

Rescuing democracy from ‘big money:’ Meeting set at Oak Grove

Organizers are stating, “If you care about the environment, poverty, refugees, or any justice issue, you know that campaign finance reform is desperately needed.”

A part of that reform is Move to Amend, a nonpartisan effort to reverse Citizens United, a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that laws preventing corporations and unions from using their general treasury funds for independent “electioneering communications” violated the First Amendment. Move to Amend (MTA), on the other hand, affirms that corporations are not people and money is not protected speech.

A conversation with the national director of MTA is planned at Oak Grove Presbyterian Church in Bloomington on Wednesday, Oct. 10, at 11:30 a.m. A box lunch for \$10 will be served at noon. Organizers say the event will conclude by 1:30 p.m. Those planning to attend are asked to call 952.888.4621 to preregister. However, preregistration is not required.

Nearly a half million people have joined the MTA effort. An MTA proposal to reverse the Citizens United decision has been on the ballot throughout the United States at state and local levels. It has passed every single time, but one.

A few months ago the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area passed a resolution in support of such an amendment.