

# Platform of the Christian Party of America

### **Preamble:**

We profess the platform of the Christian Party of America springs from Biblical teaching and the Founding Documents of this nation, the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States, including the Bill of Rights.

Our rights are given by the one true God, the Triune God of the Bible. They are, therefore, unalienable. As proclaimed in the Declaration of Independence, the sole purpose of government is to secure these rights.

We believe the issues, which currently challenge us, can be truly remedied, only, by adhering faithfully to the directions provided in the Bible and our Founding Documents.

The Christian Party of America humbly and gratefully acknowledges the bounteous blessings of God in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Who created, preserves, and governs the universe and all therein. We prayerfully seek His gracious tender mercies on behalf of these United States for the restoration and continuance of the same.

### We cite the sentiments of major figures of the Founding Generation:

"Of all the dispositions and habits, which lead to political prosperity, Religion and Morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of Patriotism, who should labor to subvert these great pillars of human happiness, these firmest props of the duties of Men and Citizens. The mere Politician, equally with the pious man, ought to respect and to cherish them. A volume could not trace all their connexions with private and public felicity. Let it simply be asked, Where is the security for property, for reputation, for life, if the sense of religious obligation desert the oaths, which are the instruments of investigation in Courts of Justice? And let us with caution indulge the supposition, that morality can be maintained without religion. Whatever may be conceded to the influence of refined education on minds of peculiar structure, reason and experience both forbid us to expect, that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle." -- George Washington

"One of the beautiful boasts of our municipal jurisprudence is that Christianity is a part of the Common Law. There never has been a period in which the Common Law did not recognize Christianity as lying at its foundations." -- **Joseph Story** 

"Republics are created by the virtue, public spirit, and intelligence of the citizens. They fall, when the wise are banished from the public councils, because they dare to be honest, and the profligate are rewarded, because they flatter the people, in order to betray them."

Joseph Story

"Nothing is more certain than that a general profligacy and corruption of manners make a people ripe for destruction. A good form of government may hold the rotten materials together for some time, but beyond a certain pitch, even the best constitution will be ineffectual, and slavery must ensue." -- **John Witherspoon** 

"To the kindly influence of Christianity we owe that degree of civil freedom and political and social happiness which mankind now enjoys. All efforts made to destroy the foundations of our Holy Religion ultimately tend to the subversion also of our political freedom and happiness. In proportion as the genuine effects of Christianity are diminished in any nation... in the same proportion will the people of that nation recede from the blessings of genuine freedom... Whenever the pillars of Christianity shall be overthrown, our present republican forms of government – and all the blessings which flow from them – must fall with them." -- Jedidiah Morse

"Providence has given to our people the choice of their rulers, and it is the duty, as well as the privilege and interest of our Christian nation to select and prefer Christians for their rulers." **John Jay** 

"Whether our religion permits Christians to vote for infidel rulers is a question which merits more consideration than it seems yet to have generally received either from the clergy or the laity. It appears to me that what the prophet said to Jehoshaphat about his attachment to Ahab ["Shouldest thou help the ungodly and love them that hate the Lord?" 2 Chronicles 19:2] affords a salutary lesson." -- John Jay

"No people will tamely surrender their Liberties, nor can any be easily subdued, when knowledge is diffused and Virtue is preserved. On the Contrary, when People are universally ignorant, and debauched in their Manners, they will sink under their own weight without the Aid of foreign Invaders." -- Samuel Adams

"Pure democracy, like pure rum, easily produces intoxication and with it a thousand pranks and fooleries. I do not expect mankind will, before the millennium, be what they ought to be and therefore, in my opinion, every political theory which does not regard them as being what they are, will prove abortive. Yet I wish to see all unjust and unnecessary discriminations everywhere abolished, and that the time may come when all our inhabitants of every color and discrimination shall be free and equal partakers of our political liberties." John Jay

Moreover, we, also, concur with these convictions that were commonly held in the youth of our nation:

"The real object of the First Amendment was not to countenance, much less to advance Mohammedanism, or Judaism, or infidelity, by prostrating Christianity, but to exclude all rivalry among Christian sects [denominations] and to prevent any national ecclesiastical patronage of the national government." J. Story, III

"We are not to attribute this prohibition of a national religious establishment [in the First Amendment] to an indifference to religion in general, and especially to Christianity (which none could hold in more reverence than the framers of the Constitution) At the time of the adoption of the Constitution, and of the amendment to it, now under consideration [i.e., the First Amendment], the general, if not the universal sentiment in America was, that Christianity ought to receive encouragement from the state, so far as was not incompatible with the private rights of conscience, and the freedom of religious worship. Any attempt to level all religions, and to make it a matter of state policy to hold all in utter indifference, would have created universal disapprobation, if not universal indignation." [Commentaries on the Constitution of the United States]

The Constitution rightly forbids any religious test as legal qualification for public office. However, the right of private, voluntary organizations, including the Christian Party of America, to present candidates of their own choosing and according to their own standards is not prohibited by this requirement.

