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News from the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice

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A Message From Our President

Staying The Course For Our Values



As I write this, midterm elections are a few weeks away. The Religious Right has capitalized on Tea Party activism to ramp up their assault on women's lives and family privacy. We expect a new wave of anti-choice legislation to flood state legislatures and Congress in the coming year.

This is in addition to numerous state and federal laws and regulations that have already dried up public funding for abortion services and closed clinics, invaded women's privacy and their conversations with their doctors through mandatory and biased counseling laws, and curtailed access to safe, effective methods of contraception. A summary of those laws is on page 4.

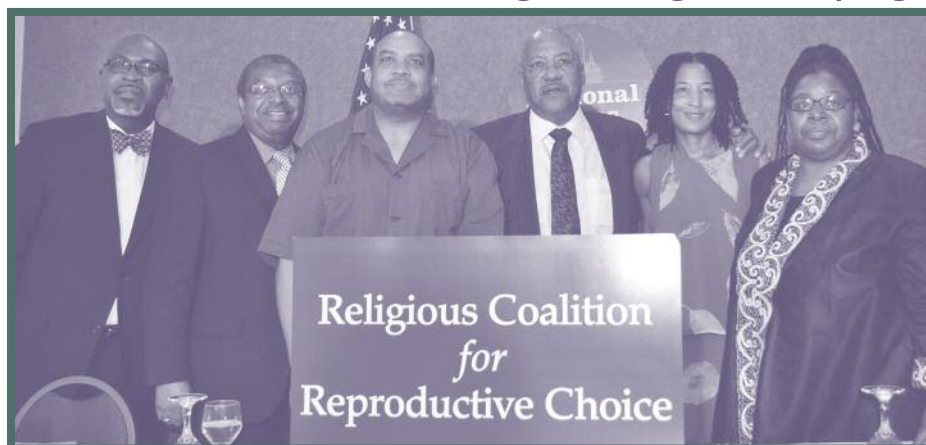
The Religious Right will not prevail. Justice, freedom, and respect are on our side. As you will see in our action plan for 2011 on page 6, our network of faith-informed advocates will persevere in making it known that reproductive choice is a religious and moral value.

Please continue to stand with RCRC and the pro-faith, pro-family, pro-choice values we share. Your support helps to make our work on behalf of women and families possible.

Peace and Blessings,

Reverend Dr. Carlton W. Veazey

RCRC Deals Blow to Religious Right Campaign



Announcing opposition to Religious Right campaign are (L-R) Dr. Willie Parker, medical director of Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan Washington; Rev. Timothy McDonald, Senior Pastor of First Iconium Baptist Church in Atlanta; Dean Alton B. Pollard III of Howard University School of Divinity, Chair of RCRC Board of Directors; Reverend Carlton Veazey; Jill Morrison, Senior Counsel in Health and Reproductive Rights, National Women's Law Center and RCRC Board Member; and Loretta Ross, National Coordinator of SisterSong Women of Color Reproductive Health Collaborative.

The Religious Right's unscrupulous "genocide" billboard and legislation campaign has been dealt a blow by the combined action of religious and civil rights leaders and women of color activists, with the financial assistance of hundreds of RCRC supporters. Together we have been able to expose the outright lies about abortion being "genocide" that the Right to Life organization is using in African American communities. Their goal is not only to deter women from obtaining safe, legal reproductive health services but also to gain political support among African Americans, who have consistently repudiated their appeals.

The turning point was Alveda King's appearance at a rally in August at the Lincoln Memorial—on the 47th anniversary of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s historic "I Have A Dream" speech and the landmark March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. Alveda King is a niece of the late civil rights leader and she uses his legacy of racial justice and civil rights to rail against women's reproductive rights.

"The Religious Right billboard campaign asserting that African American children are an 'endangered species' and Alveda King's comparison of anti-abortion activists to

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‘Freedom Riders’ have sparked outrage in the African American community,” said Reverend Dr. Carlton Veazey, RCRC’s president, at a news conference held by RCRC and covered by TV networks and other major media.

