

"And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God?" – Micah 6:8 (KJV)

Faith in Action Advocacy for Reproductive Justice

2009 Annual Report

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 Religious Coalition *for* Reproductive Choice

The Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice (RCRC) is **America's only interfaith organization dedicated to preserving reproductive choice and achieving reproductive justice.** Clergy and laity founded RCRC in 1973 to defend the newly secured right to privacy in reproductive decisions. Since then, we have grown and expanded to meet new challenges and threats to reproductive freedom, to provide programs and services, and to advocate for responsible reproductive health and sexuality education policies and programs.

RCRC comprises national religious and religiously affiliated organizations from 15 denominations and faith traditions. Our diverse, informed and active base includes the national Clergy for Choice Network, affiliates and networks in more than 20 states, Spiritual Youth for Reproductive Freedom (SYRF) activists, the National Black Church Initiative, La Iniciativa Latina, and individuals of all faiths committed to responsible policies that safeguard our health and rights. We work for reproductive options for all, with particular emphasis on reproductive issues of people of color, those living in poverty and other underserved populations.

Our Partners in Honoring Dr. George Tiller's Life

RCRC's memorial service for Dr. George Tiller was held June 9, 2009, at National City Christian Church, Washington, DC. We thank National City Christian Church for its hospitality and fellowship and those who took part in the moving and meaningful service:

Dr. LeRoy Carhart, RCRC Board member and a colleague and friend of George Tiller, who delivered the eulogy; Reverend Dr. Stephen Gentle, Senior Minister, National City Christian Church; Reverend Steven Baines, RCRC's Director of Interfaith Outreach; Rabbi Charles Feinberg, Adas Israel Congregation; Cecile Richards, President, Planned Parenthood Federation of America; Ann Hanson, Chair of the RCRC Council of Governors and Minister for Sexuality Education and Justice, United Church of Christ; Reverend Karen Brau, Senior Pastor, Luther Place Memorial Church; and Rabbi Joui Hessel, RCRC Council of Governors and Washington Hebrew Congregation.

Thanks also to the talented musicians who helped us mourn and lifted our spirits - Miriam Gentle, Charles Miller, Cantor Laura Croen of Temple Sinai, Bonnie Barnett, and Judith Allen — and to many others, too numerous to mention.

In Memoriam

Dr. George Tiller

“Together, we will create a society and a paradigm shift so that every pregnancy is an invited guest in the woman’s body and a welcome addition to her family.”

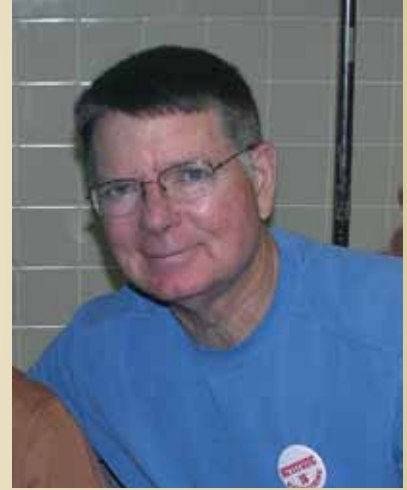
– Dr. Tiller’s message to RCRC, thanking us for our support during the assault on his clinic in the summer of 2001.

Dr. George Tiller was gunned down May 31, 2009, as he stood in the foyer of his Wichita, Kansas, church performing his duties as an usher. That he was killed in a sanctuary, where people were coming to celebrate Pentecost, and that he found strength and purpose through his religious faith made his death especially grievous for us as people of faith.

George Tiller was a champion of women’s rights, talented and caring physician, military veteran, and loving husband, father and grandfather.

He was killed because he was committed to making sure that safe, legal abortion was available to women in the greatest need, women with late-term complications and emergencies, many of whom had no one else to turn to. Few of us have lived our lives with the dedication George Tiller showed despite constant harassment, physical harm and demonization.

George Tiller lived his life according to his values and his faith. He was selfless and fearless in the line of danger to the very end. He believed and taught his medical and clinic staff that “Abortion is not a cerebral or a reproductive issue. Abortion is a matter of the heart: for until one understands the heart of a woman, nothing else about abortion makes any sense at all.” His death was senseless, but his life will live on in the spirit of community, service, and compassion that he embodied and that we share.