The Constitution of the United States is the supreme contract of civil governance engaged between the several States *in concert* -- representing their respective citizens -- and the Federal Government, which the former – *and greater* -- created to serve the appropriate interests of the People, that is the citizens. This contract both created and defined the structure and limitations of the Federal Government of these United States. All extensions of the Federal Government beyond these bounds are unlawful and are breaches of this foundational contract. Also, these violations should be corrected and punished by the faithful public representatives of the People of the several States *with all dispatch*. Moreover, neither the States nor the People bear legal (including, financial) responsibility for unconstitutional overreaches of the Federal Government.

We affirm the inherent individual rights of all citizens of these United States, as well as the rights of individual States, such as existed at the beginning of this representative Constitutional Republic, both of which are protected in the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights.

Based upon the aforementioned and in keeping with the full body of our core values, we, the Christian Party of America take the following stands:

## **Sanctity of Life:**

Human life is a gift from God. Indeed, God originally created man in His own Image. We, therefore, support the protection of all innocent human life, both born and unborn. All human beings are "persons", without regard to age, level of development, sex, ethnicity, creed, national origin, or any other earthly condition of life -- from the point of fertilization. No animal, corporation, or other entity not specifically mentioned in this section possesses "personhood" nor should any such be considered as a legal "person" under law.

Our position concerning the sanctity of life does not contradict the fact that we support the death penalty for capital crimes. Neither does our support of the employment of deadly force in the pursuit of national defense, self-defense, or the defense of other innocent persons involve any contradiction. Nevertheless, *under just law* no person should be deprived of his/her life without "due process" of law. Moreover, unborn human beings do not commit capital crimes; therefore, abortion for any purported "cause" is unjustified and is, in fact, murder. Finally, consistent with our 100% pro-life stance, we totally oppose all abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, and every other practice that targets innocent human life with death.

## Concerning Sexuality, Marriage, and Normalcy:

Persons must hold to the truth that God (that is the One True God, Who is the God of the Bible, and Who is known only in and through the Lord Jesus Christ) created all things, and that He instituted the parameters for all rectitude, including those covering human rights and normalcy. Any and every person who does not firmly hold to this belief, will not be considered for "Full Membership" in the Christian Party of America or any of its affiliates.

This requirement includes, but is not limited to: (1) believing that God created sexuality and endorsed as legitimate only heterosexual behavior; (2) believing that He mandated that all human sexual acts be confined to monogamous marriage; (3) believing that He established that any and every marriage consists only of one man and one woman, a husband and his wife; (4) believing that marriage is intended to last for as long as the two shall both continue to live in this earthly walk; and (5) believing that all these requirements shall be fully in force until sex and marriage in this earthly life end at the advent of eternity future.

#### Liberty:

The God acknowledged by the vast majority of the Founding Generation of the United States of America (as with

Colonial America) and by the overwhelming majority of the actual Founders, themselves, is the God of the Bible – both

Old and New Testaments – that is the One True God. Fallen, sinful human beings can approach Him for salvation, only, in the Name of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ of Nazareth. God, the Author and Provider of true liberty (2 Corinthians 4:17), is, in fact, the Giver of every good gift and every perfect gift (James 1:17). Therefore, He has laid out the scope and nature of human rights and liberties.

It should be noted, as the supreme example, that in eternity God will condemn all who reject Christ, God's one Provision for salvation. Thus, "opportunities" afforded (such as, to reject the Savior) during one's earthly walk should not be confused with "liberties", which involve no reprisal from the Almighty.

Further, human beings and institutions do not possess the authority to change the legitimate nature of God-given human rights/liberties (that is, the condition of not needing to ask permission to do whatever act).

