

## A Faith-Rooted Response to the Dobbs Anti-versary 6/24/23

We are clear that part of the reason Roe fell was because the broader repro movement has lacked a comprehensive faith strategy. The fall of Roe is not solely a political problem, and it cannot have solely a political solution. People of faith have been active with clear strategies and tactics for a long time. We are essential to changing the cultural, political, and practical realities of our reproductive lives in this country.

We are grounded in the principles of our religious traditions, such as *imago dei* (Image of God), *kujichagulia* (Self-Determination), *pikuach nefesh* (To Save a Life). In order for true Reproductive Justice to be achieved, we need a unified reproductive and faith strategy, which is why we are in relationship with these partners, along with individual congregations and communities to turn the tide. Join *all of us* as we amplify the efforts of people of faith to shift the culture around reproductive access.

# SACReD - Spiritual Alliance of Communities for Reproductive Dignity

SACReD equips congregations to become loving, justice-seeking faith communities that support reproductive moral agency and holistic flourishing for all. If your faith community is interested in becoming a SACReD Congregation, sign up <u>here</u>.

We are expanding our curriculum to meet more congregations where you are. Support this work with a donation today. <u>https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/sacred</u>

## **Catholics for Choice**

This June, Catholics for Choice launched a month-long campaign to mark the anniversary of the overturning of Roe v. Wade. One year after five Supreme Court justices — all of whom are Catholic or were raised Catholic — took away constitutional protection for abortion, the voices of pro-choice Catholics and other people of faith are more important than ever.

There are many ways to get involved:

- Sign the "I Am a Catholic for Choice" Pledge (or our Solidarity Pledge if you are not Catholic)
- Order "A Pro-Choice Catholic Was Here" postcards to spread around your community
- Share a quote about why you are a Catholic for Choice (if you are a leader in your community the head of an organization, a religious leader, or otherwise influential)
- Register for the virtual event "How I Became a Catholic for Choice: A Conversation with Jamie Manson" on June 28.

Visit https://www.catholicsforchoice.org/iamacatholicforchoice/ for all this and more!



### Faith Aloud

Roe v. Wade was never enough to ensure compassionate, stigma-free, and readily available abortion access for everyone. We will not wait for politicians to make this right. **Everyday**, at Faith Aloud, we offer unconditional spiritual support amid a culture that often shames us for needing help and shames us for asking for it, too. The Faith Aloud line is staffed by trained clergy counselors from different faith denominations who provide deep listening and unconditional care around spiritual conflict with any and ALL pregnancy decisions, feelings, and experiences including parenting, abortion, and adoption.

All people should be trusted to know their lives and bodies, and be able to access the healthcare and resources they need, when they need them, in their own community. <u>A donation</u> to Faith Aloud helps fund unconditional support to someone when they need it most.

For more information, resources, and trainings, visit our website at <u>www.faithaloud.org</u>. If you're looking for spiritual support, you can reach our clergy counseling line at **1-888-717-5010**.

https://www.faithaloud.org/get-involved/volunteer/

## Faith Choice Ohio

In the face of relentless attacks on abortion access and bodily autonomy, abortion pills have become even more essential. Learn how to share information about why Self-Managed Abortion (SMA) through medication is a safe, effective, and convenient reproductive health option for those in your community.

RSVP for Faith Choice Ohio's monthly "SMA in Good Faith" training: www.faithchoiceohio.org/self-managed-abortion-in-good-faith-training

#### Faith In Women

We are working to change the conversation around faith and reproductive health, rights, and justice in Mississippi. Follow us on social media and sign up to receive our monthly newsletter and calls to action for our community at <u>https://www.faithinwomen.org/contact/subscribe/</u>

#### **HEART**

Sign up to be added to HEART's email list and stay updated on their efforts and how you can get involved: <u>https://hearttogrow.org/</u>. Follow them on social media @hearttogrow.



## National Council of Jewish Women

In Judaism, there is a custom to mark the anniversary date of a death, the yahrtzeit — a time to mourn, to remember, and to honor — by lighting a yahrtzeit candle to remind us of the loss and bring light into a dark period.

Join National Council of Jewish Women to mourn all those who have been harmed and killed by bans on their bodies by lighting a yahrtzeit candle before sundown of Friday, June 23, 2023.

Learn more at https://www.jewsforabortionaccess.org/yahrtzeit

### National Ministries of United Church of Christ

Learn about the United Church of Christ and the history of support for Reproductive Justice: <u>https://www.ucc.org/reproductive-justice/</u>

#### New Mexico Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice

Join our incredible volunteer network in the capacity that works best for you: <u>https://nmrcrc.org/volunteer</u>

#### **Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice**

We invite you to sign up for RCRC's action alerts (<u>rcrc.org</u>) and visit Abortions Welcome, our pro-choice spiritual companion for before, during, and after abortion (<u>abortionswelcome.org</u>).

#### **Unitarian Universalist Association - Side With Love**

Join Side With Love's work for bodily autonomy through our UPLIFT Action campaign! Find our congregational organizing resources, political education opportunities, and ways to take action at <a href="https://sidewithlove.org/upliftaction">https://sidewithlove.org/upliftaction</a>