

Homeowners weigh morality of walking out on mortgages

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Up to 25 million homeowners—about one in four—are “underwater” on the home mortgage. Those who walk away in a "strategic default" face an array of financial consequences, as well as a moral question- is it the right thing to do?

Musician teaches young girls that modest is hottest

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Musician Jaime Jamgochian designed a popular "Modest is Hottest" T-shirt and started a conference that focuses on teaching young girls how to dress in the latest styles while maintaining modesty.

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Church

attendance up

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A new Gallup Poll found Americans' self-reported church attendance has increased slightly since 2008.

Lines of church-state separation may get blurry in disaster zones

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Relief workers acknowledge the close working relationship between government and religious agencies may blur the lines of church-state separation, especially when the desperation of victims pushes such concerns to the back burner.

Churches start their own humanitarian aid agencies

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As American Christians grow more skeptical and less dependent on traditional institutions, individual churches are starting their own humanitarian aid organizations, doing their own projects on their own

terms.

‘Good News Bible’ translator Bob Bratcher dies

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Robert Bratcher, the New Testament translator for the *Good News Bible*, died July 10 at the Carol Woods retirement community in Chapel Hill, N.C. He was 90.

Evangelical churches do better job of retaining youth, researcher says

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Evangelical churches do a better job than mainline churches in keeping their young people in the faith, probably because they invest more money in youth ministry, says a Duke University professor who studies characteristics of American congregations.

Liberty & justice for all

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As the United States enters the second decade of the 21st century, some experts in religious freedom predict challenges coming to the fore likely will cluster around a handful of new issues.

What should churches and ministries know about employment law?

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When it comes to employment law, maintaining church-state separation becomes a delicate balance between preventing the state from interfering in church polity and governance while still protecting workers.

When church-state separation bumps up against doing justice

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Challenges to maintaining religious liberty come from all directions—including the dilemma of whether Baptist social-service agencies should accept government funds to perform their ministries.

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The president of a Christian anti-hunger lobbying group won the premier award for fighting world hunger. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton awarded the World Food Prize to Bread for the World President David Beckmann at the State Department.

Private libraries scramble to rescue endangered books

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Libraries are debating how to save hundreds of theological

books—including some nearly 500 years old—from the ravages of time.