



# Lifewatch

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December 1, 2016

Dear Lifewatch Friend:

I thank God -- and I thank you for your prayers and financial support -- that the Lifewatch community reached a memorable milestone in our long journey. In May 2016, the General Conference of The United Methodist Church finally voted (425-268) to withdraw the General Board of Church and Society and the United Methodist Women from membership in the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice (RCRC).

That organization -- formerly known as the Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights -- tried to make every abortion look morally acceptable for any reason at any time. For nearly 50 years, RCRC tainted The United Methodist Church's public witness on life and abortion, and undermined our outreach to women expecting children. Let the healing begin!

There is more good news. General Conferene also voted to remove the "Responsible Parenthood" resolution, which endorsed the United States Supreme Court's infamous Roe v. Wade decision, from our church's Book of Resolutions.

These are important and significant accomplishments in the life of The United Methodist Church.

But the journey is not over.

The Social Principles paragraph on abortion (Paragraph 161J) remains the same. Not a word of it was changed. Because of its ambiguity, some abortions will not be stopped. Many hearts and minds will not be changed. Some post-abortive parents will not hear about

God's grace-filled forgiveness, healing, or salvation that are available.

So, Lifewatch's mission continues. At our founding in 1987, Lifewatch declared: *"Out of obedience to Jesus Christ, the Taskforce of United Methodists on Abortion and Sexuality (TUMAS) works to create -- in church and society -- esteem for human life at its more vulnerable, specifically for the unborn child and for the woman who contemplates abortion. Therefore, TUMAS's goal is to win the hearts and minds of United Methodists, and to engage in abortion-prevention through theological, pastoral, and social emphases that support human life."*

I need your help to continue this journey. Your prayers. Your one-time donation. Your regular monthly donation -- perhaps increasing that amount, even slightly.

Next year, 2017, will mark 30 years of Lifewatch's witness. Thank you, in advance, for your prayers, your financial support, and your willingness to persevere. May God continue to bless you as together we follow where He leads.

Continue faithful, to Christ and His Church, for the sake of the world.

In Christ,



(The Rev.) Paul T. Stallsworth  
Pastor and Lifewatch President/Editor

**YES... Continue to win hearts and minds of United Methodist laity and clergy to protect unborn children and their mothers — let the healing begin!**

Here is my gift to continue to champion within The United Methodist Church the God-given dignity of every human life:

- ( ) One-time gift:
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