



OUR FOUNDATIONAL STATEMENT

We are KRCRC: Christians, Jews, Muslims, and other people of faith and conscience who believe in reproductive justice, abortion rights, and in every pregnant person's right to have agency over their own body.

Our faiths teach us that we are called to make the best decisions we can about our own well-being and the well-being of those who depend on us. We understand that we are called by our faiths to offer compassion and support to those who may face difficult choices involving pregnancy, adoption, and parenting, and we believe that the pregnant person is best suited to make the decision that is best for them.

RELIGIOUS PERSPECTIVES

Many mainstream religions support people's right to make decisions about their reproductive lives. Most religious Americans, in fact, support legal abortion. According to the Public Religion Research Institute (2024):

"Majorities across most religious traditions say that abortion should be legal in all or most cases, including Unitarian Universalists (93%), Jewish Americans (81%), Buddhists (79%), other Catholics of color (73%), Black Protestants (71%), white mainline/non-evangelical Protestants (68%), white Catholics (62%), Muslims (60%), Hispanic Catholics (57%), and other Protestants of color (52%). By contrast, Jehovah's Witnesses (25%), white evangelical Protestants (27%), Latter-day Saints (30%), and Hispanic Protestants (40%) are the only major religious groups in which less than half of adherents support the legality of abortion. Among religiously unaffiliated Americans, 87% say that abortion should be legal in most or all cases."

OUR FAITH PARTNER PLEDGE

KRCRC is proud to be a signatory to the "Faith Partner Pledge" from Faithful Majority. By signing this pledge, we join faith organizations across the country in affirming that every person should be free to make personal decisions about reproductive health guided by their own faith, values, and well-being — not by a politician's beliefs. As part of this commitment, KRCRC speaks out against the misuse of religion to justify abortion restrictions that harm our communities and violate religious freedom.



BELIEFS ABOUT THE BEGINNING OF LIFE

Religious traditions hold differing beliefs about when life begins: at conception, at 'ensoulment,' often understood as fetal viability, and at first breath. The foundational principle of religious freedom in the U.S. demands that the practice of individual adherents to their own religious tradition be honored. Some argue that abortion is murder based on a religious belief regarding when life begins. We respect their right to choose not to have an abortion. However, they do not have the right to force their belief on others. To do so is to deny freedom of (and from) religion.

FREE WILL & MORAL AGENCY

The concept of free will is integral to many religious traditions. For example, Christians, Jews, and Muslims almost universally consider free will a foundational aspect of their faith. Our humanity comes with the right of self-determination. We are not puppets nor robots; we have the gift of choice. Many believe that God is with us through prayer and reason as we choose that which is right and best for us.

COMPASSION IN THE FACE OF COMPLEXITY

There are many ethical, medical, and personal factors to be considered when making decisions about pregnancy, reproductive health, and family planning. We understand that even traditions that teach that life begins at conception can look beyond this belief to consider these other factors, including the risk to the life, health, or well-being of the pregnant person; the impact of the pregnancy upon the pregnant person's family; the likely quality of life of the future infant; and more. This leads many religious leaders to agree that there are various legitimate reasons for having an abortion.