



PERSONHOOD ALLIANCE CHARTER FOR AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP

FAITH-BASED

WHEREAS, Personhood Alliance, Inc. (dba Personhood Alliance [PA]) is a Christ-centered, biblically informed organization dedicated to the non-violent advancement of the recognition and protection of the God-given, inalienable right to life of all innocent human beings as legal persons at every stage of their biological development, and;

WHEREAS, without faith it is impossible to please God (Heb 11:6),

THEREFORE, we recognize that Jesus Christ is both Lord and God, and;

BIBLICAL PERSONHOOD

WHEREAS, the Bible affirms the personhood, sanctity, dignity, and value of every human being from the moment of our individual creation, as evidenced by the doctrine of Imago Dei and through the marital union of a man and woman (Gen 1:26-28), our being known by God even before our formation in the womb (Jer 1:5), the incarnation of Christ (Lk 1-2), and the sacrifice of Christ to atone for the sins of humanity and restore fellowship between God and man (Rom 5:12-21);

THEREFORE, PA affirms that we will uphold the biblical doctrine of the sanctity of human life as the primary objective of our organization, and thereby declare our essential unity; in areas of difference we declare liberty of conscience before God; and in all things—grace, and;

EDUCATION AND CONSCIENCE

WHEREAS, two thousand years of Church history testify to the positive impact of this doctrine on the various cultures and nation-states where it has been recognized and embraced, and;

WHEREAS, the Church must, by example, be the primary means to form the consciences of nations regarding the moral demands of God, and;

WHEREAS, 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, and;

WHEREAS, we honor justice and the common good, we will, by reason of conscience, advocate for non-compliance 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, and;

THEREFORE, PA will work to assist the Church as it seeks to affirm the personhood of every human being; and;

LEGISLATION

WHEREAS, our nation's charter, the Declaration of Independence, states, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," and that governments are instituted in order to secure these rights, and;



WHEREAS, the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution states, "nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law, nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the law";

THEREFORE the legislative objective of PA shall be the protection of every innocent human being and shall not be deemed completed until the personhood of all human beings, born and pre-born, is recognized and defended under the law; beginning at the local and state level and ending as ultimately expressed at a federal level;

PA shall not endorse any incremental legislation that excludes any innocent human beings from protection. Endorsing any legislative effort which explicitly identifies a class of human life that can be expressly exempted from the equal protection of the law is a violation of this charter;

POLITICAL ACTION

WHEREAS, all human beings, at any and every stage of life, in any and every state of consciousness or self-awareness, of any and every race, color, ethnicity, level of intelligence, religion, language, gender, character, behavior, physical ability/disability, potential, class, social status and regardless of manner of conception or creation are persons of equal and immeasurable worth and of inviolable dignity, and;

WHEREAS they must be recognized and treated in a manner commensurate with this moral status;

THEREFORE, no political endorsement will be made which may explicitly identify a class of human life that can be expressly exempted from the equal protection of the law.

UNIFYING PRINCIPLES AND STATEMENT OF FAITH

WHEREAS, the absolute sanctity of innocent human life will be the unifying principle of our Alliance, and;

WHEREAS, this is a confederation of independent groups who agree to link arms as equals,

THEREFORE, strength of unity can only be fully realized if we substantively agree on one consistent political endorsement criteria and a unified set of legislative strategies that will allow local groups to achieve a national voice and footprint, and;

THEREFORE, as a faith-based, inter-denominational organization, our national officers and affiliate representatives adhere to the Apostles' Creed as a unified statement of faith, as follows: We believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day, He rose from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.



As a representative of the organization listed below, I do hereby agree with the Personhood Alliance charter and do intend, to the best of my organization's knowledge and ability, to act in accordance with this charter as an affiliate member of Personhood Alliance.

Print name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

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