Let us honor Dr. Tiller’s courage and compassion by strengthening our resolve that abortion is not only safe and legal but also offered with the respect that was a hallmark of his practice.



Dr. LeRoy Carhart, member of RCRC Board of Directors and a colleague of Dr. Tiller, delivered the eulogy.



Ann Hanson, Chair, RCRC Council of Governors, praised Dr. Tiller’s commitment to women.

Clinic defense volunteers found solace in recalling Dr. Tiller’s dedication to women’s lives.



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From The Chair of The RCRC Board

Times of Change and Growth

Dear Friends,

These are times of positive change and growth for the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice.

For 37 years — since our founding shortly after the U.S. Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* decision — RCRC has been highly regarded for consistently bringing together religious communities and constituencies to address controversial reproductive rights issues. We have worked in partnership to advocate for reproductive health care from an interfaith perspective and to mount effective challenges to our opponents' tactics.

Numerous trends are impacting the environment in which we work — among them, realignments among pro-choice and anti-choice policymakers and politicians, economic pressures affecting access to reproductive services, new thinking about how reproductive rights fits into the paradigm of social justice, and new interest groups opposed to fundamental rights. RCRC's relevance and experience is essential to meet these new challenges in the pro-choice and progressive religious communities.

But changing conditions do call for reviewing our work and focus. I am pleased to report that the Coalition was active throughout the year in analyzing and evaluating our resources and capabilities. Led by our forward-looking Board of Directors, we formed two task forces — the SWOT Task Force (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) and the Governance Task Force — to analyze complex organizational issues involving our numerous stakeholders. We began to implement immediately the recommendations of the task forces, with the result being a strengthened ability to meet the challenges of the current environment. In May, we brought together RCRC grassroots activists for an intensive three-day session to help lay the groundwork for future planning. I commend all involved in these activities for their initiative and insights, as well as many others who are active in their own staff affiliates and networks. Their work has already been instrumental in building an even more effective Coalition.

Although we have a pro-choice President and a Congress that leans pro-choice, the political scene has shifted under pressure from conservative Democrats, right-leaning faith groups, and aggressively anti-choice Republicans. The progressive religious voice must continue to be strengthened, and this is where RCRC is needed and has so much to offer. RCRC is proud to continue to move forward as the nationally recognized religious voice for reproductive health and justice.



Carol Blowers
Chair of the Board





From The President and CEO

A Groundswell of Support

Dear Colleagues,

In the movement for reproductive justice, dedicated supporters are essential. Your letters, emails, conversations, lobby visits, financial contributions, and all the other ways you contribute to the

Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice have had a powerful effect on public opinion and public policy. Today, there is a groundswell of support among people of faith for responsible policies that safeguard women’s health and rights and foster healthy families.

Together, we have worked hard and long to make this progress possible. You will read about our successes during the year in this Annual Report. On behalf of all of us at RCRC — our Board, Council of Governors, and staff — thank you for being faithful to the mission of RCRC to “bring the moral power of religious communities to ensure reproductive choice through education and advocacy.”

The extreme challenges posed by the economic downturn affected those least able to cope, making life even more difficult for women and families without adequate financial and medical resources. The battle for comprehensive reproductive health coverage in health care reform showed, again, the persistence of the unjust Hyde Amendment. Without your support and advocacy, you can be sure that women would face even more onerous restrictions than those currently in place.

With your support, we had a pivotal role in the fights for health care reform and comprehensive sexuality education. We pushed back vigorously against anti-choice tactics across the country — in California, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kentucky, Minnesota, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington state, West Virginia and Wisconsin. We effectively activated religious, pro-choice constituents, increased the faith community’s impact on reproductive justice advocacy, and catalyzed young adult activism. We are proud of our ability to act nimbly to protect women’s health and to advocate for those whose voice is not heard.

We are firm in our resolve to preserve women’s dignity and choices. Thank you for standing with us.

Reverend Dr. Carlton W. Veazey
President and CEO

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A Matter of Faith and Conscience

Denominations and traditions that honor reproductive decisions are among the most trusted institutions in the United States. These traditions, with more than 20 million members in the U.S. alone, support a pro-choice position 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, Reconstructionist and Conservative Judaism all have official statements affirming reproductive choice as a matter of conscience, adopted by their governing bodies.** Religious and religiously affiliated organizations from these and other traditions are members of the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice.

