



Reproductive Justice and Abortion

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Where Does the UCC Stand on Reproductive Justice and Abortion?

Reproductive justice includes not only the right to abortion and contraception, but also the right to have children, to not have children, and to raise families in safe and sustainable communities.

Restrictions on reproductive health disproportionately harm poor communities, Black and Indigenous women, disabled people, immigrants, rural communities, and LGBTQ+ people.

The United Church of Christ supports bodily autonomy for all people and supports the rights of each person to access health care that upholds their dignity and humanity. A 2023 General Synod resolution proclaimed abortion as healthcare, forced birth an act of violence, and called for systemic measures to increase access to the full spectrum of reproductive healthcare.

Additionally, the resolution calls upon local churches and their members to engage with the Our Whole Lives: Sexuality and Our Faith curriculum to promote holistic sexuality education, including information and education about contraception, and to support and offer access to contraceptives.

Prayer

God of infinite, unconditional love, let every queer and trans child of yours know they are beautiful just as they are and are made in your holy image. Let them feel your pride and pride in themselves for who they are and who you made them to be. Open up the hearts of those who cause them harm to understand that we are all siblings, united in love. May all churches be a safe space for queer and trans children and may the love that is preached be for all of creation. In your sacred, holy name, we pray. Amen.

Want to learn more?

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Questions for Candidates

- Reproductive justice as a framework goes beyond abortion to include the right to have children, raise them safely, and access full healthcare. How would you address maternal mortality, especially the large racial disparities in maternal deaths?
- How will you promote bodily autonomy and support every person's right to access healthcare that upholds their dignity and humanity?
- Do you support codifying abortion rights into state or federal statute?
- How will you expand access to the full spectrum of reproductive healthcare?

Take Additional Action

- This November, vote for candidates that will protect bodily autonomy and support the rights of each person to access healthcare that upholds their dignity and humanity.
- Sign up to join the [Justice & Peace Action Network](#) to stay informed on opportunities to advocate for reproductive justice issues.