



...vaccines which are not made using cell lines originally derived from the tissue of aborted unborn children. Some vaccines are being developed without the use of foetal cell lines. These vaccines may involve plant or animal cells. For example: cells from insects, tobacco plants and hamster ovaries. A team at Imperial College London is working on a 'synthetic' vaccine i.e. a 'cell-free' method. There are no pro-life concerns with these vaccines. Other researchers also using cell lines from aborted babies include CanSino Biologics, Inc. and the Beijing Institute of Biotechnology and the University of Pittsburgh, Science reports. Some are using a cell line from a baby who was aborted sometime around 1972, while others are using one from a baby who was aborted in 1985. University of Pittsburgh researcher Andrea Gambotto said the cell lines from aborted babies are more useful than ethically-derived sources. "Cultured [nonhuman] animal cells can produce the same proteins, but they would be decorated with different sugar molecules, which—in the case

of vaccines—runs the risk of failing to evoke a robust and specific immune response," Gambotto said. But other scientists disagree. Earlier this year, the Charlotte Lozier Institute identified 60 potential treatments for the virus that are being investigated using materials that do not come from aborted babies. Respected researchers Drs. James L. Sherley, MD, PhD and David A. Prentice, PhD recently reviewed the vaccines in development for the coronavirus and published a list identifying which are being made ethically and unethically. They found at least 10 companies that are not using cell lines from aborted babies in their vaccines. Pro-life leaders also have highlighted how ethical alternatives to cell lines from aborted babies are available, including pluripotent stem cells and tissue from placentas, umbilical cords and amniotic fluid. In 2018, the Trump administration created a \$20 million grant to invest in these ethical research alternatives. Catholic and pro-life organizations have been advocating against re-

search using aborted baby body parts for years. During the coronavirus crisis, they have renewed calls to scientists to abide by basic ethical standards in their efforts to save lives. According to the Catholic News Agency, a Canadian Catholic archbishop recently took his pro-life advocacy a step further by donating thousands of dollars to an ethical vaccine research project at the University of British Columbia. Earlier this spring, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops sent a letter urging the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to ensure vaccines are being produced ethically. "... we think it's very important at this moment to let the voice not only of the Church but other concerned citizens to voice that we want to—we all want a vaccine, we realize that's important for our public health, but we also want a vaccine that has no ethical problems in the way it's developed," said Archbishop Joseph Naumann, chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, earlier this spring. +++ **JESUS IS LORD!**

Unprecedented Unity Among Leaders in Over 75 Nations Launches the GO Decade

BY Global Outreach Day

BERLIN, Germany, July 13, 2020 /Christian Newswire/ -- Leaders in over 75 nations joined unprecedented unity to launch the "GO Decade," a commitment to 10 years to countdown to zero where everyone alive has heard the Gospel. "In over 50 years of ministry, I've never seen this level of collaboration for prayer, evangelism, disciple-making, and church planting," said Steve Douglass, president of CRU on a recent videoconference. The GO Decade effort is being facilitated by Global Outreach Day, a network of churches, ministries, and organizations. "I have this dream, but its more than a dream. The goal of the GO DECADE is to reach, in a collaborative effort, every person until 2030 with the Gospel of Jesus Christ," said Werner Nachtigal, founder and president of the Global Outreach Day. "Over 57 million Christians are actively sharing their faith. The count-

down to zero is a decade of prayer and evangelism, where every believer is a witness. In the next 10 years, we're mobilizing the whole church for evangelism and connecting with prayer, disciple-making, and church planting. We're standing together in unity to reach every person for Christ." GO Decade's goal aligns with the vision set by Bishop Ephraim Tendero at the 2019 World Evangelical Alliance annual meeting in Indonesia. "In November, we launched a decade of disciple-making," said Bishop Tendero. "This is a call for every Christian leader to model what it means to be engaged in disciple-making. Every national alliance worldwide is organizing a nationwide platform to mobilize and challenge churches to accomplish the great commandment to love God above all. We're calling the church to work together for holistic disciple-making." In 2020, unprecedented prayer and fasting took place in different ministries such as Lou Engle's "Jesus Fast," a Global Outreach Day partner. "Over 79,000 Christians were engaged in prayer and fasting around the world during the 'Jesus Fast,'" said Nachtigal. The videoconference included a diverse group of leaders among others such as Dick Eastman, Every Home for Christ; Mike Bickle of the International House of Prayer; Cindy Jacobs, Lou Engel, Dave Gibson, Executive Director of GO 2020 USA; Alton Garrison, co-chairman of the Pentecostal/Charismatic Churches of North America; Dr. Walter Kim of the National Evangelical Association; Dr. Ole-Magnus Olafsrud of the Lausanne Movement; Dr. David Stephans from the Church of God; and John Sorensen of the Evangelism Explosion. To join the GO Decade movement or for more information, visit GO2020.world. +++ **JESUS IS LORD.**



...wearing masks. The state also limits indoor religious attendance to "25% of building capacity or a maximum of 100 attendees, whichever is lower." According to the lawsuit, the churches could face fines, imprisonment or both if they violate Newsum's mandate. Most religious leaders across the world urged their congregations to be safe and practice common-sense health measures to protect themselves and others during the coronavirus outbreak. Throughout the

spring, many religious services were held online or in special drive-in venues where people stayed in their vehicles with the windows up while listening to the service on their radios. Meanwhile, abortion facilities continued aborting unborn babies unhindered in most states. Some Planned Parenthood abortion facilities were open for abortions only. Others asked for donations of personal protective equipment (PPE) for their work aborting unborn babies – taking PPE away from hospitals

that needed it for actual, life-saving health care. And while massive Black Lives Matter protests have occurred in cities across the country, pro-life sidewalk counselors have been fined and arrested for offering information and resources to pregnant moms as they went into abortion facilities during the initial outbreak. In April, David Benham and several others were arrested for praying outside an abortion clinic in Charlotte, North Carolina. Police in San Francisco also cited a pro-life sidewalk coun-

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selor who was doing peaceful outreach outside a Planned Parenthood abortion facility. In April, California churches filed another lawsuit against Newsum after he exempted abortion facilities but not houses of worship from his stay-at-home mandate. The governor lifted some of the restrictions in May after more than 3,000 churches protested, telling him that they would re-open even without his approval, according to the Examiner. +++ **JESUS IS LORD!**



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