

Bangor Free Presbyterian Church

Dear Justice Committee Clerk,

I write to you on behalf of Bangor Free Presbyterian Church voicing our full support to the proposed amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill that will ensure that private clinics like the Marie Stopes centre in Belfast cannot legally carry out abortions. We have a direct reference to the killing of the unborn in Exodus 21 v 22,23 “If men strive and hurt a woman with child, so that her fruit depart from her, and yet no mischief follow: he shall be surely punished, according as the woman’s husband will lay upon him; and he shall pay as the judges determine. And if any mischief follow, then thou shalt give life for life.” It is clear from Exodus 21 v 12 the punishment for taking the life of the unborn is the same as for killing a full grown man. “He that smiteth a man, so that he die, shall be surely put to death.”

John Calvin, commenting on this passage of Scripture protested vigorously against the murder of the unborn, “If it seems more horrible to kill a man in his own house than in a field, because a man’s house is his place of most secure refuge, it ought surely to be deemed more atrocious to destroy a foetus in the womb before it has come to light.”

Marie Stopes tells us they are pro-choice. As far as they are concerned the unborn child has no choice.

As stated above, we wholeheartedly support the proposed amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill and its prohibition of abortion services in Northern Ireland.

Yours faithfully,

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