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EVANGELICAL SPOKESPERSONS TO HOLD NEWS CONFERENCE ON MORAL CRISIS SURROUNDING ALABAMA SENATE RACE

Long Time Moore Supporter Says the Republican is Not the Only Option for Christians

(Washington, D.C.) – December 7, 2017 -- Led by Rev. Rob Schenck, President of The Dietrich Bonhoeffer Institute, evangelical pastors and ministry leaders will hold a special **Press Conference, *Evangelicals and the Alabama Senate Race*, on Friday, December 8th at 3:00 p.m. at The National Press Club, Zenger Room, located at 529 14th Street NW, 13th Floor, in Washington, D.C.**

Rev. Rob Schenck, who once went to jail supporting the actions of Roy Moore, will be joined by Alabama evangelical minister Rev. Tom Benz and others to express serious concern about the dangers facing evangelical voters in the Alabama special election this Tuesday, December 12. They will also address specific aspects to the Moore and Jones candidacies relevant to evangelical voters.

Rev. Schenck said, "I have always appreciated Roy Moore. I brought him to Washington, DC, for one of his first national news conferences in 1997. I've stayed in his home and traveled the country with him. We have had innumerable conversations over the last twenty years. I was present when he installed the Ten Commandments in the Alabama Judicial Building, and I went to jail defending his actions in doing so. However, recent events leave me with grave concerns about how evangelicals approach this election. There is something at stake in this election that is much more important than preserving a political majority and that is preserving the integrity of our witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ."

About Rev. Rob Schenck

The Rev. Dr. Rob Schenck is an ordained Evangelical minister and president of the Dietrich Bonhoeffer Institute, located in Washington, DC. A leader among American Evangelicals, Rev. Schenck served a 2-year term as chairman of the Evangelical Church Alliance, America's oldest association of independent Evangelical clergy, and is now an advisor to the Office of the Secretary General of the World Evangelical Alliance.

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Rev. Schenck holds a B.A. in Religion, M.A. in Christian Ministry, D.Min in Church and State, and is a senior fellow at the Centre for the Study of Law and Public Policy at Oxford.

Rev. Schenck serves on numerous boards and committees, including the National Advisory Board on Community Engagement in the State Courts. His professional memberships include the National Association of Evangelicals, the American Academy of Religion, the Capitol Hill Club, and The University Club of Washington.

Rev. Schenck lives in Washington, DC, with his wife, Cheryl, a psychotherapist in private practice.

About The Dietrich Bonhoeffer Institute

The Dietrich Bonhoeffer Institute (TDBI) is a non-profit charitable and educational institution dedicated to applying the theological and ethical insights of this brilliant World War II-era Protestant church leader, Nazi resister, and moral philosopher to the social crises of our time. TDBI sponsors lectures, symposia, and discussion forums and publishes relevant material online and in books, opinion papers, and pamphlets.

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