

# **‘Christians Can Support Abortion,’ Says Planned Parenthood Temporary President**

Planned Parenthood’s new interim president, who stepped in after Leana Wen was fired for not promoting abortion enough, says she’s a Christian who believes abortion should “be left to a woman, her doctor and her God.”

Alexis McGill Johnson served as chair of Planned Parenthood’s board for many years, and told The Christian Post in 2014 that Christians can and should support abortion.

“We all recognize that abortion and terminating a pregnancy is a very complicated decision, but that issue needs to be left to a woman, her doctor and her God, not a politician,” Johnson said.

Though Johnson never cited the Bible to support her argument, she said Planned Parenthood has a “wide variety of support” from female ministers and other “members of faith.”

She pointed to Sister Simone Campbell, a Catholic social justice activist and nun who does not believe abortion should be outlawed.

“Sister Simone Campbell ... always makes this distinction to me, which I think is so important, which is that we can have these really false dichotomy debates about who’s pro-life and who’s pro-choice, but we can’t just have conversations that are about pro-birth,” said Johnson. “And if we want to have a broad conversation around how we advocate for creating the opportunities to bring women to term, then we need to have a full conversation about what it means when that child is here,

what kind of impact it's going to have on a family's life, on a community's life, and we have to commit to all of the other resources that will support that."

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