Community Covenant
Chapter on Sanctity of Human Life
William Jessup University

As a Christ-centered liberal arts community, William Jessup University shares a common set of beliefs, values, and goals.

The following Community Covenant Chapter on the Sanctity of Human Life is consistent with both the teaching of Scripture and the Christian church tradition (and its origins in the Restoration Movement) that has defined the University since its inception as San Jose Bible College in 1939.

This Community Covenant Chapter on the Sanctity of Human Life guides the standards and behaviors of the board members, students, and employees of William Jessup University community and is subject to the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Statement of Faith, and Board Policy.

This Chapter shall also guide the University’s participation in any benefit or health plan.

We hold three foundational assumptions:

- Human life is uniquely sacred from conception to the grave.
- The sanctity of life is among the broadest and most inclusive of our moral obligations to other human beings.
- Life is precious and in God’s hands.

(Jeremiah 1:4-5) (Genesis 1:26-27)

Therefore, we believe that:

- The intentional destruction of innocent human life, is unbiblical and contrary to God’s will.
- All human beings, at all stages of existence, with every quality of experience, reflecting every type of human diversity, and encompassing every possible quality of relationship have worth and dignity in God’s eyes that cannot be measured and should not be violated.
- The university desires to be a community that is committed to engaging in dialogue about human life issues with humility, sensitivity, compassion, and prayerfulness.

(Proverbs 6:16-17)