

Fellowship of the First Resurrection

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To Whom It May Concern,

[Your Name] is a baptized member of “Fellowship of the First Resurrection Church” who is seeking religious exemption from an immunization requirement. This exemption is being sought in guidance and in accordance with your state’s applicable laws on such exemptions. This letter explains how our church’s Biblically based teaching may lead individual members, including [Your Name], to decline certain vaccines. Fellowship of the First Resurrection teaches that a person may be required to refuse a medical intervention, including a vaccination, if his or her informed conscience comes to this sure judgment. This is according to the Bible. Romans 2:15-16 King James Version (KJV) “15 Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;) 16 In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.” In the following paragraphs we will demonstrate how a member of our church may come to the informed conclusion to decline a vaccine based on religious beliefs.

Our Church uses the Bible as the final authority on all matters. The Bible states in Romans 6:23 “For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” The Bible teaches that sin will prohibit one from eternal life. What is sin? According to the Bible sin is 1 John 3:4 “Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.” Thus when one violates God’s laws they have sinned.

There is a general moral duty to refuse the use of medical products, including certain vaccines, that are developed using methods contrary to God’s law as outlined in the Bible; or that contain ingredients forbidden for consumption according to God’s law. Under this Biblical metric most vaccines will be in conflict with our church members beliefs. The following are just a few examples:

- Vaccines contain antigens. Antigens is a toxin or other foreign substance which induces an immune response in the body, especially the production of antibodies. Antigens are considered the active ingredients in vaccines because they are what cause the body’s immune system to respond (they teach the body’s immune system to recognize and attack the real germ). Antigens are either killed, weakened (‘attenuated’), or synthetically manufactured versions of the disease-causing germ or parts of the germ. Leviticus 15:8 “And if he that hath the issue spit upon him that is clean; then he shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even.”
- Gelatin is used in some vaccines as a stabilizer. Gelatin in vaccines is sourced from cows and pigs. Leviticus 11:7-8 King James Version (KJV) “7 And the swine, though he divide the hoof, and be cloven footed, yet he cheweth not the cud; he is unclean to you. 8 Of their flesh shall ye not eat, and their carcase shall ye not touch; they are unclean to you.” Deuteronomy 14:8 “And the swine, because it divideth the hoof, yet cheweth not the cud, it is unclean unto you: ye shall not eat of their flesh, nor touch their dead carcase.” Isaiah 66:15-17 King James Version (KJV) “15 For, behold, the Lord will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and

his rebuke with flames of fire. 16 For by fire and by his sword will the Lord plead with all flesh: and the slain of the Lord shall be many. 17 They that sanctify themselves, and purify themselves in the gardens behind one tree in the midst, eating swine's flesh, and the abomination, and the mouse, shall be consumed together, saith the Lord."

- Some vaccines are made by growing the vaccine viruses in human fetal cells. The fetal cells that are used to grow vaccine viruses were originally obtained from aborted fetuses. There are 2 COVID-19 vaccines authorized for use that are made using fetal cells: the AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD vaccine and the Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) vaccine. Although fetal cells are not used to make the Moderna and Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines, they were used in the very early stages of development of these vaccines to test "proof of concept" (to test that the vaccines could work). Bible explicitly teaches against abortion. Exodus 20:13 "Thou shalt not kill." Exodus 21:22-25 King James Version (KJV) "22 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. 23 And if any mischief follow, then thou shalt give life for life, 24 Eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, 25 Burning for burning, wound for wound, stripe for stripe." Psalms 22:10 "I was cast upon thee from the womb: thou art my God from my mother's belly." Jeremiah 1:5 "Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations." Deuteronomy 19:10 "That innocent blood be not shed in thy land, which the Lord thy God giveth thee for an inheritance, and so blood be upon thee."
- Human blood products though not typically found in most vaccines; are in some. These include the two rabies vaccines (Imovax® Rabies and RabAvert®) that contain albumin derived from human blood. Leviticus 17:11-12 King James Version (KJV) "11 For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul. 12 Therefore I said unto the children of Israel, No soul of you shall eat blood, neither shall any stranger that sojourneth among you eat blood." Acts 15:20 King James Version (KJV) "But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood."

Therefore, if a member of the Fellowship of the First Resurrection Church comes to an informed and sure judgment in conscience, that he or she should not receive a vaccine, then the Bible requires that the person follow this certain judgment of conscience and refuse the vaccine. The Bible is clear on this.

Sincerely in Christ,

Pastor Lanny Ross