

**ARIZONA ABORTION AMENDMENT (PROP. 139)**

**WHY CHURCHES SHOULD ENGAGE & HOW THEY CAN DO IT**

## TOPICS

### **1. AZ PRO LIFE PASTOR DECLARATION UPDATE**

### **2. TOPICS FOR TODAY:**

- Why the Arizona Abortion Amendment (Prop 139) must be stopped
- Why the church must engage
- How to effectively take a stand & activate at your church
- Best Practices – Ironwood examples
- Resources at your disposal – videos, webpages, FAQs
- Next steps
- Q&A

**WHY THE ARIZONA ABORTION  
AMENDMENT (PROP. 139)  
MUST BE STOPPED**

# ABORTION AMENDMENT (PROP 139) GOES FAR BEYOND WHAT 90% OF ARIZONANS SUPPORT

## THE AMENDMENT ENDANGERS WOMEN BY GUARANTEEING A FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT TO ABORTION OVER EVERY OTHER CONSIDERATION. IT...

- 1) Removes common sense health & safety standards
- 2) Shuts parents out, endangering minor girls
- 3) Removes informed consent
- 4) Removes the required doctor
- 5) Allows painful post-viability abortions without restriction

- A recent poll shows that 90% of Arizonans support limits on abortion at 15 weeks OR EARLIER. (Source: Noble Predictive Insights Poll, May 7-14, 2024)
- Arizona's law is settled at 15 weeks – beyond that in medical emergencies. (The meaning of "medical emergency" under A.R.S. § 36-2321(7) | Arizona Attorney General (azag.gov))
- Many are confused and need clarity – on the law and on what the amendment does.

**WHY THE CHURCH MUST ENGAGE**

# CHRISTIANS CARE WHAT THEIR PASTORS SAY, PLUS...

- 1) Christians need to hear from their Pastors on abortion.
- 2) They also need to be **resourced and encouraged to READ** the Language for themselves. ([www.ItGoesTooFar.com](http://www.ItGoesTooFar.com))
- 3) Ohio lost 1/3 of weekly church attenders – what about Arizona?

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Weekly church attenders



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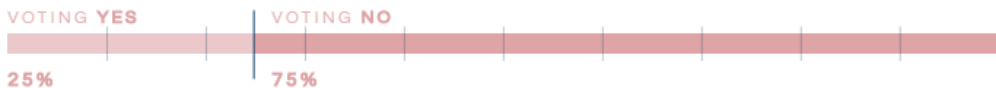


# PASTORS VOICES MATTER IN ARIZONA

## IN ARIZONA, WE'RE CURRENTLY LOSING 1/4 OF WEEKLY CHURCH ATTENDERS.

(Source: Protect Women Ohio Exit Poll, and Vital Signs Report, Center for Christian Virtue)

Weekly church attenders



Self-identified pro-life voters



- **25% of Arizona church-goers still likely to vote FOR the Arizona Abortion Amendment (Prop 139).**
- This amplifies the importance of Christian pastors speaking out from the pulpit on the sanctity of human life and clearly opposing the proposed Arizona Abortion Amendment (Prop 139)
- **Recommendation:** Spend 5 minutes during a Sunday morning service in August or September reading the *Arizona ProLife Pastors Declaration* which many of you have signed.

**WHAT IS “ENGAGEMENT”?**



# EXPECTING MORE & RESPECTING THOSE WE DIFFER WITH

- Christians will likely vote “NO” once they hear why from their Pastors and understand how dangerous it is to women and the unborn, but is this enough?
- Christians can’t stand on the sidelines.
- Christians must educate others because they deserve to know.



- It is key that Pastors can help their members start the conversation with others who they might differ with on abortion.
- Christians who respectfully “disciple” others about this truth solidify their own decision to vote no – and are acting to protect Arizona women and girls from unspeakable harms if it passes.
- Teaching others is the best way to learn.

