

Spiritual Youth for Reproductive Freedom (SYRF) Associated Groups

Memo of Understanding

between

The Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice

and

Groups Seeking Associate Group Status with Spiritual Youth for Reproductive Freedom¹

Affiliating with the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice as a ***Spiritual Youth for Reproductive Freedom (SYRF) Associated Group*** gives an already-existing student or community group the opportunity to get support from a national interfaith pro-choice organization when it works on reproductive choice issues from a faith based or religious liberty perspective. Association, however, does not extend the already-existing group coverage under the Religious Coalition's 501 (c) 3 or 501 (c) 4 tax status.

SYRF associated groups can be multi-issue organizations, congregational groups, secular pro-choice groups, or groups working primarily on other important social justice issues. All SYRF associated groups, regardless of their other affiliations and interests, make the commitment to raise awareness about religious support for choice as an added component to what they already do.

In return for making pro-faith, pro-choice advocacy a priority in their work, the Religious Coalition currently provides SYRF associated groups with the same kind of support that we provide our chapters, including:

- The opportunity to apply for project grants up to \$250 per semester.
- Access to speakers and other contacts from Religious Coalition networks, including Clergy for Choice, state affiliates, Black Church Initiative, etc.
- Participation in SYRF trainings and Religious Coalition conferences
- Free resource materials, publications, and visibility items (bumper stickers, pens, mints, buttons, etc.)

Each SYRF associated group agrees to:

- Support the Religious Coalition's mission and avoid working on issues that are counter to the aims and purposes of the Religious Coalition
- Keep partisan activities separate from Religious Coalition activities
- Raise awareness about religious support for reproductive choice

¹ Spiritual Youth for Reproductive Freedom (SYRF) is the youth and young adult program of the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice

- ❑ Publicly acknowledge its association with the Religious Coalition and the Coalition's SYRF program especially in the context of pro-faith, pro-choice advocacy and education efforts
 - Note: When using the Religious Coalition name or logo (and the SYRF program name or logo), all materials must first be submitted to the Religious Coalition for approval.
- ❑ Encourage its members to join the national Religious Coalition or a state affiliate
- ❑ Send representatives to SYRF trainings and Religious Coalition conferences when possible. Your representatives are invited to apply for travel grants if needed.
- ❑ Complete and remit a copy of this Memo of Understanding and an organization activities update annually

Each SYRF associated group has the freedom to:

- ❑ Pursue other issues important to its memberships, as long as they do not conflict with the Religious Coalition's mission
- ❑ To formally affiliate with other organizations
- ❑ To raise funds and determine its own membership requirements and organizational structure as it sees fit to do so

Termination: Either party may terminate this agreement at any time by written notice.

To indicate your group's agreement to these terms, please sign below and return a copy to:

Spiritual Youth for Reproductive Freedom Coordinator
 Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice
 1025 Vermont Avenue, NW Suite 1130
 Washington, DC 20005
 Fax: 202-628-7716

Organization Name:	
Address:	
Phone:	Fax:
Contact Person:	Title:
Phone:	Fax:
Email:	
Date:	

Signature of Contact Person for the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice to indicate acceptance of the above group or organization as an official SYRF Associated Group:

Name

Date