“Disparaging clinics that provide abortion, birth control and reproductive health services is harmful to individual women and to communities struggling with high rates of unintended pregnancy, teen births and HIV/AIDS. It insults the intelligence and values of African Americans and is offensive to women who make conscientious moral decisions about pregnancy,” he stated.

Although objections from women of color forced the Right to Life group to remove the words “endangered species” from its billboards, the group has put up billboards in several states and is raising funds for more, with the goal of bringing its “genocide” campaign to at least a dozen states.

Reverend Dr. Timothy McDonald, former long-time RCRC Board member, who served as the assistant minister of Ebenezer Baptist Church, Dr. King’s church in Atlanta, and had close connections to Mrs. Coretta Scott King and others in the King family, pointed out that teen pregnancy in the African American community is often related to poverty and urged those who oppose abortion rights to join with RCRC in advocating for accurate sexuality education and health care.

Alveda King and others on the Religious Right who want to rewrite history in the name of Dr. King should remember that Dr. King and Mrs. King supported family planning services to improve the lives of African Americans, he said. Dr. King was honored by the Planned Parenthood Federation of America in 1966.

Faith in Action

Standing Up to Extremism In New Mexico

Operation Rescue has a sordid past, attracting violence and extremism wherever it goes. Because of that history, New Mexico’s RCRC affiliate has taken the unusual step of calling on the Catholic Archbishop of Santa Fe, Michael Sheehan, to disassociate the church from Operation Rescue.

More than 700 individuals endorsed the New Mexico RCRC petition, telling the archbishop that people of faith “are concerned that allowing local priests to cooperate with Operation Rescue may attract unstable, extremist individuals to pro-life demonstrations and could result in the same kind of violence that occurred in Wichita, Kansas, where Dr. George Tiller was murdered last year,” said Joan LaMunyon-Sanford, executive director of the New Mexico RCRC.

Operation Rescue located its headquarters in Wichita specifically so that it could target Dr. Tiller, his employees and their families at their homes and churches.

Now, Operation Rescue is sending two “missionaries” to set up a satellite



Joan LaMunyon-Sanford

office in Albuquerque. One of them, Henry “Bud” Shaver, was arrested in 2007 after entering Dr. Tiller’s church and attempting to preach against him from the podium. Scott Roeder, who was convicted of murdering Dr. Tiller, posted several times to

an Operation Rescue blog before killing Tiller in the lobby of his church on May 31, 2009. While in Albuquerque recently, Shaver met with Father Stephen Imbarrato of Project Defending Life. Imbarrato was ordained for the archdiocese in 2005, shortly before forming his pro-life

ministry in Albuquerque.

After Dr. Tiller’s murder, two doctors who worked with him began working in Albuquerque, spending alternating weeks at a downtown clinic.

RCRC New Mexico

is asking Archbishop Sheehan to “issue a written statement directing all of your religious leaders and laity to avoid all association and cooperation and collaboration with Operation Rescue, Operation Save America and all other ‘pro-life’ hate groups.”

“Operation Rescue is too dangerous to be in New Mexico,” said the RCRC New Mexico executive director.

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Men—Take A Stand



From Personal to Political, Men's Involvement Critical

Women's reproductive rights are human rights – and, for the sake of everyone, men as well as women need to be more involved in protecting these rights. That's the consensus of men who responded to RCRC's informal survey about men's involvement in the pro-choice movement, conducted to launch our Men—Take A Stand initiative.

The suggestions as to how men could partner with women ranged from the personal to the political. On the personal side, a 21-year-old Florida man concerned about the stigma around abortion suggested that “talking to another guy” could increase understanding and activism. Others said that supporting a woman in your own family who has an unplanned pregnancy or needs an abortion can be as important as being active in the public, political arena. Politically, many men such as a United Church of Christ member from Virginia urged men to work for pro-choice candidates.

While women form the leadership of the reproductive rights movement, men—including RCRC's President and CEO Reverend Carlton Veazey—have had a critical role. Reverend Howard Moody, an American Baptist minister, founded the Clergy Consultation Service on Abortion in the 1960s to help women in the days when abortion was illegal. RCRC Board member Dr. LeRoy Carhart fought against abortion bans in U.S. Supreme Court cases in 2000 and 2006. But as attacks on women's rights and restrictions on abortion and contraception continue to proliferate, men's involvement is critical to demonstrate the breadth of support for reproductive rights.

