

Medical Treatment Creed

Apostolic Christian Church (Nazarean), 1880 Strasburg Rd, Kitchener

We affirm that the believers' body is the temple of the Holy Spirit and it is the sole discretion of each believer to decide on how to best care for their body according to their conscience, within the teachings of this church, as taught in the Holy Bible and guided by the Holy Spirit. Each person has the God-given responsibility and freedom to make decisions without any pressure, coercion, threats or under duress relating to medical treatments including testing, medication, surgery, vaccination, resuscitation requirements, or anything that impacts, or has the potential to impact the well-being of their whole person, body, soul or spirit. Parents, (not the State or any organization) have the God-given responsibility to make such decisions for their children.

We affirm that believers shall remain free to attend and participate in the normal full range of societal activities, such as: gatherings for worship, fellowship, social, education, employment, work, commerce, recreation, travel, and such like, without stigma, harassment, or discrimination regardless of their decisions relating to medical procedures as described above.

Quotes from the Holy Bible

Mat 22:21 (Jesus speaking) *"Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's."* (Mark 12:17, Luke 20:25) [Application regarding "Medical Treatment": Gov't has limited jurisdiction over a person. Each person is subject to laws, such as paying taxes and other such laws that govern society, but a person's body belongs to God because they are made in His image (Gen 1). Therefore, no one has the jurisdiction to require a person to receive a medical treatment against their will]

Rom 14 (regarding one's conscience) verse 23b *"...for whatsoever is not of faith is sin."*

1Co 6:19-20 *"What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."*

Supporting Statements from the "We Believe" document Statement of Faith

Pg 4: *"He (God) created all humankind in his own image, which set us apart from an animal creation. In free will, moral character, superior intellect, and spiritual nature, we bear the image of our creator. ... he has endowed humankind with the power of self determination, and he hold us responsible for our moral choices."*

Pg 6: *"We accept the Old and New Testament as the infallible word of God and the authoritative guide for the faith and life of Christian discipleship."*

Pg 9: (referring to the believer) *"His body is the temple of the Holy Spirit and should not be defiled or abused in anyway."*

Pg 18: *"We regard our bodies as temples of the Holy Spirit and crucify the flesh with its affections and lust. Thus anything which is harmful to or will defile the body we must avoid."*