

CHURCH

May 2, 2023

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support of [REDACTED]'s request for a religious accommodation from the COVID-19 vaccine.

[REDACTED] is a member of [REDACTED] Church of [REDACTED] since October of 2013. [REDACTED] Church subscribes to the Holy Bible as its rule for faith and practice. The beliefs of the church are set forth in our statement of faith which is found in our church constitution.

[REDACTED] Church believes humans - including unborn humans - are made in the image of God, and that human life thus has sacred worth. Thus, elective abortion violates the teachings of [REDACTED] Church.

[REDACTED] Church believes in God-given liberty to the individual to make certain choices without coercion, and in connection with God through prayer.

[REDACTED] Church believes that the individual person's body is to be maintained consistent with Scripture, as the temple of the Holy Spirit, and that how we use our body - and what we put into it - must not defile the body. Thus, sexual immorality is wrong; and the injection of vaccines derived from or connected with abortion is wrong, and would defile our body, displeasing God.

[REDACTED] Church believes that while many aspects of human wisdom and medicine may be helpful, our ultimate trust must be in God; and where the former might conflict with the latter, we must trust in God and demonstrate that trust through our actions - including declining any procedure or product that would go against the explicit commands of Scripture, or against God's leading as revealed to the Christian by God's Holy Spirit.

Scripture states that whatsoever we do, we should do all to the glory of God. An implication of this command is that if something does not glorify God - as determined by the individual believer, consistent with the written Word of God and the leading of God's Spirit, then the believer must refrain from that action.

Among the beliefs of the church is a belief in a knowable, personal God who is interested in our lives and wishes to live in communion with individual humans. Unfortunately, sin separates humans from God, and it is not possible for humans to have a relationship with God through our own power, including any good works that we might do. Only faith makes it possible for us to fellowship with God.

[REDACTED] has received the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal savior, through faith, after realizing that sin separated her from God and that Jesus paid the penalty for her sin by His death on the cross; His burial; and His resurrection. God has commanded all people everywhere to repent and believe upon Jesus. God has made Jesus the only way of salvation. [REDACTED] has been baptized symbolizing her belief in Jesus and her commitment to follow Him.



[REDACTED]
Pastor