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Faith-Motivated Advocacy for Policy Change

The start of the Obama Administration rekindled our hope for progressive action on women's reproductive health care. President Obama identified himself as pro-choice and a man of faith, presenting the religious pro-choice movement with an unparalleled opportunity to promote and advance our policy issues.



Reverend Veazey calls for sustained action on health care reform at rally to defeat anti-choice Stupak-Pitts Amendment.

During the transition, we organized the development of a document for the new administration detailing reproductive justice goals that was endorsed by 17 religious organizations. With other religious advocates, we held a series of meetings with key congressional offices to press for these goals. Our coordinated actions as faith advocates contributed to breakthroughs in funding for comprehensive sexuality education and teen pregnancy prevention programs and in establishing a strong progressive religious presence in the national policy arena.

Health Care Reform

RCRC was on the frontline of faith-centered activism for health care reform that included full coverage of reproductive health services. We conducted a vigorous information and advocacy campaign to marshal and publicize the support of religious leaders and clergy for maintaining the current standard of reproductive health care, the centerpiece of which was an open letter to Members of Congress signed by more than 75 faith leaders.



Speakers at RCRC press conference on health care reform were (L-R) Sandra Sorensen, United Church of Christ; Sammie Moshenberg, National Council of Jewish Women; Jon O'Brien, Catholics for Choice; Reverend Veazey; Linda Bales Todd, General Board of Church and Society, United Methodist Church; Reverend Barry Lynn, Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

Reverend Veazey was one of a handful of pro-choice religious leaders whose views were sought out by the White House and Congressional leaders. He pressed for legislation that respects our nation's diverse religious views on access to abortion. He spoke boldly against the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' lobbying for the anti-choice Stupak-Pitts Amendment in the House and language proposed by Sen. Ben Nelson in the Senate bill. The

mainstream faith community's support for covering abortion services in the new health care bill received significant national media coverage as a result of RCRC's press conference at the National Press Club in Washington, DC, in November, including by CNN, PBS-TV, and Congressional Quarterly.

Our faith advocates across the country contacted their legislators to fight the Stupak amendment and register their support for health care policy that did not further restrict women's reproductive health options. Our affiliates, state networks, grassroots organizers, and Spiritual Youth for Reproductive Freedom activists met with their elected officials either in Washington, DC, or their district offices, used our congressional action tools and social media, held rallies and informational events, and wrote letters to the editor to speak out for comprehensive reproductive health care.

Extensive Washington Presence

RCRC's presence on the Hill and with the White House was extensive and included briefings and meetings with top officials. RCRC and the National Council of Jewish Women collaborated with Congressional pro-choice leaders — Representatives Janice Schakowsky (D-IL), Diana DeGette (D-CO) and Louise Slaughter (D-NY) — on a briefing for congressional staff in March 17, "You've Got to Have Faith: Building a Movement for Reproductive Justice."

In talks with leaders in the House, Senate and White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, Reverend Veazey championed the rights of women to follow their own faith and conscience in reproductive decisions, often as one of the few religious leaders to support women's rights. He staunchly supported comprehensive sexuality education and opposed abstinence-only programs, providing much-needed moral leadership for presidential action on expanding funding for comprehensive programs that reduce teen pregnancy.

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



Speakers at "You've Got to Have Faith" briefing were (L-R) Jessica Gonzales-Rojas of the National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health, Sammie Moshenberg of National Council of Jewish Women, Toni Bond Leonard of Black Women for Reproductive Justice, Loretta Ross of SisterSong.

"You've Got to Have Faith"

Reproductive justice involves ministering to the whole person, helping a woman with issues of relationships, education, jobs, and other daily struggles, not just at the moment of a crisis pregnancy. Adequate and accessible family planning services are a matter of reproductive justice.

— Reverend Veazey



Representative Barbara Lee (D-CA) spoke at RCRC's reception for the Congressional Black Caucus, which she chairs.

RCRC affiliates and networks are active in California, Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, New Mexico, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. For information, contact info@rcrc.org.

Faith-Informed Grassroots Organizing and Programs

Our on-the-ground organizing activities with clergy, our state affiliates and networks, and people of faith resulted in an increase in the number of clergy, religious leaders and people of faith who support our goals and in greater awareness about religious perspectives on reproductive issues.

