

Ministry Need	Anglicans for Life...
Teach students abstinence message	Helps in choosing the best abstinence program, provides <i>God, Sex and Teens</i> booklet filled with resources, data, etc.
Adoption – families who adopt often need help adjusting	Understands the emotional ups and downs adoptive parents go through during the adoption process. Explains how to help families doing international adoption. Understands special needs children and the unique issues they bring to the family.
Members of congregation with abortion histories	Understands how to counsel and refer women/men hurting after abortion.
Couples struggling with infertility issues	Helps couples understand ethical methods of IVF and God’s will concerning children.
Families caring for elderly parents or terminally ill members	Helps the family understand how to help their loved one die with dignity; makes family aware of futile care issues, imposed death and subtle euthanasia health care mentality. Helps in understanding needs of care givers, types of community outreach, hospice programs and Palliative Care.
Teaching life-affirming world view Sunday School	Equips Sunday school teachers to help children understand their specialness, that they are uniquely made to honor life and body. (This lays the ground work for them to embrace abstinence and reject abortion rhetoric in the future.)
Families facing unplanned teen pregnancies	Helps congregation minister to youth/family facing unplanned teen pregnancy; how to express compassion without judgment, mentor the mother to choose what’s best for her and her baby. Helps family address the issues they face.
Loved one impregnated through rape/incest	Understands the needs of victim and the commonly accepted use of abortion in this scenario. Suggests counseling that considers the long-term consequences for victim.
Genetic Counseling, prior to and after conception	When a couple faces infertility or learns baby in womb has genetic disorder, they are often advised to terminate pregnancy. These couples need encouragement and help through the process.

BENEFITS of Affiliating with Anglicans for Life

- We provide an umbrella organization to develop your life ministry using the AFL resource handbook, brochures, and logos.
- We publish educational resources, ministry ideas and materials to use and distribute to your congregation.
- Partnering provides more influence with those who vote on policies and legislation relating to life issues within our church and government agencies.
- Anglicans for Life lists your church’s Life Chapter ministry on our website so others can find you when looking for local help or to become involved in life-affirming ministry.
- We keep you informed about international, national and local life news that shows you the importance of upholding the dignity of life in our global society.
- We provide links to additional information, networking with all pro-life organizations and years of knowledge and experience related to all life issues.
- Anglicans for Life provides a one-stop shop for receiving critical news, information and resources for preaching life-affirming sermons. Pastors and laity will stay up-to-date on all the life issues.

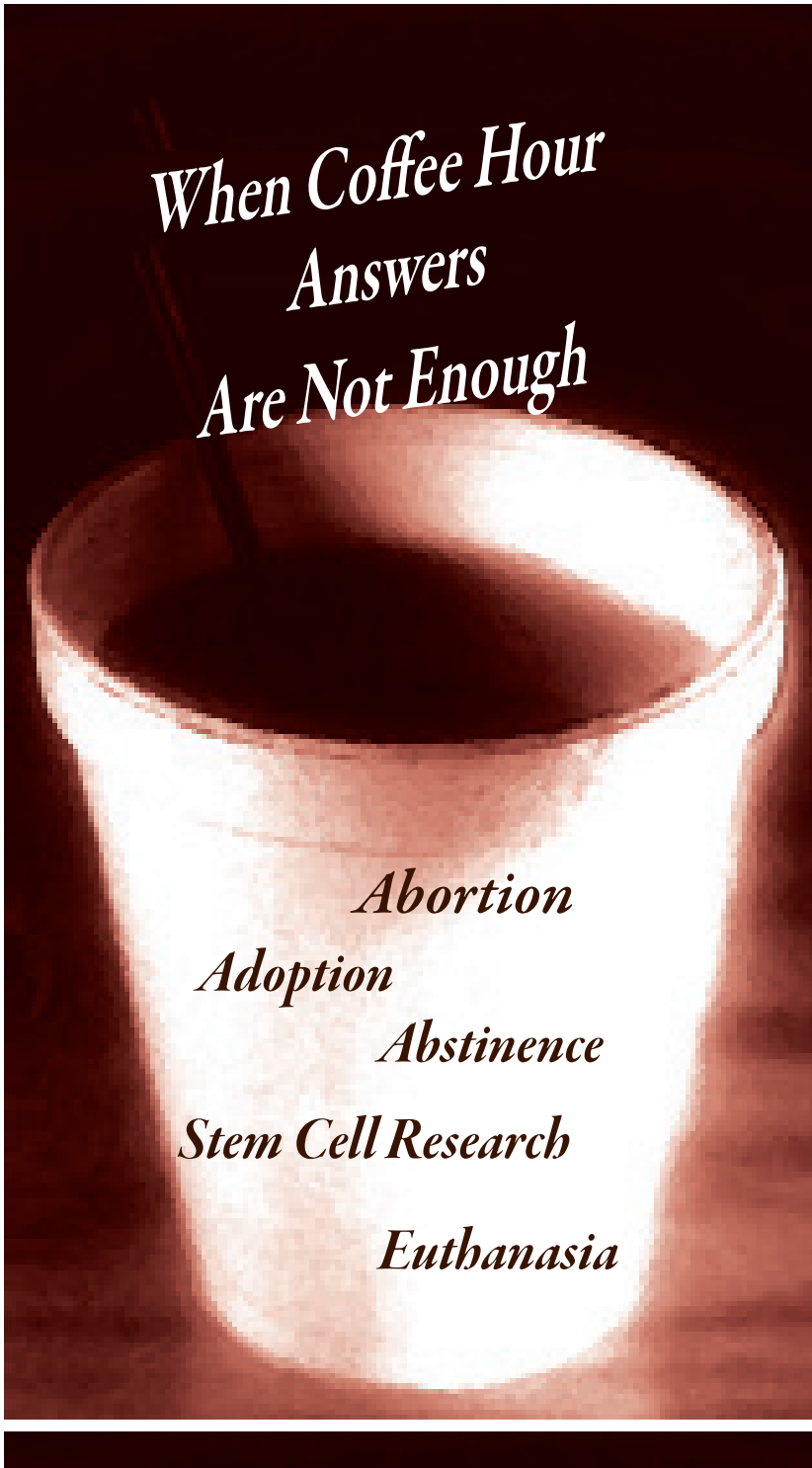
***Anglicans for Life hopes you and your parish will affiliate with us and incorporate the following ideas into your ministry.
THE EFFORT COULD RESULT IN SAVING LIVES!***