The United States Constitution does not create rights for persons, but rather, protects by national covenant (that is, compact or contract) the pre-existent, God-given individual rights and liberties of the citizens of the several States of the United States of America from assaults and encroachments upon the same, whether from domestic or foreign sources or a combination of both. The States on behalf of their citizens created the Federal Government (and the Federal Union) and the U.S. Constitution (the contract to limit strictly the Federal Government's power) to serve their interests, granting the Federal government, only, explicitly limited, delegated powers. The fact that the States created the Federal Government admits of the fact that the greater created the lesser. Therefore, the lesser must submit to the will of the People and the States representing their interests, according to the national covenant. Thus, the individual liberties and rights of the citizens are not subject to the authority of the Federal government nor to their being interpreted by the same apart from the exact, stated provisions of the U.S. Constitution, including the Bill of Rights.

The nature and scope of God-given blessings, whether human rights and liberties, human normalcy, marriage, or any other God-instituted situation must be exactly preserved and fully honored according to His will. Such blessings must, never, be rejected or perverted. The extent and character of human rights and liberties (as with these other institutions) are precisely what God set them forth to be -- nothing else. Finally, God instituted civil government to honor Himself and for the good of human society. Therefore, we will have no king, but King Jesus, and we will countenance no other form of government for our nation, but a constitutional, republican form that is in harmony with Scriptural teaching. (See 1 Samuel 8:6-20 for a warning against rebelling against God's way.)

### **Property:**

While *ultimately* God, the Creator, owns all things (Genesis 1; Psalm 24:1-2), the right for human beings to "own" private property – that is, to possess and steward it for God -- is found in the Bible (Genesis 2; 12:7; 13:9; 15:18-21; Deuteronomy 26:2; Proverbs 23:9-10; Jeremiah 332; etc.) and is a foundational aspect of our national heritage. God's Word provides for human government, though in its set and designed proper place, *only*. The Bible does not authorize civil government to separate *without just cause* God's crowning creation, humanity, from the life-friendly environment into which God placed humankind and for whom it was designed. "Just cause" does not include the whims or untoward desires and plans of overreaching persons, regardless of position in society.

The legitimate scope of public property, as well as government "taking" of private property for public use, is quite limited and must be thoroughly justified whenever exercised (as in the Constitutional provision for the District of Columbia as the seat of the United States' Federal Government). The vast majority of land should be held and freely used by individual, private citizens of the country. The indiscriminate commandeering or assumption of private property by

government at any level – with or without "due" compensation -- is immoral and tyrannical, and should be illegal. Such overreaches

violate Biblical teaching (1 Kings 21) and the heritage passed down to us by our nation's Founders. Moreover,

the fact that much of our country has been taken over and continues to be stolen by local, state, or Federal government – or, worse, handed over to the United Nations or other international organizations, not to mention profit-making entities – demonstrates the need and moral imperative that these lands be returned to the American people. The lands that were private lands should be returned to their rightful owners. American public treasures, such as National parks, should be returned to the American people. Renegade governmental entities have no authority to give away or sell American territory to foreign, international, commercial, or non-profit interests. This land belongs to the free citizens of these sovereign United States of America.

Since the United States of America was founded as a free, representative, Constitutional Republic, all forms of collectivism and every other form of tyranny must be thoroughly rejected, both in principle and in practice. Therefore, all combinations and/or confusions of property and/or domain, between the public and private sectors must be eliminated and prohibited. A current example of such violations is the corporatist (i.e., fascist) contrivance known as public/private partnerships, which are, also, called PPP's and P3's.

The rights of every private American citizen to own and fully use his/her personal (private) property -- whether land or otherwise, whether residential or otherwise – as he/she sees fit should not be infringed by the government. Rather, these rights should be strictly protected by law and carefully guarded in practice.

### **National Sovereignty:**

Full national sovereignty for these United States of America is absolutely imperative. No surrender, compromise, or debate upon this matter is acceptable. All acts of surrendering U.S. sovereignty by the supposedly representative government functionaries in Washington, D.C. and elsewhere are unconstitutional, and, as such, are illegal. They must, therefore, be totally repealed and reversed. This reclamation of our national sovereignty covers all relevant areas, including, but not limited to, governmental (federal, state, and local), political, economic, geographic, social, cultural, and (with respect to the guarantee and defense of our personal, individual liberties, rights, and immunities) individual sovereignty. Also, American involvement in international affairs must be limited to and guided by the legitimate, Constitutional interests of this Republic. No foreign or international entity shall hold any authority over the citizens or lands within these United States of America. Further, given the blessed fact that the Nation's Founders gave us a Republic, not an empire or any other oppressive form of government, the Federal Government must be returned to and limited to its actual Constitutional boundaries, including the separation of powers and checks and balances between the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial branches of the Government. Finally, we reject all treaties, alliances, agreements, etc., that violate the U.S. Constitution, our national sovereignty, and/or our sovereign national interests.

