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**YWCA USA Releases Statement in Response to the Violent Death of
Pro-choice Activist Dr. George Tiller**

Hartford, CT – June 3, 2009 The killing of Dr. George Tiller is shocking and tragic. The issue of abortion is, indeed, one of the most controversial and polarizing issues of our time, with strong convictions at both extremes. But no extent of opposing ideology on such matters justifies any means of violent protest.

Dr. Tiller, 67, was shot and killed on Sunday in the foyer of Reformation Lutheran Church in Wichita, Kansas, as he was serving as an usher and handing out the church bulletin. Having provided abortion services to women for over 30 years, his clinic had been bombed previously and an abortion opponent shot him in both arms 16 years ago.

Our thoughts and sympathies are with Dr. Tiller's family and clinic staff.

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