

October 16, 2016



Beloved Members of Cragmor Church,

In the upcoming election, Colorado voters will be asked to decide on Proposition 106 entitled “Medical Aid in Dying” which would legalize physician-assisted suicide. We do not want to dictate how you vote, but, in accordance with our mission, we want to equip you for your work (including voting) in His Kingdom.

In the next few months, we will be developing a more comprehensive position statement on the value of human life with particular attention to end-of-life matters. We will not be able to complete that statement prior to the election, so in its place we offer you a preliminary statement.

The Consistory of Cragmor Christian Reformed Church appeals to the Sixth Commandment which tells us “You shall not murder” (Exodus 20:13). The Heidelberg Catechism teaches us God’s will in the Sixth Commandment means not harming others and “I am not to harm or recklessly endanger myself either” (Q & A 105). Our denomination, the Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA), has a long standing position against “the wanton or arbitrary destruction of any human being at any stage of its development from the point of conception to the point of death” (Acts of Synod 1972, pg. 64).

We also commend the position paper written by the Evangelical Presbyterian Church entitled, “Problems of Suffering, Death and Dying” which can be found here: <http://bit.ly/2dCHNUN> (shortened link*), or use the QR code to the right.



We encourage you as good citizens to wisely exercise the God-given gift of voting. As always, we urge you to pray diligently for our community, state, and nation. If you have more questions, would like to be included in our discussions, or would like to speak with a church leader about this or other issues, please feel free to do so, or to request a phone call on a church commitment card.

Cragmor Elders

*Complete URL: <http://www.epc.org/file/beliefs/positionpapers/PositionPaper-ProblemsOfSufferingDeathAndDying.pdf>

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