



The Manhattan Declaration

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Dear Friend,

On November 20, [The Manhattan Declaration: A Call of Christian Conscience](#), with its broad ecumenical list of prominent Orthodox, Catholic, and Evangelical signers, was released to the public at a press conference in Washington, DC.

The declaration speaks to the sanctity of life, traditional marriage, and religious liberty -- prevailing issues of our modern culture -- within the Christian historical biblical framework. The declaration calls all Christians to take a firm and reasoned stand based on our common faith.

The document has a hint of the [Barmen Declaration](#) in it. It calls Christians to resist evil and unjust laws, which applies as much to church law as to civil law. The declaration concludes by saying:

Because we honor justice and the common good, we will not comply with any edict that purports to compel our institutions to participate in abortions, embryo destructive research, assisted suicide and euthanasia, or any other anti-life act; nor will we bend to any rule purporting to force us to bless immoral sexual partnerships, treat them as marriages or the equivalent, or refrain from proclaiming the truth, as we know it, about morality and immorality and marriage and the family. We will fully and ungrudgingly render to Caesar what is Caesar's. But under no circumstances will we render to Caesar what is God's.

As of December 1st, there were 218,000 additional individual signers. If you wish to register your agreement with this document, [click here](#).

Please consider circulating this declaration to your pastors, session, and others in your church.

Yours in Christ,

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