## **Immigration:**

All immigration law and policy must be fashioned and enforced in keeping with actual Constitutional law and for the benefit of our sovereign nation and its citizens. This being the case, the following actions must be taken:

- 1. Enforce all actual existing laws concerning our borders and illegal immigration.
- 2. End and reverse implementation of "anchor baby" citizenship and "chain immigration", which are promoted by an obvious mishandling and perversion of the Fourteenth Amendment.
- 3. End all government assistance benefits and government imposed mandates for all illegal aliens, whether concerning education, food, clothing, lodging, medical treatment, employment, unemployment, business loans or subsidies, retirement, etc.
- 4. Prefer applications for residency and citizenship from applicants who are citizens (at the time of application) of nations that, in general, share our national values. Also, all qualified applicants must manifest high level competencies in areas beneficial to our nation and its citizens, in general. Individuals holding ideologies (such as, but not limited to, communism or *shariah*), which are hostile to the U.S. Constitution and American traditions, shall not be granted entrance, residency, or citizenship. Except for religious and/or political dissidents/refugees, persons from nations holding hostile ideologies (such as, but not limited to, communism or *shariah*) and/or engaging in official actions contrary to the Founding values of these United States of America shall be forbidden entrance into our country and shall not be granted residency and/or citizenship.
- 5. Foreign nationals and their accomplices, who seek to undermine our American Constitutional republican form of government, are liable to be tried and punished for sedition.
- 6. Stop granting new work visas (such as L-1 and H1-B visas), which negatively affect the American workforce. Also, carefully and consistently regulate and review "green card" holders.
- 7. Enact a five-year moratorium on all immigration. At the end of five years reconfigure immigration policy to permit no more than 100,000 legal immigrants per year, save for the allowance of actual religious and/or political dissidents, who pose no threat to our country or its traditional values.
- 8. Outlaw "sanctuary cities" and all other safe havens for illegal aliens. Also, suspend the business license of any and every employer that is proven to have knowingly employed one or more illegal aliens.
- 9. Illegal aliens who commit further felonies while in our country shall be treated as non-uniformed, hostile invaders and, as such, upon capture shall be treated under the legal provisions pertaining to spies and/or infiltrators, as well as the other criminal statutes that pertain.

- 10. All resident aliens, who may be demonstrated to represent a threat to the citizens, laws, traditions, and/or tranquility of this nation however great or small shall be detained and interrogated. If the person(s) has committed one or more crimes, they shall be prosecuted as indicated in Point #9. If not, the person(s) shall be immediately deported to the home country(ies).
- 11. Illegal immigrants, regardless of time of presence in this country, shall be required to leave this country within two months of a general notification that the current laws shall be enforced. (See Point #1.) Failure to comply and/or subsequent return shall be treated as felonies. (See Points #1 and #9.)
- 12. Illegal aliens shall not have the legal standing to protest or to sue, receive civil relief, or have a contract(s) enforced against the citizens or to engage in such within the territorial control of the United States of America.

### **Economy:**

The primary cause of our country's current woes is fundamentally spiritual, not economic. Even so, national economic policy should reflect certain sound, ethical principles, the same being embraced and exercised consistently by civil government under our Constitution. Among these principles are the following:

- 1. Anything that is not clearly permitted to the Federal Government or one of its branches in the "enumerated powers" of the Constitution is totally off-limits to the Federal Government. The broad "general interests" of the America people, within the limits of the US Constitution, is required for all actions of the Federal Government. Special interests and their lobbies do not meet this requirement.
- 2. All unconstitutional actions and their results must be reversed with all dispatch. This includes, presenting two examples: (1) repeal the Federal Reserve Act and end the insidious Federal Reserve System; and (2) return our currency system to sound, properly backed money. (Note: The privately-owned FED should be thoroughly audited and, then, abolished. All appropriate legal actions, whether civil or criminal, should be thoroughly pursued.) Also, all provisions registered under the various titles of the U.S. Code must be carefully reviewed and unconstitutional provisions must be repealed. In addition, any existing legislation, which infringes upon the Constitutionally-guaranteed, God-given rights of the citizens of our country, must be repealed with all dispatch as soon as its true unconstitutional nature is determined. (Note: The unreliable and inconsistent opinions of the SCOTUS and lesser Federal courts shall not govern this procedure.)
- 3. Civil government is not a charitable organization. Proper charitable action is a key component of a moral and highly developed society, but it is not within the legitimate domain of civil government. Both in principle and in action, the coercion of "charity" from productive taxpayers -- which is exacted and, then, distributed by self-serving, influence-buying government officeholders, giving the "legally" stolen wealth to others (quid pro quo) and themselves -- is, in

