

## **Mission**

Our mission is to empower abortion-vulnerable women to choose life.

## **Vision**

- We provide professional medical services, compassionate Christ-centered counseling, and practical support to those vulnerable to choosing abortion.
- We extend care to those who have suffered past abortions to bring hope and healing through post-abortion counseling and education.
- We inspire young men and women to follow the Biblical model for sexuality including abstinence before marriage and fidelity within marriage. Partnering with local churches and community leaders, we endeavor to educate our communities about life before birth, acknowledging the sanctity and value of each human life.
- We consciously extend our mission into the African-American community through the outreach programs and services of our Urban Initiative.
- We implement specific strategies to engage and educate women and men who live and learn in the downtown and Oakland areas through our Campus Project.
- We will continue to strengthen our impact in the northern and eastern suburbs through more visible ministry center locations and more effective use of advertising media.

## **Statement of Principle**

1. The Women's Choice Network is an outreach ministry of Jesus Christ through His church. Therefore, the WCN, embodied in its volunteers, is committed to presenting the gospel of our Lord to women with crisis pregnancies – both in word and in deed. Commensurate with the purpose, those who labor as WCN board members, directors, and volunteers are expected to know Christ as their Savior and Lord.
2. The WCN is committed to providing its clients with accurate and complete information about both prenatal development and abortion.
3. The WCN is committed to integrity in dealing with clients, earning their trust, and providing promised information and services. The WCN denounces any form of deception in its corporate advertising or individual conversations with its client.
4. The WCN is committed to assisting women to carry to term by providing emotional support and practical assistance. Through the provision of God's people and the community at large, women may face the future with hope and plan constructively for themselves and their babies.
5. The WCN does not discriminate in providing services because of race, creed, color, national origin, age, or marital status of its clients.

6. The WCN does not recommend, provide, or refer for abortions or abortifacients.
7. The WCN offers assistance free of charge at all times.
8. The WCN is committed to creating an awareness within the local community of the needs of pregnant women and of the fact that abortion only compounds human need rather than resolving it.
9. The WCN does not recommend, provide, or refer single women for contraceptives. (Married women seeking contraceptive information should be urged to seek counsel, along with their husbands, from their pastor and physician.)
10. The WCN recognizes the validity of adoption as one alternative to abortion, but is not biased toward adoption when compared to the other life-saving alternatives. WCN Centers are independent of adoption agencies, relating to them in the same manner as to other helpful referral sources. WCN receives no payment of any kind from these agencies, do not enter into contractual relationships with them, and do not share combined office space. Adoption agencies are not established under the auspices of centers. WCN neither initiate nor facilitate independent adoptions, though they may refer for independent adoptions in states where it is legal.

### **Statement of Faith**

The Apostle's Creed

We believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy \*catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*the Christian church

### **Statement of Evangelism**

The Women's Choice Network is a ministry that is dedicated to helping men and women choose life for their unborn children and the Biblical view of sexuality as a lifestyle. We support our clients in these Biblical choices emotionally, spiritually, and physically.

Because of this Biblical foundation, a Christian witness is continually woven into our exchanges with clients in an indirect manner. These are times, however, in a "teachable moment" when we are able to present the Gospel directly to our clients. It is our goal to have our counselors prepared to either seize or create the "teachable moment."

It is the responsibility of the WCN staff to equip counselors to "always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asked you to give the reason for the hope that you have." 1 Peter 3:15.