- Preach sermons that teach the biblical view of the sanctity of life, as well as the forgiveness available to those who have taken life.
- Pray for and encourage a parishioner to come forward to form an Anglicans for Life Chapter at your church.
- Display life-affirming educational literature such as AFL’s News briefs and brochures.
- Place a link from your church website to Anglicans for Life’s website.
- Include Anglicans for Life in your missions budget.
- Hold informational meetings and Sunday School classes on current life issues.
- Invite the AFL president or Board member to speak at your church.
- Let parishioners know about Anglicans for Life’s ministry and resources.

Anglicans for Life: We’re here FOR LIFE!



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Anglicans for Life Can Equip You to Teach, Preach and Do Outreach FOR LIFE!

Do these issues come up in coffee hour conversations: Adoption, Abstinence, Abortion, Stem Cell Research, and Euthanasia?

While these issues are based on the Sanctity of Life and are often seen as controversial, Anglicans for Life believes they should be addressed in the Church for six reasons:

Biblical – Our Judeo-Christian heritage teaches that every human being is made in God's image. Because life is created by God for His purposes, every life from conception to natural death deserves our respect and protection. Upholding the sanctity of life is a basic Christian tradition dating back to Genesis. The Gospel begins with the assumption that human life is sacred. Jesus endured the cross, resurrection and ascension to redeem fallen humanity. God allowed Jesus to die so individual lives made in His image could have access to eternal life. You and I were created and redeemed because God values life!

Historical – The Christian church has historically sought to protect life both in word and deed. In the first century, the Romans and Corinthians rescued babies that had been abandoned on exposure walls outside the city and housed prostitutes who were pregnant. In the middle ages, the church took a more societal approach to protect life by passing laws against abandonment. St. Vincent de Paul worked to prevent mid-wives from performing abortions and in the late 1800's it was church leaders, including The Rt. Rev. Cox, an Episcopal bishop from New York, who helped make abortion illegal by the end of the 18th century.

Global – International Non-Governmental Agencies (NGOs) are working to force African and Latin Countries to legalize abortion through reproductive rights language implied in United Nation treaties such as the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). Our Anglican brothers and sisters need our experience with life issues to help them stand against the culture of death.

Cultural – For too long, the church has let the culture dictate moral issues! In society today, abortion, stem cell research, euthanasia, genetic research, and sexual promiscuity turn life into a commodity for personal satisfaction. The post-modern Christian philosophy says that, "the value of a human life is based on productivity, contribution and quality of life."

Victims – The unborn babies, the elderly, the terminally ill, the handicapped, the impoverished and the oppressed are the most vulnerable to become victims of premature death and discrimination. As we accept the devaluing of one human life, we ultimately devalue all human life. In the United States, 1.2 million abortions occur annually. (Only 148,000 are after the 12th week. Less than 7% of all abortions are for the hard cases: women's health, rape, incest and/or baby malformation.) Every year approximately 42 million abortions are done worldwide. The elderly, terminally ill and handicapped often face discrimination and denial of health care. The Netherlands permit euthanasia for anyone, including children with or without family consent.

Hurting People – These issues have very real spiritual and emotional consequences for everyone involved: couples facing fertility problems, an elderly man who's wife suffers from Alzheimer's, the family with a terminally ill son being told to remove the feeding tube, the young girl facing an unplanned pregnancy, the young man who's child was placed for adoption, those who have experience the loss of an aborted child, family members who question the premature death of a loved one, and many others need help reconciling their pain and guilt. The Alan Guttmacher Institute estimates that 43% of women by age 45 will have had at least one abortion, therefore thousands of women and men are seeking help each year.

Based on Biblical and historical perspective, global pressure, cultural mores, identified victims and those who are hurting should the Church address these issues beyond coffee hour? Should your church be prepared to minister to people struggling with life issues? Should your church be ready to make a difference for life?

A lot of churches address life by supporting the local pregnancy center or adoption agency and we applaud their effort! But that addresses only one dimension of life-affirming ministry.

Euthanasia, cloning, stem cell research, end-of-life hospice care, adoption, abstinence, genetic reproductive issues, and abortion require churches to teach the sanctity of life worldview today. Elementary children, teenagers and adults need to have biblical instruction on the sacredness of life woven into the discipleship training they receive from church.

Pastoral care in the local parish is a full-time job. Life issues are connected to the basic problems for which many parishioners seek spiritual guidance. Because Anglicans for Life understands how important it is that your church minister to people facing difficult life issues, we spend our time researching and developing the best counselling programs and resources to provide you with help for those who are hurting. We want your ministry to benefit from our experience.

Anglicans for Life invites you and your congregation to affiliate with our organization. As the only ministry in the Anglican Communion dedicated to life issues, we want to become your resource for life!

For a variety of ministry needs Anglicans for Life is prepared to help you and your church provide pastoral care and outreach.

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