

06.21.2023: MX flag pole

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Dave,
That is a good response and I can put this issue to bed now.
---- Bret

On Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at 05:09:23 PM CDT, dave-n-amy-weiler@juno.com <dave-n-amy-weiler@juno.com> wrote:

Hello Bret and All:

Yes, I like flying the flag at the building.

I also like the MX building being a polling place, and I like that the local police tend to hang out in our parking lot.

The church is "bigger" than the country and will exist without it. However, supporting/promoting the governmental structures that help us to worship freely makes sense to me. These three items above are examples of that support which seem very appropriate to me. I see them as neutral, not promoting a political position.

My thoughts,
Dave

Gents,

I'd like to revisit the question -- "*Why does McKnight have a flagpole?*"

This was in no way the main topic of any of our discussions but it obviously struck with me. It has been something I've wondered for several years and perhaps now is a good time to bring it up to discuss. There are many more important topics for us to address but this seems one that should not take a lot of time/discussion.

I am patriotic and love America and our troops but just feel uncomfortable having a flagpole. It is not behind the pulpit or in the auditorium, which is good, but I would prefer we did not have a flagpole.

So, my question is this - **are there any of the Elders** (or Mr. Kryder) **who like flying the flag at the building?**

Note: I am not asking if you are worried if people will be upset. I'm not asking if we should take down the flag. I just want your personal opinion on flags at church.

If we are in agreement the next issue is how do we change?

My suggestion (again, if we all prefer *NOT* to fly a flag) is that we take the flag down for a month and wait to hear back from any members complaining or even noticing. If no one even notices or brings it up I'd wait another month and then consider taking down the flagpole. No announcement.

Again, I'm hoping we can get the question answered quickly. We can then discuss what to do once we know everyone's position. We may even decide - *Yes, we'd like to take down the flag but we don't want to deal with that for the near-term.*

---- Bret