

On Capital Punishment

The Evangelical Assembly of Presbyterian Churches has been concerned not only for the issue of capital punishment, but also for those imprisoned. The EAPC believes that capital punishment is not supported by the bible when based upon the revelation of God's love in Jesus Christ. As Christians, we must seek the redemption of evil doers and not their death. The use of the death penalty tends to brutalize the society that condones it.

The EAPC calls upon its members to:

- a. Work to prevent the execution of persons now under sentence of death and further use of the death penalty;
- b. Work against attempts to reinstate the death penalty in state and federal law, and where such laws exist, to work for their repeal;
- c. Work for the improvement of the justice system to make less radical means available for dealing with persons who are a serious threat to themselves and to the safety and welfare of society.

Capital punishment is an expression of vengeance which contradicts the justice of God on the cross. We will continue to oppose capital punishment.

Position paper taken from the Presbyterian Church (USA) with added revising to fit the EAPC standard. The EAPC strongly agrees with the position listed above.