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(Corinne and Neal Isley of Point of Connection Church. Photo credit: First Liberty Institute. May be republished.)

## Transformational Housing Nonprofit Wins Local Approval to Use its Own Property to Serve Community

First Liberty Institute client Point of Connection provides faith-based assistance for men recovering from addiction

**Joseph, OR**—Wallowa County (OR) officials have approved a permit for Point of Connection Ministries to use its own property to fulfill its religious mission. First Liberty Institute and its network attorneys at Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt assisted Point of Connection after the county denied the organization's original application.

"Point of Connection is an essential part of meeting the needs of its community," said Keisha Russell, Associate Counsel at First Liberty. "The faith-based transformational housing provided by Point of Connection to men who are becoming better and more productive citizens should be encouraged. We are grateful to the planning commission for its support."

Neal Isley, President of Point of Connection said, "I am thrilled that our ministry can now work to change even more lives and improve our community. I'm eternally grateful to First Liberty for its tireless work on our behalf."

Point of Connection is a local church that provides transformational housing, training, and holistic support to men recovering from addiction. With the commission's approval, Point of Connection will be able to provide transformational housing for men that need ongoing support to address destructive life patterns. Point of Connection's transformational program, privately operated and faith-based, provides discipleship, mentoring, and training in life skills to help men make better life decisions. The support program prepares these men to return to the Wallowa community as productive citizens and good neighbors.

Watch the Point of Connection story here.

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## About First Liberty Institute

<u>First Liberty Institute</u> is a non-profit public interest law firm and the largest legal organization in the nation dedicated exclusively to defending religious freedom for all Americans.

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