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Christchurch Earthquake 22nd 2011

In response to the catastrophic earthquake that struck Christchurch at 12. 51pm on Tuesday the 22nd of February, the executive of Right to Life grieves at the tragic loss of life and the destruction of property in our beautiful city. We extend to our members and supporters and indeed to all the citizens of our city prayerful support for those families mourning the loss of loved ones and sympathy for those who have suffered injury, the loss of their homes and businesses and for those who have sustained damage to their homes. May our merciful God grant them peace and healing.



We are deeply moved by the compassion and dedication of those members of the emergency services who selflessly risked their lives to save those who were trapped in collapsed buildings and those who were injured in the carnage of destruction inflicted on the central business district and elsewhere in our city. We are particularly grateful for those brave men and women of search and rescue teams and of emergency services who came to our city from overseas to help us in our hour of great need. We are also grateful for the compassion and support extended to our traumatised fellow citizens by the people of New Zealand and of other countries.

It is a great tragedy that among our heritage buildings severely damaged or destroyed are many fine churches, hopefully they will be repaired or rebuilt. In this hour of great trial and tribulation for our fellow citizens of Christchurch we are moved by the inspiring community spirit and compassion shown by all in this city. Their spirit of acceptance of our present predicament and hope for the future is an enduring promise that from the desolation and destruction there is a firm commitment to the rebuilding of our beautiful city.

At this time we give thanks to our loving Father in Heaven for his protection of our people and give grateful thanks that the loss of life was not greater. With God's help we pledge that with our fellow citizens that we will readily accept the challenge to rebuild our beautiful city of Christchurch named in honour of his only begotten son Jesus Christ. It is timely to be reminded at this time by the gospel that we are but pilgrims and that we do not have a lasting city here, but look forward with firm hope for the one to come.

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*"Woe to you
 if you do not
 defend life"
 John Paul II*

Society Report

The executive of Right to Life is most grateful to those members and supporters who responded to the Presidential Appeal for 2010. Donations are the life blood of the Society's work to defend life and without them we could not defend the right to life of our precious unborn children. Donations may be made at any time online through Paypal by going to our web site, www.righttolife.org.nz and clicking on donations. Donations may also be made by cheque to Right to Life, PO Box 668, Christchurch 8140, or by direct credit to our Society's bank accou 030802 0787992 00

Most members will be aware of the societies website at the above address which is regularly updated and reports not only on the work of Right to Life and New Zealand but also on current world trends relating to Pro-life and wider society issues.

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It is a matter of great importance that there continues to be voice for our voiceless unborn and to uphold the right to life of every human being from conception to natural death. Our membership is ageing and we need to re-invigorate the Society with new members. You can help. The executive of Right to Life earnestly encourages you to enlist new members by asking your family and friends if they would like to support our Society's work by becoming a member. All that is necessary to apply for membership is to send a note to the Secretary, Right to Life, PO Box 668, Christchurch 8140, providing the name of the applicant, the address and phone number and a cheque for the membership.

President's Report March 2011

It is with much sadness that I write this report, after the devastating earthquake on 22 February in Christchurch. The widespread destruction of life and property has affected us all. We are grateful to all the people who have helped Christchurch begin to recover from this disaster. Our prayers are with the families who lost loved brothers, sisters, sons and daughters, parents or family members, and all those who have been injured, and all those who have suffered the loss of homes and employment caused by the earthquake.

This year is election year, and we will need to vote for candidates and parties who are committed to the sanctity of life. For your list vote, this will mean that the Kiwi party is perhaps the only party with a policy to uphold the right to life of all from conception.

At present our society is assisting Mike Sullivan and his quest for justice for the rights of Down syndrome children to be born. A campaign is being waged by the Health department to introduce an ante-natal screening program which targets and identifies unborn children with genetic defects, and who have the condition called Trisomy 21, otherwise known as Down syndrome. Our complaint has gone to the Human Rights Commission, and will be presented to the Human Rights Tribunal in due course.

We are still awaiting the judicial decision on our cross appeal on the on the appeal of Abortion Supervisory Committee against the decision of the Crown, that Certifying consultants be made accountable and that the Abortion law (the CSA Act 1977) is not being upheld.

Please pray for success in this appeal, it will be an important decision in this court case.

