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HUMAN RIGHTS PERSPECTIVE IN PREFERENCE FOR END OF LIFE DECISIONS

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Presentation

Human Rights Perspective in
Preference for Making
End-of-Life Decisions



Social Work Profession

Human rights perspective as the basic principle undergirding the formulation of

- ★ **social work policy** in designing programs
- ★ **social work practice** in implementing services
- ★ social work research in **theory based** and **methodology** (NASW Code of Ethics, 1999).



The Universal Declaration of Human Rights

**“The recognition of the inherent and of
the equal and inalienable rights of all
members of the human family is the
foundation of freedom, justice and
peace in the world”** (Preamble, 1988).



Ancient Traditions

Human rights as a basic principle of social justice in society.

- ★ Hamurabi Code
- ★ Old and New Testament writings
- ★ Koran,
- ★ Teaching of Confucius,
- ★ Hindus Vedas,
- ★ Native American legends. (Shiman, 1997).



Faith Beliefs

Human Rights and Social Justice

- * For Christian faith-based communities Social Justice and Human Rights are rooted in the**
 - Bible**
 - Christian teachings of tradition.**



Is there an authentic way for the Christian to die?

- ★ End-of-life decisions reflect not only the meaning we find in dying, but also the meaning we have found in living.
- ★ Keep insights about authentic Christian life foremost when making decisions about authentic Christian death.

(William e. Stempsey

