



Lifewatch

Taskforce of United Methodists on Abortion and Sexuality

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Dear Supporters of Lifewatch:

I am writing to appeal for donations which are necessary to sustain the continuing witness of Lifewatch, including the production of its newsletter and website.

For many years Lifewatch has been an advocate for the sanctity of life as a gift of God to all humankind. Lifewatch has provided a network to connect persons who seek to inform The United Methodist Church about the historic Christian protest against abortion as the destruction of God-given human life, to reform the public witness of the church regarding life and human sexuality to align it with mainstream ecumenical Christian doctrine and discipline, and to provide a forum for civil debate about crucial moral issues according to a deep Christian theological perspective.

Many of us believe that there is an increasing understanding in The United Methodist Church that our public witness regarding abortion, and our local ministry to women with unwanted pregnancies, should be more fully consistent with the whole tradition of the Church of Jesus Christ and the love of God. It is hard to believe that the progress we have made would have been possible without the influence of Lifewatch. We have reached a moment when further reform is possible, but we need Lifewatch to continue to be an effective network as we approach the 2016 General Conference.

Presently the newsletter is mailed to a wide network of persons, including personnel in agencies of The United Methodist Church and United Methodists who are members of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate.

Sadly, many Christians have withdrawn or transferred their membership from The United Methodist Church because of their dissatisfaction with deficiencies in the public witness of the church regarding abortion. It is necessary for the rest of us to provide greater financial support and to invite others to become a part of the network of Lifewatch.

To make a donation, please make a check payable to Lifewatch mail it to Lifewatch, P.O. Box 306, Cottleville, MO 63338. If you would like more information, please get in touch with Mrs. Cindy Evans at Cindy@Lifewatch.org.

Thank you for your consideration of this important and urgent appeal.

Sincerely,

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