

SCRAPPING REASON *and* **TREADING** *on* RELIGIOUS FREEDOM



Trinity Lutheran Church wanted to make its preschool playground safer. So it applied to participate in **Missouri's Scrap Tire Program** to resurface the playground.

Now, **ADF is representing** Trinity Lutheran Church at the U.S. Supreme Court.



WHY?



The state denied the preschool a grant because the playground is **operated by a church.**

Missouri claimed that providing the grant would **violate the establishment clause**, by 'providing direct or indirect aid to churches'



But what exactly is ...

“DIRECT OR INDIRECT AID TO CHURCHES?”



If the city is fixing the sidewalks downtown, **should the crew be told to leave the cracks in front of the church preschool?**

If the state provides grants for asbestos removal for all old buildings, **should it be required to exclude churches?**



If thieves are burglarizing homes and business in the neighborhood, **could the police respond to a break-in at the church-run preschool?**

WHERE IS THE LINE?

Being neutral to religion **doesn't mean targeting churches and people of faith for discrimination.**

Constitutionally speaking...

Missouri's actions **violate the 1st and 14th amendments to the U.S. Constitution.**

Missouri's own constitution states that **"no preference shall be given to nor any discrimination made against any church, sect or creed of religion, or any form of religious faith or worship."**

*"The safety of children on Christian preschool playgrounds **is not less important** than the safety of children on other playgrounds."*

-David Cortman, Senior Counsel



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