

Worship Resources for Helms & Hyde Amendments

Prayer

In a desire for equality and justice, we pray for the health and well-being of each and every person, calling particular attention to the women in this country and around the world who lack full access to reproductive healthcare. May we work on their behalf, so that no barrier may divide the people of the world and all may receive the care they need. Amen.

Responsive Reading

In hope for the whole world, we gather to lift up the most vulnerable among us.

We recognize and affirm the value of every person, regardless of gender, nationality or socioeconomic status.

We denounce the ways in which divisions arise, in which some lack access to what others take for granted.

We envision a just and inclusive world in which all can flourish and thrive.

We acknowledge those women—in the U.S. and abroad—who do not have full access to reproductive healthcare services because of the Helms and Hyde amendments.

We call for a religious and moral commitment to reproductive health and rights.

When women are denied comprehensive abortion care, they may forego food or shelter or pursue unsafe abortions that put their lives at risk.

We mourn the 47,000 women who die and millions more who are injured each year because of unsafe abortions, and regret the tragic situations that lead to their deaths and injuries.

We know that protecting women's rights requires our voice and our commitment.

We dare to speak up for the powerless, and pledge to work until all women have the healthcare they need and deserve.