



## Black Churches Hold Pro-Abortion Meeting, Call Pro-Lifers "Fetus Lovers"

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**Washington, DC (LifeNews.com)** -- Representatives of several black churches held a meeting with pro-abortion activists at Howard University in Washington this week. During the presentation, the head of the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice criticized black pro-life advocates as "fetus lovers."

The pro-abortion group hosted the 12th annual National Black Church Summit on Sexuality that included pro-abortion Rep. James Clyburn of South Carolina.

Former Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders, who blamed pro-life advocates during the Clinton administration of having a "love affair with the fetus," also appeared.

However, in an interview with the Cybercast News Service, Rev. Carlton W. Veazey, the president of RCRC, used similar language to condemn black pro-life advocates.

Asked to comment on the fact that black women represent 13 percent of the childbearing population but have 36 percent of the abortions, Veazey condemned them for supposedly abandoning children after birth.

"They talk about abortion, and I tell them 'you are the ones who believe in the fetus, you all worship the fetus, and then when the baby really gets here you all abort them,'" Veazey told CNS News.

He told the news service that black women were the victims of discrimination before *Roe v. Wade*, and not now.

"I come from the deep South," Veazey said. "I'm 72 years old, but I can remember long before *Roe v. Wade*, when black women and poor women were disproportionately impacted by having back-alley abortions because they could not go into hospitals that white women did."

But not all black leaders agree with that assessment.

Rev. Jesse Lee Peterson says abortion giant Planned Parenthood is the real sponsor of racism by placing its abortion centers in predominantly black communities.

"It is time for the black community to wake up and come out of its denial," he said.

"True racism is the attack on the black unborn baby, started by Margaret Sanger and carried out by the liberal elite in this country," he said. "The solution to this problem is a strong belief in the Creator, strong families, and self-respect."

Peterson joined with other pro-life leaders this week to sign the Emancipation Proclamation for the Unborn, a document that is similar to the one President Abraham Lincoln signed to free African-Americans from slavery.

"Although President Lincoln's signing of the Emancipation Proclamation did not immediately free one slave, it changed the character of a nation," he said.

"Today we will sign another proclamation that will change a nation. We will no longer accept the killing of innocent

children, boys and girls, black and white. We will no longer tolerate the racism that lurks within Planned Parenthood," Peterson concluded.

CNS News indicated about 700 people attended the pro-abortion summit, including 200 young adults and college students.

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