Reverend Jim Cavanaugh of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, urged men to partner with women to achieve self-determination in all life choices.” He recalled a speaker at a *Roe v. Wade* anniversary inter-

faith service who said that unless and until men accept women as competent to make their own choices, “Christians who give lip service to the Genesis story of women and men being created in God's image are not ‘walking the talk.’”

“We need to put up more of a fight,” said a Unitarian Universalist from Maryland. His advice: write letters to the editor of newspapers and comments on websites and blogs to promote our positions.

A 63-year-old Tennessee obstetrician-gynecologist, who said that he was concerned about the “religious oppression of women,” urged men to demonstrate peacefully at women's clinics where anti-choice harassment takes place. A 35-year-old Iowan, a member of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), concurs, stating that

Talk to Us!

We'd like to hear from men and women about men's involvement in the pro-choice movement. What can men do to protect and promote reproductive rights? Take our survey at www.rcrc.org and watch for email updates.

volunteering at a clinic has been a meaningful way for him to support women.

“Freedom is the larger question—not just reproductive choice but freedom of speech, religion, press, etc.,” wrote a New Mexico Unitarian Universalist. “If you can help men ‘connect the dots’ and see that denying any right, to any individual, threatens their own rights, they might be more inclined to support a woman's right to govern her own body.”

Why I Became An Advocate for Reproductive Choice

Reverend Rev. Jeff Briere, Unitarian Universalist Church of Chattanooga

“**M**y mother was ill-treated by her employer and, after they divorced, my father did not abide by his agreement to pay child support. That alerted me to how women are treated differently than men. My first girlfriend got pregnant and had to go to Puerto Rico for an abortion. That alerted me to restrictive abortion laws. My wife had an abortion before I met her and she had to travel from an upstate New York dairy farm to inner-city Philadelphia for that. To my knowledge, three of my four daughters had an abortion. It would have been impossible for me not to be involved in advocating for —reproductive justice.

What concerns me about the status of women's reproductive rights? That laws with roots in religious beliefs are being considered and in some cases, passed, by legislatures dominated by men who are moved too much by those religious beliefs.

What can men do to help safeguard reproductive rights? Meet more women who have stories to tell them....When you can put a human face on this issue, you will begin to win the hearts and minds of the people.

After that, more men can appear at legislatures alongside women. Yes, it's important for women to be heard, and no, we don't want to stifle their voices, and no, I'm not saying women can't do for themselves, but the fact is that men listen differently to men than they do to women. It's a cultural thing and it's learned.

To speak for the rights of women without alienating women is not an easy task. To be successful, it's critical that the man who speaks for women appear to other men as self-reliant, not someone who is riding the bandwagon with women because the big boys won't play with him.”

Public Policy Update

The Unfinished Business Of Health Care Reform

September 23 marked the six-month anniversary of the “Patient Protection and Affordable Care” (PPACA) Act, commonly called health care reform. It brought with it the first wave of changes, including: (1) allowing children to remain on their parents’ health insurance until the age of 26, (2) banning lifetime limits on insurance coverage, and (3) banning the practice of denying children coverage due to pre-existing conditions.

This milestone also reminded us of the problems that the legislation created for reproductive health care coverage. For example, a health care plan that covers abortion services must collect two separate payments from individuals in the plan — one for abortion care and the other for the remainder of services. This rule and others like it will further limit a woman’s access to abortion by deterring health care plans from covering abortion.

The legislation also contains a “conscience provision” that will allow health care providers and facilities to refuse to provide, cover, pay for, or even refer a woman for abortion services if they choose to do so. In no other field or area of work are employees allowed to refuse to fulfill their public service duties, and this is a clear attack on a woman’s right to choose what is best for her.

RCRC is reaching out to the Obama Administration and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to help correct some of these problems and to push for stronger reproductive health care under the PPACA. Most recently, RCRC contacted HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius to express our support for coverage of preventive

services including contraception. Most faith traditions embrace contraception and family planning as responsible practices that improve women’s and children’s health and strengthen families.

