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Inaugural Meeting of Praying Liberally, Wilmington, DE, Chapter  
8/21/08 7PM  
Bellefonte Café  
804 Brandywine Blvd.  
Wilmington, DE 19809

The inaugural meeting of the Wilmington, DE chapter of Praying Liberally, a social gathering for politically liberal and progressive people of faith, will be held Thursday, August 21, 2008 at 7 p.m. at Bellefonte Café, 804 Brandywine Boulevard, Wilmington, DE 19809. The Praying Liberally Wilmington, DE chapter is the first of its kind in the nation.

Praying Liberally is the latest project of Living Liberally, a national organization that is dedicated to creating communities around progressive politics. The organizer of the Wilmington chapter is Frank Bell. "The point of Praying Liberally is to give persons of a liberal persuasion a chance to look at issues of politics, policy and social justice from a perspective informed by faith," Bell says, "and to allow those who may not have a religious perspective to join them without opprobrium."

"Too often the public face of religious faith is one of hate, intolerance and just plain irrationality," says Bell. "Praying Liberally members aim to make religious values an inclusive, positive force in American politics."

"Living Liberally has always been about bringing politics into your everyday life, meeting you where you are -- in bars, in movie theaters...and in your congregation. For people who live their religion daily, there needs to be ways of living their politics as well, and Praying Liberally will bring people together who want to share that conversation." said Justin Krebs, Executive Director of Living Liberally.

Those interested in attending the Praying Liberally Wilmington, DE inaugural meeting should contact the organizer, Frank Bell, at this email address:

[PrayingLiberallyWilmington@livingliberally.org](mailto:PrayingLiberallyWilmington@livingliberally.org).

More information about the event, as well as a map to the location, may be found at this website:

<http://livingliberally.org/praying/chapters/de/wilmington>.

More information about Living Liberally can be found at [www.livingliberally.org](http://www.livingliberally.org).

Subsequent meetings are tentatively scheduled for every third Thursday of the month. Admission to the event and membership in Living Liberally are free.

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About Living Liberally: Living Liberally was founded in 2003 in New York City and has grown to 279 chapters in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Living Liberally is dedicated to creating communities around progressive politics. Through social networks and events, we promote political engagement, and facilitate collaboration among progressive organizations. In your everyday routine and social life, you can be Living Liberally.

We believe that our political identity should be part of our regular lives. Too often politics is restricted to one day every four years, or to long, uninviting meetings in fluorescent-lit, linoleum-floored rooms.

Instead, we take our politics where we gather, socialize, learn, love and live. We create easy entryways into progressive political involvement, where you can find a community that shares your values.

In-person contact is the key to cultivating this social capital. Living Liberally is built upon networks of local gatherings -- from weekly meetings in bars to groups screenings of progressive films.

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