

Women's Choice Network

Mission, Vision, Strategies and Statements 2021



MISSION

Our mission is to empower those most vulnerable to abortion to choose life

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. Women's Choice Network (WCN) is an outreach ministry of Jesus Christ through His church. Therefore, WCN, embodied in its volunteers, is committed to presenting the gospel of our Lord to women and men facing unexpected pregnancies, and to anyone entering for our services -- 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. WCN is committed to providing its clients with accurate and complete information about both prenatal development and abortion.
3. WCN is committed to integrity in dealing with clients, earning their trust, and providing promised information and services. WCN denounces any form of deception in its corporate advertising or individual conversations with its client.
4. WCN is committed to assisting mothers and fathers to carry to term by providing emotional support and practical assistance. Through the provision of God's people and the community at large, women and men may face the future with hope and plan constructively for themselves and their babies.
5. WCN does not discriminate in providing services because of race, creed, color, national origin, age, or marital status of its clients.
6. WCN does not recommend, provide, or refer for abortions or abortifacients.
7. WCN offers assistance free of charge at all times.
8. WCN is committed to creating 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. WCN does not recommend, provide, or refer single clients for contraceptives. (Married women seeking contraceptive information should be urged to seek counsel, along with their husbands, from their pastor and physician.)
10. 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 is 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 ON THE SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE

We believe that all human life is sacred and created by God in His image (Genesis 1:26, 27.) Human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including pre-born babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through natural death. We are therefore called to defend, protect, and value all human life (Ps. 139). We believe and affirm that life begins at conception, at which time the full genetic blueprint for life is in place (Isaiah 44:24, Jeremiah 1:5). Accordingly, we believe that our expression of love and service to God requires that we work to protect and honor life in all stages of creation (Psalm 82:3). As well, we believe and affirm that God's calling upon us commands that we make special efforts to protect the most vulnerable among us. As such, we view life from conception through birth to be uniquely vulnerable, and therefore work to protect and defend life in these early stages. We do not provide or prescribe contraceptive medications that may harm an embryo and we will never provide abortifacient medications under any circumstances.

STATEMENT ON HUMAN SEXUALITY AND MARRIAGE

We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as either male or female. These two distinct, complementary sexes together reflect the image and nature of God (Gen. 1:26-27). Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person. Accordingly, our communication with clients and all other persons reflects the reality of God's created order—put simply, we use male pronouns to refer to those persons who were created biologically male, and female pronouns to refer to those persons who were created biologically female. We believe that the term "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture (Gen. 2:18-25). We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other (1 Cor. 6:18; 7:2-5; Heb. 13:4). We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman. We believe that any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, or use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God (Matt. 15:18-20; 1 Cor. 6:9-10). We believe that to preserve the function and integrity of [the organization] as the local Body of Christ, and to provide a biblical role model to the [the organization] members and the community, it is imperative that all persons employed by [the organization] in any capacity, or who serve as volunteers, agree to and abide by this Statement on Marriage and Sexuality (Matt. 5:16; Phil. 2:14-16; 1 Thess. 5:22). We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ (Acts 3:19-21; Rom. 10:9-10; 1 Cor. 6:9-11). We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31). Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture nor the doctrines of Women's Choice Network.