We thank you for your generous donations and support for our President's appeal, which enables us to fund this case.

FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION - WITHDRAWS APPLICATION FOR ABORTION LICENCE TO KILL UNBORN CHILDREN



The New Zealand Family Planning Association has withdrawn its application to the Abortion Supervisory Committee for a licence to perform abortions at its Hamilton Clinic. The Committee advised Right to Life of this decision on 16 February. The Society is delighted with this information which is a victory for a culture of life and good news for the women of the Waikato and their unborn children.

The Association had made the application on 27 September 2009. The application has been vigorously opposed by Right to Life. The application was also strongly opposed by groups of concerned citizens in the Waikato who sent petitions to Parliament. This victory is an encouragement to the rest of New Zealand, that the threat of a culture of death posed by Family Planning can be defeated.

The Association in a recent media release stated that it would still seek abortion licences for its other 29 clinics. The Association's intention was to provide medical abortions during the first nine weeks of pregnancy using the lethal drug RU 486. The drug acts by killing the tiny human being by starvation. Hamilton was the battleground that the Association chose and they have lost. It is time for New Zealand to awaken from its sleep. We are engaged in a war against our own children.

It is shameful that the Waikato District Health Board initially enthusiastically supported Family Planning's

application and were prepared to provide the Association with taxpayer funding, for the abortions that they proposed to perform.

Right to Life has recently learned from the Waikato District Health Board [DHB] under the Official Information Act that the FPA lost a tender with the DHB for funding. The DHB is now going to provide medical abortions to kill babies in the first nine weeks of life. Shame on the Board for believing that they are providing a service by killing the unborn of the Waikato.

Family Planning falsely claim that chemical abortions are safe and that they are offering women a choice. A study published in Finland found that women who underwent chemical abortions were four times more likely to suffer physical complications compared to women who underwent surgical abortions. 20 percent of women suffered complications after chemical abortions compared to 5.6 percent of women who had surgical abortions. The most common complications were hemorrhage (which occurred among 15.6 percent of women having chemical abortions, compared to 2.1 percent of women having surgical abortions) and incomplete abortion (6.7 percent compared with 1.2 percent). There have been twelve maternal deaths worldwide from chemical abortions. There is believed to be considerable under reporting of deaths.

Royal Commission On Family Breakdown, Family Violence And Child Abuse An Absolute Necessity.

Kiwi Party leader Larry Baldock confirmed the Party's strong commitment to a Royal Commission in light of lobby group Family First's call to make it a priority in election year. "The wide powers and authority of a Royal Commission are needed because of the social mess New Zealand is in," said Mr Baldock.

"We must turn our nation from the liberal experiments in social policy that have led to more family breakdown, violence and child abuse. It is fairly simple really. If the ideas of the 'loony left' worked, we would have a healthier society than 40 years ago, but everyone knows that is not the case. Our social problems are getting worse, our negative statistics always heading in the wrong direction, yet no Government so far has been prepared to accept their responsibility for the legislative and policy mistakes they have made.

"For almost a half century, in response to our youth teenage abortion rates and sexually transmitted disease epidemics, the regular annual call from Family Planning Association has been for more condoms. We now distribute them liberally compared to the 70's and the problem continues to escalate, so you don't have to be a rocket scientist to know that it ain't working!

High Court Upholds Right of Conscience of Medical Practitioners

Right to Life welcomes the judgment of Justice McKenzie in the High Court in Wellington on the Medical Council Guidelines. A group of courageous pro-life doctors challenged the Medical Council's provisions relating to abortion, included in its draft document titled, "Beliefs and Medical Practice". The pro-life doctors had previously filed an application with the High Court in Wellington for a judicial review of the draft document. The judgment has now been appealed by the Medical Council to the Court of Appeal.

The judgment of the High Court ruled that the Medical Council guidelines for doctors dealing with the issue of abortion overstepped the law and need to be amended.

Among the requirements in the Council's beliefs and medical practice statement, doctors were required to ensure patients were aware that abortion was an option, if they were concerned about their pregnancies. Doctors who did not want to provide the service are required to refer the request elsewhere, informing the person it could be obtained from another health practitioner, or family planning clinic.

