

S E Y M O U R I N S T I T U T E

FOR BLACK CHURCH AND POLICY STUDIES

On Swaggart

As Founder and Director of the Seymour Institute for Black Church and Policy Studies, I must say Pastor Donnie Swaggart's recent tirade against the Church of God in Christ and her leadership is false and hypocritical. The position of COGIC is that abortion is the deliberate destruction of an unborn human being. As such it is contrary both to biblical principle and to natural law, both of which prohibit the taking of innocent human life. As Christ's church we support and advocate for all women dealing with unplanned pregnancies. COGIC teaches that all should live in obedience to the scriptures regarding the sacred institution of marriage and we support all of our members in doing so. While we grieve for those who experience gender dysphoria, we stand firm on the anthropology contained in biblical teaching which is authoritative for all Christians.

We cannot endorse any candidate, but one candidate stands out as the most unfit for presidential office. Any candidate who talks about and commits sexual violence against women is unfit for office. Any candidate who is a convicted felon is unfit for office. An October 2020 report from the Department of Homeland Security found that "white supremacist extremists (WSEs) – will remain the most persistent and lethal threat in the Homeland... Since 2018, they have conducted more lethal attacks in the United States than any other DVE [Domestic Violent Extremists] movement." Any candidate who supports and mobilizes such actors to attack the US Capitol is unfit for office. We gently remind our white evangelical brothers of these indisputable facts.