

# CHRISTIAN LIFE RESOURCES SPEAKERS' BUREAU



Christian Life Resources offers a wide variety of presentation topics on life and family issues suitable for just about any audience including congregations, ladies' groups, grade school or high school students, chapter and branch affiliates, board members, or other similar organizations.



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## **Purpose of the Speakers' Bureau**

To provide qualified speakers who have extensively studied and researched life and family issues from the Biblical perspective in order to better equip people to handle these matters in their own lives and educate others on God's will in these difficult issues.

## **Mission Statement of Christian Life Resources (established 1983)**

The mission of Christian Life Resources is to use life and family issues as bridges to convey the love of God and to share the message of salvation through Christ.

# PRESENTATION TOPICS

**NOTE:** Unless a particular presenter is requested, Christian Life Resources will recommend the best speaker available for your presentation or gathering.

## FAMILY ISSUES

### Facing the Homosexual Lifestyle

Is it right, wrong or neither? Is it learned or genetic? Should same-sex marriage be legal? What are we to say in our witness to the truth?

### Incorporating Life Issues into Your Daily Parenting

Knowing the issues and communicating them to your children are two different things. Ideas will be shared to help you instill pro-life values in your children in ways that are fun, practical, and age-appropriate.

### Life and Family Issues That Connect

This four-session workshop is best geared for a retreat or seminar setting. It is an examination of the life and family issues of our time and how we may use them to glorify God, imitate His love, and share salvation.

### The Media and Its Effect on Families

Most people would agree that the media has changed dramatically with this new generation. Some parents have given up and let their children have free reign with movie, video and television viewing. Others see only bad coming

from “medialand” and ban their children from viewing any of it. This presentation will avoid both extremes and give practical advice to parents on how to help raise awareness in their children and help them use the media in a judicious and positive manner.

### Quality-of-Life Issues and the Disabled

Practical ideas and encouragement for those dealing with the information that their child will be born with a disability. It will also address dealing with those in the medical profession and society in general who do not support the decision to carry a disabled child to term.

### Talking to Your Kids About Sex

Raising children to be chaste is a big challenge. This workshop will examine influences and methods for teaching our children about chastity.

### Teaching Life Issues to Children

“Train a child in the way he should go...” The formative years of life provide the opportunity to teach God’s Word and will regarding the sanctity of life. This presentation will discuss how to teach children life issues and suggest some great tools available in that educational process.





# ABORTION ISSUES

## **The Abortion-Breast Cancer Link**

Mired in confusing rhetoric, this connection is rarely noted. This presentation will examine the facts and relationship between abortion and breast cancer.

## **What Exactly IS Abortion?**

This workshop is rated for older teens and will describe various methods of abortion (including chemical abortions and the morning-after pill) and how they terminate the life of a baby.

## **Taking Your Client through the Healing Process**

This is a valuable workshop for pregnancy counseling center workers who help clients wrestle with the emotional and spiritual challenges they are facing.

## **Post Abortion Syndrome: How to Console Someone Who's Had an Abortion**

Since 1973, legalized abortion has claimed the lives of millions of babies. The mothers – and fathers – of many of those babies have faced the guilt and pain of their actions. Providing loving, Christian support and encouragement is a crucial component in helping them understand God's forgiveness and experience true comfort. This workshop will help you identify the signs of PAS and show you how to help the person struggling with that pain.

## **Abortion Laws and Loopholes**

An examination of the history of legalized abortion, the double-speak employed to mask the reality and the loopholes used to make abortions legal up to the time of delivery.

# EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

## Abstinence Counseling

The staff of Christian Life Resources has had many opportunities to speak to young people in grade schools and high schools. Experiences and tips on how you can teach abstinence are shared in this presentation.

## Coordinating Congregations and Recruiting Volunteers

Learn how you can work together with your area churches to make an impact in your community.

## Educating Your Community on Life Issues

Many organizations are looking for ways to educate their communities and local public and private schools on life and family issues. Get ideas on ways to educate your community.

## Equipping You to Do Pro-Life Work in Your Congregation

Christian Life Resources has many resources available in doing pro-life work in your congregation. Ideas will be shared on how to get your congregation's pro-life work off the ground and what resources are at your disposal from the national office of Christian Life Resources and the pro-life/pro-family community to assist you.

## God's Word Calls Us to Speak Up

The Bible directs us to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves and gives us the message to share. This presentation will consider the directives we have to speak up and what to say when we do. This is a broad-based presentation that looks at ways to reach the unchurched in addition to using life and family issues.

