

# Post-RFRA, Can Indiana Show It Welcomes All?

TODAY'S PANEL: Wednesday, June 3, 2015

What happened in Indiana when the General Assembly passed and then “fixed” RFRA? How can Indiana show that the state and its people welcome all? Should legislators make LGBT Hoosiers a protected class against discrimination under state and local laws? Five years from now, will we still be debating whether gay and transgender rights are at odds with religious liberty?

The ACLU's view is that religious freedom is one of our founding principles as a nation. It is a constitutional right that we support and defend. As Americans, we are strong because we embrace many faiths and protect every individual's right to worship. Faith, however, is not a weapon. It is a thread that weaves together the diverse fabric of our state and nation.

Today we will hear various viewpoints on the balance between rights and liberties guaranteed by the Constitution, and we also hope to hear from our audience. Through discussion, perhaps we can better understand not only where we are, but whether there is a way forward that shows the fairness and hospitality that characterize us as Hoosiers. We hope you will join in our discussion today and follow the topic on Twitter @acluindiana #FirstWednesdays. Thank you so much for joining us!

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**Moderator: Max Jones** is editor of The Terre Haute Tribune-Star, where he has worked since 1985. Prior to becoming editor in 2000, he was editorial page editor for a decade, and bistate editor. From 1975 to 1985 he served as editor of The Sullivan Daily Times. He earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from Indiana University in 1974. Jones is president of the Indiana Debate Commission and a member of the Hoosier State Press Association, which honored him with a Distinguished Service Award in 2012. In April, the Indiana Associated Press Media Editors awarded him second place in editorial writing for “It's Time to End Divisive Battle.” Jones also belongs to The Friends of Ernie Pyle and Associated Press Managing Editors, and is a longtime member of the Student Publications Board at Indiana State University. Follow him on Twitter @TribStarMax.

**Jeff Lorick** is Executive Director of the Terre Haute Human Relations Commission, where he has worked since 2007 to help lead Terre Haute into building an inclusive community. He was instrumental in updating the HUD guidelines regarding discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and works to help landlords understand the Fair Housing Act and their duty to provide reasonable accommodations to people with disabilities and companion animals. He leads the annual MLK Youth Summit for middle and high-school students, and is involved in the upcoming theater production of August Wilson's “Fences,” about life in black America.

**Todd Nation** has served Terre Haute as the 4th District's City Councilman since 2004. For 20 years he ran BookNation, the city's oldest bookselling business, before closing it in 2012. A 1987 graduate of Purdue University, Todd speaks three languages and spent 2 1/2 years in the U.S. Peace Corps as a volunteer English teacher in Thailand. In addition to his work on the city council, he owns Nation Properties, which specializes in rehabilitating historic commercial and residential properties.

**Doug Sloan** is Chair of the Faith & Giving Ministry and has served as Elder and Treasurer at Central Christian Church (DOC) in Terre Haute. Also, he is a member of the CIS adjunct faculty at Ivy Tech Community College. He authored the letter-to-the-editor opposing HJR 3, signed by 38 elders, officers, members, and friends of Central Christian Church (DOC). Doug was a co-author of the resolution passed in 2012 to eliminate sexual orientation as criteria for ordination in the Indiana Region of the Disciples of Christ. He graduated in 2009 with a M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction from Indiana State University and a BS in Management Information Systems from Ball State University in 1997. He has been published in DisciplesWorld and Encounter: Education for Meaning and Social Justice and is a contributor to the blog: [D]mergent.org.

**Fr. John Hollowell** is the pastor of Annunciation in Brazil, Ind., and St. Paul's Catholic Church in Greencastle. He is also the Catholic chaplain of DePauw University and Putnamville Correctional Facility. He was born and raised on the south side of Indianapolis. He is a 1997 graduate of Roncalli High School and 2001 graduate of Hanover College where he majored in mathematics and education. He was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis in June of 2009. He maintains a blog at [www.on-this-rock.blogspot.com](http://www.on-this-rock.blogspot.com).

**Jane Henegar** is executive director of the ACLU of Indiana. Henegar has held various positions in government, including deputy mayor of Indianapolis from 2000 to 2006, state director in the office of Senator Evan Bayh, deputy commissioner and general counsel in the Indiana Department of Administration, executive posts at the Family and Social Services Administration and judicial law clerk for the Hon. Thomas Reavley, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. Henegar has taught political science and led the Indiana Bar Foundation's Project Citizen to teach civics to K-12 students in Indiana.

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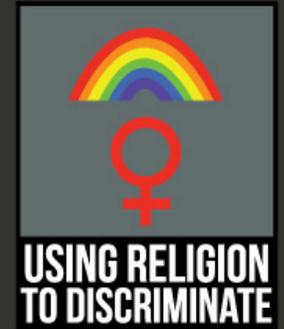
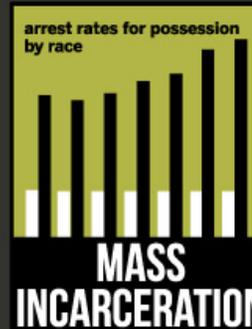


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