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THOUGHTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Connie Bancroft

“Then He [Jesus] told them many things in parables, saying: ‘A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop – a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. He who has ears, let him hear.’” -Matthew 13:3-9

For me summer is time for gardening. Gardening takes time and hard work. Tiny seeds must first be planted in the ground. Sunshine, water, and minerals help these plants to grow. Cultivating the soil is also important. Eventually the harvest comes. It may take a short time for the increase and beauty to occur like with my vegetable garden, or it may takes years like a tall redwood in the forest. But when the harvest does come, we are thankful for the beautiful results.

So often when we do not see certain “results” immediately, we begin to feel that all of our labor has been in vain and that we have failed. Too often, we desire the results without being willing to take the time in preparing for the harvest.

Before sowing can even begin, cultivating must take place. Cultivating is the process of preparing the soil to sustain life. A good sower recognizes that certain soil elements are necessary for producing fruit. In the same way, we must recognize through daily conversations with our colleagues what elements are needed in an individual’s life for the seeds of Life to be planted. Then the planting can begin. Planting the seeds of Life is an art. It takes skill to introduce topics and information into a conversation in a way that is unobtrusive. We must learn to ask good questions and seek to build dialogue rather than debate as we share the message of Life.

Nurturing is simply being a good gardener. A gardener has no power to make things grow; rather a good gardener maintains

the optimum conditions for growth by hoeing, watering, cultivating, fertilizing, etc. It takes time to nurture the plants and to do all the “behind-the-scenes” work to help produce positive results. It is difficult work, but without the sower’s preparations and continued daily work, the reaper will have nothing to harvest.

This year at the NEA Expo and Representative Assembly, there were many opportunities to plant seeds of Life in the hearts of the thousands of individuals who walked the halls of the Denver Convention Center. First of all, Teachers Saving Children® had “The Wonder of Life” exhibit where educators saw how special and wonderful the development of human life in utero really is. As individuals visited the exhibit, our volunteers stood boldly in making statements about the sanctity of life. Lives were touched as they viewed a DVD showing the development of life in utero. They were also touched by the visuals of fetal models that showed the development from conception through approximately 32 weeks gestation. Seeds of Life were being planted.

Second, God opened the door for the volunteers at the Creation Science Caucus exhibit to plant seeds as well. Not only were there many conversations at the exhibit itself, but two of their volunteers had an opportunity to take an individual to lunch and dialogue the message of the Gospel as they discussed their differences regarding creation vs. evolution. Seeds of Life were being planted.

For several years now there have been educators who attend the Representative Assembly for the purpose of passing out Gospel tracts. This year on four different mornings, individuals stood outside the Denver Convention Center as delegates and guests were arriving. In fact, they were handing out Gospel tracts so quickly that they run out of Gospel tracts and needed to go and buy more. They had many opportunities for dialogue as they handed out 4000 Gospel tracts. Seeds of Life were being planted.

It is important to remember that when seeds are planted, those seeds fall on various types of soil or hearts. God has given us a mission. Our responsibility is to be obedient in planting those seeds of Life and allow the Lord to take care of producing the fruit (or the results). Let us not be discouraged when we fail to see immediate results, but rather be encouraged as we are sensitive to the leading of the Spirit in daily planting the seeds of Life and trusting the Lord for the results.

TEACHERS SAVING CHILDREN® EXHIBIT HAS IMPACT AT 2014 NEA REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY

By Judy Bruns

Retired speech therapist, Jan Luke, served children pre-school through grade 12 in the Marlinton Local School District for 22 years. She has 4 grown children and 5 young grandchildren, from 2 months to 7 years old, and declares proudly that she has always been pro-life. "When I'd vote," she says, "I would always look in the National Right to Life News, which would list the voting records of the candidates in all the states. I would search for the candidates in my area to know which pro-life candidates to vote for. I always voted pro-life!" Considering her experience raising and being around children, Jan looked right at home as she assisted Executive Director Connie Bancroft with the Teachers Saving Children® Inc. exhibit at the National Education Association (NEA) Expo on July 1 & 2, 2014 in Denver this year. There were times, though, that the NEA Expo, followed by the Representative Assembly, threw even this teacher, mother, and grandmother a few surprises!



While there were many predictable, positive comments made by visitors at the Teachers Saving Children® exhibit, including statements like, "This is amazing!" and "This is wonderful," one lady remarked a bit unusually, "You've come into the lion's den." Jan, still startled at the coincidence, says that she had texted those exact words to her children on the phone that very morning in describing the atmosphere at the 2014 NEA Expo. The female visitor had apparently seen some of the very liberal, sexually provocative materials at some of the other NEA Expo exhibits, as had Jan earlier in the day. Conversely, how refreshing it was to be at the Teachers Saving Children® exhibit, where respect for young, innocent human life was the focus.

Jan felt challenged by a few testy people, though, who visited the Teachers Saving Children® exhibit. That is not a bad track record when you consider that hundreds, if not thousands, of people pass through the aisles during the annual NEA Representative Assembly's Expo. Some challengers made comments like, "I'm pro-choice." One man approached Jan and attempted to debate capital punishment, but Connie Bancroft admonished him with, "That is not what we are here for," and consequently defused the situation by bringing preborn children and education on human development back into focus.