We also presented the Department with comments on the Pre-existing Condition Insurance Plans. As of September 30, the plans would not allow women with pre-existing conditions to purchase abortion coverage. We expressed our concern

that this policy denies women with various medical conditions, including cancer, kidney disease, multiple sclerosis and diabetes, the coverage they desperately need to end pregnancies that threaten their health. A woman who is ill and also pregnant is in a morally com-

plex situation that should be decided on a personal, independent level. We asked Secretary Sebelius to remove this restriction and allow women to determine the best outcome for themselves and their families.

As pieces of the PPACA continue to be implemented, RCRC will speak with policymakers to ensure they understand the views of diverse faith groups that make up our coalition and how those relate to the range of reproductive health care issues.

Misleading and Dangerous Bill Gains Support

Rep. Chris Smith (R-NJ), a leader of the pro-life caucus in the House of Representatives, introduced the misleadingly named “No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act” over the summer. Many people incorrectly think that this bill would simply codify the Hyde



Reverends Deborah Mero and Marvin Marsh (right) of Pennsylvania meet with Senator Robert Casey (D-PA) about health care reform.

Amendment, which blocks any federal funding from being used for abortion care. The Hyde Amendment is a harmful piece of legislation that our elected officials continue to pass each year, but Rep. Smith’s bill includes other dangerous pieces as well.

If passed, H.R. 5939 would manipulate tax law and could prevent private employers from continuing to offer health care coverage that includes abortion services except in very limited circumstances, even if they want to provide their employees with comprehensive coverage.

The Hyde Amendment already prevents millions of low-income women from protecting their health and making their own decisions about whether and when to have a child. This bill would permanently deny abortion coverage to low-income women, federal employees, and military women; effectively end abortion coverage in private employer policies; and possibly undermine women’s access to life-saving emergency abortions at state and local public hospitals.

This bill is collecting significant support in the House, so RCRC is making sure our legislators know how dangerous it is and that they need oppose this attempt at undermining women’s reproductive health care. Please contact your Representative today and do the same! You can email a letter to your Representative via our Action Center at www.rcrc.org.

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Faithful Response to Economic Disparities

Religious denominations with millions of members affirm that health care services, including abortion, should be available to all, regardless of income. These denominations have various views on when abortion is permissible, but all agree that women should have access to that option, without regard to economic status.

United Methodist Church

The Resolution on Responsible Parenthood advises churches and society at large to "...make abortions available to women without regard to economic status..."

Presbyterian Church USA

"Within this same context of the state's limited legitimate interest (in regulating abortions and in restricting abortions in certain circumstances), no law should deny access to safe and affordable services for the persons seeking to terminate a problem pregnancy."

Episcopal Church

"Resolved, That this 71st General Convention of the Episcopal Church express its unequivocal opposition to any legislative, executive or judicial action on the part of local, state, or national governments that abridges the right of a woman to reach an informed decision about the termination of pregnancy or that would limit the access of a woman to safe means of acting on her decision."

Reform Judaism

In 1990, the Reform movement reaffirmed its commitment to "Support non-restrictive federal and state funding of reproductive services, including abortion, and non-restrictive private insurer coverage."

"Tea Party" Boosts Anti-Choice Forces

The rise of the "Tea Party" movement strengthened anti-choice forces in 2010. In the mid-term elections, Religious Right candidates capitalized on Tea Party popularity to ramp up their assault on women's lives and family privacy. We expect a wave of anti-choice legislation to flood state legislatures and Congress in the coming year.

Among the numerous medically necessary state restrictions on access to abortion enacted into law in 2010, **Arizona, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, and Tennessee** all passed laws that prohibit insurers in the new state insurance exchanges created by health care reform legislation from covering abortion services. This prohibition will reduce access to reproductive health care for women in all income brackets.

Idaho passed a "conscience clause" act allowing health care providers and professionals to refuse to provide or assist in abortion care, except in life-threatening cases, or even to provide emergency contraception.

