

Religious Leaders Condemn Misrepresentations of President's Faith

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A group of Christian leaders, including Orange, California's Bishop Tod Brown, have issued a public letter decrying the efforts to misrepresent the President's faith. Actually, they go further, noting, correctly that "the personal faith of our leaders should not be up for debate."

The full text of the letter reads as follows:

As Christian leaders whose primary responsibility is sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with our congregations, our communities, and our world we are deeply troubled by the recent questioning of President Obama's faith. We understand that these are contentious times, but the personal faith of our leaders should not be up for public debate.

President Obama has been unwavering in confessing Christ as Lord and has spoken often about the importance of his Christian faith. Many of the signees on this letter have prayed and worshipped with this President. We believe that questioning, and especially misrepresenting, the faith of a confessing believer goes too far. This is not a political issue. The signers of this letter come from different political and ideological backgrounds, but we are unified in our belief in Jesus Christ. As Christian pastors and leaders, we believe that fellow Christians need to be an encouragement to those who call Christ their savior, not question the veracity of their faith.

Therefore, we urge public officials, faith leaders, and the media to offer no further support or airtime to those who misrepresent and call into question the President's Christian faith. And we join with the President in praying that God will continue to bless the United States of America.

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