

## Why Would a Christian Give to United Way? WLFL explanation to Participating.

WELS Lutherans for Life (WLFL) is providing this explanation to those who challenge gifts given to or through United Way (UW). WELS Lutherans for Life, Metro-Milwaukee does not reflect the views of United Way. Therefore, we do not endorse every organization that receives funding through their campaigns.

Our organization decided to offer a Christian, pro-life option to anyone who feels workplace pressure of UW giving. Despite the administrative fees and the exorbitant wages of their CEO, WLFL provides an alternative for employees to give through UW in good conscience to support the Lord's work.

Some wonder, "Should my money be going to the United Way?"

We did not enter into accepting or promoting donations through this organization easily. There was a lot of thought, prayer, and debate around the decision to offer UW as an opportunity to our partners.

We determined it to be wise to embrace this opportunity to provide a Christian, pro-life option to those who participate in workplace campaigns.

### *Considerations We Made:*

- WLFL agrees the **best way** to financially support this pro-life ministry is through direct contributions.
- Many Christians would not in good conscience support some organizations that UW subsidizes.
- Many Christians, and certainly some WLFL supporters, are encouraged in their workplace - even pressured - to contribute to the United Way.
- Giving to UW is completely voluntary. Yet, there is much pressure at some workplaces that **all** employees contribute to UW. People who feel compelled to participate can do so by contributing to a Christian, pro-life organization and be comfortable knowing that their donation will be used to proclaim what God's Word says about the Sanctity of Life.

### Furthermore:

- Those who donate through the UW to WLFL are notified of the possibility of donating directly to avoid losing some of their contribution to UW administrative fees.