In the decision released on Thursday 3 December 2010, Justice Alan McKenzie stated that the guidelines overstated doctor's duties in one instance and in another, imposed obligations beyond those imposed by law. "This must be seen as a maximum obligation [of the Health Practitioners Competency Act] and not one which may be supplemented by the imposition of professional standards"

Right to Life believes that the judgment will also require the Abortion Supervisory Committee to amend its Best Practice Termination of Pregnancy document produced for the guidance of general practitioners to assist them in dealing with women with an unplanned pregnancy. On page two, under Key Concepts, it

states that "it is not the role of GPs to discuss their own personal views about termination. If a GP is not able to refer personally, then arrangements must be made for the woman to be seen as soon as possible by another doctor

in the area." Right to Life calls upon the Committee to immediately withdraw the document, and advise general practitioners of the legal changes to the document. The document should then be amended as required, by the High Court and reprinted.

The judgment will also require the New Zealand Medical Association to amend its code of ethics, paragraph 13 which states; "Doctors should accept the right of a patient to be referred for further management in situations where there is a moral or clinical disagreement about the most appropriate course to take."

Right to Life contends that the judgment upholds the supremacy of an informed conscience. Abortion is a crime against humanity. It is a violent assault on a woman and her child that no law can legitimize. Doctors are the guardians and servants of human life.

There is a grave and clear obligation to oppose such laws by conscientious objection. Right to Life applauds those doctors who are faithful to the highest traditions of their profession and who refuse to be involved in the killing of the innocent. All doctors should respect life especially the life of their weakest and most defenceless patient, the unborn child. It is always wrong to kill the innocent. All doctors should provide care and compassion for women concerned with an unplanned pregnancy. We should love them both.



*The greatest destroyer of peace is abortion
because if a mother can kill
her own child
what is left for me to kill you
and for you to kill me.*

Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

FAMILY PLANNING THREAT TO FAMILIES



McDonalds Restaurants, are to be commended for actively discriminating against access to all sexually explicit and pornographic material within its restaurants. It is disappointing however, that McDonalds have declared that they have now removed the block on the website of Family Planning and it will now be available to customers using McDonalds free WiFi service. Right to Life wrote to Mark Hawthorne, Managing Director of McDonalds on the 14th January providing him with our case for the blocking of the immoral Family Planning website. He replied on 1 February declining our request stating:

“ Like your organisation we seek to ensure that our customers and especially children are not exposed to any sexually explicit material. With regard to the Family Planning website, we chose to allow access to this website as we believe it is educative and informative. We are sorry that Right to Life is not comfortable with this organisation and our unblocking of their website, but we feel that Family Planning is a professional organisation and that it does sound work in our community. ”

It is outrageous that children should be exposed to this site which is amoral, pornographic, promotes fornication and a culture of death. In a letter to Family Planning, McDonalds have apologised to Family Planning saying that the site is informative and educative. McDonalds praises Family Planning “who are doing such great work in the New Zealand community.”It is clear that McDonalds are unaware of the damage that Family Planning is inflicting on New Zealand society.

Family Planning should be seen as a threat to our children and to the family. Family Planning continue to seduce our children and undermine parental responsibility. The Association is the biggest abortion referral agency in New Zealand. They have sought a licence for their Hamilton clinic to perform abortions. It is their objective to turn all their 30 clinics in New Zealand into abortion clinics for the killing of defenceless and helpless unborn children. The Association supports girls under the age of 16 having an abortion without their parent’s knowledge or consent. The Association regularly smuggles girls out of school to have an abortion without the knowledge of parents.

The Association degrades our sexuality by promoting promiscuity and sexual perversions such as masturbation, oral sex and anal sex. The Association shamelessly sells sex toys, vibrators and oral dams. All of this information is freely available on Family Planning’s website. It is time that New Zealand woke up to the damage that the tax payer funded Family Planning is doing to our community.

It is disappointing that McDonalds have apologised to Family Planning for censoring their pernicious website. It is appalling that McDonalds are now going to permit all of this seductive and dangerous material to be accessed by young children on their premises. Mc Donalds are clearly either ignorant or dismissive of the legitimate concerns of parents to protect their children from the culture of death promoted by Family Planning.