Visible and Vocal

Members of the RCRC Clergy for Choice Network, Spiritual Youth for Reproductive Freedom (SYRF) activists and other religious advocates were visible and vocal in fights for health care reform and comprehensive sexuality education. Pro-choice religious activity was especially noteworthy in states with active anti-choice organizing such as California, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kentucky, Minnesota, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington state, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. Education and advocacy were geared to priority needs such as protecting existing reproductive services, offering clergy counseling for women and couples, and conducting weekend activities for congregations to honor the memory of Dr. George Tiller.

'Sex Ed Superstars'

Our signature sexuality education initiative — People of Faith for REAL (Responsible Education About Life) — successfully mobilized people of faith to reach out to their members of Congress to support comprehensive sexuality education. We also launched our “Knowledge Is Power” postcard campaign and our “Sex Ed Superstars” awareness initiative to demonstrate to Congress that there is strong religious support for comprehensive sexuality education and for de-funding abstinence-only programs. Thousands of postcards were distributed through congregations, denomination conferences, clergy, and advocates.

Our congressional action center provided resources to thousands of faith activists for a variety of campaigns, including ending abstinence-only funding, funding comprehensive sexuality education, and changing unnecessary and harmful “provider conscience” regulations.

“Sex Ed Superstars” proclaim their faith-informed support for comprehensive sexuality education.

Reverend Paul Britner organizes pro-choice people of faith in Alabama.



Reverend Barbara Molfese of Colorado is a Clergy for Choice activist.



Ellen Sable of Texas (left) and Sister Donna Quinn of Illinois represent pro-choice religious views in their communities.



Building Interfaith Activism in Western States

Our project in select Western states brought together religious leaders who are committed to the spiritual, emotional, and physical health of youth to discuss the need for sexuality education. The project was active in California, New Mexico, Utah, Nevada, Idaho, Washington, and Oregon, reaching clergy and activists from 15 denominations and laying the groundwork for interfaith coalitions.

Utah: Clergy and other activists sent a statement of support for comprehensive sexuality education to the Utah House Health and Human Services Committee.

Idaho: A clergy-driven plan was developed to advocate for a sexuality education bill.

Los Angeles and Oakland, California; Boise, Idaho; Salt Lake City, Utah; Reno, Nevada; and Western Washington: Community conversations were initiated by clergy and religious leaders on sexuality issues. The clergy conversation in Nevada was attended by a member of Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid's in-district staff and covered by the main Reno newspaper.



Reverend Mariah Britton teaches workshop on sexuality issues in ministry.

Cathy Thompson, Wisconsin RCRC executive director, led efforts to eliminate abstinence-only funding.



New Mexico: The New Mexico Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice met with progressive clergy in remote parts of the state to discuss sexuality education. As a result, clergy advocated for comprehensive sexuality education legislation during the legislative session.

As a result of our training, more than 2,500 patients at a reproductive health center in Pittsburgh have access to compassionate pastoral counseling and a hotline has been established at a Rochester, NY, church.

Preparing Clergy Counselors

As part of our work to equip clergy to act for reproductive justice, RCRC offered two workshops for clergy - All Options Clergy Counseling and Pastoral Counseling for Reproductive Loss - as well as web-based interactive trainings. These workshops have a far-reaching impact. At the Allegheny Reproductive Health Center in Pittsburgh we conducted a Pastoral Counseling for Reproductive Loss training for the director and counseling staff and clergy and pastoral counselors from Pennsylvania and West Virginia. As a result, more than 2,500 women who are served by the Center each year will have access to compassionate pastoral counseling. In Rochester, the training has equipped a group of religious activists to establish a church-based hotline in their community.

We also served more than 500 future clergy and faculty through our Seminarians for Choice program. Workshops and other events were held at Pacific School of Religion, Iliff School of Theology, Chicago Theological Seminary, Yale Divinity School, Hartford Seminary, Harvard Divinity School, Graduate Theological Union, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, Lutheran Theological School of Pennsylvania, Yale Divinity School, Union Theological Seminary, and United Seminary.

Sex Ed Victory

The Wisconsin RCRC rallied constituents of Rep. Dave Obey, the powerful Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, to demonstrate the active support for eliminating funding for abstinence-only programs. As a result, for the first time in 10 years, Chairman Obey removed abstinence-only funding from the budget and included funding for teenage pregnancy prevention. When some committee members tried to reverse his decision, he remained steadfast. This is a major victory in the movement for comprehensive sexuality education and for RCRC, which had the only network in Obey's district that could mobilize constituents.

