

**STATEMENT OF MY RELIGIOUS BELIEFS IN CONNECTION WITH MY
OBJECTION TO TAKING THE COVID-19 VACCINE**

This statement is to inform you of my genuine and sincerely held religious beliefs that give rise to my objection to receiving a vaccination for Covid-19. First and foremost, I am a Christian and believe in Jesus Christ as my Savior. I believe the Bible is the inherent Word of God, divinely given, and literally true in every respect. I believe that as a Christian it is my role and duty to attempt to abide by the Word to the fullest degree in my power. Although not without sin, I strive daily and acknowledge that the Word says to not “willfully” sin. Therefore, I attempt to not go against the Word after I have studied and prayed on a subject. Given this background and basis for the conclusions that I have prayerfully reached in connection with the Covid-19 vaccine, I have the following genuine beliefs that give rise to my objections to the vaccine:

1. The vaccines, in their research, development, and/or production, used fetal cells from aborted children. Because the Bible instructs that a fetus is a person having a soul from the moment of conception (Jer. 1:4-5; Isa. 49:16), I believe abortion is murder and unacceptable. Therefore, any medical procedure or scientific research that employs aborted humans is contrary to the Word of God.
2. Because humans were created by God and are his children, it is not man’s place to “reinvent” what God has created. Genetic alterations, genetic engineering, or gene manipulation cross the line of what man’s purpose is; it confuses the work of the Creator and His creation. I do not believe that is a proper purpose or use of medicine. Our bodies are as temples of God’s Holy Spirit, not to be defiled (1 Corin. 6:19-20; 10:31).
3. After significant prayer regarding this matter since the start of the pandemic, I have never reached a point where I have been settled in my spirit that my Lord wanted me to be vaccinated. Scriptures say that a Christian should let peace rule in their heart (Col. 3:15); I have never had peace about accepting the vaccination for Covid-19. Because scriptures say that anything done not in faith is sin (Rom. 14:35; Prov. 22:3), I believe it would constitute sin for me to accept a vaccination until my Lord gives me peace that is the step I am to take. Thus, for now I sincerely request a religious exemption from the requirement to take the Covid-19 vaccination based upon my Christian beliefs.