

Resolution on Pornography for Churches

Affirm that human intimacy was created by God.

Affirm that pornography leads away from God's plan for human intimacy. Pornography leads intimacy to become self-serving; focused on personal pleasure and not the self-giving, mutually reciprocating intimacy that it was designed for.

Acknowledge that pornography harms men and women. Science shows that it rewires the brain and contributes to gender based violence. (1)

Recognize the public health hazard created by pornography. (2)

Understand that the people involved in pornographic material are victimized. Watching pornography is participating in victimization of those involved.

Recognize that pornography leads to human trafficking. (3)

Recognize that impurity is a threat and challenge to holiness. God calls his people to holiness.

Commit to help our churches teach holiness in healthy, intimate relationships as God has intended.

Commit to create a safe, grace-filled environment within our churches so that those who struggle with pornography are able to seek non-judgmental help to overcome their battle with Christ's help.

Isaiah 61:1

Resources:

[Exodus Cry Intervention Manual](#)

"7 Negative Effects of Porn" from www.lamatreasure.com website. (1)

"7 Ways Porn Fuels Trafficking" from www.lamatreasure.com website (3)

Conversations with European Baptist Federation's Anti-Trafficking Working Group, European Freedom Networks' Church Action Group, Pete Lupton (via email), and Dr. Glenn Miles.

<https://fightthenewdrug.org>

More resources: some are specific to the United States, but might be helpful...

<https://www.apnews.com/9c91cfd28a7b461b87948f36117a432e> (2)

<https://fightthenewdrug.org/here-are-the-states-that-have-passed-resolutions/> (2)

<https://www1.cbn.com/escaping-americas-1-addiction>

<https://fightthenewdrug.org/10-porn-stats-that-will-blow-your-mind/>

<https://www.webroot.com/us/en/resources/tips-articles/internet-pornography-by-the-numbers>