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Greetings!

We are two graduate students in the Harvard Department of Government writing to ask for your help with a research project. **We hope you will promote our survey about the intersection of theology and politics among your congregation's parishioners, staff, and volunteers.**

We are especially interested in hearing about the attitudes of faithful church-goers in America toward political issues like abortion and gay marriage. That's why we are reaching out to clergy and parish administrators whose email addresses we could find online.

Our study offers a range of open-ended questions about how people think about their theology and its intersection with issues such as religious freedom. We hope to hear what believers in America think in their own words, so that we can help improve the survey questions academics use to learn about religion.

We hope you and your congregation will take the survey available here:

https://harvard.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9zrHgibMahCCbcx?Q_CHL=email?Source=uc2106946823

Our study is housed on the website of the Harvard Digital Lab for the Social Sciences (DLABSS). DLABSS is an online laboratory of volunteers launched in 2014 to help researchers locate respondents for their social science surveys. If you enjoy participating in that study, there are many more at dlabss.harvard.edu, in which you are welcome to participate.

We would also be very grateful if you could forward this opportunity to your congregation's email list.

For a member who has an email address, an interest in scientific research, and some spare time, this study could be a fun and interesting way to broaden horizons, give back, and get involved with academic research.

If you have any questions or if additional information would be helpful, please feel free to contact us at alakeman@g.harvard.edu.

Thank you very much for your time!

All the best,

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