## Using Life Issues As a Bridge Into Your Congregation

The mission of Christian Life Resources is to use life and family issues as bridges to convey the love of God and share the message of salvation through Christ. This presentation focuses on how congregations can use life and family issues as outreach tools in the community.



## Life and Family Issues and the Christian Witness

This presentation focuses on how individuals can use life and family issues as opportunities to show Christian love and share Christ. It is a focused look at how life and family issues can be outreach tools.

## In-Reach and Out-Reach: Understanding the Difference

This presentation will look at the important differences between in-reach and outreach and how we can use life and family issues as bridges to reach the lost. We will also examine how to use our congregational efforts to nurture one another to be able to distinguish right from wrong.

# END-OF-LIFE ISSUES

## Debating Assisted Suicide

Strong arguments have developed throughout the country that try to lead society toward a culture of death. Pro-life arguments that clearly communicate the value of human life will be presented.

## Depression and Suicide

A presentation on the facts of suicide, the signs and progression of depression, and the spiritual dimension in dealing with the depressed and suicidal.

## End-of-Life Scenarios

This presentation will give the participants several end-of-life scenarios to discuss and delve into. Participants will look at Biblical principles that guide us and applications of those principles to make a God-pleasing decision in each situation.

## Heroic Measures or Palliative Care: Which to Choose?

As the line between routine, aggressive, and heroic measures blurs clarity and focus are needed. This presentation defines and explains the distinctions in light of God's Word.

## Legal and Ethical Issues at the End of Life

Many people approach the end of their lives with little or no knowledge of what is happening. This presentation discusses the real issues surrounding the debate on the right to die.

## Making End-of-Life Decisions Within an Institution

Upon receiving word that life will soon end, many options must be considered and decisions made. This presentation will explore hospice care, nursing homes, assisted living arrangements, and other care considerations a family needs to know when time is short.

## Working Through the Grieving Process

People who experience the loss of a loved one go through a time of grieving and adjustment. This presentation addresses that process and offers suggestions as to how friends and fellow church members can offer their support.

## Getting Your Affairs in Order

Seminars abound on getting your financial affairs in order for retirement and death. This workshop adds a new dimension by exploring the spiritual, medical, and practical considerations that come into play in preparing for a medical crisis or death. This workshop will specifically explore the role of medical directive statements, living wills, and similar documents.

## Medical Directives: the Documents and the Decisions

This step-by-step workshop on medical directive statements sorts through the confusing terminology, conflicting information, and end-of-life treatment decisions you need to understand.

## Pulling the Plug: Considerations in Artificial Feeding, Ventilation and Resuscitation

"Pulling the plug" has become synonymous with stopping treatment so that death would occur. Is it always, ever, or never right to "pull the plug"? The spiritual implications, as well as practical considerations involved with artificial feeding, ventilation, and resuscitation, will be discussed.



# FERTILITY/INFERTILITY ISSUES

## **A Christian's Birth Control and Infertility Options**

Some Christians want to bear children and can't; others may not wish to bear more children. As choices are exercised it is important to know those choices which are consistent with God's will and which are not. This workshop will explore what we know about birth control and infertility and how various options work.

## **Infertility and How to Help the Childless Couple**

The desire for children can be one of the strongest human drives. When infertility strikes, it can cause tremendous pain and possibly lead to desperate steps to reach a sustained pregnancy. Learn about current infertility treatments and what steps can be taken within the realm of the principles of God's Word. In addition, ways to help the couple face these issues will be addressed.