its essence, oppressive and, as such, evil. Moreover, employing such a policy is a standard technique used by power-hungry collectivists and others opposed to individual liberty. Their primary purpose in this course of action is the gradual degrading and transforming a free society into a servile society, in which one or a few persons – themselves -- rule over everyone else. Welfare, corporate welfare, etc., whether at home or abroad, must cease altogether.

#### **Domestic**

4. Taxation and regulation must be dramatically reduced. This not only allows greater economic growth, it restores lost freedom to the citizens. The Federal Income Tax and the Sixteenth Amendment must be repealed, and the Internal Revenue Service (and its code) abolished. So-called "transaction taxes" must be rejected, because of their intrusive nature. Value added taxes (VATs) must be rejected, because they would cause consumer prices to skyrocket and would cripple small business and their innovation, as well as the jobs, that they bring to our economy. Tax options for funding the legitimate costs of the Federal Government should include tariffs. The Founders understood the wisdom in this approach, because contrary to contemporary rhetoric, a tariff is not "just another tax". It is different because it is truly voluntary. A person, only, pays a tariff if he/she chooses to purchase an imported, foreign product rather than a domestic product. Other tax options, if needed, must comport with Point # 9 in "Principles of the Christian Party of America".

All other unconstitutional bureaucratic agencies and budgets must be eliminated with all dispatch.

5. The Federal budget must be balanced and all unconstitutionally-created debts must be "written off", given their illegality. Only those in the Federal Government, who have breached the National Contract and, in so doing, violated their oath of office, should bear any responsibility for these illicit matters. All appropriate legal actions, whether civil or criminal, should be thoroughly pursued.

### **International**

- 6. We must withdraw as quickly as possible and by whatever means necessary from all unconstitutional (and other harmful) associations, treaties, agreements, and policies, that do not benefit the American people and their standard-of-living. Protective tariffs and other measures should be employed to help protect our nation's sovereignty, our nation's economic stability, and the prosperity of our people.
- 7. While as a world power we have many international concerns, "internationalism" in the sense of "interventionism", should not be our policy with respect to foreign affairs. Interventionism has proven, over time, to be inconsistent, clumsy, and wasteful of our national wealth. Also, it has, often, proven costly in terms of innocent human lives. Frequently, interventionism has been employed to make bad situations worse. Undermining the late Shah of Iran, bombing Serbia in order to curry favor with Islamic militants, and repeatedly promoting idiotic "land for peace" proposals against the sovereign interests of our ally, Israel, (and

otherwise interfering in Israel's internal affairs) are but a few of the many clear examples of this fact. There are no truly legitimate counter-examples, which support a policy of interventionalism. If we expect other nations to stay out of our internal affairs, we should do them the same courtesy. The Christian Party of America stands for the Republic, not an empire.

- 8. Foreign Aid is unconstitutional. Also, the attempt to "buy friends" by means of so-called "dollar diplomacy" has, on balance, been a costly boundoggle. As with as all policy actions, Federal Government spending of money abroad (as at home) must clearly represent the legitimate national and Constitutional interests of these United States of America and the citizens thereof.
- 9. It must be acknowledged that both the "insourcing" of unreconstructed foreigners and foreign entities, and the "outsourcing" of America's infrastructure and assets are destroying the independence of the Republic, as well as the freedom and prosperity of its citizens.

  Moreover, this destruction is not inevitable nor is it, merely, incidental. These governmentenabled activities are parts of an irrefutably exposed, long-term plan of the globalist power elites, who control the major political parties, the major media, the large investment banks (and the FED), and most of the corporate power in this country. The actual reason that the Democrats and Republicans firmly resist the will of the vast majority of Americans concerning such issues as outsourcing of manufacturing, "free" trade, open borders, and the presence of millions of illegal aliens in our country, that is to eliminate these assaults, is these two parties (and the big media) serve the interests of their globalist bosses, not legitimate American interests. Obviously, the Globalist-Collectivist Democratic leadership seeks to bring down the United States of America. However, the Globalist-Collectivist Republican leadership does, too. These people serve, for the most part, the same overlords.
- 10. Any and all business activities that are not placed under Federal jurisdiction in unambiguous terms by the "enumerated powers" provision of the U.S. Constitution are not subject to Federal Government involvement.