The legislature in **Louisiana** enacted three laws that threaten reproductive rights:

(1) the Department of Health's power has been expanded to allow it to close abortion clinics permanently for any violation of the state's regulatory code,

(2) physicians who provide abortion care are now denied access to the State's Patient Compensation Fund (a fund to protect health care providers from the high costs of malpractice insurance); and

(3) a woman seeking an abortion must have an ultrasound and be offered the opportunity view the image and receive an explanation and a print-out.

Nebraska banned abortions after 20 weeks gestation, which is pre-viability. The only exception is if the pregnancy threatens the woman's life.

South Carolina enacted a law that requires women seeking an abortion to have access to state-mandated counseling materials at least 24 hours before the procedure.

Utah enacted two anti-choice laws.

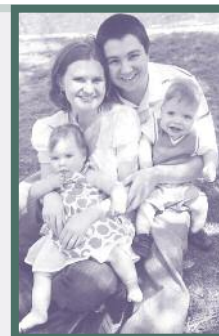
The first, which clearly targets women who are already medically underserved, places extreme criminal penalties on pregnant women who terminate their own pregnancies. The second requires a woman seeking an abortion to get an ultrasound and receive state-mandated counseling materials.

In **Missouri**, a series of dangerous anti-choice laws has been passed, including that a woman must have in-person counseling at least 24 hours before undergoing an abortion. Abortion providers are required to give a woman seeking an abortion an information packet including such anti-choice language as, "The life of each human being begins at conception."

Early this year, the **Oklahoma** legislature enacted a law (over Governor Henry's veto) that prohibits a woman from obtaining an abortion unless she not only has an ultrasound but is also shown the image and listens to the doctor describe the image in detail. A petition has been filed in Oklahoma District Court challenging the law.

Surviving, Living, and Thriving: Hope For All Women

Sadie Stone (with husband, Marcus, and one-year-old twins) is the author of a prize-winning sermon comparing the lives and health of women in poor and developing countries to her own struggles with post-partum depression and caring for premature twins. The sermon is available at www.rcrc.org/perspectives/prayers_sermons.cfm and from info@rcrc.org or by calling RCRC at 202-628-7700 ext. 12.



Call to Justice

The RCRC 2011 Action Plan: Mobilizing Networks

RCRC's ambitious 2011 Action Plan is a blueprint for raising strong pro-choice, pro-faith voices to stop the Religious Right's extreme anti-choice agenda and for enacting laws and policies that support women and families through education, outreach, and advocacy. As the nation's largest and most influential interfaith pro-choice movement, we have the ability to counter the myth that all reli-



gions are anti-choice or that groups like the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops speak for all people of faith.

One of our primary focuses

is the nation's new health care law. The Religious Right is now working in a number of states to ban abortion coverage from the newly created state insurance exchanges, including from women's private health care plans. If they succeed, there would be a devastating impact on millions of women who cannot afford to buy separate coverage for abortion.

Our support for these rights in key states will create a ripple effect of similar protections in other states. Our core networks—Clergy for Choice Network, the National Black Church Initiative, and Spiritual Youth for Reproductive Freedom—will be mobilized to train grassroots religious activists, to conduct public education and outreach to members of the media, to hold faith-based legislative briefings, and to work with local reproductive health care organizations.

Nationally, we will continue to push for responsible, comprehensive reproductive health services and programs. This

includes funding for comprehensive, responsible sexuality education and for access to family planning and contraceptive services for low-income women and other women who are medically underserved.

As the leading interfaith organization offering training in faith-informed counseling, we will continue to prepare clergy to counsel women who are struggling with pregnancy-related and family planning decisions and in need of compassionate, unbiased, medically accurate religious counseling.

Becoming A Part Of The Solution

Andrea Edwards, a student at the Howard University School of Divinity, had a life-changing experience this summer as RCRC's first Mary Jane Patterson Intern. Not only did she venture outside of what she describes as her "comfort zone," she also became determined to be "a part of the solution" to the many problems facing women at home and abroad.

"We are proud that Ms. Edwards was RCRC's first Mary Jane Patterson intern," said Reverend Veazey. "She embodies many of the qualities that we treasured in Mary Jane Patterson—a strong intellect, a warm heart, and a commitment to realizing the equality of all God's children."

