



MISSION STATEMENT

Religious Alliance in Nevada (RAIN) provides a forum for cooperative effort among communities of faith in Nevada as we seek to address and advocate for social justice issues at the state legislature and in the public arena, on those issues upon which there is common agreement of RAIN members.

Membership—2005

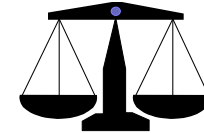
- Episcopal Diocese of Nevada
- Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Nevada (LAMN)—Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
- Nevada Catholic Conference—Roman Catholic Dioceses of Las Vegas and Reno
- Presbyterian Church (USA)—Nevada Presbytery
- United Methodist Church: Nevada Sierra District of the California – Nevada Annual Conference, and the North District of the Desert Southwest Annual Conference

PRINCIPLES GUIDING RAIN

1. We are an Alliance of Christian communities and are motivated by an understanding of our faith that requires more than a personal relationship to the divine. Justice, compassion, reconciliation, loving and serving others (especially the poor) are at the heart of God's message in the Scriptures. We engage in public advocacy, so that these principles are reflected in public policy.
2. Our special calling, manifest in the sacred writings of all major religions, is to advocate for the care of those who are least able to speak for themselves or who have the least basic necessities of life. We hear the Prophet Micah (6:8) and seek “to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.”
3. A government based on democracy must serve the common good. Our focus is primarily on the State of Nevada, and we see our duty to speak prophetically to our government, so it works for the good of all Nevadans.
4. RAIN acts on consensus and bases its positions on the religious policies and documents of its member denominations, which support RAIN with a small annual fee and the urging of their parishioners to support the concerns of RAIN.

ISSUES THAT CONCERN US

- Children and Family Issues:
 - Welfare & TANF grants
 - “Family to Family Connections”
 - Children in need of Protective Services
 - Medicaid for needy children
 - Affordable, Available, Accessible Housing for all who need it
 - Fair wages
- Criminal Justice Issues:
 - Progressive Correctional Efforts



- Fair and just sentencing
- Opposition to the Death Penalty
- Juvenile Justice—focusing on how youth in trouble are treated
- Specialty Courts (i.e. for the mentally ill and drug offenders)
- Health Care Issues:
 - Affordable and accessible health care for all
 - Support for concerns of Nevada Health Care Reform Project
 - Mental Health access to care
- Revenue Issues:
 - A fair, reliable & stable tax system
 - Sufficient revenue for social progs.
 - Economic development fair to all
- We will support:
 - Environmental protection efforts
 - Important local issues when support is needed, i.e. homelessness

**RELIGIOUS ALLIANCE IN NEVADA
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**COMMUNICATING WITH OUR
SUPPORTERS**

- After evaluating the policies of our State government and the bills before the Legislature, the RAIN Board establishes its positions according to our expressed "CONCERNS." Then we decide on the direction we should take, as well as what we might ask of our parishioners.
- We communicate this information and RAIN's efforts needing your support

on the RAIN website and in periodic bulletins and newsletters.

- In addition, we hold workshops throughout the year, which not only provide information, but offer an opportunity for input from our supporters.
- Our Legislative Forum at the start of the Legislative Session is of prime importance. It occurs the first weekend in February in odd years in Carson City. Every one of our concerns will be explored and our advocacy method will be outlined.
- During the Legislative Session, our Lobbyist will report the latest activity of the Legislature to all who are interested. For this we need your E-mail address.
- We ask that you post this information in your church, and encourage members to get involved.



**THEN WE NEED TO LET OUR
OFFICIALS KNOW OUR CONCERNS**

- You can write the Governor:

The Honorable Kenny Guinn,
Governor, State of Nevada
Executive Chamber, State Capitol

Carson City, NV 89710
Phone: (775) 684-5670

- We ask you to contact your Legislators personally:

---By Phone: 1-800-992-0973

---By mail: To your Legislator's
Attention—Nevada Legislature,
Legislative Building, Capitol
Complex, Carson City, NV 89701

---By E-mail via the legislative web
site: www.leg.state.nv.us.

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