

Reproductive Rights Workshop

- 1. Why is Texas Impact taking on this issue?**
- 2. Why is abortion policy an issue for faith communities?**
- 3. How is Texas Impact organizing our work on the issue?**
- 4. How can you get involved?**

National Positions of Texas Impact Member Institutions

Institution	Statement
United Methodist Church	We recognize tragic conflicts of life with life that may justify abortion, and in such cases, we support the legal option of abortion under proper medical procedures by certified medical providers.
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	A developing life in the womb does not have an absolute right to be born, nor does a pregnant woman have an absolute right to terminate a pregnancy.
Conservative Judaism	We may permit an abortion according to the Halakhah because of ‘great need’ and because of pain and suffering.
Unitarian Universalist	The right of individual conscience, and respect for human life are inalienable rights due every person; and the personal right to choose in regard to contraception and abortion is an important aspect of these rights.
National Council of Jewish Women	Every individual has the right to bodily autonomy and privacy, free from governmental, political, and religious interference in all health care decisions.
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)	We respect differences in religious beliefs concerning abortion and oppose, in accord with the principle of religious liberty, any attempt to legislate a specific religious opinion or belief concerning abortion upon all Americans.
Episcopal Church	Since 1967, The Episcopal Church has maintained its “unequivocal opposition to any legislation on the part of the national or state governments which would abridge or deny the right of individuals to reach informed decisions [about the termination of pregnancy] and to act upon them.”
Presbyterian Church USA	We affirm the ability and responsibility of women, guided by the Scriptures and the Holy Spirit, in the context of their communities of faith, to make good moral choices in regard to problem pregnancies.
Cooperative Baptist Fellowship	Each local congregation is autonomous and decides for itself.
United Church of Christ	The United Church of Christ has supported reproductive justice issues since the 1960’s. As a human rights issue, reproductive justice promotes the rights of people to bear children they want to have, to not bear children, to raise the children they do have in safe and healthy environments, and express their sexuality without oppression.
Society of Friends	Members of the Society of Friends are not in unity on abortion issues. Therefore, Quakers take no position and do not act either for or against abortion legislation.
Islam	All schools of Muslim law accept that abortion is permitted if continuing the pregnancy would put the mother’s life in real danger.

THE WAY FORWARD FOR TEXAS

- ★ Increase **funding for family planning**
- ★ Secure **access to birth control**
- ★ Expand **Medicaid** under the Affordable Care Act
- ★ Provide **12 months postpartum coverage** under Medicaid
- ★ Limit **civil and criminal penalties for abortion** by shielding medical providers' actions from non-medical evaluation or intervention
- ★ Eliminate **private causes of action** that allow individuals to sue Texans for alleged activities related to abortion
- ★ Affirm **privacy and bodily autonomy** for all Texans
- ★ Repeal **civil or criminal penalties for providing non-medical assistance** to people seeking abortions

Texas Impact Reproductive Rights Team



Weekly Zoom
Mondays at 5PM

Peer-to-Peer

District-Focused

Legislative Contact
+ Social Media

=Accountability