



Briarwood

Presbyterian Church PCA

Birthplace of the Presbyterian Church in America

THE MANHATTAN DECLARATION

AT THE STATED MEETING OF THE BRIARWOOD SESSION JANUARY 26, 2010, THE FOLLOWING MOTION WAS APPROVED:

The Session encourages each member of our church to thoughtfully and prayerfully consider signing the Manhattan Declaration. In an effort to serve our congregation, we further recommend that we provide our church and community with the appropriate information, education, and resources regarding the Declaration.

Why Sign the Manhattan Declaration?

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE MANHATTAN DECLARATION

Christians, when they have lived up to the highest ideals of their faith, have defended the weak and vulnerable and worked tirelessly to protect and strengthen vital institutions of civil society, beginning with the family.

We are Orthodox, Catholic, and evangelical Christians who have united at this hour to reaffirm fundamental truths about justice and the common good, and to call upon our fellow citizens, believers and non-believers alike, to join us in defending them. These truths are:

1. The sanctity of human life
2. The dignity of marriage as the conjugal union of husband and wife
3. The rights of conscience and religious liberty. Inasmuch as these truths are foundational to human dignity and the well-being of society, they are inviolable and non-negotiable. Because they are increasingly under assault from powerful forces in our culture, we are compelled today to speak out forcefully in their defense, and to commit ourselves to honoring them fully no matter what pressures are brought upon us and our institutions to abandon or compromise them. We make this commitment not as partisans of any political group but as followers of Jesus Christ, the crucified and risen Lord, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.