### The Rule of Law and the Limits on Government Power and Scope:

Our rights are given by God; they do not come from the Government or, even, the Constitution. Humankind and organizations composed of members of this fallen race lack the just authority to grant *actual* rights. Concerning "We the People" the Constitution is, only, intended to protect our rights as citizens from governmental overreaches and foreign attacks. Also, our God-given rights are unalienable. The limits on Federal Government power are "enumerated" in the U.S. Constitution, itself. Opinions concerning the Constitution (which would in self-serving fashion expand the powers of Federal employees, including those of employees on the Supreme Court and lesser Federal courts) do not equal *actual* Constitutional law. Also, when "We the People" observe any governmental overreach, we are justified in reversing such a violation by whatever means necessary and appropriate to the situation. Moreover, government at all levels should be truly Constitutional and strictly limited, according to the principles of "strict construction" and "original intent".

It is beyond all reasonable doubt that the current Federal Government seeks to rule over us – and that, oppressively – and to subject us to alien authority, rather that serve us, as *actual* Constitutional law requires. The free and sovereign citizens of these United States must totally defeat all such tyrannical impulses. Neither the Federal Government nor any foreign government nor any international organization nor any private interest – whether one or more, whether in full or in part -- nor any agent thereof possess the lawful authority to "infringe" on any of our Constitutionally-protected rights in any area, manner, or degree. This fact precludes all government regulation of or otherwise tampering with our God-given, Constitutionally-guaranteed rights. Also, the Government cannot extend the citizen's Constitutional rights to non-citizens nor arbitrarily extend citizenship to non-citizens. The Federal Government's only authority with respect to our rights is to fully honor, protect, and preserve them, according to the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights. All other actions by those serving in the Federal Government are both breaches of our National Contract and crimes against the citizens of this nation.

The Founders, representing the several States, gave us a compound Republic composed of these free, independent, and sovereign constituent republics, that is, the States. In ratifying the U.S. Constitution, the States, on behalf of their self-governing citizens, gave birth to the existing Federal Government in its original form and composition, as well as strictly defined its powers. ((It should, again, be noted: the greater creates the lesser, not the reverse.) Of course, more of these republics (States) have been added to the Federal Union since that time. The original States exercised their right to *secede* from the State of Great Britain (*The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America*, July 4, 1776, properly termed the *Declaration of Independence*). All States retain their sovereign right to secede – *and that peaceably* – from the voluntary Federal Union. Moreover, an "American Empire" (or "Emperor") is unacceptable and must be utterly rejected. Further, home rule, as well as the sovereignty and rights of the States, must be restored and respected.

Whenever the Federal Government breaches the National Contract, it is incumbent upon the People and the States, *in concert*, to rectify such violations and, thus, be "made whole". The States on behalf of the People may, as seems appropriate, implement nullification, interposition, secession, or any other applicable instrument for the redress of grievances and the securing of the People's rights. States or citizens who shirk this responsibility do not deserve the protections granted them under the Constitution and Bill of Rights.

Our Republic was founded upon the beliefs that: (1) the written law is the law of the land; (2) it applies equally to all; and (3) no one can stand above the law. As Samuel Rutherford put it, "Lex Rex", that is, "The Law is King". All individuals and other entities, whether in government or not, must be brought equally under the just "rule of law". Given the current state of affairs in America with respect to this matter, our nation stands in absolute need of God's gracious intervention. Therefore, all our efforts at national restoration must begin and end by seeking His favor.

Essential to the restoration of the Republic is the repeal of both the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Amendments (even, if one supposes that they were, ever, legitimately ratified by the requisite number of States in the first place). Repeal of the former would end direct access by the

international, privately owned and operated central bank, the Federal Reserve System, to the wealth and work product of the citizens. Also, the Internal Revenue Service, which serves as the heavy-handed "collection agency" for the FED must be closed down along with the central bank, after a thorough audit of both. Repeal of the latter Amendment will encourage the return of the allegiance of senators to their various States and will discourage these "Beltway barons" current tendencies toward internationalist betrayal and the concentration of centralized power.

