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**STATEMENT from DISCIPLES JUSTICE ACTION NETWORK**

**TO:** FDA Advisory Committee on application to Switch Plan B  
from Rx to OTC

**FROM** **Disciples Justice Action Network**

(organized and operated exclusively for religious and  
educational purposes under section 501 (C) (3) of the  
Internal Revenue Code.)

As people of faith, ( members of the Christian Church Disciples of Christ  
and Disciples Justice Action Network ), we are deeply concerned about  
the impact of unintended pregnancies on women and families. We  
revere the sanctity of all life and affirm the importance of responsible  
parenthood. We believe parents must make all possible efforts to  
ensure that each child is born into a nurturing environment that is  
prepared to raise the child with love and care.

It is thought that almost one half of annual pregnancies in the United  
States are accidental. Use of emergency contraception, taken within 72  
hours after unprotected sex can substantially help reduce unintended  
pregnancies and abortions. Emergency contraception DOES NOT  
cause abortion, rather it prevents pregnancy by inhibiting ovulation,  
fertilization or implantation. These pills have been used for rape victims  
in hospitals for almost twenty years.

We urge the FDA to approve Emergency Contraception for over the  
counter use for American women.

Respectfully,

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# Disciples Justice Action Network



*"God has told you, human one, what is good and what does the Holy One require of you, but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God."*

— Micah 6:8

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DJAN has no firm membership amounts. Our fiscal year is the calendar year. We hope you will give generously according to your justice commitments, but we welcome any amount you give, count you a member, and mail you an annual ballot, in addition to our newsletter *Call to Justice*.

**Suggested Annual Gifts:**

Institution (Church, Church group, agency, or advocacy group), \$100  
Students/Seminarians \$15  
Individual/Family Members, Boosters, \$25  
Highly resolved, and by God's grace, dble \$100  
\$500 and more!

Any added note you wish to write:

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## Our Mission Statement

In the unity of the body of Christ, we are called by God as a covenanted people to join in prayerful discernment and prophetic action for the sake of the Gospel. As a network of individuals and organizations, we are committed to demonstrating acts of justice for all of God's creation. We will do so with an openness to the Spirit of God who calls us to respond to the needs of the oppressed, marginalized, displaced and excluded. We will work locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally to end despair in order for the passion of the gospel to live in renewing ways amid our daily lives. Through justice action we will educate and be educated, listen and be heard, respond and become God's agents for change.

"For if you truly amend your ways and your doings, if you truly act justly with one another, if you do not oppress the alien, the orphan, the widow, or shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not go after other gods to your own hurt, then I will dwell with you in this place, in the land I gave you of old to your ancestors forever and ever."  
 — Jeremiah 7:5-7, NRSV

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The Disciples Justice Action Network (DJAN) was born June 16, 1996, at Park Manor Christian Church in Chicago, an African-American congregation. The 99 persons who attended DJAN's first biennial Campaign for Justice were founding members. In early 1999, membership reached 305, including 35 corporate members, i.e. congregations, regions or other kinds of groups.

DJAN's common life is guided by a Decision Team of twelve persons, elected by mail ballots of the membership. The DT meets four times annually, either face-to-face or by teleconference.

DJAN makes its mission known at Disciples gatherings, including the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ.) It coaches congregations in initiating justice resolutions for our Assemblies, and sponsors caucuses around the country to discuss such resolutions. It networks with other justice issue organizations to bring to the attention of the Disciples the key moral dilemmas facing us as Christians.

It recruits Disciples seminarians for a social gospel ministry. It publishes a quarterly newsletter, *Call to Justice*. DJAN is a Open and Affirming network. We invite you and your group to join in its ongoing mission (see response form).

### Detach and mail Response Form:

DJAN, 4733 S. Woodlawn Ave., Chicago, IL 60615, Phone 773-285-3248

Your name (s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Institution (if institutional gift): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address, or Box No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone (s): \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Enclosed find \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Will send \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Designated for: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to DJAN. They are tax deductible, except for meals.

I am/we are students or seminarians \_\_\_\_\_ Young Adult (s) \_\_\_\_\_ Mid-life \_\_\_\_\_ Senior (s) \_\_\_\_\_ Minority \_\_\_\_\_  
 DJAN may share its mailing list with networking justice groups. Okay with me/us \_\_\_\_\_ Do not share our names. \_\_\_\_\_

Please examine other side.