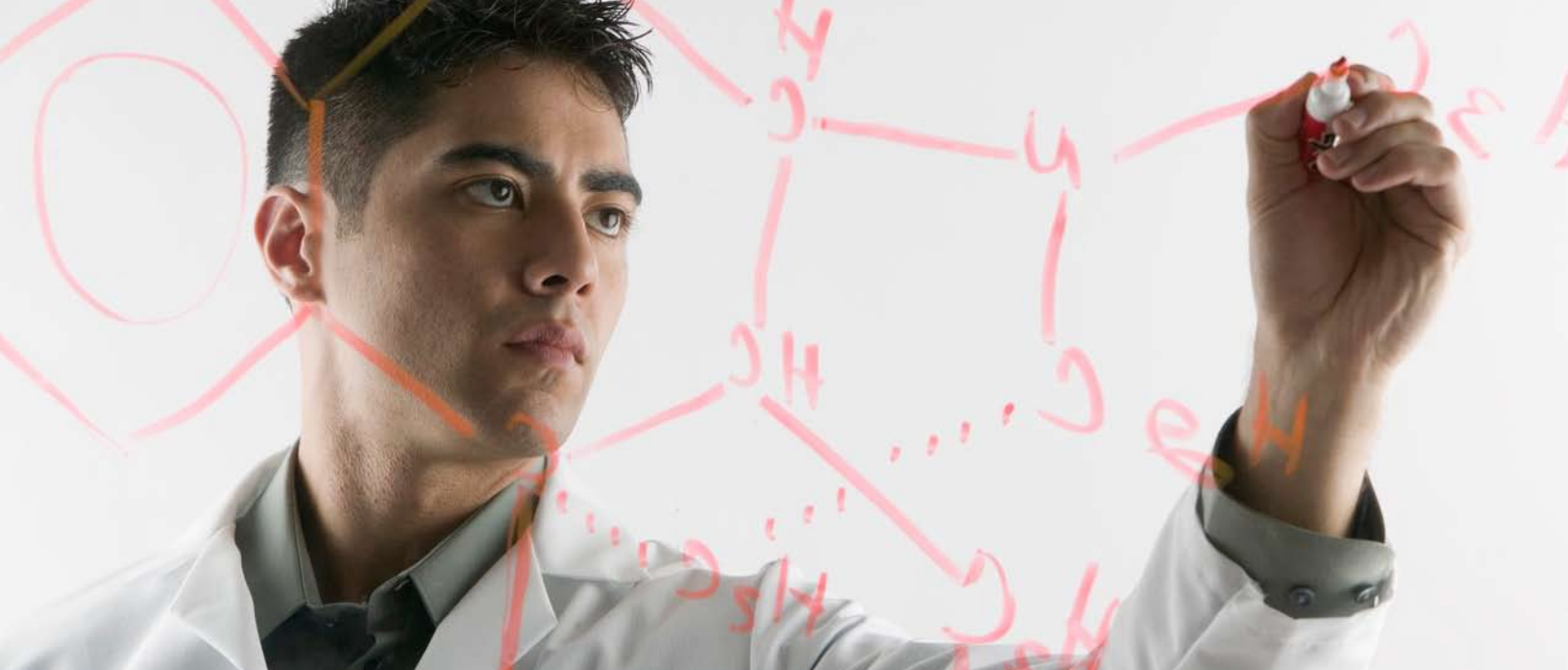
## **New Forms of Birth Control on the Market Today: Abortifacient or Not?**

Some years ago, society complained that no new forms of birth control had been developed. The pharmaceuticals responded, and today there are many new and easy-to-use forms of birth control on the market. Yet, how good are they? This workshop will cover many of the new forms of birth control and explain the factors that do or do not make them acceptable.

## **Assisted Reproduction Technology**

Technology has enabled life to begin outside the context of a traditional pregnancy. This presentation examines those issues and discusses the options available involving infertility.





# MEDICAL ETHICS TOPICS

## **Cost, Compassion, and Pain Relief**

An examination of the costs related to palliative care near the end of life and the tension that exists between cost containment, compassion, and pain alleviation. Discussion will explore different pain relief options that are available.

## **Death: When Has It Come?**

The “Harvard Definition of Death” has been subjected to various challenges over the past several decades. The religious community as a whole seems unable to offer a quantifiable definition. How can we know for sure what “death” really is?

## **Hospice Care as a Congregational Option**

A discussion of a congregation’s increasing interest in caring for the homebound, the ailing, and the dying. It will explore where a hospice care program fits in, including an examination of a home visit hospice program, networking with a parish nurse program, the community health care agencies, and possible migration to a hospice care facility as an extension of a congregation’s ministry.

## **Human Life: When Does It Begin?**

A theological, philosophical, and medical examination into one of the increasingly-controversial issues of our day. With changing definitions regarding in-vitro fertilization, cloning, and other present-day challenges, it is important to

understand when life begins to assure that our pursuits for improvement do not cost human lives.

## **Medicine and the Law: Challenges for Today and the Future**

What is possible, what is legal, and what is ethical are three different issues. Technology is able to take us to new levels, and it promises wonderful breakthroughs. Yet, it also creates serious questions and holds the potential for moral and ethical dilemmas. This presentation will examine these issues and provide information and direction to help evaluate medicine’s role in light of legal and ethical standards.

## **Overview of Ethical Issues in Genetics and Research**

Abortion has proven to be the tip of the iceberg in beginning-of-life issues. This presentation will cover a very broad slate of issues ranging from infertility options and birth defects to genetic research and cloning.

