

Che Ahn's Church Sues California Governor for Banning Home Bible Studies

A California church is suing Gov. Gavin Newsom for banning all indoor worship services, including Bible studies, and singing, saying the restrictions violate their religious freedom.

Pasadena-based Harvest Rock Church and Harvest International Ministry filed the lawsuit in an attempt to block enforcement of Newsom's orders which target churches.

The church has many "Life Groups" which are home Bible studies and fellowship groups where people come together to share and learn about the Word of God. These are now forbidden under Gov. Newsom's recent orders.

CBN News previously reported that Newsom announced on July 13 that all indoor gatherings, including church services, must cease due to an increase in the number of COVID-19 cases.

Liberty Counsel, a religious rights law group, is representing the church and points out that the governor's actions are contradictory as he recently encouraged thousands of people to gather for protests against social injustice.

"Governor Gavin Newsom cannot disregard the First Amendment and ban all in-person worship in private homes and churches," said Liberty Counsel Founder and Chairman Mat Staver. "Nor can the state micromanage the form of worship by banning singing or chanting. The governor is not the high priest over all religions."

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