

To Whom It May Concern:

09/25/2023

This document is not intended to state an opinion on whether or not a Christian should take or refuse to take the SARS-CoV-2 vaccine. My intention is to be very clear regarding a nearly universally held Christian tenant, one of which I hold a deep conviction It has been brought to my attention that you require I be vaccinated with the SARS-CoV-2 vaccine. As a Born Again believer in Jesus Christ within the Protestant tradition of faith I understand that there are latitudes with interpretation, but without question Scripture teaches that conviction over matters of conscience must not be infringed upon. My faith in Christ impacts every part of my life as I am committed to be a devout follower of my Lord and Savior.

Within the doctrines of Christianity and my personal belief system, our faith is predicated upon personal choice and convictions that arise out of our study of the Scriptures. There are some who have chosen vaccination and others who have not, both choices derived from their personal relationship with Jesus Christ. I support and advocate for that choice and reject manipulation or coercion.

Romans 14:23 states that *“But if you do have doubts about what you eat, you are going against your beliefs. And you know that is wrong, because anything you do against your beliefs is sin”* CEV

This verse discusses sinning against conscience. I have a strong conviction based on the above referenced verse, therefore by receiving this vaccine, I am going against my conscience, and in so doing, committing a sin. It is an accurate interpretation of this verse to believe that any item, whether ingested orally or injected physically, would fall within the intended meaning of this Scripture.

It is my conviction based out of teachings in The Holy Scripture and throughout the history of Christian tradition not to put something into my body that stands in opposition of the truth I submit to. This stands directly against my conscience and the free exercise of my religious belief.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 states, *“You surely know that your body is a temple where the Holy Spirit lives. The Spirit is in you and is a gift from God. You are no longer your own. God paid a great price for you. So use your body to honor God.”* CEV

My body has been set apart for the work of God and I embody the Spirit of God so I am called to the purposes of God and in so doing I trust my Lord with my body and what I put in it.

As a believer, I am directed to live in full faith and trust in the work and provision of my Lord Jesus Christ. This is a strong conviction of mine. Please accept this declaration of my faith and conscience and approve my religious exemption of any vaccine mandate that would seek to be forced upon me contrary to my deeply held religious convictions.

My signature below attests to my full agreement in the religious beliefs stated in this document.

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Name (printed)

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Name (Signed)