## **Stem Cell Research and Cloning . . . What’s Next?**

Knowledge of the current status in both the medical and political fields will be shared and suggestions given for you to help promote pro-life opinions in society, particularly in the federal and state legislatures.

# WORKSHOPS FOR TEEN GROUPS

## Abortion, Adoption, or Single-Parenthood?

What do you do when the pregnancy test is positive? Abortion seems like the easy way out because it might be the quick fix you want. After giving it some thought, the truth is that adoption and parenting are the only real choices. But, how do you make the right choice? This workshop will help you explore the issues and sort through the confusion.

## Communication with Your Parents When a Crisis Hits

What do you do when something happens that you can't handle yourself? Where do you turn when a friend comes to you for help, and you don't know what to do? This workshop discusses how open communication with your parents will help you work through a crisis situation when it hits.

## Creating a Presence in Your School

Promote your Teens for Life group in your school and learn ideas that help your group spread the pro-life message.

## Dating in the Real World

A powerful message of chastity until marriage and the struggles of dating in the "real world."

## Dealing with Peer Pressure

Peers have a tremendous influence on our self-esteem and how we approach the many complicated issues of life. In this workshop we discuss peer pressure, both that which is good and that which is not.

## I Think I'm in Love

You are a teen. You are pro-life. You are a Christian. You are in love. This workshop will explore how to make those convictions all work together.

## Getting Involved: How I Can Make a Difference

Teens often have the ideas and the energy but don't have the connections or experiences to make a difference. Attendees will learn how to make an impact in their schools and communities as they promote their pro-life values.

## Demonstrating Pro-Life Values in a Secular World

My roommate is sleeping with her boyfriend, what should I do? My professor is promoting pro-abortion views in class, how should I respond? My boss talks about his gay relationship, what can I say to make him understand? Demonstrating your pro-life values in a public high school, college, and your career can be very difficult, but when armed with the Word of God, you can competently respond to the challenges you face.

## Teen Depression and Suicide

Teen suicide numbers continue to increase. Friends depressed over grades, dating and family troubles think there is solution at the end of a gun or a bottle of pills. This presentation explores the symptoms of those inclined to commit suicide, teen trends in self-mutilation, behavior related to depression and suggestions on what you can do to help.

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# OTHER TOPICS

## The Pro-Life Survival Guide

Many opportunities arise professionally and personally for pro-life Christians to take a stand. Your employer solicits your donation to a pro-abortion cause; the medical clinic or nursing home where you work is participating in “life”-threatening activities. What effective strategies can be used when your workplace places you in conflict?



## The Adoption Option

A presentation on adoption in America that examines statistics and options along with the practical implications of deciding to adopt or place a child for adoption.

## Biblical Principles That Guide Life Issues Decisions

A singular focus on the foundational Biblical principles that guide a Christian in correct ethical decision-making.

## Church and State

How does a Christian walk the line between living the faith and serving the general public? An examination of the legal and moral implications of legislation politics, voting, and activism.

## The Presence of Evil - The Devil, the World, Our Flesh

A discussion of temptation and evil influences that touch our lives and endanger our faith.

## Life Issues: A Global Concern

A world examination of life issues within various international cultures and the impact on Christian outreach.

## Counseling the Grief-Stricken

Grief is a strong and complex emotion. It is experienced by some after an abortion or miscarriage. Most experience it after the death of a loved one. In this workshop the elements of grief are explored with practical suggestions on how we may help others cope with a loss in their life.

## Signing the Card: A Christian Look at Organ Transplantation

This workshop will discuss what God’s Word says about donating your organs, the pro’s and con’s of signing a donor card, and what you need to do if you decide to sign.

## The Hot Seat

An open-topic format in which participants submit questions on a broad base of life and family issues for the presenter to address.

## Overview of the Issues

Many members of your congregation are dealing with a difficult life issue themselves; many more know a close friend or loved one who is dealing with such an issue. This workshop provides an overview of all life issues giving insight into the different struggles members of a congregation may be experiencing.

## Talking to Your Doctor About Life Issues

Everyone says you should talk to your doctor about your pro-life beliefs, but how? Ideas will be shared as to how you can communicate effectively with your physician or HMO.

## The Work of Christian Life Resources

Learn about the growing ministry of Christian Life Resources and its affiliates.

## Working with the Legislature to Promote the Pro-Life Cause

How can we use legislative issues and the political forum to help the pro-life movement? It has been said that “in order for evil to succeed, good people need only sit idly by and watch.” This workshop addresses practical ways we can help others by getting involved in this arena.

