

2010 LIFEWATCH SURVEY: Actions for Life by United Methodists

United Methodist clergy, laity, churches, districts, annual conferences, and agencies are invited to participate. Please copy and distribute this survey to your United Methodist friends. Thank you for mailing or emailing your completed survey to: Lifewatch/P.O. Box 306/Cottleville, MO 63338/cindy@lifewatch.org.

1. The 2008 General Conference added to The Book of Discipline's paragraph on abortion (Par. 161J) this sentence: "We affirm and encourage the Church to assist the ministry of crisis pregnancy centers and pregnancy resource centers that compassionately help women find feasible alternatives to abortion." Were you aware of this addition? (Please check one.)

Yes No

2. What has your local church done to inform members of the several changes the 2008 General Conference made to Paragraph 161J? (Please circle the letters of those actions for life that your church has taken.)

A. At least one sermon was preached.

B. At least one lesson was taught.

C. Another means of communication was used; please specify: _____.

D. Nothing, to my knowledge, was done.

3. Are you aware of any personal, or church-based, efforts that have prevented an abortion or encouraged adoption? (Please check one.)

Yes No

4. Which of the following have you done? (Please circle the letters of those actions for life that you have taken.)

A. I have provided supplies or maternity/baby clothes to a mother in need.

B. I have provided a place to live to a mom with nowhere to go.

C. I have taught a pre-natal or parenting class.

D. I have helped with the cost of pre-natal medical care.

E. I have helped find a doctor willing to donate services for pregnancy-related medical care.

F. I have helped with adoption assistance.

G. I have helped a new mom find a job.

H. I have helped a new mom with baby-sitting so that she could go to school or work.

I. I have been a friend or mentor to a woman, who "just needed someone to talk to," as she was going through the difficulties of pregnancy and/or parenthood.

J. I have donated money to, or assisted, a crisis pregnancy center or a pregnancy resource center.

K. I have spoken privately, pastorally, or publicly to encourage abortion alternatives.

L. I have spoken pastorally or publicly about the Christian Church's historic witness for, and work in, protecting women and their unborn children from abortion.

M. I have provided materials that encourage adoption or other alternatives to abortion.

N. I have encouraged The United Methodist Church, the government, or social service agencies to support and facilitate the option of adoption.

O. I have _____.

5. Which of the items in #4 were done in conjunction with a United Methodist group -- e.g., a church/annual conference/district/agency program? (Please circle the letters that apply.)

A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O