Right to Life supports the protection of the morals of the children of New Zealand. We also uphold the right of parents to protect their children from the dangerous and seductive influence of Family Planning, a peddler of death. Our children should be taught chastity before marriage and faithfulness within marriage.



McDonalds is now a dangerous place for children. Right to Life encourages parents members and supporters to express their opposition to the decision of McDonalds to allow access to Family Planning by telephoning your local McDonalds restaurant and informing them that they are not able to support them while they have an environment that is not safe for families.

*Rescue those being dragged to their death,
do not delay to come to their aid. Proverbs.*

Incorruptible -- Why the devil uses abortion to eliminate Down syndrome

By Kurt Kondrich

In the fictional novel *The Clowns of God* by Morris West, Jesus comes back to earth, and some people think it's Him while some don't. At one point, Jesus is at a school for children with Down syndrome, and He is holding a little girl. Jesus says: "I know what you are thinking. You need a sign. What better one could I give but to make this little one whole and new? I could do it, but I will not. I am the Lord and not a conjurer. I gave this mite a gift I denied to all of you — eternal innocence. To you she looks imperfect — but to me she is flawless, like the bud that dies unopened or the fledgling that falls from the nest to be devoured by ants. She will never offend me, as all of you have done. She will never pervert or destroy the work of my Father's hands. She is necessary to you. She will evoke the kindness that will keep you human. Her infirmity will prompt you to gratitude for your own good fortune... More! She will remind you every day that I am who I am, that my ways are not yours, and that the smallest dust mite whirled in the darkest spaces does not fall out of my hand... I have chosen you. You have not chosen me. This little one is my sign to you. Treasure her!"

Less than a week before my beautiful 7-year-old daughter Chloe — who has Down syndrome — was born into this world, my wife had an ultrasound performed by the head of radiology at a renowned hospital. We had no prenatal testing and knew we were having a daughter. The head of radiology told us after the ultrasound that our baby girl was small but she was "perfect." A few days later, Chloe arrived in this world, and the past 7 years have taught me that no truer words were spoken than those by the radiologist.

The light, purity, innocence, and unconditional love that Chloe spreads each day are things we should



all be striving to embed in our lives as we journey through this brief visit on earth (James 4:14: "What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes"). The word that best describes Chloe for me is "incorruptible," and she is a priceless treasure.

After spending years on the streets as a Police Officer and witnessing how the devil quickly invades and corrupts people, it is priceless to be in the presence of a soul that cannot be compromised. This must make the devil absolutely consumed with rage, and I believe that is why he is using the ungodly instrument of abortion to eliminate these precious individuals before they arrive in the world to spread unimpeded light and love. Nothing must make the devil madder than an incorruptible soul especially when so many in the world have willingly followed his path of lies and deception (Matthew 7:13-14: "Wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life and only a few find it").

Currently 90% + of children diagnosed prenatally with Down syndrome are terminated before they can unleash their light upon this broken, corrupt world, and when we leave this earth and stand in judgment, we will have wished we had the shining, bright, perfect armor they possess. Let us pray that our culture of death wakes up to this prenatal massacre of God's most pure, innocent, and incorruptible persons, and our lost, darkening world desperately needs the bright light they bring!



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Newly conceived life should be revered as a gift from God and from nature. The dignity of the unborn child is neither conferred nor taken away by any man or woman or by any government or society.

That dignity is rooted in an objective individuality that inherently tends toward the openness and transcendence men commonly call personhood.

Second Vatican Council.

Killing Unborn Child – A Crime



Right to Life wholeheartedly supports the call of Len Blackerby for legal recognition of the right to life of unborn children. Mr Blackerby is mourning the loss of his wife Anne-Maree and their unborn daughter, Siobena Maree who were killed by an alleged drunk driver. There were two precious human lives killed in

this tragic accident. As the child is not recognised in law, the drunk driver cannot be charged with causing the death of the child. All New Zealand will share his grief and hopefully support his appeal to the government for the human rights of unborn children to be recognised and enshrined in law.

The child was 28 weeks old and had reached the age of viability. It was a real human person, much wanted and dearly loved by the parents. It was a member of the family and of our community. The grief of the family is very real and painful. The law is unjust and it fails to recognise that human life begins at conception and is endowed by its Creator with human rights, the foundation right being a right to life and the right to be born. The failure of the law to recognise the existence and the rights of the child adds to the grief of the family.