# BIBLE STUDY SERIES

This four-part Bible study series is best conducted in one-hour sessions over four weeks or in a seminar setting, though each could stand alone as well.

## 1) What are truly "God-pleasing actions"?

An examination of decision we make that are clearly in line with God's will contrasted with the gray area and those times in which we walk contrary to God's will.

## 2) Christian Surrender

Walking the line between responsible decision-making and humble submission (i.e. controlling our fate or being victims of fate).

## 3) Burden Sharing and Burden Carrying

How does one face the time of life in which he or she is dependent on others, and how do we carry and share those burdens?

## 4) Christian Self-Esteem

In the "me-first" society in which we live, self-esteem is a buzz phrase often adopted outside the context of the Christian faith. There is a place for Christian self-esteem. This presentation will look at the Biblical understanding of the concept.

**NOTE:** For other Bible Study options check our website at [www.ChristianLifeResources.com](http://www.ChristianLifeResources.com). Presentation topics will be added and subtracted from this list as time and needs change. If you have a topic in mind that is not listed here, please feel free to contact Christian Life Resources with your suggestion.



# FORMAT

Presentations generally range from 45 - 90 minutes in length, but nearly all topics can be modified to fit a specific format. Presentations can also be combined to provide for an all-day seminar, weekend retreat format, adult VBS track, or a variety of other settings.

Presentations could be any of the following or any combination of the following:

**Preaching** — Usually this involves an area festival or a congregation's observance of a Life Sunday or Mission Festival. It is common for the preacher to conduct a Bible Class as well. When requesting a preacher indicate whether this is for a special occasion (i.e. Life Sunday, Mission Sunday, area festival, etc.).

**Bible/Topic Class** — Generally this is done in conjunction and performed by the individual involved with the aforementioned preaching. However, at times a congregation may simply request a Bible Class without the added preaching request. This may be a class on Sunday during the Bible Class period or as a topic presented to congregational groups and agencies any day of the week. These topics can also be presented or modified as a part of any Christian day school or high school class. Nearly any life, family or lifestyle topic can be requested.

**School Address/Seminar** — This involves addressing the student body for a regular or special chapel service, commencement service, or general forum. This would also include presentations to specific classes (i.e. all religion classes on a given day, junior/senior science classes, etc.). The length and topics can be customized to meet the needs of the particular school.

**Conventions, Conferences, and Seminars** — Educational events running longer than 90 minutes or involving large numbers of people are generally considered a convention, conference, or seminar. Topic and length of the presentation(s) can be customized to best meet the needs of those in attendance. Presentations are specially customized to focus on the theological and practical components of life and family issues as they are considered at Pastors' and Teachers' Conferences.

**Special Events** — The staff can also serve as presenters for a variety of special events. Most often these include special dinners, socials, and recognition events.

# REIMBURSEMENT

All travel, lodging and meals as well as an honorarium for a speaker from Christian Life Resources should be covered by the inviting group. However, since this can be a financial hardship for many groups, Christian Life Resources has allocated funds to defray some of these costs when necessary. Responsible stewardship of limited resources demand we enact cost-effective measures. Therefore, the following represents the operational policies of Christian Life Resources on presentation costs. These policies serve as guidelines; exceptions will be considered as circumstances warrant.

## Guiding Principle

Lack of funds should not be a deterrent in requesting a presenter from Christian Life Resources. Those requesting a presenter are asked to do what they can to assure a reasonable attendance for an event involving the presenter. The following guidelines are meant to help a requesting group understand what Christian Life Resources feels is reasonable in most circumstances.

## Travel

Depending on distance, cost, timing, and convenience, the mode of travel will generally be any combination of the following: a rented car, driving his or her own vehicle (reimbursed at the current IRS allowable mileage rate), or airplane. The presenter is permitted to select his or her own mode of travel.

## Lodging

When overnight lodging is required, the presenter is encouraged to stay at a hotel or motel of comparable cost and amenities as a Fairfield Inn. While permitted in special circumstances, Christian Life Resources representatives will not stay in personal homes.

## Meals

Presenters can expect reimbursement for all reasonable meal costs. It is understood if other family members or guests travel with the presenter, those costs are not covered through reimbursement unless that person(s) serves in an official capacity for Christian Life Resources.

