



## COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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### COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (CPC) RESOLUTION ON VACCINATIONS

To Whom It May Concern,

The Covenant Presbyterian Church has deeply held religious views regarding vaccinations that are embodied in our constitution and explicitly expressed in the following resolution, which is certified to be a true and accurate copy of the wording in the official minutes of the CPC.

**Whereas** the Covenant Presbyterian Church denomination considers decisions regarding the refusal of any vaccination to be determined by the individual and family jurisdiction, and not by the jurisdiction of the state or the church, according to biblical mandate (Romans 13:1).

And **whereas**, the Covenant Presbyterian Church denomination declares in its Constitution, “that the family and the church are legitimate governments distinct from the civil magistrate. Accordingly, we reject the subordination of the family and church to the State in matters that God has placed within their particular jurisdictions.” (II.B.2.e)

And **whereas** scientists and doctors debate the medical risks inherent in various vaccines, including the risk of vaccine enhancement. <sup>1</sup>

And **whereas** our religion’s doctrinal statements declare it to be a sin to needlessly endanger our health (Westminster Larger Catechism 136).

And **whereas** many Christians are concerned that some vaccines are developed using fetal tissues obtained from abortions. <sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-vaccines-insight-idUSKBN20Y1GZ>;  
<https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/the-risks-of-rushing-a-covid-19-vaccine/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/health/medical-researchers-say-fetal-tissue-remains-essential>;  
<https://www.chop.edu/centers-programs/vaccine-education-center/vaccine-ingredients/fetal-tissues>;  
<https://www.sciencemag.org/news/2020/06/abortion-opponents-protest-covid-19-vaccines-use-fetal-cells>;

And **whereas** our denomination considers all forms of deliberate abortion to be murder and to violate our most deeply held religious beliefs and requires all its members to be committed to “avoiding all occasions, temptations, and practices, which tend to the unjust taking away the life of any” and to avoid “whatsoever else tends to the destruction of the life of any” (Westminster Larger Catechism 135-136).

And, **whereas** the Holy Scriptures give parents the responsibility of oversight and care for the physical and spiritual needs of their children (Deut. 6:7, Prov. 22:6, Eph. 6:1-3, Col. 3:20, 1 Tim. 5:8);

**Therefore**, be it resolved that the CPC maintains the firm conviction that any vaccination may be respectfully refused on religious grounds by any member of this church.

**Furthermore**, the CPC appeals, urges, enjoins, and exhorts, by the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ, who is King over all governments and nations, that the refusal of any vaccination be left to the sphere and conscience of individuals and/or families.

Sincerely,



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<https://www.nationalreview.com/corner/the-ethics-of-vaccine-research-using-tissue-from-aborted-fetuses/>;  
<https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/leading-coronavirus-vaccine-development-using-cells-of-aborted-babies>