

abortion: a christian doctor's response

1. We affirm that man and woman are created in the image of God, that all life originates with our creator, and that all life, from conception to death, is of inestimable value to our creator
2. We recognise that God has given us the choice between life and death
3. We recognise that we live in a culture of death and have become part of that culture, where we have chosen death over life and have not fought harder against the evil of abortion
4. We affirm that for several thousand years since the Hippocratic Oath, we as the medical profession have historically been opposed to abortion
5. We confess that before 1967 most of us were firmly against abortion but, as soon as the law was changed, we abandoned our principles and forsook our Hippocratic tradition
6. We confess that we have failed millions of mothers, fathers, and their unborn babies, by being silent when we should have spoken out, and passive when we should have been active
7. We confess that there has been a slippery slope and we now effectively have abortion on demand
8. We confess that consequently life has been devalued; the disabled, the vulnerable and the elderly have suffered; and there are more pressures to legalise euthanasia and assisted suicide
9. We ask God Almighty to have mercy on all of us in the medical profession who have been involved in abortion in any way, active or passive, and we pray that God may restore our profession to the highest moral standards
10. We ask God Almighty to have mercy on all of us, on our families, and on our society
11. We pledge to work and to pray to preserve life from conception to natural death
12. We pledge to work and to pray for a culture of life, so that abortion will become very rare and that life once again will become precious