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IMPORTANT NOTE: This issue is being sent to all members as well as to anyone who has ever expressed an interest in Teachers Saving Children[®]



THOUGHTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Connie Bancroft

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”
-Romans 8:28 (NIV)

Recently I read The Promise by Robert J. Morgan. Morgan shares great insightful thoughts on Romans 8:28. He also shares real-life experiences that powerfully show how God does work all things for our good and to fulfill His purpose in and through our lives – for His glory!

Teachers Saving Children[®] Inc. has been in existence for over 20 years, having first begun in New Jersey and then having been incorporated here in Ohio in 1994. As the Board of Trustees has entrusted me with the administration of this organization, I have watched first-hand how the Lord has directed us and provided for us. He has opened doors for planting seeds about the sanctity of life. The Lord has blessed this organization in many ways, especially through “The Wonder of Life” exhibit.

There have also been challenges. Through these challenges the Lord has refined us, both as individuals and as an organization. This refining has allowed Teachers Saving Children[®] to be more effective as we have carefully sought the Lord’s direction in being a voice for the voiceless among our colleagues.

Considering all the changes occurring in our nation, we do not know how much longer we will have to openly and freely share the truth about LIFE. In addition, the National Education Association (NEA) has become more ingrained in the abortion issue, and liberal delegates are becoming more vocal in opposing the truth being presented through various conservative exhibits. The number of years we will be permitted show human development in utero through our “Wonder of Life” exhibit, could be limited.

Whichever way the tide is flowing, our call is to continue to stand within the academic world for Life and to continue to share our vision with others. As long as the door remains open, we will take every opportunity given to us to share truth – knowing that in our obedience, God will be faithful! This is His mission field – we are His workers! So, as we begin another year of ministry, I encourage each of you to consider joining with us by becoming more involved. We value your prayers, participation, suggestions, and membership. Please join with us in being a “Voice for Life in Education.”

In conclusion, I praise God for allowing me to be used through this ministry opportunity to save the lives of preborn children – His creation and masterpiece. It is only through His anointing upon my life that I am able to fulfill all the responsibilities as Executive Director in addition to my full-time teaching responsibilities. I want to publicly accept the position of Executive Director of Teachers Saving Children[®] Inc. – National for another year.

2010-2011 Memberships

In late June, renewal information was sent to all current members. We are grateful for those individuals who have already renewed their membership for the 2010-2011 membership year. Thank you! The enclosed membership form is for those individuals who have **NOT** yet renewed or who have never officially joined Teachers Saving Children[®]. All members will receive five newsletters per year as well as other pertinent information. Please contact the National Office (330-821-2747) if you have any questions regarding your membership status.

Website Update

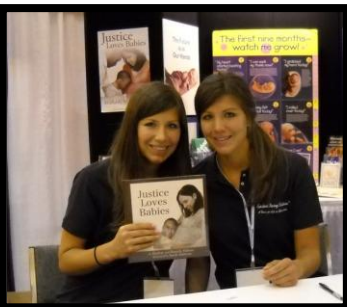
During the April 2010 Board of Trustees meeting, the board gave approval for the Executive Director to work with SKWD Associates, LLC (Wayne, PA) to update and host the website. We have recently signed an agreement with SKWD Associates. It is our hope for the updated website to be live in early November 2010.

“THE WONDER OF LIFE”

Teachers Saving Children® has had “The Wonder of Life” exhibit at the National Education Association (NEA) Expo each year since 2000. With God’s help over a 2½ day period, our exhibit has put the facts and the wonder of human development before the largest assembly of decision-making educators in this nation. Through our exhibit, thousands of educators, their guests, and NEA staff are reached with the pro-life message. We have found over the past several years a high interest, especially among science and health teachers, in the materials we have purchased to distribute free to interested individuals. These materials include approved brochures which are age-appropriate, positive, colorful, and scientifically accurate. We also include videos, CDs, and books that encourage a respect for human life.

Last fall, one of the Teachers Saving Children® board members suggested the book Justice Loves Babies as a new item to be included with our other exhibit items. (See related Book Review article) A few weeks later, one of our state affiliate board members emailed, suggesting the same book. Knowing that each exhibit item needs NEA approval as part of the exhibit application process, I felt we would need a miracle from God for this book to be approved since, in the past, none of our NEA-approved materials had even one mention of the word “abortion.” With the application, I sent a copy of the book - which was, subsequently, approved for distribution! The Lord provided!

In April, the Teachers Saving Children® Board of Trustees, also, took a financial step of faith by officially asking the authors to join us and do a book signing. Danielle and Darlene Wibeto came to New Orleans and signed 500 books. For the



first time, though, Danielle and Darlene found themselves in a situation in which not everyone was pro-life. Since the individuals who attended the NEA Expo represented a full range of beliefs and ideologies, the reactions of passers-by were mixed, and some declined to

take Justice Loves Babies, for their own reasons. Those who did stop to visit our exhibit, however, were gracious and thanked us for being there. Many individuals were a bit shocked that we were giving the book, as well as other materials, free to those who were interested; plus, they were pleasantly surprised to see young twin authors! In all, we distributed 500 books and could have easily distributed more if we had had the additional funding. Danielle and Darlene were grateful for the experience and the opportunity to present their book to a wider audience.

Once again, the Lord was at our side in our need. He provided, through you and through His grace, the funds needed for the exhibit space rental and miscellaneous fees, and monies to cover materials for distribution – free to educators who visited our exhibit. He even provided, through individuals outside of Teachers Saving Children®, the funds needed to

purchase 500 Justice Loves Babies books at the author’s price of \$6 each. In addition to the books, we distributed 375 bags of educational tracts and information, as well as a few DVDs that we gave to educators who teach in specialized areas, particularly health and science.

We completely exhausted our supply of most of the materials we had prepared for distribution. Our volunteers at the exhibit were “exhausted,” too, after transporting, assembling, stamping, bagging, and arranging hundreds upon hundreds of materials. This is a mission field where the harvest is ripe, but the workers are often few. Thanks, again, to all of you who helped in any way!

DO YOU KNOW HOW YOUR NEA DUES ARE SPENT?

On July 16, 2010, the following letter came by email from Christian Educators Association International (CEAI). Monitoring how the NEA and its state affiliates spend dues money is critical. If interested, please make contact as indicated in the letter below:

July 16, 2010

The National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation is looking for a few teachers who are currently *NEA* members, who are interested in knowing where their dues money is going.

The Obama Administration’s Department of Labor has rolled back some changes made in 2003 to the *Office of Labor Management Standards (OLMS)* disclosure policy, including the enforcement of the requirement that all teacher union state affiliates file an LM-2 disclosure form and that all union officer benefits be reported next to the name of the officer.

The LM-2 form was basically supposed to report all union expenditures and receipts, giving union members a broad look at where their dues dollars are going. Without the LM-2 form requirement, most state teacher unions are completely unaccountable to teachers for their dues dollars.

If you know an *NEA* member who might be interested in helping rectify this situation, please have them contact Don Loos at edl@nrtw.org or call (800) 336-3600, ext. 3343.

BROKEN PROMISES

“There are some folks out there who are, frankly, bearing false witness, but I want everyone to know what health insurance reform is all about... you’ve heard that this is all going to mean government-funding of abortion. Not true.”

— President Obama, August 2009

“The Obama administration has officially approved the first instance of taxpayer funded abortions under the new national government-run health care program. This is the kind of abortion funding the pro-life movement warned about when Congress considered the bill.” See LifeNews.com for the rest of the story “Obama Administration OKs First Tax-Funded Abortions Under Health Care Law,” July 13, 2010.

NEA REJECTS OPPORTUNITY TO GET OUT OF THE ABORTION ISSUE

Judy Bruns

The National Education Association (NEA) continues to alienate more and more of its conservative members. The organization confirmed its liberal positions during its recent Representative Assembly, held July 1-6 in New Orleans, Louisiana. Delegates voted down Bylaw Amendment #1, proposed by Christine Nowak, New York, which would have had the NEA to take a position of NO POSITION on abortion. The Amendment failed by a 70.15% to 29.85% ballot vote of the delegates. As a result, NEA's "right" to file an amicus curiae brief and to participate in opposing pro-life efforts to overturn or to limit Roe v Wade, has been confirmed. Also confirmed is NEA's "right" to lobby for or against legislation regarding abortion. It was indicated at the 2010 NEA Representative Assembly that the union's support for the "choice" to abort is included through the words "reproductive freedom" in Resolution I-16 and also through the words "family planning" in Resolution I-16.

Conservative delegates were surprised with the vote on Bylaw Amendment #1 this year. Last year, at the NEA 2009 Representative Assembly, a different Bylaw Amendment #1 would have had NEA take a position of "no position" on the issues of abortion and family planning. When that 2009 amendment went to the ballot vote, it was defeated 60.65% to 39.35%. Comparing those results to the results at the recent 2010 NEA Representative Assembly, the evidence indicates that NEA has become more ingrained in their pro-abortion position.

In the past, NEA has hired people to influential positions "high in the chain of command" who have been on the board of directors of Planned Parenthood (often referred to as the biggest abortion referral agency and abortion profiteer in the US); who have escorted women into abortion clinics; and who came to NEA after working for Emily's List which, according to its website, supports only "pro-choice" Democratic candidates for political office.

During the 1990 NEA Representative Assembly, delegates approved New Business Item 1990-65 which stated that the NEA would oppose any efforts to erode the status of Roe v Wade (which accompanied by the Doe v Bolton decision, legalized abortion up to birth).

At the 1998 NEA Representative Assembly in New Orleans, a first-time delegate asked the following 3-part Point of Information at the microphone:

- a) Through the words "reproductive freedom" in our Resolutions document, does NEA support the choice to abort after the first trimester? [Response from the Chair: YES]
- b) Through the words "reproductive freedom" in our Resolutions document, does NEA support a woman's choice to abort after viability, that point at which a baby is capable of surviving outside the womb with assistance? [Response from the Chair: YES]
- c) Through the words "reproductive freedom" in our Resolutions document, does NEA support the decision to abort up to, and including delivery, commonly termed by the media a "partial birth, brain suction abortion?" [Response: WE HAVE NO LIMITATIONS.]

Finn Laursen, Executive Director of Christian Educators Association International (CEAI), told OneNewsNow that "*the organization [NEA] and its delegates were just unwilling to step back and take no position on abortion. They're going to continue their pro-abortion stance.*" Laursen also shared with OneNewsNow that every year following the NEA Representative Assembly, he sees a spike in interest towards CEAI from educators looking for an alternative. This year, he reports that CEAI "*even had to put in an extra phone line and bring in extra staff just to answer the phones.*" [Source: OneNewsNow, July 15, 2010]

The NEA and its state and local affiliates do use union funds to engage in lobbying and political activities unrelated to their duties as exclusive bargaining representatives. If this concerns you, please know that there are options regarding involvement in union membership. Teachers Saving Children® Inc. – National and its state affiliates do not advocate any one option. We simply present our readers with all available courses to follow and respect their decision.

However, Teachers Saving Children® Inc. does encourage its teacher members that if they do make the decision to be in the NEA, to get involved! There are many ways to get involved without supporting NEA's liberal agenda. Whichever course is followed, it is hoped that members' conservative voices will be heard so fellow educators will begin to understand the politics and policies of the NEA.

[For union options that are available, please view: www.teacherssavingchildren.org and click on Union Options].

NEA RESOLUTION I-16

"The National Education Association supports family planning, including the right to reproductive freedom.

The Association urges the government to give high priority to making available all methods of family planning to women and men unable to take advantage of private facilities.

The Association also urges the implementation of community-operated, school-based family planning clinics that will provide intensive counseling by trained personnel." (1985, 1986).



Conservative educators from across the United States who were in New Orleans during the NEA Representative Assembly.

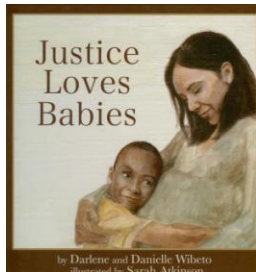


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BOOK REVIEW

Justice Loves Babies

by Darlene and Danielle Wibeto,
illustrated by Sarah Atkinson

The Wibeto twins have authored a children’s book that speaks of a little boy’s love of his baby sister, even

while she lives within his mom. The main character, Justice, anticipates the arrival of Baby Destiny with joy and excitement until one night when he has a nightmare that a doctor is going to take Destiny—and other babies. The authors show courage in treating, with sensitivity, honesty, and overriding love, a theme that so many writers fail to address. I could not help but be struck with awe at the selection of names, either, for to be born is a prenatal child’s natural Destiny, and the right to be born, rather than have one’s life taken in utero, is a matter of God’s Justice; we are created in His image.

Order it--Read it—Enjoy the exquisite illustrations. You’ll be touched by this book! Go to justicelovesbabies.com for ordering details.

---Judy Bruns, teacher, author, Teachers Saving Children®, Inc. Board of Trustees member, and past president of Mercer County (Ohio) Right to Life

AFFILIATE STATE CHAPTER UPDATE

Michigan Affiliate: The 2010-2011 officers: Dennis Healy, Executive Director; Carl Lenze, Assistant Executive Director; Joan Stratman, Secretary; Ron Cain, Treasurer; Dennis Healy, Representative to the National Board of Trustees. The next Board of Trustees meeting will be October 17, 2010, in Rochester Hills, MI. * mi2002tsc@accesstoledo.com.

Ohio Affiliate: The 2010-2011 officers: Connie Bancroft, Executive Director; Gary Winney, Assistant Executive Director; Marianne O’Donnell, Secretary; David Kaiser, Treasurer; Judy Bruns, Representative to the National Board of Trustees. The next Board of Trustees meeting will be October 16, 2010, in Alliance, OH. * tsc-life@juno.com.

Pennsylvania Affiliate: The 2010-2011 officers: John Gordon, Chairperson; Patty Yamrick, Treasurer; John Gordon, Representative to the National Board of Trustees. The next Board of Trustees meeting will be September 18, 2010, in Lewisburg, PA. * tscfpa@epix.net.

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