## Military:

*Whereas* there has been a continuing and increasing misuse and abuse of the American Military as an organization and institution, as well of American Military service personnel and veterans, personally,

*Be it resolved: Posse comitatus* must be restored and the Military Commissions Act repealed. Our Military must be kept clearly separate from law enforcement agencies and away from law enforcement activities. The US Military is not designed for conducting law enforcement. Historically, use of military forces in civilian law enforcement, crowd control, etc., has obtained bad results, including oppression of national populations.

The US Military must not be deployed for unconstitutional purposes. Therefore, wars must be clearly and appropriately approved and declared, according to the appropriate provisions of the US Constitution.

One further consideration should be made. That is, in order to comply with Constitutional provisions, a Constitutional amendment should be passed which establishes a "Department of the Air Force" as a separate entity on an equal footing with the Department of the Army and the Department of the Navy in the Constitution's language. Similar considerations may be made concerning the Marine Corps and the Coast Guard (which is current under the Department of the Interior).

The US Military must be supported and strengthened to the end that they obtain maximum capability and readiness for servicing legitimate American interests around the world. This includes, but is not limited to, the elimination of political-correctness (such as placing women in combat roles alongside men) and so-called Affirmative Action (such as setting aside promotions based on ethnicity or sex, rather than merit alone), as well as the full and judicious funding and allocation of funds to the Military's actual needs.

The pay scale and benefits packages of military personnel should reflect the great service that these wonderful people provide this grateful nation. Also, veterans, upon separation from active service, must be provided full assistance to make the transition into civilian life successful. Disabled veterans, especially, should be provided with the very best of ongoing medical care and other assistance for as long as it is needed.

### **Bureaucracy:**

Whereas government bureaus and bureaucrats have proliferated, especially since the 1930s, and these agencies and their agents have assumed, often unconstitutionally, more and greater authority, regularly oppressing law-abiding citizens and, moreover, certain of these entities have been "weaponized", both literally and figuratively speaking, and some have been deployed by political office-holders against law-abiding citizens, who merely exercised their Constitutional rights, for the purpose of suppressing those who oppose the political office-holders and, often, special interests that support their political bids;

Be it resolved: government bureaucracies at the Federal (as well as State and Local) levels must be prudently rolled back and restricted in terms of numbers, domains, and authority. Further, all civilian bureaucracies must be demilitarized and only actual, legitimate Federal law enforcement agencies must be permitted to engage in Federal law enforcement. Even legitimate regulatory agencies must be forbidden to employ armed agents to impose their will on the public. All unconstitutional and other dubious bureaucracies, including, but not limited to, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Bureau of Land Management, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Department of Homeland Security the Department of Education, and the Department of Energy must be eliminated, along with their mandates -- both funded and unfunded -- to State and Local governments.

Also, intelligence and other agencies, including, but not limited, to the National Security Administration, the Central Intelligence Agency, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Internal Revenue Service must be forbidden to make mass surveillance sweeps of the bulk of the American citizenry and must not be permitted to share collected information in violation of the Constitution. Along with this, FISA Courts must be investigated and reviewed on a regular basis and the USA Patriot Act must be repealed. (See: the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 -- "FISA" Pub. L. 95–511, 92 Stat. 1783, 50 U.S.C. Ch. 36)

Further, the unconstitutional and non-governmental Federal Reserve System must be audited and, then, ended. Its authority must be returned to the Treasury Department and the People's representatives. Its ill-gotten assets must be confiscated and employed to pay off all legitimate debts of the Federal Government. Any remaining funds should be held for paying future legitimate bills of the Federal Government.

#### Healthcare:

*Whereas* the US Constitution does not permit Federal Government involvement in private sector healthcare delivery and whereas its illegal intrusions into private sector healthcare delivery have been, at best, inefficient fiscal boondoggles; and whereas we reject any and all forms of nationalized healthcare;

*Be it resolved* the misnamed Affordable Care Act or Obamacare must be totally repealed and insurance coverage barriers between the various states must be removed.

#### **Governmental Reform:**

All branches of government at all levels are in dire need of thoroughgoing reform. However, at the Federal level Congressional reform is the most immediate step to take, given Congress' powers to legislate, tax, spend, declare war, oversee bureaucratic agencies, etc. Also, it should be noted that, except for the Supreme Court, all other Federal courts (where most Federal judicial decisions are finalized) are under the authority of the Congress. Further, the Congress has the power to remove public officials, including the President, who are guilty of malfeasance, by means of impeachment. There can be little doubt that Constitutionally-faithful super majorities in both Houses of Congress would greatly expedite recovery from the present national malaise. Unfortunately, neither the Democratic Party nor the Republican Party, notwithstanding their empty rhetoric, will, ever again, be strongly committed to the Constitution. They are terminally sold out to globalism, as well as various forms of statism, collectivism, and power procurement. They cannot be redeemed, now or ever. This fact directs us elsewhere for the remedy – a remedy which does exist—that is, the Christian Party of America.