There are many precedents for legislation that recognises the right to life of unborn children and that a person may be charged with killing an unborn child as a result of homicide or an accident. In the United States there are 38 States that have fetal homicide laws that recognise the unborn child at various stages of gestation as a person endowed with human rights. There are 21 of these States that recognise the humanity of the unborn child from implantation. These States provide legal protection for the human rights of the child at all stages of the pregnancy. A person who takes the life of an unborn child by homicide or as the result of an accident may be charged in court.

The State has a duty to protect the right to life of every member of our community especially unborn children who are the weakest and most defenceless members of our human family. Right to Life requests that this injustice imposed on unborn children be rectified by the government by bringing legislation to Parliament to recognise unborn children at every stage of pregnancy as human beings endowed with human rights, the foundation right being an inalienable right to life. As a first step in recognition of the right to life of unborn children the government should introduce a fetal homicide law.

California Pro-Lifer Targets Apathetic Local Churches for Pro-Life Message



Todd Bullis protesting abortion

Imagine getting kicked out of your church community simply for protesting the murder of the unborn through abortion.

According to Todd Bullis of Ventura, California, that's exactly what happened to him. Now Bullis spends his Sundays protesting abortion, not outside the local Planned Parenthood, but at the doorsteps of the Christian churches in his town.

Bullis says he is on a two-year-long mission to picket outside each Ventura Christian church, in an effort to encourage them to speak out against abortion - a topic that he says local Christians have been dangerously silent about.

"All this started because I would see all the Christians going into Planned Parenthood," Bullis told LifeSiteNews.com (LSN) in a telephone interview. "I would see people that I know, who go to church ... going

to Planned Parenthood, and going to Planned Parenthood for abortion. And parents taking their kids down there for birth control.

"And it got to the point where it wasn't really a Planned Parenthood thing, it was a Body of Christ thing."

While he says he is "definitely not picketing the church" and doesn't wish the church "any harm," Bullis says his aim is simple: encourage preachers to face the horror of abortion head-on in their sermons.

For you created my inmost being, you knit me together in my mother's womb. Psalm 139 v13.

Delays in Killing Unborn Children



A study was made in 2009 into the delays experienced by women seeking an abortion. The study was conducted at nine abortion facilities and included 2150 women. The study was conducted by Dr Martha Silva and two associates from the University of Auckland and was published in the Journal of Reproductive Health. The study found that the average delay from the time of referral at the clinic to the abortion was 25 days. The Abortion Supervisory Committee recommended that the delay should not exceed 2 weeks. Studies done overseas had revealed that women who have made a decision to terminate the life of their child suffer stress, anxiety and a diminished quality of life, if they are required to wait for an abortion. The study promotes a culture of death.

“There is reason to doubt the lawfulness of many abortions authorised by certifying consultants. Indeed the Committee itself has stated that the law is being used more liberally than Parliament intended.”

It is appalling that Dr Silva wants to have a debate about the best time to kill the child. It is noted that Dr Silva was a guest speaker at the Abortion Providers Conference in 2008. That defines her as an advocate for abortion and a member of the pro – abortion movement. It is now clear that this study was not a disinterested scientific study but one conducted under the guise of science to promote the abortion agenda. It is also noted that Dr Silva co-authored an article in 2008 advocating an increase in the number of abortion facilities in New Zealand.

Dr Silva states that “abortion is a safe procedure and should be carried out at the earliest gestation possible”. Abortion is promoted by abortion providers as a safe procedure and of benefit to women. They say every effort must be made to ensure that women have access to safe and speedy abortion services. Right to Life challenges this assumption. Human life begins at conception and the human embryo should be accorded the respect that is due to the human person. At 10 weeks the child in the womb has a beating heart with its organs – brain, liver, kidneys and stomach functioning. It is recognisably human, with a head, face, body and tiny arms, legs, fingers and toes. It is a unique unrepeatable miracle of God’s loving creation. It is not a lump of cells, nor is it the ‘products of conception’. It is the weakest and most defenceless member of the human family and it deserves our respect and protection. Abortion is never safe for the unborn child whose destruction is sought. It is also not safe for the mother who may experience a lifetime of sorrow regret and psychological damage.

