverson-Cano – The Importance of Church/State Separation to Religion
- October – Fayaz Nawabi, Policy and Advocacy Manager, Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) – The Muslim Ban and Protecting Civil Liberties in the American Muslim Community
- November – Monica Miller – Director and Senior Counsel, American Humanist Association – The New Roberts Court: A Secular Perspective
Year in Review: Community Outreach & Social Media

- Great American Write-In
- AU was represented at Planned Parenthood Luncheons
- Speaking Outreach:
  - Orange Coast Universalist Unitarian Church’s Atheist/Humanist Group
  - Concerned Citizens at Laguna Woods
Year in Review: Community Outreach & Social Media

- We Need Help on More Ideas for Outreach!!!
- We Would Like to Have the Opportunity To Speak on Separation of Church and State to Other Groups.
- Tell Your Churches, Political Groups, Activist Groups.
AU-OC on Facebook

- Facebook: Visit us! Like us!
  
  https://www.facebook.com/pages/Americans-United-Orange-County-CA-Chapter-AU-OC/242192172475419?fref=ts
Web and Meetup

- Website:  www.au-oc.org
- Meet-up Group

http://www.meetup.com/Americans-United-For-Separation-Of-Church-State-OC/
What's Going on at AU National?

- Planning for 1st National Advocacy Summit, March 22-24. If you can be in DC, consider going to hear:
  - Jeff Sharlet – author of The Family
  - Farhana Khera – Exec. Director, Muslim Advocates
  - Hilary Shelton – Director NAACP, Washington
  - Mara Keisling – Exec. Director National Center for Transgender Equality

- For more info: [www.au.org/conference](http://www.au.org/conference)
What’s Going on at AU National?

- Continuing the fight against Project Blitz, which is a nationwide political movement to impose a narrow set of religious beliefs on our state laws and ultimately establish the U.S. as a Christian nation.
- It starts with bills which would require public schools to display “In God We Trust”
- Then they move on to mandate that public schools offer Bible classes.
What’s Going on at AU National?

- Last year, AU coordinated 43 national organizations to oppose Project Blitz
- With the Trump-Pence administration pushing out federal policies month after month that allow religious freedom to be misused to justify discrimination, we have no doubt the states will continue to follow suit.
- This is why we are defending Aimee Maddonna who South Carolina turned away from their fostering program because the family is the “wrong” religion.
What’s Going on at AU National?

- State legislatures can be unpredictable and fast moving.
- Protecting church-state separation in state capitols is vitally important because the states are the front lines in the fight to stop religious freedom from being misused to harm others.
- AU will continue to monitor legislation and actively oppose bills that would undermine religious freedom for all.
- If YOU know of bills here in California, or at the local level, please let us know so we can fight this!
2020: Program Plans

- Feb 15: Rima Nashashibi – President and Founder of Global Hope 365 will be discussing “The Abuses of Human Trafficking and Child Marriage”
- Mar 21: Tahil Sharma – Faith Outreach Manager for Brave New Films will be discussing “Pluralism, Interfaith Literacy and Social Justice”
- Apr 18: Hans Johnson will be discussing “Call to Conscience: How Religious Extremists Weaponized “Conscience” & Why Their Rule to Deny Healthcare to Women and LGBTQ People Is Backfiring”

All speakers subject to change
2020: Program Plans

- May 16: Professor Rebecca Sager – Loyola Marymount University, Chair of the Sociology Department and a fellow with the USC Center for Religion will be discussing “Church/state and growth in power of evangelicals under Trump”


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2019: July thru December

Speakers for these months are still under consideration, as well as some films including:

- A follow up on the Chino Valley Unified School District
- Rev. Dr. Terry LePage discussing the book “One Nation Under God: How Corporate America Invented Christian America,” by Kevin Kruse
- Possible Films:
  - “In God We Teach” - follows the “separation of church and state” controversy played out between a high school student and his history teacher in Kearny, NJ
  - “62 Days” - a brain-dead pregnant woman whose family was forced to keep her on life support against her wishes.
  - “The Education of Mohammad Hussein” – growing up Muslim in America
Renewals

- Just a reminder: renewals are now due in January
- Need to check your status? Just ask!
- Questions? Please see any of the Board members