

LIFE MATTERS WORLDWIDE'S VISION is to see local churches all over the world engaged in compassionate sanctity of human life ministry as they fulfill the Great Commission. One of our goals is to train God's people for pro-life ministry in their churches and communities. Toward that end, we create materials and ministry opportunities with local churches in mind.

As we help the Body of Christ articulate the biblical pro-life message in word and deed, we partner with like-minded ministries such as pregnancy care centers. Our focus is to help establish and sustain them as effective Gospel outreaches through consultation and the development of resources.

Strengthening pregnancy care centers

Simplifying care ministry for busy churches

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PRO-LIFE MINISTRY ENGAGEMENT GUIDE

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Is your congregation pro-life?

Perhaps a better question is this: Is your congregation engaged in protecting the unborn? What is their level of engagement in pro-life ministry? How comfortable are they in addressing the topic with others?

Through Life Matter’s work with pregnancy care centers (PCCs) and other pro-life ministries, we’ve learned that many of the workers are lonely and in need of assistance in areas outside their expertise.

We believe local churches are the solution as the first go-to for all support and resources needed by pro-life ministries. The Body of Christ is the greatest storehouse of generosity, love, and support.

Our goal is to bridge the gap between pro-life ministries such as PCCs and local churches—to foster those relationships, see that the ministries are successful, ensure they are supplied with needed resources, and help churches better understand and articulate the pro-life message.

What does greater engagement look like?

Life Matters Worldwide will meet with a PCC to determine what resources and support require further assistance. Then we will meet with churches near that PCC, seeking partnership. We’ll work alongside both the PCC and your church as an ally and liaison.

Our goal is to see pro-life ministries fully staffed, with plenty of volunteers, and fully supplied with resources. We want them to sense the full backing of local churches, with a direct line of communication between each congregation and ministry. Ultimately, we want the Body of Christ to have a greater understanding of pro-life concepts.

This is not a new program requiring involvement by church staff. Each church should name a “champion”—someone in the congregation with a passion for the sanctity of human life and pro-life ministry. This model of engagement will benefit both organizations. Through service together and ongoing communication between church and PCC, your members will gain confidence and grace as they speak out on pro-life issues, have a more solid understanding of the ministry that goes on, and rest assured they’ve made the work easier for those in pro-life ministries.

Exploring five ways to engage with PCCs

The church-ministry relationship revolves around more than financial assistance. PCC staff are desperate for assistance that requires more human interaction. Here are five ways your church can measure its level of engagement in pro-life ministry and alleviate the stressors experienced by PCCs and other pro-life ministries:

PRAY

• Individuals or groups can adopt a PCC staff member or the entire ministry, to dedicate time each day/week to prayer. Knowing that a person or group is dedicating time to pray for you is a tremendous encouragement.

LEARN

• Pregnancy care centers welcome visitors from local churches (individuals or groups). Center directors seek opportunities to speak with your congregation—to educate them on what they do and to keep them abreast of pro-life issues.

SERVE

• Centers get most of their volunteers from local churches. Large commitments are not expected; any little help goes a long way.

TELL

• One goal is to make your church more confident addressing pro-life issues. With confidence and experience, members can graciously engage in conversations and share their stories with others.

GIVE

• Financial contributions are always needed, but not the focus of engagement. PCCs also need other resources such as ultrasound technicians and equipment, advertising, and legal assistance. The connections they need may be within your congregation.