Enhancing Diversity in the Reproductive Rights Movement

SYRF activists Johanna Hatch (left) and Jana Priestly represent the next generation of the pro-choice movement.



Our pioneering and innovative multicultural program has a dual mission: to increase diversity in the reproductive rights movement and to provide comprehensive sexuality education within the African American and Latino communities. Its achievements during the year ranged from educating hundreds of youth and adults in Black churches to informing members of the Congressional Black Caucus of the need to advance sexuality education and reproductive health services in African American communities. In Latino faith communities in New York, Wisconsin, and New Mexico, we convened summits of religious and community leaders and adults and youth on sexuality issues during Hispanic Heritage month. Workshops to train clergy and youth-serving professionals in providing sexuality education were held in New York and Wisconsin.



Historic Howard University School of Divinity was the site for the National Black Religious Summit on Sexuality.

The National Black Church Initiative (BCI)

The BCI sexuality education program is active in congregations across the country. From California to New York, from Minnesota to South Carolina, more than 800 youth and adults completed our “Keeping It Real!” and “Breaking the Silence” faith-based sexuality education programs. Our consultant team of 19 clergy and lay leaders represented a wide range of denominational and non-denominational African American church traditions. They brought a depth of knowledge and practical expertise in the Black Church to their teaching, including in HIV/AIDS education and services, sexual violence and abuse services, and teen pregnancy prevention.



Reverend Christine Wiley discusses faith perspectives on sexuality with Summit participants.

In July, the 13th National Black Religious Summit on Sexuality, titled “The Church in a Changing World,” was held at Howard University School of Divinity in Washington, DC. Over 600 adults and youth from more than 15 states participated in this unique learning experience blending worship, seminars on reproductive health topics, and fellowship and continued to build the movement for reproductive justice in the Black Church.

Recognizing the importance of improving reproductive health care in African American communities, members of Congress attended RCRC’s reception on Capitol Hill honoring the Congressional Black Caucus.



Speaking at RCRC reception for the Congressional Black Caucus were (L-R) Rabbi Steven Jacobs, RCRC Board member; Reverend Veazey; and Congressman Steve Cohen (D-TN).



Reverend Patricia Fears enjoys meeting with young participants in the national Summit.

Generation to Generation — Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program

Now in its fourth year, Generation to Generation, RCRC's teen pregnancy prevention program, has secured its place

as a valuable member of the community by opening its own meeting space and expanding the times for youth to gather for education and fellowship. Conducted exclusively in Washington, DC's Ward 8, which has the highest rate of teen pregnancy in the city, the program successfully employed a variety of activities, including programs on financial empowerment, dating violence, self-esteem, and peer pressure, to help teens delay pregnancy and develop long-term goals.

The program is having an impact far beyond the borders of Ward 8, as more peer educators are trained and deployed. At the National Black Religious Summit Teen Leadership Institute, Generation to Generation peer educators trained more than 150 young people from across the country.



Orelia Bush of Unitarian Universalist Association records comments of RCRC activists at spring meeting.

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Saving Lives in South Africa



Students receive certificates for completing sexuality education.

Because HIV/AIDS crosses all boundaries and all social strata, our factual, Bible-based sexuality education program was taught in rural and urban areas of Cape Town, in a wide range of churches – including Anglican, Apostolic, Assembly of God, Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist, and evangelical — and in public schools, a juvenile detention center, a children's home, and school- and church-run summer camps.

Of special note, working with a sports organization, we provided sexual health education to incarcerated juveniles before they were released. In Great Drakenstien Prison based in Paarl, 21 young men were trained to facilitate "Keeping It Real!" sessions for their fellow inmates.

With five new field organizers on the job, we doubled the number of teens who took part in the program, expanded our presence in areas riddled with drug and alcohol abuse and extremely high drop-out rates, and developed new partnerships.

moral decision-makers

A highlight of the year was partnering with Brigham Young University, a Mormon-affiliated university, to present workshops on faith and reproductive issues at their Washington, DC, campus.

Organizing for The Future

Our Youth Program: Building Religious Diversity in the Movement for Reproductive Justice

Inclusiveness and pluralism are hallmarks of Spiritual Youth for Reproductive Freedom (SYRF), RCRC's program for youth and young adults. Spiritual, pro-choice youth leaders from diverse religious communities learn to participate in advocacy for reproductive justice and to engage their peers in campus activities. SYRF interfaith conversations on campuses often feature Jewish, Christian, Muslim, and Unitarian Universalist representatives. A highlight of the year was partnering with Brigham Young University's Washington, DC campus, a Mormon-affiliated university, to present workshops on faith and reproductive issues.

