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Religious Coalition for Abortion

This Coalition was founded earlier this year by a group of major religious bodies to counter efforts being made to overturn the January 1973 Supreme Court decision. The purpose of the Coalition is "to encourage and coordinate support for safe-guarding the legal option of abortion, for ensuring the right of individuals to make decisions concerning abortion in accordance with their consciences; and for opposing efforts to deny this right of conscience through Constitutional amendment or federal and state legislation."

Members of the Coalition include the YWCA of the U.S.A. which joined in May, along with the United Methodist Church, United Presbyterian Church, American Ethical Union, Catholics for a Free Choice, National Council of Jewish Women, United Church of Christ, Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and Unitarian Universalist Association. The Women's League for Conservative Judaism is the newest of the 23 members of the Coalition.

As of mid-July, state Coalitions were being organized in these states: Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Indiana, New York, California, New Jersey, Ohio, Illinois, Michigan, Kentucky and Massachusetts. The Public Policy Center has forwarded pertinent information to all YWCAs in these states. As other state organizations are formed, Associations will be notified by the regional offices, which also will have information on the names and locations of state coalition coordinators.

For further information, see *Public Affairs Newsletter*, issue for Summer 1974, which contains a brief summary of convention action on abortion since 1967, within a position statement of the YWCA of the U.S.A.

*If you would be interested
in an Iowa Coalition, please
write me.*

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