## Preaching Engagements

When a representative of Christian Life Resources is invited to preach in a worship service, all expenses are covered by Christian Life Resources with the request that the inviting congregation(s) help to defray these costs by taking a door offering or providing an honorarium. **All checks to cover honorariums, as well as related travel costs, should be made out to “Christian Life Resources.”**

## Bible Class Presentation Associated with a Preaching Engagement

The stipulations indicated under “Preaching Engagements” apply if the representative of Christian Life Resources is asked to present during the Bible Class period before, between, or after he has preached for a worship service.

## Additional Presentation Associated with a Preaching Engagement

When the representative of Christian Life Resources is asked to preach and present again later the same day or within a time frame not requiring an additional expense (i.e. travel or lodging), there would be no fees associated with that additional presentation.

If the additional presentation **does** require an additional expense and the host can guarantee a minimum of 25 people in attendance, Christian Life Resources will not require an honorarium to be paid. Otherwise, a minimum honorarium of \$125 is required by groups unable to meet the 25-person minimum attendance.

## Events Not Related to Preaching

In the event a presenter is asked to present for a Bible Class (but is not preaching for any worship service), conference, event, or seminar, and the host can guarantee a minimum of 25 people in attendance, Christian Life Resources will not require an honorarium to be paid. If such a guarantee cannot be made and the audience is smaller, a minimum honorarium of \$125 is required. Travel, lodging and meal costs should be reimbursed by the inviting group regardless of the number in attendance.

## Payment of Fees

If possible, fees should be paid in a **check made out to “Christian Life Resources”** and given to the presenter at the time of the event. Otherwise, Christian Life Resources can process an invoice after the event.

# HOW TO BOOK A SPEAKER

To arrange for a speaker, contact Christian Life Resources in one of the following ways:

**Phone:** 1-800-729-9535 (toll free)

**Email:** [Info@ChristianLifeResources.com](mailto:Info@ChristianLifeResources.com)

When contacting the office, please provide the following information:

1. Proposed date(s) and time(s) of event
2. Location of event
3. Length of presentation
4. Topic(s) requested
5. Type of event (worship service, Bible class, meeting, etc.)
6. Expected attendance (approximate)
7. Desired speaker
8. Contact information

After receiving your request, Christian Life Resources will check the schedule of the desired speaker and contact you within a few days. If the date requested does not work for the speaker, alternate dates or speakers will be suggested.

CLR will place a hold on requested date(s), if necessary, for a one-week limit. If the host cannot confirm the tentative date within one week of the request, the date will be released for other commitments.

Once a date is confirmed the host will be sent a formal confirmation letter and the speaker's biography. Lodging and travel information, A/V needs, sermon text/theme (if applicable), and other related requests will be confirmed within two weeks of the event.

# SPEAKERS' BUREAU STAFF

The majority of presentations on life and family issues for Christian Life Resources are given by Pastor Robert Fleischmann. Following is his vita:



## Robert R. Fleischmann

The Reverend Robert Fleischmann has served as the National Director of Christian Life Resources, Inc. since 1988. Its ministry consists of pregnancy counseling centers and educational chapters/branches throughout the United States. Operations are also conducted by an international branch in Canada.

In addition to his oversight of all operational concerns of Christian Life Resources, Pastor Fleischmann also helps people understand and make Scripturally-guided decisions in medical matters, particularly as they apply to difficult beginning and end-of-life concerns. The Bible is central in this ministry which seeks to save lives both for now and eternity through education on such critical issues of abortion, infanticide, suicide, and euthanasia.

Robert Fleischmann was born in Pleasanton, California, in 1956. He moved with his family to Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, where he attended the public grade schools and high school. In 1979 he graduated from Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato, Minnesota. He marked his entrance into the pastoral ministry in 1983 upon his graduation from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, Wisconsin. He was called to serve as the pastor of Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church in Plymouth, Wisconsin. In 1988 Pastor Fleischmann was elected to the National Board of WELS Lutherans for Life and later that year was called to serve as the organization's first National Director.

Pastor Fleischmann speaks nationally and internationally on the Biblical approach to various life issues. He writes on a wide variety of life and family issues and counsels people with God's Word in making ethical decisions. Rev. Fleischmann serves as an advisor to the Nightingale Alliance, which works to educate on positive alternatives to euthanasia and encourages better palliative care and pain management. He has also served on the Board of Directors for Wisconsin Right to Life.

Robert Fleischmann and his family live in Hartford, Wisconsin.

Christian Life Resources also uses the services of other staff members, board members, former board members, and select people from chapters, branches, affiliates, and the secular community to present on life and family issues, the work of Christian Life Resources or any of its divisions or affiliates.



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