The debate that the community should be having is not when abortions should be performed, but whether they should be done at all. The fact that we have state funded and sanctioned abortions is an indictment on a society that has failed to provide vulnerable women and their unborn children with the care and protection that they desperately need and deserve.

We should also be debating the lawfulness of these abortions. It was Justice Miller in the High Court in Wellington in June 2008 who declared in his judgment on the Judicial Review of the performance of the Abortion Supervisory Committee, **“There is reason to doubt the lawfulness of many abortions authorised by certifying consultants. Indeed the Committee itself has stated that the law is being used more liberally than Parliament intended.”**

That damning conclusion raises the question, how many of the abortions included in the study of Dr Silva were lawful and were children deprived of their lives unlawfully?

There is a legal requirement that women seeking an abortion be offered counselling. It is of serious concern that 3.1% of the women participating in this study were not offered counselling. It is noted that 37.95% of women in the study believed that the delay was too long, 54.7% of women said it was just right or that they did not mind waiting as it gave them more time to consider. It is a disservice to women to put pressure on them to make a quick decision to kill their child in the first trimester when many women are ambivalent about their pregnancy. With more time women bond with their child and choose life for the child and avoid a lifetime of sorrow, regret and psychological damage.

If you think abortion is murder, then act like it

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Right to Life fully supports the call of the Abortion Supervisory Committee [ASC] for research in New Zealand on the relationship of domestic violence and abortion. The Committee's call is made in its annual report to Parliament for 2009, recently tabled in Parliament. Right to Life has written to the Abortion Supervisory Committee and to the Auckland District Health Board raising important questions on this issue.

The Committee reports that information provided by the Epsom Day Unit reveals that one third of women seeking an abortion at the Unit are subject to domestic violence. Right to Life believes that the incidence of domestic violence is actually much higher, as it believes that many women are too afraid and ashamed to admit that they are victims of domestic violence.

Epsom Day Unit is the busiest Abortion Clinic in New Zealand. In 2009 it reported the performing of 5,380 abortions. We believe that the level of violence against women at Epsom Day Clinic is likely reflective of what is happening to women at all of the nation's abortion clinics and hospitals.

Studies done in the United States reveal that 64 per cent of women having an abortion are being coerced by others, and that there is often violence inflicted on these women. Many of these women want their baby to live. Homicide is the leading cause of death in the United States of pregnant women.

Right to life is opposed to all violence against women. Abortion is the ultimate in violence against women and their unborn children. It is intolerable that women should have violence inflicted on them. It is



even more intolerable that they should have violence inflicted on them for refusing to have an abortion.

Information was obtained by Right to Life, from the Committee on 8 October 2010, under the Official Information Act. The information on the domestic violence reported at Epsom was contained in a report from the Committee's Counselling Advisor, in a report to the Committee dated 3rd November 2007.

This information raises very important questions concerning the actions of the Committee in acting to protect women from violence;

The Committee was aware at the latest in 2007, that there was a serious problem at the Epsom Day Unit with women being subjected to domestic violence. Why has the Committee taken three years to report this serious problem to Parliament?

As the Abortion legislation was passed in 1977, for how long has it been known that a high number of women seeking an abortion at Epsom, are subject to domestic violence? Why is the appalling issue of domestic violence only being reported now?

The Committee advised Right to Life in October 2010 that a distance taught course, would become available to pregnancy counsellors which would include addressing issues of domestic violence. The Committee had written to District Health Boards advising them of this and encouraging them to recommend the course to key staff. Why has it taken three years to introduce this course?

What action has the Committee taken to protect women from an abortion when they are coerced and subject to violence for refusing to have an abortion?

Does the new course specifically deal with the matter of coercion violence?

Does the Committee approve of abortion operating surgeons, authorising and performing abortions on women who are threatened with domestic violence, if they don't have an abortion?





Professor Peter Stone

Professor Peter Stone – Conflict of Interest

The Minister of Health, Hon Tony Ryall wrote to our Society on 15 December 2010 in response to our letter of 5 November 2010. The Minister wrote;



“You attest that Professor Stone has a conflict of interest regarding his role advising government agencies on antenatal screening for Down syndrome and other conditions. Professor Stone has assured me that he does not have a conflict of interest. I have been advised that his conduct is of a high professional standard and that he provides evidence based advice.”

