

# *A THEOLOGY OF CHOICE*

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# THE CURRENT STATE OF AFFAIRS

## The legal Situation

- ◎ Griswold v. Connecticut 1965 and Eisentat v. Baird 1972
- ◎ Roe V. Wade, 1973
- ◎ Doe v. Bolton, 1973
- ◎ Planned Parenthood v. Casey



# THE CURRENT STATE OF AFFAIRS

## The ecclesiastical state of affairs

- ◎ What do the different faiths say about abortion?
- What do the different denominations say about abortion?



# THE CURRENT STATE OF AFFAIRS

## The demographic data

- ◉ Age of women having abortions
- ◉ Marital status of women having abortions
- ◉ Social status of women having abortions
- ◉ Race of women having abortions



# THE CURRENT STATE OF AFFAIRS

## Current medical options

- ◎ How are abortions performed
- ◎ When are abortions performed
- ◎ Why are abortions performed



# THEOLOGICAL EXPLORATIONS

- ◎ **A Theology of Choice by Madison Shockley**
- ◎ **Moral and Ethical parameters of a theology of choice**



# CONCLUSIONS AND DIRECTIONS FOR THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF A THEOLOGY OF CHOICE

- ◎ Questions and Answers from previous sessions
- ◎ What can we offer to the ongoing discussion of a Theology of Choice?