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“Over 1,400 African-American babies are aborted every day”

New foundation will address human life issues in African-American community

A new organization based out of Union City has been formed to provide pro-life resources for African-American leaders, and to help curtail abortions among African-American women, which a press release announcing the founding of the organization calls “a form of genocide.”

On Dec. 19, Walter B. Hoye II, executive elder of Progressive Missionary Baptist Church of Berkeley, announced the creation of the Issues4Life Foundation, dedicated to “addressing the issues surrounding the inviolability or sanctity of human life in the African-American community.”

Hoye, a sidewalk counselor, has recently led the charge against a “bubble ordinance” in Oakland that would severely limit contact between pro-lifers and clients entering abortion centers. Hoye filed suit in federal court with the aid of Life Legal Defense Foundation to enjoin enforcement of the new law on First Amendment grounds. His efforts resulted in an announcement by the city that it would not enforce the new ordinance. An amended version of the new law will come back before the Oakland City Council in January.

Hoye’s concerns about abortion’s impact on the African-American community are rooted in what he sees as a modern genocide and a lack of resources for leaders. “There is such a need for African-American leadership to know more about this issue,” he said. “I wanted to make it easier for them by giving them one place to go and one voice to hear to get this information. The problem is that our leaders are swamped with every need under the planet and this gives them a ‘one-stop-shopping’ place to go where they can check in when it’s convenient for them and get all the information they need, then take it back to their people.”

Hoye describes the mission of Issues4Life as “strengthening the African-American community by educating her leadership about the impact of abortion and the moral responsibility of biotechnology.” He hopes that by working with other like-minded individuals and organization, the foundation can “see a future where those most vulnerable to abuse in the African American community are defended.”

The foundation will focus on the following five issues: Abortion; Theology and Biotechnology; Cloning and Stem Cell Research; Malthusian Genetics and Eugenics (i.e. the idea that only certain people should live because the earth’s resources are limited); and Public Policy.

[[BlackBaby.jpg]]Although the foundation is located in Union City, Hoye said he plans to start chapters worldwide. “Abortion is so critical to us, because this is essentially a genocide. According to the census of 2006, African Americans are reproducing below replacement level, which is 2.1 children per household, and we are now at 1.9. We need to turn this around quickly, because over 1,400 African-American babies are aborted every day. That’s going in the wrong direction.”

Hoye said that it’s not just church leadership that needs help, but the community at large. “Without life, we have nothing. In one form or another, the inviolability or sanctity of life is the number one issue facing the human race today.”

The foundations website, www.issues4life.org, lists four upcoming events that the organization is supporting: Oakland’s Standing Up for Life Walk on Jan. 18, San Francisco’s Walk for Life on Jan. 19, the Leadership for Life Conference in Berkeley on Jan. 18, and the Run for Life Team in the San Francisco marathon on Aug. 3.

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