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NAE Celebrates National Adoption Month Polling Supports Role for Adoption in Reducing Abortion

WASHINGTON, D.C., Nov. 1, 2010 – The National Association of Evangelicals (NAE) welcomes the celebration of National Adoption Month in November. Adoption honors the centrality of the family in human society and displays respect for the gift of life.

“Adoption is a blessing from God,” said Galen Carey, NAE Director of Government Affairs. “It is a courageous act of sacrificial love on the part of both birth parents and adoptive parents. Churches should honor and support these individuals.”

The NAE supports efforts, such as making the adoption tax credit permanent that would aid families seeking to adopt. It also established the NAE Generation Forum to explore common ground efforts, including adoption, to reduce America’s high abortion rate. In a Gallup poll commissioned by the NAE, 78 percent of evangelicals surveyed believed that efforts at making adoption more accessible would help reduce the number of abortions in the United States.¹

“Adoption affirms the value of life and family,” said Aaron Mercer, director of the NAE Generation Forum. “Providing loving, stable homes for children is dear to the hearts of many across traditional ideological boundaries. As we explore together adoption’s role in reducing the abortion rate, we need to consider how best to provide information and support for both adoptive parents and women with unplanned pregnancies who are interested in adoption.”

The NAE Generation Forum is developing resources like the “Theology of Sex” and hosting events across the country to create dialogue about how local churches can be involved in decreasing the number of abortions in their congregations and communities.

For more information about the NAE Generation Forum, including its full polling results, the “Theology of Sex,” and information from its events, visit <http://www.naegeneration.com>.

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Note to Editors: For more information about the Generation Forum please visit <http://www.alrcnewskitchen.com/nae>. To arrange an interview with a NAE spokesperson, please contact Lauren Williams at 972.267.1111 or via e-mail at lauren@alarryross.com.

ⁱ Gallup conducted this national telephone survey of 1,000 evangelicals, ages 18-95, from July 7 – Aug 1, 2009. Evangelicals were identified by denominational affiliation, church attendance at least once a month, accepting Jesus Christ as Savior and affirming the Bible as the written word of God and a guide for life. This poll has an overall margin of error of $\pm 3.1\%$.