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Anglicans for Life
Common Good
Conservative Congregational Christian Conference (CCCC)
International Communion of the Charismatic Episcopal Church (CEC for Life)
Life Education and Resource Network (LEARN)
Lutherans for Life (LFL)
The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS)
National Clergy Council (NCC)
National Pro-Life Action Center
Presbyterians Pro-Life (PPL)
Priests for Life (PFL)
Religious Outreach, National Right to Life Committee
Taskforce of United Methodists on Abortion and Sexuality (TUMAS/Lifewatch
United Friends for Life (UFL)

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Consider this picture. A facility that provides abortions goes about its business, day after day. RCRC works to help make sure this facility stays open so that abortion services are available to those who would desire them. Theologically, RCRC strives to assure the religious community that abortion rights are ecumenically and interreligiously supported. That is, RCRC provides theological and religious legitimation and cover for abortion rights. RCRC instructs that adult agency or decision-making authority can and should override any concern for the unborn child. Politically, RCRC lobbies for pro-abortion legislation and against pro-life legislation. Also, politically speaking, RCRC advances the notion of the “naked public square,” by attempting to rule out-of-bounds the public expression of religiously grounded and motivated pro-life claims. Legally, RCRC submits briefs that encourage courts to decide for abortion rights. Again, consider the picture. In part because of RCRC’s labors, the abortion-providing facility continues its work, day after day.

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Women Need Love Not Abortion

Spring 2008

Woman to woman: Personally opposed, but…
by Marie Bowen

I am sometimes amazed at the responses I receive from complete strangers when they learn that I work for “Presbyterians Pro-Life.” Extremely private stories—pregnancy outside marriage, rape, incest, spousal abuse, infertility, adoption, and abortion—experienced by those with whom I am speaking or someone close to them are openly shared with me, a complete stranger. It is a wonderful privilege and an awesome responsibility.

Some individuals correctly assume that I am 100% pro-life and inform me of their own position. Those who disagree with me often will say something like, “I’m personally opposed to abortion. I would never have one (or I would not want my wife or daughter to have one), BUT I think a woman should be able to make her own choice.” Right. Right again. Obviously, the life of her unborn child, I want to add.

There is so much I want to say...where to start? So many questions I want to ask:

- Have you considered God’s rights as creator, owner, author of life?
- Have you weighed the teaching of scripture that it is wrong to kill, especially when the victim is the most vulnerable and weak among us?
- Have you contemplated the consequences for the woman’s soul and her eternal spirit?

Priests for Life Seeks to Bridge Life-Justice Gap

Representing Priests for Life, the NPRC President, Fr. Frank Pavone, participated in the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace conference at Rome in November 2007, hosted by its President, Cardinal Renato Martinoto, Priests for Life Advisory Board member.

The conference met for three days and focused on various aspects of human rights and development. In its Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace points out that at the very heart of social justice is the right to life, which is the first human right, and the foundation condition for all the others.

In the group discussions at the conference, Fr. Frank again pointed to this basic truth and thanked the participants for their important role in bridging the false gap that sometimes exists between those who work for social justice and those who work to restore justice for the unborn. Fr. Frank’s concrete recommendation was to bring together on a local level the individuals involved in these efforts, and by fostering mutual relations, prayer, and dialogue, to help them understand the deep unity of their respective causes, which really comprise one single cause for human dignity.
LCMS Tackles Complex Problem of Abortion in Asia

By Maggie Karner, Director of Life Ministries for Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod World Relief and Human Care

In America we are often so busy fighting the plague of abortion within our borders that we forget that abortion and its aftereffects are a global plague. Internationally, World Relief and Human Care has been able to do something about this problem by creating hands-on, pro-active opportunities for women and families to choose life for their children. Now there are new opportunities to extend the hands of God into our lives and into the lives of other parts of the world. But more on that later; first let’s see why this is such a need.

The reasons for this daily campaign of killing in Asia are as varied as the contexts found in the various countries. In Vietnam, for example, the abortion rate is the highest in the world. Nationwide, roughly one abortion is performed for every live birth in the country. Taking about 90 minutes to perform and costing only about US$34.50 in a government clinic, abortion has become an easy and attractive option to end unwanted pregnancies.

Other Asian countries where abortion is available “on request” include Cambodia, Thailand, and Singapore. As the world’s most populous country and having a liberal abortion policy, China has the most abortions in absolute terms—an estimated nine million per year. Official government population control policies in China contribute heavily to the abortion trend there. Chinese mothers often abort babies for whom they feel they do not have the means to support. Also, official government authorities in order to end “unauthorized” or “improper” pregnancies.

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Many other Asian countries, abortion laws are far more restrictive. Illegal—and generally unsafe—abortion still take place at alarming rates. In Indonesia, for example, abortion is only legal in cases of rape or incest. If a woman winds up with an unwanted pregnancy, she is forced to either go underground or seek illegal abortion. In countries in Asia, and Christian centers are almost unheard of. Asian children in these lands who live so far away geographically, yet so close in spirit. Your prayers will help support this exciting ministry opportunity.

Associate Membership Application

Yes, I would like to become an Associate Member of the National Pro-Life Religious Council, Inc.

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March 2008

PPL’s Board of Directors would like to extend an invitation to you and your church to join in a special partnership with Prolife. We hope that by joining hands and forming deeper relationships with churches, we can help humanize our efforts for the protection of innocent human life. For 30 years, PPL has raised a prophetic witness in the PC(USA), calling our denomination to return to a biblical stand against abortion and to protect every human life, born and unborn. At the same time PPL has been pro-active in providing educational and ministry resources to help humanize our efforts for the protection of innocent human life.

We are now in the process of designing project goals and strategies for this season of change in the PC(USA). We will stay and witness! We will stay and witness! We will stay and witness! We will stay and witness!