- 1. Apply all laws directly and fully upon all members of the Federal Government, whether elected, appointed, or otherwise hired. There must be no exceptions.
- 2. Election Reform (partly Federal, partly state level, partly local) is essential.
- 3. Ballot Access Reform, while largely a state level matter, must be promoted at all levels and in each branch of government.
- 4. Insofar as the US Constitution permits, term limits should be established at all levels. The Constitution requires that most term limitation occur at the state and local levels. However, wise voting for properly-vetted, good candidates is the primary solution for bad government. The Christian Party is solemnly committed to fielding *only* superior candidates.
- 5. Interposition and Nullification (by the States) must be consistently employed where appropriate.
- 6. Whether or not one believes that it was actually ratified, the so-called "missing" (the original) Thirteenth Amendment (Titles of Nobility Amendment or TONA) should be made (or restored as) the law of the land. The original text of this Amendment reads:

"If any citizen of the United States shall accept, claim, receive, or retain any title of nobility or honour, or shall without the consent of Congress, accept and retain any present, pension, office, or emolument of any kind whatever, from any emperor, king, prince, or foreign power, such person shall cease to be a citizen of the United States, and shall be incapable of holding any office of trust or profit under them, or either of them."

The prohibitions covered in this Amendment would inhibit divided loyalties among all citizens and forbid unequal treatment under the law (including for those in government, as cited in Point#

1), because this Amendment "has teeth". For example, Barack Hussein Obama, Jr. – or whatever his true name is -- even if he were at any time a true citizen by any means, would absolutely have had his alleged "citizenship" automatically removed – with all authority, position, and other benefits contingent upon U.S. citizenship -- at the time that he accepted the Chairmanship for the United Nations Security Council in 2009.

Notes: (1) Since current American attorneys are overwhelmingly licensed under domestic authority and are members of the American Bar Association, and, thus, are not licensed to serve under the British crown, they face no problem with this Amendment. (2) The spelling of the word "honour" should be updated to "honor" with the original meaning retained. That is to say, no "honor" or superior status should be accorded to any citizen regardless of position, whether he/she is in governmental office or not.

- 7. Personal reclamation of all individual rights by the citizens and reassertion of all States' Rights is imperative. As has been well-stated, the Constitution was intended to limit the Federal Government, not the States or the People of the several States. Therefore, the Federal Government has no authority to impose dubious regulations on the States or to regulate the Bill of Rights, which guarantees the God-given rights of the individual citizens. Moreover, the fact that neither civil government nor humankind in any way has the legitimate right before God to give rights or to regulate them, cannot be overstated.
- 8. Jury nullification must be wisely exercised by Constitutionally-informed citizens, in order for justice to return to the courts and liberty to be restored to these United States.

## **Character (Requisite for Proper Public Service/Leadership):**

The quality of a public official's personal character *does* matter. The ill-conceived "bad man, but good leader" notion, which has often been posited in recent years, is seriously flawed (and, at times, has proven to be fatal). Obviously, sinless perfection is not the standard, because if it were no candidate for political office would qualify. Also, no one should be subjected to prying, "fishing expeditions", "trips down memory lane", etc. Neither should a candidate or his/her family be expected to endure intrusive interrogations or scurrilous attacks based on false, questionable, or irrelevant matters. Clearly, the current press and political establishment should heed such instructions as those of Proverbs 12:17-22, 14:5, and 16:27-29. The goals of the Christian Party (and its supporters) in these matters include credibility, reliability, decency, and propriety, in stark contrast to the dishonesty, corruption (even, treason), salaciousness, and so forth that characterize so much of the aforementioned "establishment".

Nevertheless, the personal character of anyone in the public trust must be of generally high quality and such a person must be willing and able to live up to a higher standard of overall conduct than the average citizen, and that, according to our traditional Judeo-Christian standard. Moreover, his/her integrity and commitment to the core values of the Christian Party must be "rock solid". Thus, candidates vetted and presented by the Christian Party are the best choices for public service in our country.

This platform of the Christian Party of America was ratified this  $23^{rd}$  day of April, 2016 in convention by teleconference in accordance with CPA Bylaws.