

Constitution Convention Coalition

Joining hands to break the chains of the past!

The purpose of the Constitution Convention Coalition is to connect non-profits throughout Alabama in the common interest of drafting a new constitution through a representative, citizen-led constitutional convention.

Coalition Background:

In August of 2005, a diverse group of Alabamians representing more than thirty-five organizations throughout the state gathered to work on message framing for the Alabama constitutional reform movement. Through a series of follow up meetings, it was decided that since the true goal of the non-profit groups represented was to call for a citizens' convention, the name of the coalition would be the Constitution Convention Coalition. The Coalition is being staffed by the Constitutional Reform Education Campaign at Greater Birmingham Ministries and is working collaboratively with the Alabama Citizens of Constitutional Reform.

Why a new CONSTITUTION?

The 1901 Alabama Constitution is a hindrance to the work of non-profits because it taxes families further into poverty, deters appropriate funding of social services and discourages citizen participation at all levels of government.

Why a constitution CONVENTION?

A convention is needed to empower Alabama citizens to shape their own future through writing a new, more just Alabama constitution. There are two options to reform the constitution; by amendment or by a convention. To date, we have amended the Alabama Constitution 773 times, so let's give a citizen-delegated convention a chance.

Why become a member of the constitution convention COALITION?

Joining the Coalition will help your organization meet your mission and goals. It will also create a vibrant network for education, advocacy and action with other organizations throughout the state that share the common interest of creating a quality future for *ALL* Alabama citizens.

What are Coalition Members asked to do?

- EDUCATE your constituents on the need for constitution reform.
- ENCOURAGE Alabamians to sign the Alabama Citizens for Constitutional Reform (ACCR) Petition asking the Legislature to call a constitutional convention.
- ASK your organization's Board to approve a resolution which will ENDORSE the call for a citizens convention and allow your group to JOIN the Constitution Convention Coalition (see back side for details).
- SPEAK with your local legislators and urge their support to approve legislation that gives the people of Alabama the opportunity to vote on holding a Constitution Convention.

Alabama citizens united for a new state constitution!

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