



GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH  
AFFIRMATION OF LIFE  
POSITION PAPER

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We publicly declare and embrace God's sovereignty over all human life and each person's responsibility to respect, protect, and nurture human life in keeping with the Bible's revelation, commands, wisdom and implications.

The Elders and Pastoral Staff of Grace Community Church declare the following commitment and conviction as a working summary of our understanding and practice of our holy and gracious Father's perspective on human life and death. This is a working statement, so we invite interaction from the congregation. Good and godly people can disagree on these issues for many reasons. We seek unity in Christ through understanding and compliance with God's Word.

We challenge each member of Grace Community Church to conduct their lives in keeping with the following biblical convictions:

1. God created male and female in His own image with the unique capacity and responsibility for fellowship with Himself. We are called to reflect His character of righteousness and goodness in fulfilling His calling upon our lives through our relationships and responsibilities. [Gen. 1-2]
2. Human life begins at conception. Human life should be treated with dignity, protection, and provision from conception through death.
3. Abortion kills human life and we oppose it.
4. We support ministries and services that provide alternatives to abortion.
5. We denounce vigilante action taken against abortionists.
6. We encourage each Christian's responsibilities as citizens to pray, persuade, and participate in the public process of supporting Godly, biblical standards for the protection of the dignity of human life and the just penalty for the violation of human life. [Rom. 13; 1 Tim. 2]
7. We denounce action intended to produce death for the relief of suffering, economic considerations or an individual's, family's, or society's convenience, commonly known as either suicide or euthanasia.
8. We respect a household's decision to refuse or withdraw artificial means of life support for someone who is clearly and irreversibly deteriorating toward imminent death beyond reasonable hope of recovery. These decisions should be made with full spiritual and medical counsel.



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9. In all cases the households involved and the church family are to seek God's grace and wisdom. Instruction, counsel, support, provision, and companionship are to be sought and given so that the church, the individual and their household are shepherded with the dignity due to those who are created and redeemed by Jesus Christ.
10. Senior citizens should be treated as cherished members of our community. Their wisdom and experience bring realism that we forget in the busy frenzy of our younger years. We denounce cultural trends that treat senior citizens as liabilities or marginalize them.
11. We are committed to comfort, counsel, forgive, and minister healing to anyone seeking restoration after having an abortion. We believe that abortion violates the biblical standard for treating human life with dignity. We have particular compassion for those women who have been pressured into abortions by family members, the father of the baby or others. These issues are complex, emotional, personal matters of life and death. We need to broach the discussion of these decisions with the compassion, wisdom, patience, and grace of Christ. In this way, God will be glorified as we seek to obey God, love people, and pursue justice and mercy in humility.