

Women's Healthcare & Reproductive Rights

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★ **TEXAS IMPACT**
PEOPLE OF FAITH WORKING FOR JUSTICE

Welcome & Grounding

Why we're here

- This workshop is about material conditions: who has access to care, who doesn't, and what that means
- We hold facts, faith, and lived experiences together

What You'll Leave With

Understand the
landscape

Grounding in
Experiences
and Faith

Take Action

The Landscape



27.7

Pregnancy-related deaths per
100,000 live births

(most recent MMMRC report -
2024, covering year 2018-2020)



63%

Increase since last report

(17.0 to 27.7)



For every
maternal death,
there are
roughly 70 near
misses.



134.4

Black women, severe maternal
morbidity cases per 100,000
delivery hospitalizations

White women - 72.6



46.5%

Counties with no obstetric care
access (maternity care deserts)



State by State - Texas Access

Gestational
Limits

Banned from detectable “heartbeat”

Medical
Exceptions

Life of the Mother Act

Medication
Abortion

Banned for “elective” abortions, legal from out of state providers – subject to suit

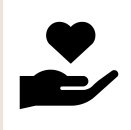
Legislative
Activity

Current Interim charges aimed at “further protecting women and unborn children”

Beyond the Headline Issue



**Contraception
access**



**IVF &
fertility care**



**Miscarriage
management**

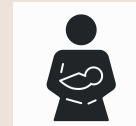
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**Ectopic
pregnancy care**



**Rural
OB-GYN
shortages**



**Postpartum
& maternal
support**

Grounding in Experiences and Faith







ABORTION IS
HEALTH CARE

What does your tradition teach about the dignity of the body? About care for the vulnerable? About the relationship between conscience and law?



Locating Your Tradition's Resources

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FAITH

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**REPRODUCTIVE
POLICY**

**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.



Working in Tandem

- Experiences
- Faith
- Facts

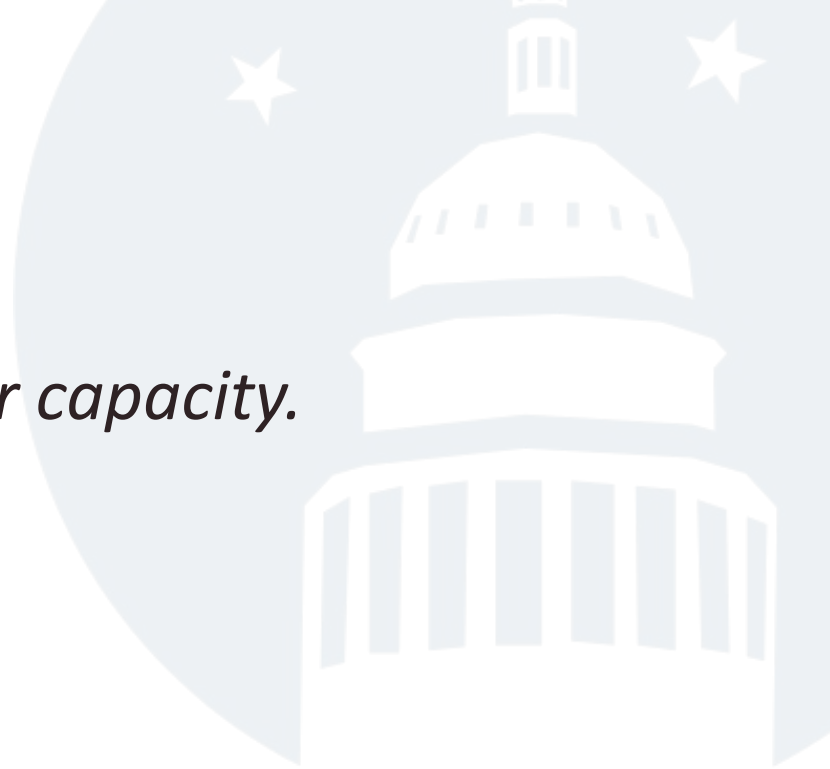


Take Action



Advocacy Toolkit

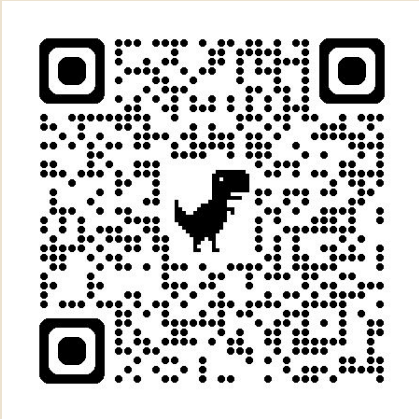
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A menu, not one path — choose what fits your capacity.

Join the Repro Team



Congregational education

- Host a workshop
- Bulletin/newsletter inserts
- Adult Ed series

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Testify

- In-person at hearings
- Written submissions

Contact legislators

- Calls
- Legislative Visits
- Postcards/Letters
- Emails