## Pastors for Texas Children: "...all genuine faith is voluntary and cannot be properly endorsed by the authority of the state."

The Texas House of Representatives, due to strong opposition from rural legislators, has resisted vouchers for decades. The Governor has appealed to religious leaders to use the pulpit on Sunday, October 15 to push vouchers; however, Pastors for Texas Children, as indicated in the September 19 <u>Press Release</u> stands in strong opposition to vouchers. The Pastors organization opine that vouchers violate "God's law" of religious liberty and the American ideal of separation of church and state.

Lawmakers in all states should push the pause button on voucher expansion. There are too many questions about the impact of vouchers. The risk vouchers pose to society need to be assessed. The stakes are high. Citizens need time to process the matter.