



Ministry Statements Packet

Prayer Chain and Church Liaisons

Statement on the Sanctity of Human Life

We believe that all human life is sacred and created by God in His image. Human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including pre-born babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through natural death. We are therefore called to defend, protect and value all human life. (Ps 139)

Statement of Faith

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God; begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God; begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made.

Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man: and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried: and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe one catholic* and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the Resurrection of the dead: And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

**universal church*

Doctrinal Statement

I. **Scripture**

The Holy Bible alone is God's inspired word; it does not err or lie; and it binds our beliefs and practices.

II. **God**

There is one true God, revealed in the Scripture as infinite, eternal, and unchangeable; all-wise; all-powerful; all-present; just; holy; loving; and faithful. He is the Creator and Ruler of all things, and all things exist solely for His glory.

III. **Christ**

God the Son became man: Jesus Christ. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin. He lived a sinless and holy life, and died as a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice (due to us for sin), rose bodily from the dead, and ascended bodily into heaven. He will come again, visibly, in power and glory, to judge the world. He therefore was and continues to be God and man, one person in two distinct natures, forever.

IV. **Faith**

For the salvation of sinful man, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential. The Holy Spirit is the author of Christian faith in a person's heart. The one who has this faith accepts the doctrines of the Trinity and the Incarnation, repents of his sins, and rests upon Christ's holy life and sacrificial death as the sole ground of acceptance with God. Whoever does not have this faith in Christ will suffer God's wrath; no one can go to heaven without this faith.

V. **The Christian Life**

All those who have put their trust in Jesus Christ for salvation will seek to please Him with the way they live, by keeping His commandments and worshiping with His people. Someone who has no desire to be holy has not been born again.

VI. **Christian Unity**

All those who have sincerely trusted Christ for salvation are members of the body of Christ, and enjoy spiritual unity with one another in Christ.

Statement of Principle

1. Care Net of Puget Sound, being a Protestant Christian ministry, has as its primary purpose, to testify to all about God: His existence, glory, and will. This God, whose holy law legislates, "Do not murder", also invites with mercy, "Come to me, all you who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Thus, the Care Net of Puget Sound's goals include:
 - A. Showing compassion and providing information and assistance to mothers (clients) so as to save their children from abortion, and
 - B. By lovingly telling them of the grace and mercy of God toward sinners as found in the good news that Jesus Christ died and rose again for them and inviting them to trust

Him as Savior. The manner and methods of reaching these goals must be guarded by submission to the Word of God and humble prayer.

2. Care Net of Puget Sound requires all volunteers, staff, and directors to be practicing Christians who give unreserved assent to their Ministry Statements.
3. Care Net of Puget Sound is committed to providing its clients with accurate and complete information about both prenatal development and abortion. Care Net of Puget Sound will not use any form of coercion or deception when counseling clients or in advertising its services.
4. Care Net of Puget Sound is committed to providing its clients with whatever forms of support are necessary in order that mothers may bring their babies to term.
5. Care Net of Puget Sound is committed to aiding women who have decided to have their babies, through the provision of God's people and the community at large, in order that they may face the future with hope and plan constructively for themselves and their babies.
6. Care Net of Puget Sound never discriminates in presenting the love of Christ through its ministry, because of race, creed, color, national origin, age, or marital status of its clients.
7. Care Net of Puget Sound affirms that Scripture and science agree that human life begins at conception. The commandment, "Do Not Murder", requires that we do all within our power to protect this human life. Consequently, abortion is never justified except to save the mother's life. (In the case of a life-threatening ectopic pregnancy, removal of the ectopic is permissible). Biblical holiness demands that we speak up for the unborn; therefore, Care Net of Puget Sound never advises, provides or refers for abortion or abortifacients.
8. Care Net of Puget Sound does not engage in counseling or in referring for contraceptives or contraceptive services. Married women seeking contraceptive information are urged to seek counsel from their pastor and physician. The guiding rule in counseling with unmarried women is the sanctity of the sexual relationship in marriage.
9. Care Net of Puget Sound offers assistance free of charge at all times.
10. Care Net of Puget Sound is committed to creating awareness within the local community of the needs of pregnant women, because abortion only compounds human need rather than resolve it.
11. Care Net of Puget Sound advocates peaceful and legal means to protect life and end abortion and does not employ or condone violence of any kind.
12. Care Net of Puget Sound recognizes the validity of adoption as one alternative to abortion, but is not biased toward adoption when compared to the other life-saving alternatives. Care Net of Puget Sound is independent of adoption agencies, relating to them in the same manner as to other helpful referral sources. Care Net of Puget Sound receives no payments of any kind from these agencies, does not enter into contractual relationships with them, and does not share combined office space. Adoption agencies are not established under the auspices of the Center. Care Net of Puget Sound neither initiates nor facilitates independent adoptions.