The internship was established by long-time reproductive choice advocate and RCRC Board member Anne Hale Johnson to honor Ms. Patterson and continue her vision. Ms. Patterson was an influential champion of social justice who represented the Presbyterian Church (USA) in Washington, DC, for many years and who passed way in 2009. Like Anne Hale



Andrea Edwards

Johnson, Ms. Patterson grounded her uncompromising commitment to women's reproductive rights in the theological principles of her faith.

Ms. Edwards came to RCRC interested in creating positive change by melding her undergraduate studies in health and physical therapy and her graduate work in the Howard Master of Divinity program. She

finished the summer with "a vastly expanded understanding of the intersection of faith, reproductive health, and women's rights," she said, which will help her integrate the

physical, psychological and spiritual aspects of each person in her planned faith-based counseling practice.

Being exposed to the reproductive justice community in Washington, DC, expanded Ms. Edwards' understanding of the plight of women all over the world. She developed a calling for helping to "secure, protect and advocate for women's rights both here in the United States and abroad."

"This opportunity has been enlightening, inspiring and challenging," she said in thanking Anne Hale Johnson.

For more information about the Mary Jane Patterson Internship and for an application, please visit http://www.rcrc.org/programs/MJPatterson_internship.cfm

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Conversations with Clergy

Putting Spirituality Into Clinic Counseling

From her days as a young mother who volunteered for RCRC to her long career counseling women and couples at clinics in Boston and Boulder, Colorado, the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice has been central to the life and work of Reverend Barbara Eaton Molfese.

In Boston, Barbara Molfese counseled a patient who was a minister. “She turned the tables on me and said: ‘You’re a really spiritual person, aren’t you?’ I was kind of speechless for a minute, but I talked to her about my spiritual path and how much I loved working at the clinic. For me it was an



Rev. Barbara Molfese

expression of my spirituality—supporting women when they felt so judged and condemned.” The patient suggested that Barbara Molfese consider going to seminary and becoming a chaplain. “The minute she said that it clicked—I knew it was the right next step.”

Now a member of the Colorado RCRC board of directors and the national Religious Leaders Working Group, Barbara Molfese prepares other clergy to provide counseling at RCRC’s All Options Clergy Counseling and Pastoral Counseling for Reproductive Loss workshops. She was instrumental in creating RCRC’s new brochure, “Prayers and Meditations for A Time of Decision.”

Anti-choice propaganda plants powerful negative suggestions in the minds of countless people, she says. The RCRC brochure puts “heartfelt messages from clergy into the hands of women and couples in waiting rooms. Women and couples are just incredulous to learn that there are clergy who are sympathetic and compassionate because they’ve only ever heard the voice of the Religious Right.” These prayers and meditations can help change and enrich the lives of those who have not defined a spiritual path, she says.

Barbara Molfese is now working on a book of stories that she has heard as an RCRC-trained clergy counselor, with each story framed by a religious conversation. Women and couples struggling with a decision about abortion deserve to know the compassion and understanding that clergy counselors offer, she says.

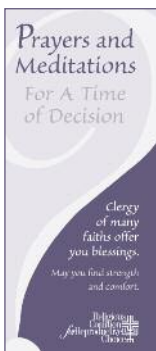
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- I’m interested in joining the Clergy for Choice Network.
- I’m interested in joining Seminarians for Choice.

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- **Visit our website at www.rcrc.org** to contact members of Congress and sign up for news and alerts.
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- **Contact us about planned giving.** Remembering RCRC in your will is an investment in the future!

FAITH AND CONSCIENCE

Pro-choice religions are among the most trusted institutions in the United States. These traditions, with more than 20 million members in the U.S., support reproductive choice as the most responsible position a religious institution can take on this issue. The Episcopal Church, Presbyterian Church (USA), United Church of Christ, United Methodist Church, Unitarian Universalist Association, and Reform, Conservative, and Reconstructionist Judaism all have official statements in support of reproductive choice as a matter of conscience. Religious and religiously affiliated organizations from these and other traditions are members of the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice.