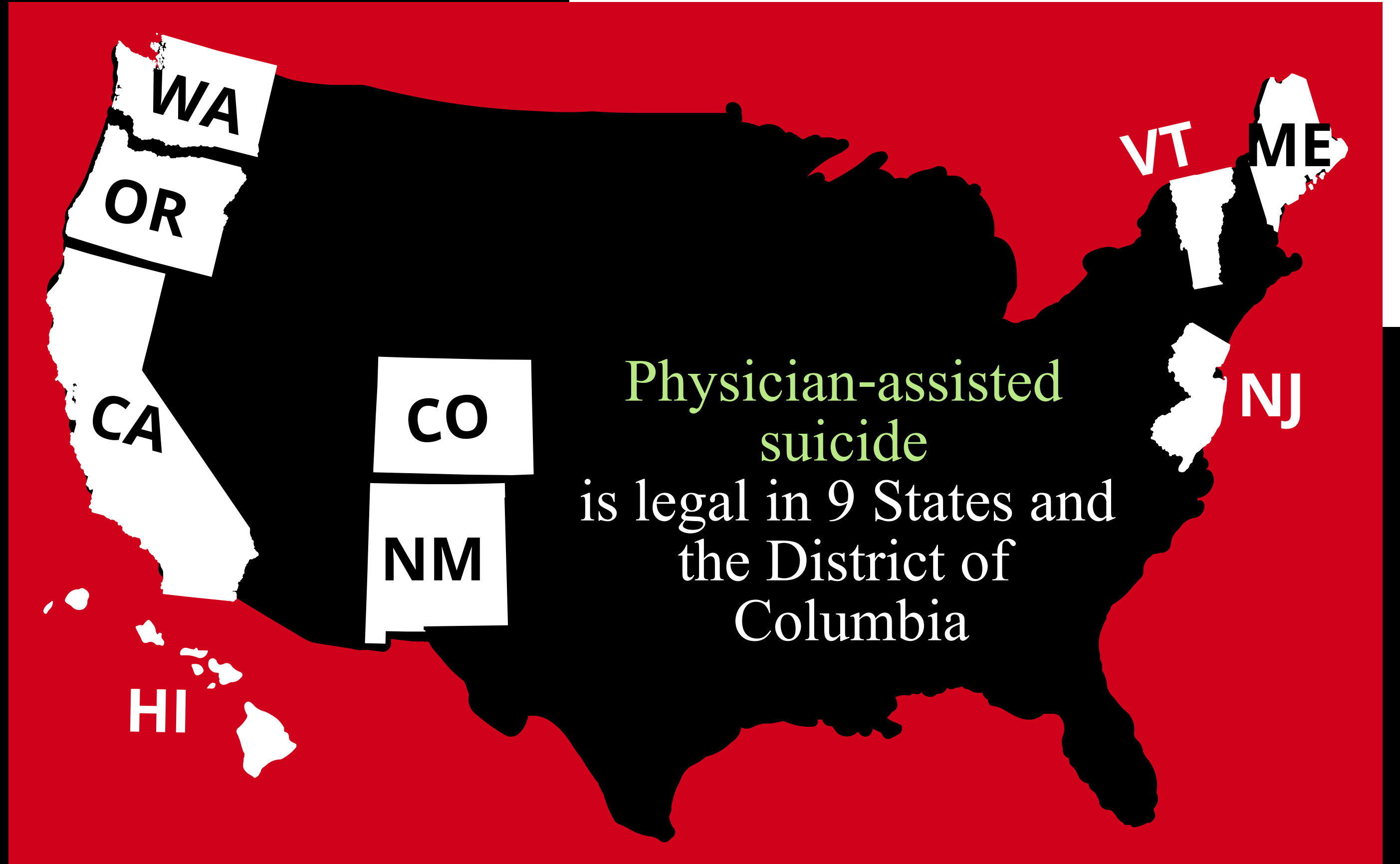


# Just as...I AM in terminal illness



## Terminal Diagnosis



## Life Issues

## Disability



1 in 4 adults in the U.S. have some type of disability



12.1% mobility



12.8% cognitive



7.2% independent living



6.1% deaf or hearing impairment



4.8% vision



3.6% self-care

A greater sense of control about the aging process is linked to more positive health and well-being outcomes

### Negative perspective on aging

- Belief in aging stereotypes
- Punishment beliefs, such as considering age and illness a punishment

### Positive perspective on aging

- Belief in an afterlife
- Positive views about the aging process

## Aging Community

# God's Word

"This is my comfort in my affliction,  
that your promise gives me life."

Psalm 119:50



# Our Christian Response

## Terminal Diagnosis

## Disability

- Invite people with disabilities to share their strengths, gifts, and talents with others.
- Value getting to know a person and the relationship that forms instead of what a person can do.
- Inquire how to make an environment (e.g., school, church, etc.) more able-body friendly.

- Acknowledge the vocation and blessing of being the one served.
- Celebrate the gift of life and relationships each day.
- Be the silent and comforting presence of Christ while visiting someone in a home or hospital.

- Partake in the gift and value of wisdom to be shared with youth.
- Seek to engage in cross-generational activities (e.g., choir, community meals, Bible study, etc.).
- Emphasize Christ's promises of heaven, glorified bodies, and eternal life.



## Aging Community