

The Association of Politically Active Christians

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NONVIOLENCE STATEMENT

The Association of Politically Active Christians (APAC) is a Christian, pro-life organization. As such, APAC views the Bible as the Word of God, and endeavors to conform its actions to the Bible. In the sixth chapter of Luke, Christ says, “Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. If someone strikes you on one cheek, turn to him the other also. If someone takes your cloak, do not stop him from taking your tunic. . . . Do to others as you would have them do to you” (Luke 6:27b-29, 31).

Following the commands of Christ, APAC pledges to adhere to a philosophy of nonviolence in all of its activities. Specifically, APAC pledges to:

- Uphold the sanctity of innocent human life.
- Show Christian charity toward all persons and groups with whom we interact, even when we disagree with them.
- Respect those in authority (Romans 13:1).
- Speak truth to those in authority.
- Work toward an atmosphere of civility.
- Recognize that hatred is not an option.
- Recognize that when we are wronged, revenge is not an option (Romans 12:19-21).
- Use only nonviolent means, including prayer, education, negotiation, and nonviolent direct action, to work toward APAC’s goals and objectives.
- Refrain from using slurs, foul language, slander, or false accusations against any person or group of people.
- Refrain from retaliating with violence or verbal abuse against anyone, including those who may inflict violence or verbal abuse upon us.
- Refrain from acts of physical violence and/or property damage, respecting the personhood, human rights, and property rights of those who disagree with us or oppose our efforts.
- Oppose unlawful acts of violence* against anyone, including acts of violence committed against abortion providers or abortion advocates and acts of violence committed against persons involved in same-sex relationships or behaviors and/or transgendered behavior.
- Decline to work with or partner with any person or organization that advocates or engages in unlawful acts of violence.
- Educate APAC’s volunteers regarding APAC’s philosophy of nonviolence.

* APAC takes no position regarding the use of the death penalty by our state and federal governments. APAC supports the appropriate use of force by government in maintaining our nation’s security against internal and external threats.