

Abortion

WHEREAS an abortion requires an operation which kills the life of the unborn baby and endangers the life and health of the mother; and

WHEREAS many medical authorities have recognized that a child is in existence from the moment of conception (Smith vs. Brennan, New Jersey Supreme Court, 1960); and

WHEREAS man is created in the image of God and given an eternal existence by his Creator Lord; and

WHEREAS life is sacred and the sanctity of human life is well documented in the Scriptures; and

WHEREAS an increasing number of nurses, required to be involved in delivery rooms where abortions are carried out, report that they are sick in heart and body to be a part of destroying a human fetus which is perfectly formed and often not even dead when it is destroyed by the hospital disposal services; and

WHEREAS much legislation is being introduced to lawmaking bodies and fostered by such movements as Women's Liberation; and

WHEREAS such liberal legislation has resulted in a great increase in induced abortions (e.g., 34,175 in New York State in the first four months of their liberalization law);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the messengers of the churches in fellowship with the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, meeting in Winona Lake, Indiana, June 27–July 2, 1971, go on record as being thoroughly opposed to abortion on demand and, furthermore, that we recommend to the various legislatures that they give serious thought to the realization that their very existence is a result of the design of God Who established governmental authority, and that they soberly reflect on the consequences of legitimizing the murder of the yet unborn.

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