



## Our Mission

To empower those most vulnerable to abortion to choose life.

## Our Vision

Our vision is to build a culture of life in Pittsburgh by

- Defending unborn children,
- Meeting the needs of those at risk and unprepared for pregnancy,
- Healing those traumatized by abortion,
- Inviting our communities to embrace a Biblical view of sexuality.

## Our Strategies

We consciously extend our mission into demographically focused areas by strategically locating our Medical Clinics for optimal impact.

Our network of Medical Clinics provides pregnancy testing, sonography, medical consultation and life-saving options to abortion in a compassionate Christ-centered setting offering hope and practical help to those at highest risk for abortion.

We offer STD testing, treatment and educational care inspiring young men and women to follow the Biblical model for sexuality including abstinence before marriage and fidelity within marriage.

We promote emotional healing for post-abortive women in biblically based recovery groups.

Our speakers reach thousands of students in school settings teaching sexual risk avoidance.

We increase our reach and our impact throughout the city of Pittsburgh using the most advanced and effective advertising media.

## Statement of Principle

1. The WCN 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. We receive no State or Federal funding.
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 clients for contraceptives.
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, does not enter into contractual relationships with them, and does not share combined office space. Adoption agencies are not established under the auspices of centers. WCN neither initiates nor facilitates 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 WCN 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.

Added 5/2010: When making a referral to a Christian Church or clergyman, we make every effort to refer women to the church of their faith of origin. For example a Catholic client will be referred to a Catholic Church or Priest.

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