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Impact Report

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Evangelicals

Transforming Social and Civic Engagement

New Video Curriculum for Small Groups



We live in a society that is increasingly polarized and fragmented. Disagreements devoid of humility fester and become divisions; and divisions harden into hostility. It seems that we are increasingly unable to engage with those who think and believe differently from us with grace or gentleness. An “us” versus “them” mentality pervades social interactions, and as a result, we too often retreat to our “tribes,” to those who look, believe and act like us. Yet, we also long for something better.

The National Association of Evangelicals seeks to foster a Christlike way of engaging with others and with the world. Part of the NAE’s work is **transforming social and civic engagement** from a “culture war” mindset to a winsome presentation of biblical values.

The mission of the NAE is “to honor God by connecting and representing evangelical Christians.” The phrase “to honor God” should not be glossed over; it is absolutely vital! Honoring God includes a radical commitment to the dignity and worth of every human being as made in God’s image. Honoring God also includes bearing witness to Jesus Christ, the one who loved his enemies, prioritized the marginalized and suffered as one unjustly accused on our behalf.

Your faithful support enables us to advance a gospel witness marked both by deep conviction based on the authority of Scripture and by a

winsome and gracious posture toward those who do not follow Jesus.

This type of witness positions the NAE to collaborate with others toward the flourishing of all people, as outlined in our seminal publication, “For the Health of the Nation.” First published in 2004, “For the Health of the Nation” provides a biblical framework for how Christians can meaningfully engage in our common life around eight key areas of concern.

Because of your generosity and in partnership with RightNow Media, we are now able to provide the content in “For the Health of the Nation” as an 8-part video curriculum. Each teaching session (about 10-15 minutes) is complemented by a discussion guide that enables small groups to have rich conversations as they go deeper into God’s Word.

Christians will not always agree on the specifics of governance or the best roads to social transformation, but as part of holistic discipleship, we need to know how to apply biblical principles to some of the most challenging issues of our day.

Why is this important now?

Christians across the country have a unique opportunity to model a kind of engagement that looks very different from the world around them. This

video curriculum will help churches facilitate meaningful dialogue that will equip Christians to bring the light of Christ into difficult conversations.

By partnering with the NAE, you make it possible for us to produce relevant and timely resources like “For the Health of the Nation” and this new video curriculum. The impact of your generous support is seen in Christian individuals and institutions who now have a biblical framework to guide their thinking and activity in public life.

Because of you, more people are equipped to live out the command of God found in Jeremiah 29:7: “Seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.”

“**“The National Association of Evangelicals stands for biblically faithful, culturally relevant gospel witness across a healthy spectrum of Christian conviction. The advocacy positions that the NAE maintains in its beautiful statement ‘For the Health of the Nation’ serve as a reference point for evangelical institutions, with the potential to unify the evangelical church and heal our nation.”**

Philip Ryken, president of Wheaton College



Partnering in *Mental Health*

Did you know that:

- Suicide is a leading cause of death among Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders aged 10-24;
- During 2020, one in five adults experienced mental health challenges, and less than half of these individuals received care; and
- Forty percent of Americans today struggle with anxiety or depression.

Government leaders and mental health professionals are starting to realize how indispensable faith leaders are to addressing the mental health crisis. The National Association of Evangelicals was recently invited to participate in two events organized by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Gabriel Salguero, NAE board member and president of the National Latino Evangelical Coalition, spoke as a panelist on best practices in mental health, alongside other national leaders in the faith community.

Faith leaders and communities are essential to changing the stigma around mental health issues and to creating cultures of healing. With your support, the NAE is a voice for millions of evangelicals in this critical space. Partnering with civic and political leaders on some of the most pressing challenges is one of the unique ways that the NAE serves the Church.

Your generosity has made it possible for the NAE to step into this critical space with the love of Jesus and the hope of the gospel.



Thank You!

In a polarized climate fraught with so much anxiety and animosity, your partnership is making a difference as we present the radically good news of Jesus to a hurting world.

Thank you for the part you play in transforming social and civic engagement. As the Body of Christ, we need each other to make Jesus known in ways that heal wounded places and build bridges — not walls — between people.



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President

Your generous support has enabled us to:



Train Hispanic pastors and leaders of networks with the NAE Financial Health curriculum, impacting **2,000 churches** nationwide.



Provide guidance for the evangelical community through timely statements on the **crisis in Israel/Palestine** and the preservation of democracy in the United States.



Host a Washington Briefing on Capitol Hill for **80 evangelical leaders** to hear from policymakers and experts on critical issues facing our nation.



Co-sponsor a one-day seminar on **Digital Discipleship** with Matthew 5:9 Fellowship to present healthy technology practices and how to use technology to engage digital natives with the good news of Jesus Christ.



Equip **60 church leaders** in the Twin Cities of Minnesota with an in-depth analysis of our current cultural moment and guidance for how to navigate the complexity with biblical clarity and gospel charity.



Develop a racial justice assessment tool to help Christians identify areas of growth and to provide them with resources for next steps. Nearly **700 people** have already completed the assessment.



Host a special screening for **120 individuals** of ACROSS, followed by a discussion with the producers, cast and immigration experts. ACROSS is a new award-winning docuseries that shows the humanity and unwavering faith of asylum seekers.

Check out our new Racial Justice Assessment tool to help you identify opportunities for growth at [NAE.org/rjrc](https://nae.org/rjrc).

Prayer Requests

PRAY for the war-torn areas of our world, for those in leadership, for an ending of violence and meaningful steps toward lasting peace.

PRAY for many to be strengthened in their discipleship and Christian witness as a result of the “For the Health of the Nation” video curriculum.

PRAY for all those in the church, government and civil society who seek to address the mental health crisis and for robust collaboration to be effective.

PRAY that Christians would model the humility and gracious spirit of Jesus in the way they engage others about challenging issues, especially during this upcoming presidential election cycle.

PRAY for evangelical chaplains in the healthcare industry who face increasing pressure to minimize the evangelistic nature of their ministry to persevere in their calling as ministers of the gospel.