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Legal Defence Fund Update, January to July 2018



Your contributions to the Legal Defence Fund in 2018 have been instrumental in allowing us to continue researching, writing, and speaking to ensure that ministries across the country are free to thrive.

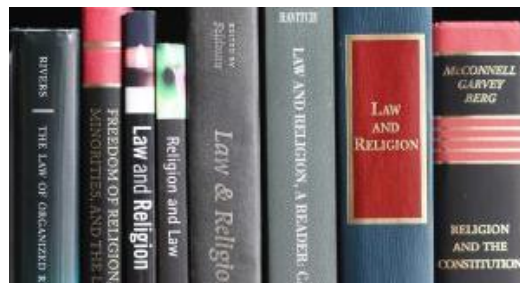
Only the Lord knows the full impact of your gifts, but we can point to the following activities as evidence of His faithful blessing and your generosity!

- Researching and writing law review articles
 - Bussey, Barry W., “The Right of Religious Hospitals to Refuse Physician-Assisted Suicide,” (2018) 85 S.C.L.R. (2d). Available at SSRN: ssrn.com/abstract=3183767
- Publishing op-ed pieces¹
 - [Canadian Lawyer Magazine](#), February 20
 - [The Province](#), March 6
 - [National Post](#), March 22
 - [iPolitics](#), April 6
 - [Convivium](#), June 22
 - [iPolitics](#), June 22
- Providing leadership in the Canada Summer Jobs issue
 - Offering guidance to our members requesting accommodation for their beliefs
 - Advocating on behalf of religious charities through letters and meetings with the Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour, and with other political leaders
 - Expressing a Christian viewpoint in the media through interviews, opinion pieces, blog posts, and video series
 - Taking a legal stand against the attestation requirement. For more details on the litigation strategy, please see [this letter](#).



¹ Article titles may have been created by the staff of the publication and not the author; titles of articles cannot always be considered representations of the author’s position or views.

- Hiring a writing assistant to work with the legal affairs team
- Publishing a [bibliography](#) with thousands of scholarly resources on law and religion
- Recording [Intersection Moments](#), videos on current events, important legal cases, and more



We Need Your Support

Your support enables us to continue to be active in seeking to maintain a favourable environment for the operation of religious charities in Canada. Our ongoing response to the Canada Summer Jobs issue depends on your support as we respond to the government's violation of religious freedom; our focus is on negotiation if possible, litigation if needed.

We covet your **prayers** for wisdom and discretion as we pursue litigation. Currently, we plan to intervene in judicial reviews filed by organizations across the country.

We are also participating in academic research and dialogue to further advance a Christian perspective and to influence policy-makers. These projects currently include articles on the Trinity Western University law school case and a forthcoming book on the advancement of religion as a charitable purpose.

- To contribute to the Legal Defence Fund, [please click here](#).
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Thank you for your continued support of the legal affairs team through 2018!

Blessings,

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