Right to Life is disappointed with the dismissive and unacceptable letter of the Minister.

Here is a summary of our reasons given to the Minister in support of our submission dated 5 November 2010, that the presence of Dr Peter Stone on the Technical Working Group [TWG] advising the National Screening Unit on issues concerning antenatal screening was a conflict of interest.

Our Society commends your Ministry for introducing the New Zealand Disability Strategy, which seeks to uphold acceptance of those born with a disability and to recognise the positive contribution that persons with a disability make to society. The appointment of Dr Peter Stone to the TWG is, in our view, in conflict with the objectives of this Disability Strategy. In view of your governments support for the Disability Strategy we request that you advise our Society why Dr Peter Stone was appointed by your Ministry to the TWG when the NSU were clearly aware of his support for the selective abortion of unborn children diagnosed with Down syndrome.

Right to Life believes that Dr Peter Stone should be precluded from membership of the TWG for antenatal screening for Down syndrome and other conditions because:

- Of his expressed desire to increase the number of abortions of unborn babies diagnosed with Down syndrome;
- His support for the selective abortion of unborn children diagnosed with Down syndrome;
- His involvement with the killing of unborn children;
- His support for the decriminalisation of abortion;
- His role as an abortion certifying consultant;
- His role as a shareholder and director of Istar Ltd and
- His failure to declare his conflicts of interest to the NSU.

Right to Life submits that it would be in the best interest of unborn children and their mothers that Dr Peter Stone be removed from membership of the TWG. We also submit that he should not be appointed in the future to any other committee that is involved with advising your Ministry on issues concerning antenatal screening. Right to Life requests that supporters write to the Minister of Health expressing concern at the presence of Dr Stone on the TWG giving advice on which babies should be allowed to die and which babies should be allowed to be born.

He who passively accepts evil is much involved in it as he who helps to perpetrate it. He who accepts evil without protesting against it is really cooperating with it.

Martin Luther King Jnr

News in Brief

Down Syndrome –New Zealand - Genocide

Right to life and twenty associated families are awaiting the decision of the Advocate for the Human Rights Tribunal on whether he is prepared to present our case to the Tribunal. The case is that the government is committing the crime of genocide against unborn babies by promoting the Quality Improved national screening programme. Should the Advocate refuse, our case will be presented to the Tribunal by a lawyer who has experience with human rights. In the event that the Tribunal dismisses our case it will be presented to the United Nations Committee for the Prevention of Genocide.

High Court Decision in England

The High Court in England on 14 February, delivered its judgment on the application of the British Pregnancy Advisory Service to allow women undergoing medical abortions to take the second pill, a prostaglandin at home. The application was opposed by the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child that argued that it was unsafe for the woman to take the second pill at home as she could be confronted with a serious complication. The law currently requires that both the first and second pill be taken in a clinic or hospital. This is also the legal situation in New Zealand. Countries like the US, France and Sweden already allow women to complete the abortion at home without requiring the woman to go back to hospital. Right to Life is opposed to the prostaglandin being taken at home, we believe that this important issue will in the near future be confronting us in New Zealand.

Abortion Has Caused 300K Breast Cancer Deaths Since Roe

A leading breast cancer researcher says abortion has caused at least 300,000 cases of breast cancer causing a woman's death since the Supreme Court in the United States allowed virtually unlimited abortion in its 1973 case.

With tens of millions of abortions since the high court's decision and research confirming abortion increases the risk of contracting breast cancer, undoubtedly a large number of breast cancer cases, caused by abortion, have occurred over the last 38 years. Professor Joel Brind, an endocrinologist at Baruch College in New York, worked with several scientists on a 1996 paper published in the Journal of Epidemiol Community Health showing a "30% greater chance of developing breast cancer" for women who have induced abortions. He recently commented on how many women have become victims.

"If we take the overall risk of breast cancer among women to be about 10% (not counting abortion), and raise it by 30%, we get 13% lifetime risk," Brind explains. Using the 50 million abortions since Roe v. Wade figure, we get 1.5 million excess cases of breast cancer. At an average mortality of 20% since 1973, that would mean that legal abortion has resulted in some 300,000 additional deaths due to breast cancer since Roe v. Wade."



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