Our SYRF organizers are students who know their campus well and organize campus-specific programs, with the help of RCRC's millennial-friendly resources, including messaging and technical assistance. As a result, the reproductive justice movement is more religiously diverse and multigenerational.

Engaging Campus Chaplains



Reverend Dale

In a new initiative, SYRF launched a grants program for campus chaplains, which produced a series of thought-provoking events and presentations about faith and sexuality and introduced a record number of students to religious pro-choice perspectives.

Campus chaplaincies that participated were from Arizona State University, Elmhurst College, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Lehigh University, Northwestern University, Oberlin College, Princeton University, and the University of Pennsylvania.

Among the imaginative activities was a short film created by Reverend Beverly Dale and The Christian Association at the University of Pennsylvania called *Body Without Fear*, about their weekly sexuality text study group interspersed with facts about faith, sexuality, and reproductive health.



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RCRC activists at spring gathering included (from left, clockwise): Kate

Lannamann of Connecticut RCRC, Reverend Richard Venus of Ohio RCRC, and Barbara Avery of Ohio RCRC.

Building The Movement

It was exciting and intense — a three-day gathering in May of energized RCRC activists, committed to building the religious reproductive justice movement. This experience served to identify issues that will form the basis of strategic planning in 2010.

The May gathering drew activists from across the country, including (photo at right) Reverend Aaron Payson, Nancy Hunt Wirth, (top photo) Melissa Lemons; (center photo, L-R) Reverend Timothy McDonald, Dean Alton Pollard III; (photo below, L-R) Reverend Dorothy Chaney, Monique Meadows, Reverend Penny Willis; (photo at bottom) Sue Amos.



Our Volunteer Leadership

Our dedicated volunteer leaders represent denominations and faith traditions with more than 20 million members in the United States. They give selflessly of their talents and time to light the way to a future of respect and equality. We thank them for their service and their commitment to reproductive justice.

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Secure The Future of Reproductive Choice

The Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice began the Jim Barrett Memorial Society to recognize supporters who have named us in their will, trust, or other planned gift. Jim and his wife, June, had been tireless advocates for reproductive choice since becoming clinic escorts as part of their church ministry in Pensacola, Florida. In one devastating moment in July 1994, an assassin murdered Jim and Dr. John Britton as they were entering the clinic and left June for dead.

June survived and served on our Board of Directors for many years to honor Jim's memory and their shared commitment to religious and reproductive freedom. June says: "I cherish my memories of Jim, and I invite you to honor his life with your bequest to the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice."

We recognize that each situation presents a special set of circumstances and that each donor has specific objectives. Planned giving arrangements can be tailored to fit individual needs while supporting the Coalition's mission to ensure that future generations can make decisions about childbearing and family in keeping with their religious beliefs and conscience.

Gift planning and charitable tax strategies include:

- Bequests
- Gifts That Increase Your Estate
- Gifts That Provide Lifetime Income
- Gifts That Provide Retirement Income
- Charitable Gift Assets

Gift planning and charitable tax strategies can provide mutual benefits to donors and the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice. For more information or assistance with your will, contact us at 202-628-7700.

Please join the following members of the Jim Barrett Memorial Society who have notified us that their will, trust, or other planned gift names the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice.

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2009 Financial Report

Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice Educational Fund

	UNRESTRICTED	TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	TOTAL
SUPPORT AND REVENUES			
Private Foundations	\$ 251,354	\$ 212,890	\$ 464,244
Individuals	99,610	-	99,610
Summit	19,048	-	19,048
Combined Federal Campaign	4,886	-	4,886
Investment Income	30,027	-	30,027
Bequests	-	83,164	83,164
Miscellaneous	4,962	-	4,962
Net Assets Released from Restrictions-Expiration of Time	2,576,255	(2,576,255)	-
Total Public Support and Revenues	\$ 2,986,142	\$ (2,280,201)	\$ 705,941
EXPENSES			
Clergy Organizing	\$ 394,784	\$ -	\$ 394,784
Communications	370,646	-	370,646
MultiCultural	957,532	-	957,532
Spiritual Youth for Reproductive Freedom	353,213	-	-
Public Policy	401,649	-	401,649
Development	299,732	-	299,732
General and Administrative	203,643	-	203,643
Total Program and Supporting Services	\$ 2,981,199	\$ -	\$ 2,981,199
Change in Net Assets	\$ 4,943	\$ (2,280,201)	\$ (2,275,258)
Net Assets - January 1, 2009	2,459,455	4,909,980	7,369,435
Net Assets - December 31, 2009	\$ 2,464,398	\$ 2,629,779	\$ 5,094,177

Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice, Inc.