**EARLIER OR LATER?**

**WHEN CHURCHES SHOULD ENGAGE**

# MORE LESSONS LEARNED FROM OHIO'S SIMILARLY DESTRUCTIVE ABORTION BALLOT MEASURE

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- Ohio churches got involved... but too late
- Voters who decided early, made up their minds before Labor Day
- The church wasn't informed as to the realities of the amendment
- Half of self-identified evangelical and catholic voters voted yes (likely misunderstood the realities of the proposed act)
- **Key Learning: We can Do Better in Arizona**

# **HOW CHURCHES CAN ENGAGE**

# BEST PRACTICE SHARING: HOW IRONWOOD CHURCH (MESA, AZ) GOT INVOLVED

## BACKGROUND OF IRONWOOD ENGAGEMENT WITH THE AZ ABORTION AMENDMENT (PROP 139):

- Membership & Participation in AZ Pro Life Pastors
- Integrated the Abortion Issue & its effects into Sermon themes – “Human Dignity”, “No such thing as an unwanted child”, “Barrenness” & more.
- Ironwood Best Friend Grant award given to engage the Ironwood Church family to be further educated & activated around this issue

IRONWOODCHURCH



# BEST PRACTICE SHARING: HERE'S WHAT IRONWOOD IS DOING TO ENGAGE WITH THE AZ ABORTION AMENDMENT (PROP 139)



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## SERMON INTEGRATION & CALL TO ACTION

- Awareness / Education on the issue & AZ Abortion Amendment (Prop 139) Jan & Apr '24
- Request for Volunteers / Ambassadors at Ironwood (QR code to sign up for interest list)

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## REPRODUCTIVE TRAUMA GROUP (PRECIPICE)

- Precipice is a support group for women to process reproductive trauma (infertility, miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death, PPD, abortion, etc.). The goal is to integrate the love of God and direct words from Scripture into the processing of intense loss, thereby reconnecting broken souls to their Healer.

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## VINEYARD PREGNANCY CENTER

- About Vineyard: Walking along new moms & dads in Queen Creek & San Tan Valley. Offering help & life support for those that may be pregnant, teen moms, etc.
- Ironwood Involvement: Raised funds to acquire a mobile ultrasound bus, routinely conduct collections of diapers and wipes, distribute Boxes of Hope during the Holidays

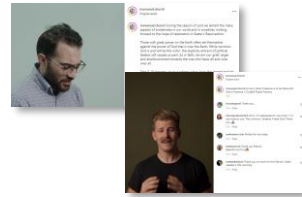
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## DEDICATED LANDING PAGE

- [Link Here](#)
- Links to Videos, Podcasts, Sermons, FAQs, etc.
- Link to It Goes Too Far & AZ Pro Life Pastor landing pages for more education, FAQs, assets, tec.

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## SOCIAL MEDIA VIDEOS / ASSETS

- ~1 min videos from Ironwood members, and AZ experts on the topic, why we should vote, fight against this measure, etc.
- Education, awareness, shareable inside/outside – usage for all

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## IRONWOOD AMBASSADOR ACTIVATION

- Monthly emails of updated, volunteer activities, training opportunities, etc.
- Further deep dive into the issue, where help is needed, how to activate, volunteer, engage small groups, etc.
- Integrate / Register for *It Goes Too Far* June virtual training

# RESOURCES FOR YOUR CHURCH

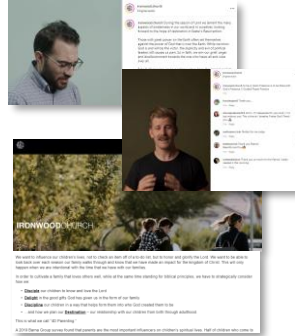
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## SERMONS / PODCASTS

