

TN Senator Mark Green, MD Launches Faith-Based Network To Train Leaders

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Tennessee Senator Mark Green announced the formation of a 501 (c)(4) Five Stones Network, for the purpose of training, equipping and mobilizing leaders of faith to impact the world of politics and good government.

"As a result of my own experience in Washington, DC being attacked by many simply because of my Christian faith, I felt frustration and sadness for our country," commented Green, previously nominated to be Secretary of the US Army by President Donald Trump in April. "The animosity personally experienced in the confirmation process and witnessing others of faith being equally attacked is honestly un-American."

In his second term as the Tennessee Senator serving the Montgomery, Houston and Stewart counties and as vice-chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee, Senator Green began the confirmation process following President Trump's nomination of him to lead the US Army. Many of the attacks on Senator Green revolved around his faith positions with activist groups specifically targeted speeches he had made at churches across the country.

"Despite my years of military service and professional qualifications, the confirmation process turned to my comments as a believer in the Biblical creation story. I knew this was about my Christian faith," continued Green who addressed the infrequently-used US Senate Rule permitting a Democratic Senator to place an indefinite hold on action, blocking the nomination. "An indefinite hold kept the men and women of the US Army from having a leader operational and meeting the urgent needs of our fighting force. The sequence of events demonstrated the urgent need for more men and women of faith in the political process."

Senator Green is joined in establishing Five Stones Network by former Georgia State Senator Judson Hill, an Atlanta-area attorney who served as the Senate Finance Committee Chairman and Deputy Majority Whip and as Assistant US Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia during the Ronald Reagan Administration.

Senator Green currently serves as TN Senate Chaplain and Hill led the Legislative Fellowship in the Georgia Legislature. He recently sold his successful healthcare company Align MD, which he founded and grew to revenues in excess of \$200 million annually. "Mark's a proven leader recognizing a tremendous need in creating Five Stones Network," noted Robin Smith, former TNGOP Chairman and friend of Senator Green. "His vision coupled with the ability to recruit and mobilize an effective team using his military service and entrepreneurship will fuel the success of this effort."

Five Stones Network, a faith-based non-profit is working to partner with other conservative advocacy groups such as Lift the Vote, 2nd Vote, the Family Research Council, the Heritage Foundation and the Cato Institute. The group's mission is based on the biblical account of David victory over a massive giant using five, smooth stones in faith.