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I am delighted to send greetings to everyone attending the 18th National Convention of the Christian Educators Association International. And I am especially pleased that you are focusing on the vital role of our religious heritage in the forging of the Constitution.

You celebrate the Bicentennial of the Constitution with a deep appreciation for the religious values which our Founding Fathers cherished. The framers of the Constitution understood that there is a divine order which transcends the human order, that the city of man cannot survive without the city of God. In your efforts in behalf of public education, you promote the same Judeo-Christian values which engendered and nourished our Nation's aspirations for freedom, equality, and the common good. Your work is vital because you provide our young people with the Intellectual and moral formation that is the foundation and the future of our great Republic.

Nancy and I commend you for your fine work, and we send you our best wishes for a successful convention. May God continue to bless your efforts in the years to come.

Ronald Reagan