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## THIS WEEK! Abortion Rights - The Doctors' Perspective



### Abortion Rights: *The Doctors' Perspective*



Dr. Colleen McNicholas,  
Chief Medical Officer, Planned  
Parenthood of the St. Louis Region  
and Southwest Missouri

Learn More About What Doctors Are Facing  
Wednesday, June 22, 2022  
6:30 PM CT | Zoom



Dr. Jennifer Smith,  
OBGYN, Consultants in  
Women's Healthcare



**When:** Wednesday, June 22 | 6:30 - 7:30 PM CT

**Where:** Zoom

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Did you know? The debate over access to abortion not only impacts patients. It impacts doctors and their ability to counsel patients on a variety of reproductive health issues. Legislation in Missouri and in other states attempts to criminalize the action of doctors working in the best interest of their patients. And this is likely to get worse when the Dobbs decision, which could overturn Roe vs. Wade, comes down.

To help us learn more about what doctors will soon be facing, NCJWSTL and JCRC are excited to welcome Drs. Colleen McNicholas, Chief Medical Officer of Planned Parenthood of the St. Louis Region and Southwest Missouri and Jennifer Smith, OBGYN at Consultants in Women's Healthcare.

Dr. McNicholas brings more than 12 years of experience as an obstetrician-gynecologist with a strong track record of high-quality patient care and impactful reproductive health advocacy. Before joining Planned Parenthood she was an attending physician at

Washington University School of Medicine.

Dr. Smith, a graduate of UCLA, moved to St. Louis to attend medical school at Washington University in 1995, and has been in St. Louis ever since. She has been a fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists since 2006 and has served on the board of the St. Louis Maternity Hospital Society.

To RSVP or if you have questions, contact Jen Bernstein at [jbernstein@ncjwstl.org](mailto:jbernstein@ncjwstl.org) or call the office at (314) 993.5181.

## Jewish Response to Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization With NCJW National



Any day now, the Supreme Court of the United States could announce its decision on Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health, which we expect to be devastating. Losing the constitutional protections of the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision will mean 13 states ban abortions overnight and another 13 shortly thereafter.

**NCJW National is planning our immediate response to the Supreme Court of the United States decision. Beginning that night at 7:30 pm ET (6:30 pm CT), there will be a vigil, briefings and other online and in-person events. [Be among the first to find out more.](#)**

No matter what happens, our Jewish movement is committed to abortion access. NCJW is prepared for this moment and planning our immediate response for the decision. If this plays out as projected, first we'll process and mourn together — and then we'll return to the fight.

[Click here](#) to pre-register, so you'll be the first to know the timing and details.

## THIS WEEK! PrideFest is BACK!



**When:** Sunday, June 26 | 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM CT

**Where:** 10th and Market, Downton St. Louis (exact start location TBD)

After a two year hiatus due to the pandemic, NCJWSTL is once again proud to help spearhead the Jewish Community contingent in the annual St. Louis Pride Parade!

We will stand together in solidarity, to celebrate and speak out with our collective voice. We have a strong history of coming together as a community and are excited to bring everyone together again to get involved!

**We look forward to having a strong Jewish community presence.**

Please [click here](#) to sign up for the parade. If you have any questions, please contact Jen Bernstein at [jbernstein@ncjwstl.org](mailto:jbernstein@ncjwstl.org).

## July Lunch & Learn: Abortion from the Interfaith Perspective

# Abortion Rights from an Interfaith Perspective



Rev. Anzilotti  
St. Francis' Episcopal Church



Rev. Kennedy  
Buren Chapel African Methodist  
Episcopal Church (AME)



Rev. Turner  
Christ Church Maplewood



Thursday, July 21, 2022  
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM CT | Zoom

**When:** Thursday, July 21 | 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM CT

**Where:** Zoom

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By now, most of us are familiar with Judaism's stance on abortion rights. However, many of us may not know is that several Christian denominations support abortion rights as well and have been instrumental in the interfaith movement that brings the moral force of religion to protect and advance reproductive health. **To help us learn more, NCJWSTL and JCRC are excited to welcome Rev. Laurie Anzilotti, Rev. Gabrielle Kennedy and Rev. Becky Turner for our July Lunch and Learn to discuss abortion rights from an interfaith perspective. Rabbi Janine Schloss, who will be joining the clergy staff at Temple Emanuel on July 1st, will be moderating.**

Rev. Anzilotti is Vicar at St. Francis' Episcopal Church in Eureka. She earned her Masters of Divinity from Eden Theological Seminary in Webster Groves. She currently serves on the Cabinet of Interfaith Partnership of Greater St. Louis and previously served as Director of Faith & For the Sake of All, a non-profit that deepens understanding of and response to racial disparities in St. Louis.

Rev. Kennedy is first generation St. Louisan, pastor of Buren Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church (AME) and director of a community-based racial equity organization, Faith & For the Sake of All (FFSOA). FFSA is committed to improving the health and well-being of African Americans by mobilizing the faithful and Rev. Kennedy exercises this mission personally and professionally.

Rev Turner became Pastor of Christ Church Maplewood in 2017. With a diverse background serving three different denominations and interfaith non-profit justice work, she is deeply committed to the UCC value of "Being the Church," that is, putting faith into action for the common good. She was also the long-time Executive Director of Faith Aloud, a pro-choice faith group.

Please [click here](#) to register for the July Lunch and Learn. Questions? Email Jen Bernstein at [jbernstein@ncjwstl.org](mailto:jbernstein@ncjwstl.org) or call (314) 993.5181

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## Interesting Reading



Religion is often associated with an anti-abortion stance in the American popular imagination. But many of us working to protect the right to abortion are doing so because of our religious commitments, not despite them.

[Click here](#) to read NCJW's Scholar in Residence Rabbi Danya Ruttenberg's article from *The Atlantic* entitled "My Religion Makes me Pro Abortion."

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