



# One Voice for Public Policy

MINNESOTA DISTRICTS

## THE CULTURE OF DEATH: RESISTING ITS MOST RECENT ASSAULT

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At the beginning of 2021, [I shared how each MN South District congregation may become a Faith Community Partner](#) with the [MN Alliance for Ethical Healthcare](#). This is an opportunity to exercise love of your neighbor by playing an active, public role in preventing the legalization of physician-assisted suicide in Minnesota. The Minnesota South District is already an [Alliance Partner](#)—but now congregations also have an opportunity to get involved directly.

Because your congregation may not have engaged at this level before, we thought [an explanatory video](#) would be helpful. We hope especially that pastors will watch it with their Board of Elders, Church Council, or other leadership groups.

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### Additional recommended resources

- 1) Explanatory video: [Physician-assisted suicide and what congregations can do](#)
- 2) The bills proposed in MN: “End-of-Life Option Act” [SF 1352](#) / [HF 1358](#)
- 3) LCMS Life Ministry: [Euthanasia articles, papers, etc.](#)
- 4) [MN Alliance for Ethical Healthcare](#)
- 5) [Minnesota Democrats Propose Bill to Legalize Euthanasia](#)
- 6) [Counterpoint: Aid in dying is not the help ill Minnesotans need](#)
- 7) [Canada is plunging toward a human rights disaster for disabled people](#)
- 8) [British Doctors Order “Do Not Resuscitate” for Those with Mental Disabilities](#)
- 9) [It’s all about the money: Protect our most vulnerable citizens from assisted suicide](#)

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### Conclusion

As I [previously indicated](#), the pressure to cave to this latest assault on life and Christian belief is growing. Here, we have a simple act that each congregation can take to demonstrate the love of neighbor we were all called to in our baptism. I hope you’ll prayerfully consider discussing this topic in your congregation and becoming a [Faith Community Partner](#) with the [MN Alliance for Ethical Healthcare](#).



In Christ,

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