

## Positions of Major Religious Organizations on Assisted Suicide & Voluntary Active Euthanasia

	<u>Assisted Suicide</u>	<u>Voluntary Active Euthanasia</u>
<b>African Methodist Episcopal Church, New Orleans, LA</b>	NR	NR
African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, Charlotte, NC	NR	NR
<b>The American Baptist Association, Texarkana, TX</b>	<b>oppose (consensus)</b>	<b>oppose (consensus)</b>
American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A., Valley Forge, PA	no position	no position
<b>The American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church, Johnstown, PA</b>	<b>oppose (written)</b>	<b>oppose (written)</b>
The Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America, Brooklyn, NY	oppose (consensus)	oppose (written)
<b>Assemblies of God, Springfield, MO</b>	<b>oppose (consensus, NAE)</b>	<b>oppose (consensus, NAE)</b>
Baptist Bible Fellowship International, Springfield, MO	oppose (consensus)	oppose (consensus)
<b>Baptist Missionary Association of America, Little Rock, AR</b>	<b>oppose (written)</b>	<b>oppose (written)</b>
The Christian and Missionary Alliance, Colorado Springs, CO	oppose (derived, NAE)	oppose (derived, NAE)
<b>Christian Brethren (a.k.a. Plymouth Brethren), Wheaton, IL</b>	<b>oppose (consensus)</b>	<b>oppose (consensus)</b>
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Indianapolis, IN	no position	no position
<b>Christian Churches and Churches of Christ, Cincinnati, OH</b>	<b>no position</b>	<b>no position</b>
Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, Memphis, TN	NR	NR
<b>Christian Reformed Church in North America, Grand Rapids, MI</b>	<b>oppose (consensus, NAE)</b>	<b>oppose (consensus, NAE)</b>
Church of God (Cleveland, Tenn.), Cleveland, TN	NR [oppose (NAE)]	NR [oppose (NAE)]
<b>The Church Of God In Christ, Memphis, TN</b>	<b>NR</b>	<b>NR</b>

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Salt Lake City, UT	NR	oppose (written)
<b>Church of the Brethren, Elgin, IL</b>	<b>oppose (written)</b>	<b>oppose (written)</b>
Church of the Nazarene, Kansas City, MO	oppose (written, NAE)	oppose (written, NAE)
<b>Churches of Christ, Kosciusko, MO</b>	<b>NR</b>	<b>NR</b>
Conservative Baptist Association of America, Wheaton, IL	oppose (consensus, NAE)	oppose (consensus, NAE)
<b>Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, New York, NY</b>	<b>oppose (written)</b>	<b>oppose (written)</b>
Episcopal Church, New York, NY	oppose (written)	oppose (written)
<b>The Evangelical Free Church of America, Minneapolis, MN</b>	<b>oppose (written, NAE)</b>	<b>oppose (written, NAE)</b>
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Chicago, IL	oppose (written)	oppose (written)
<b>Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America, New York, NY</b>	<b>NR</b>	<b>NR</b>
International Council of Community Churches, Frankfort, IL	NR	NR
<b>International Pentecostal Holiness Church, Oklahoma City, OK</b>	<b>oppose (consensus, NAE)</b>	<b>oppose (consensus, NAE)</b>
Jehovah's Witnesses, Brooklyn, NY	oppose (written)	oppose (written)
<b>The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, St. Louis, MO</b>	<b>oppose (written)</b>	<b>oppose (written)</b>
National Baptist Convention of America, Inc., Dallas, TX	oppose (consensus)	oppose (consensus)
<b>National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., Montgomery, AL</b>	<b>NR</b>	<b>NR</b>
National Missionary Baptist Convention of America, Nashville, TN	NR	NR
<b>Old Order Amish Church, Millersburg, OH</b>	<b>oppose (consensus)</b>	<b>oppose (consensus)</b>
The Orthodox Church in America, Syosset, NY	oppose (consensus)	oppose (consensus)
<b>Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc., Indianapolis, IN</b>	<b>NR</b>	<b>NR</b>

Pentecostal Church of God, Joplin, MO NAE)	oppose (consensus, NAE)	oppose (consensus,
<b>Presbyterian Church in America, Atlanta, GA</b>	<b>oppose (written, NAE)</b>	<b>oppose (written, NAE)</b>
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Louisville, KY	NR	oppose-2 (written)
<b>Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., Washington, DC</b>	<b>NR</b>	<b>NR</b>
Reformed Church in America, New York, NY	oppose (written)	oppose (written)
<b>Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Independence, MO</b>	<b>oppose (written)</b>	<b>oppose (written)</b>
The Roman Catholic Church	oppose (written)	oppose (written)
<b>The Salvation Army, Alexandria, VA</b>	<b>NR [oppose (NAE)]</b>	<b>NR [oppose (NAE)]</b>
Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Silver Spring, MD	oppose (written)	oppose (written)
<b>Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, TN</b>	<b>oppose (written)</b>	<b>oppose (derived)</b>
Southern Methodist Church, Orangeburg, SC	oppose (consensus)	oppose (consensus)
<b>United Church of Christ, Cleveland, OH</b>	<b>support (written)</b>	<b>support (written)</b>
The United Methodist Church, Nashville, TN	no position	no position
<b>United Pentecostal Church International, Hazelwood, MO</b>	<b>NR</b>	<b>NR</b>
The Wesleyan Church, Indianapolis, IN	oppose (written, NAE)	oppose (written, NAE)
<b>Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, Milwaukee, WI</b>	<b>oppose (consensus)</b>	<b>oppose (consensus)</b>
Unitarian Universalist Association, Boston, MA	support (written)	support (written)
<b>The National Association of Evangelicals, Wheaton, IL</b>	<b>oppose (consensus)</b>	<b>oppose (consensus)</b>

**KEY TO POSITIONS:**

NR = no response to survey or this particular issue

no position = the organization does not take a position on the issue

oppose = opposes under any circumstances

oppose-2 = states general opposition but leaves open the possibility in extreme circumstances with a conflict of obligations

support = supports "aid in dying" for terminally ill persons under safeguards intended to protect autonomy

**KEY TO SOURCE OF POSITION:**

consensus = a consensus view exists within the organization

derived = derived from provided statement on a related issue

written = the organization has an authoritative, written position

NAE = belongs to The National Association of Evangelicals (opposes suicide, assisted suicide, and voluntary active euthanasia)

**NOTES:**

The positions stated are taken from responses to a survey form. Some respondents chose to send letters or written materials instead of completing the survey form. Others used the survey form but provided answers requiring interpretation. Clarification has been sought in cases where there seemed the greatest opportunity for misinterpretation of the response. The responses listed are based on the surveyor's best effort to interpret the responses. All original responses are on file with Richard Coleson, National Legal Center for the Medically Dependent & Disabled, Inc., P.O. Box 1586, Terre Haute, IN 47808-1586.