	UNRESTRICTED	TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	TOTAL
SUPPORT AND REVENUES			
Individuals	\$ 435,872	\$ -	\$ 435,872
List Revenue	13,908	-	13,908
Interest	1,874	-	1,874
Miscellaneous	-	-	-
Total Public Support and Revenues	\$ 451,654	\$ -	\$ 451,654
EXPENSES			
Clergy Organizing	\$ 7,648	\$ -	\$ 7,648
Communications	9,255	-	9,255
Public Policy	27,163	-	27,163
Development	380,731	-	380,731
General and Administration	10,172	-	10,172
Total Program and Supporting Services	\$ 434,969	\$ -	\$ 434,969
Change in Net Assets	\$ 16,685	\$ -	\$ 16,685
Net Assets - January 1, 2009	84,326	-	84,326
Net Assets - December 31, 2009	\$ 101,011	\$ -	\$ 101,011

The Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice

As people of faith, we

- seek a society that **values human life** and human dignity and honors individual conscience.
- respect the **value of potential human life** while remaining firmly committed to **women as responsible, moral decision-makers**.
- believe the ability to **make moral decisions**—including about reproductive issues—is the very basis of an **individual’s dignity**.
- seek to correct the conditions that underlie the high rate of unintended pregnancy and abortion, through **responsible sexuality education, affordable family planning services, and high-quality, accessible medical care**.
- strive to **make justice a reality** by furthering the medical, economic, and educational resources necessary for healthy children, families and communities.
- will continue to **protect the right of individuals** to follow their own religious views in reproductive decisions and decisions about family formation.



Help Ensure Reproductive Choice and Religious Freedom for Future Generations!

As people of faith, we have the responsibility of ensuring that future generations can make decisions about childbearing and family in keeping with their religious beliefs and conscience. You can help secure reproductive rights and justice through these simple actions that can become a part of your daily life:

- **Tell your U.S. senators and your representative** that you are pro-choice and want them to protect reproductive rights.
- **Visit our Action Center at www.rcrc.org** for more information on how to contact Members of Congress and sample letters to send.
- Sign up to **receive our occasional email alerts** and national news and then forward them to your friends, family, and colleagues. You can sign up at www.rcrc.org
- You can **contribute safely and quickly online** at www.rcrc.org or by mail. An envelope is enclosed for mail contributions. Supporting RCRC financially is a great investment in the future!

The Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice brings the moral power of religious communities to ensure reproductive choice through education and advocacy. The Coalition seeks to give clear voice to the reproductive issues of people of color, those living in poverty, and other underserved populations.

MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

CHRISTIAN

Episcopal Church
Presbyterian Church (USA)
United Church of Christ
General Board of Church and Society,
United Methodist Church
General Board of Global Ministries,
Women's Division, United Methodist
Church

Caucuses/Organizations

Catholics for Choice
Christian Lesbians Out (CLOUT)
Church of the Brethren Women's Caucus
Disciples for Choice
Episcopal Urban Caucus
Episcopal Women's Caucus
Lutheran Women's Caucus
Methodist Federation for Social Action

JEWISH

Conservative Judaism

Rabbinical Assembly
United Synagogue of Conservative
Judaism
Women's League for Conservative
Judaism

Reform Judaism

Central Conference of American Rabbis
North American Federation of Temple
Youth
Union for Reform Judaism

Women of Reform Judaism, The
Federation of Temple Sisterhoods
Women's Rabbinic Network

Reconstructionist Judaism

Jewish Reconstructionist Federation
Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association

Society for Humanistic Judaism

Caucuses/Organizations

American Jewish Committee
American Jewish Congress
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
Hadassah, WZOA
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NA'AMAT USA
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Unitarian Universalist Association of
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Young Adult Network

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