- Christianity & Human Dignity – YouTube [Link Here](#), Podcast [Link Here](#)
- The God Who Sees – YouTube [Link Here](#), Podcast [Link Here](#)
- King & Culture Podcast – [Link Here](#) Cathi Herrod Interview launching end of May/early June
- Additional Sermons & Outlines from AZ Pro Life pastors on the next page

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## MATERIALS - PROVIDED FOR YOUR USAGE

- Landing page – [link here](#)
- Videos – white labeled versions available (access Ironwood versions above on the landing page or reach out for direct links)

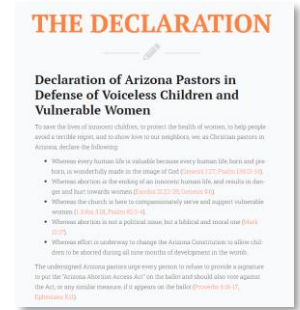
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## IT GOES TOO FAR WEBSITE

- It Goes Too Far Main Webpage – [Link Here](#) for more
- See dedicated sections for “How It Goes Too Far”, “See the Language”, “Get Involved”
- Integrate / Register for It Goes Too Far June & further virtual trainings

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## AZ PRO LIFE PASTORS

- [Link here](#) to the Declaration

# ADDITIONAL SERMONS:

Sanctity of Human Life - In Defense of Voiceless Children & Vulnerable Women, Pastor Eric Jones

<https://youtu.be/rdmD0kK2ozM?si=pccpAwV/x6Z2LIARj>

Equipping a Pro-Life Church, Seth Gruber of White Rose Resistance, guest speaker

<https://youtu.be/7MTOUkaFJ-k?si=XKieZtdfxJtFsjOB>

The Pre-born Are Not A Political Football, Pastor Eric Jones at Strong Church Conference

[https://youtube.com/shorts/ytmS7RaFEjc?si=spN4\\_CDruG7M2Urr](https://youtube.com/shorts/ytmS7RaFEjc?si=spN4_CDruG7M2Urr)

We Know Where God Stands On The Issue Of Life, - Youtube short

[https://youtube.com/shorts/Ykoj7LaZfhU?si=g1W3LYV7m433g\\_HJ](https://youtube.com/shorts/Ykoj7LaZfhU?si=g1W3LYV7m433g_HJ)

You're Made In The Image Of God!, - Youtube short

<https://youtube.com/shorts/gAZcFfKGMLM?si=yo-x3-YnOHjmJyLI>

Are You Really Pro-Life?, Pastor Eric Jones

[https://youtu.be/hDmyhY6Scn0?si=AK7u8zf8c\\_rPJzDk](https://youtu.be/hDmyhY6Scn0?si=AK7u8zf8c_rPJzDk)



# RECOMMENDED NEXT STEPS:

- 1) **SHARE THE AZ PRO LIFE PASTOR DECLARATION WITH YOUR CONGREGATION THIS SUNDAY- [LINK HERE](#)**
- 2) **CONNECT YOUR CHURCH TO THE TEAM AT “IT GOES TOO FAR”**
- 3) **UTILIZE EXISTING RESOURCES PROVIDED - YOU DON'T HAVE TO CREATE YOUR OWN**
- 4) **SEPTEMBER: PREACH A DISTINCT SERMON / PRO LIFE MESSAGE IN AUGUST (SEE SERMON OUTLINE EXAMPLES PROVIDED)**
  - **A CLEAR CALL TO ACTION TO “VOTE NO ON PROP 139”**
  - **REQUEST TO SHARE THIS MESSAGE WITH FAMILY, FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS, OTHERS IN THE FAITH COMMUNITY**
- 5) **OCTOBER: PRAY THROUGH THE MONTH WITH YOUR CHURCH & OTHER CHURCHES ACROSS THE STATE THAT LIFE WILL BE PROTECTED**
- 6) **NOVEMBER: - ENCOURAGE YOUR CONGREGATION TO VOTE ON PROP 139 ON NOV 5<sup>TH</sup>**

**Q & A**