



Religious Organizations Supportive of Medical Cannabis

The Episcopal Church

Date: 1982

Legal/Prescriptive Access: Yes

Compassionate Care: No

Research: No

Official Language: The Episcopal Church urges the adoption by Congress and all states of statutes providing that the use of marijuana be permitted when deemed medically appropriate by duly licensed medical practitioners.

The Presbyterian Church USA

Date: 2006

Legal/Prescriptive Access: Yes

Compassionate Care: Yes

Research: No

Official Language: This resolution declares support for the medicinal use of cannabis sativa (also known as marijuana), and directs the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to actively urge the Federal government to amend and adopt such laws as will allow the benefits of marijuana treatment for such diseases as cancer, AIDS, and muscular dystrophy.

Progressive National Baptist Convention

Date: May 2004

Legal/Prescriptive Access: Yes

Compassionate Care: No

Research: No

Official Language: Licensed medical doctors should not be punished for recommending the medical use of marijuana to seriously ill people, and seriously ill people should not be subject to sanctions for using marijuana if the patient's physician has told the patient that such use is likely to be beneficial.

Protestants for the Common Good

Date: April 16, 2010

Legal/Prescriptive Access: Yes
Compassionate Care: Yes
Research: Yes

Official Language: Passing [medical marijuana] legislation would be an act of compassion and mercy. Victims of cancer, multiple sclerosis, epilepsy and other serious health problems have given compelling testimony that cannabis (the technical term for marijuana) provides relief from pain and suffering. This relief often can come in no other way.

Rhode Island State Council of Churches

Date: March 2008

Legal/Prescriptive Access: Yes
Compassionate Care: No
Research: No

Official Language: Seriously ill patients whose doctors have told them that the medical use of marijuana is likely to be beneficial should not be arrested for its use and should have safe access to medical marijuana from a non-profit Compassion Center.

Union of Reform Judaism

Date: June 2004

Legal/Prescriptive Access: Yes
Compassionate Care: Yes
Research: Yes

Official Language: Resolves to “support federal legislation and regulation to allow the medicinal use of marijuana ... urge the Food and Drug Administration to expand the scope of allowable Investigational New Drug applications ... call for further medical research ... advocate for the necessary changes in local, state and federal law to permit the medicinal use of marijuana and ensure its accessibility for that purpose”; Licensed medical doctors should not be punished for recommending the medical use of marijuana to seriously ill people, and seriously ill people should not be subject to sanctions for using marijuana if the patient’s physician has told the patient that such use is likely to be beneficial.

The United Church of Christ

Date: 2002

Legal/Prescriptive Access: Yes
Compassionate Care: No
Research: No

Official Language: We believe that seriously ill people should not be subject to arrest and

imprisonment for using medical marijuana with their doctors' approval.

The United Methodist Church

Date: May 2004

Legal/Prescriptive Access: Yes

Compassionate Care: No

Research: No

Official Language: "Licensed medical doctors should not be punished for recommending the medical use of marijuana to seriously ill people, and seriously ill people should not be subject to sanctions for using marijuana if the patient's physician has told the patient that such use is likely to be beneficial."

The Unitarian Universalist Association

Date: June 22, 2002

Legal/Prescriptive Access: Yes

Compassionate Care: No

Research: Yes

Official Language: Make all drugs legally available with a prescription by a licensed physician, subject to professional oversight. End the practice of punishing an individual for obtaining, possessing, or using an otherwise illegal substance to treat a medical condition.

Women of Reform Judaism

Date: December 2000

Legal/Prescriptive Access: Yes

Compassionate Care: Yes

Research: Yes

Official Language: None

Reference: Health Issues Resolution, adopted at the 1999 Orlando Assembly; signatory of 2000 letter to U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services

Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism

Date: February 2002

Legal/Prescriptive Access: No

Compassionate Care: Yes

Research: No

Official Language: None

Reference: Signatory of letter to President Bush