One lady took photos of the fetal models at the Teachers Saving Children® exhibit with her cell phone. Jan says, "I saw her taking the pictures so I said 'Isn't this amazing? We [humans] started out this little, and then we got this big.'" Looking a bit confrontational, the lady stared at Jan, and asked, "Just what are you selling here?" Jan responded

honestly, "We're not selling anything." In fact, Jan and Connie were FREELY giving DVDs, pamphlets, books, notepads, sticky notes, baby feet pins, bookmarks, candy, and more to interested exhibit visitors...thanks to all the Teachers Saving Children® members who donated toward the exhibit so generously!

Jan says that she's been telling anybody who will take the time to listen, about her NEA Expo experiences. For instance, she tells of one rather tall man who came to the Teachers Saving Children® exhibit. "He looked at the first trimester babies intensely. He stared at the littlest preborn, small as a dot because the baby was only a week old, and when I asked, 'Isn't that amazing?' the man insisted, 'I was NEVER that small!'" The gentleman apparently thought he was an exception to the rule of human development.

As she took a break from working the Teachers Saving Children® "Wonder of Life" exhibit, Jan walked around the NEA Exhibit Hall looking at the many other displays. Many offered free candy to passers-by. When Jan saw a big, beautiful bowl at the NEA-Health Information Network exhibit, she thought it was full of fruit roll-up candies, and so, ready to reach into the bowl, she went up to the woman overseeing the exhibit and asked, "What are you giving out?" The woman replied, "Condoms...Take as many as you want." Startled at the response, Jan drew back her hands to her sides. She describes what happened next with, "Then I was even more shocked when I saw the man in back of me reach down into the bowl and pull out a handful of condoms and put them in both of his pockets. I walked away, thinking, 'Oh, my, I cannot believe this is happening here!' I immediately texted my four children and told them what had just happened."

On Saturday July 5th, Jan went back to the convention center to observe one of the actual business sessions of the Representative Assembly. Jan explains that she was astonished at many of the very liberal issues that passed. She says she wants everyone she knows to learn about what goes on at these Assemblies. She is encouraging friends, family, and acquaintances to attend their local school board meetings, too, in order to monitor the kinds of sexually explicit, controversial, and provocative resources NEA is advocating for children from preschool thru grade 12, like *Heather Has Two Mommies* for preschool and elementary book shelves, or making contraception and abortion referrals available in schools through "trained personnel."

It's been said more than once, "What happens at NEA Representative Assemblies, STAYS at NEA Representative Assemblies." And on that note, you can be sure that what Jan Luke witnessed at this 2014 NEA Representative Assembly in Denver will not be reported by NEA delegates to their constituency back home. However, people like Jan are hoping to let the Truth be known.

Editor's Note: Judy Bruns is a retired educator and a member of the Teachers Saving Children® Board of Trustees.

"It is a sin to remain silent when it is your duty to speak up."

-Abraham Lincoln

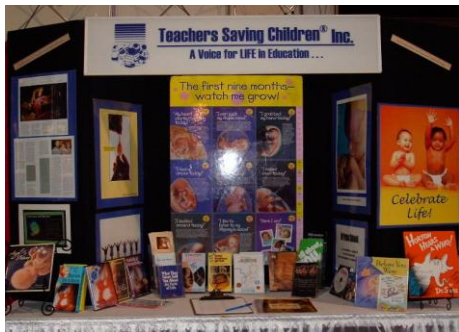
EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH

NEA Expo 2014: With God's help, over a 2 day period, our exhibit put the facts and the wonder of human development before the largest assembly of decision-making educators in this nation.

Again this year we had the unique opportunity to minister to women who were expecting. One of our members, Carmela Ciancio made and donated 7 sets of afghans and hats. Volunteers carefully listened to the leading of the Holy Spirit as they spoke with individuals who visited the exhibit. Gift sets were given to grandmothers whose daughters were expecting and to mothers who were expecting. In fact, we had opportunity to give out more than the 7 sets we had as there were many expectant mothers visiting our exhibit to look at the fetal models with awe as they viewed the fetal model nearest their own pregnancy. The expressions of "awe" and the glowing smiles on their faces of those who did receive our gift of love told the story of their appreciation. Thank you, Carmela, for your gifts of love.

New this year to our exhibit was a TV-DVD player. We choose to show different DVDs that illustrated the development of human life in utero. We have learned that the visual has great impact on those individuals who are actually able to see the truth. Conversation is good, but visual is even more effective.

Although once again this year there were fewer delegates at the NEA Representative Assembly, the Lord used "The Wonder of Life" exhibit to minister in special ways to those who visited our exhibit. In fact, we had an increased number of visitors to our exhibit and by the end of the first day we needed to prepare more bags of material for distribution.



We completely exhausted our supply of the materials we had prepared for distribution. This is a mission field where the harvest continues to be ripe, but the workers are often few. Thanks, again, to all of you who helped in any way to make this mission opportunity possible!

Note: An application with a \$50 deposit has already been submitted for the NEA Expo 2015 in Orlando FL. We will need your assistance once again in providing the financial means to take "The Wonder of Life" to the NEA Expo in Orlando.

Students for Life of America Conference 2015: Soon Teachers Saving Children® will be making application to be a vendor at the SFLA Conference which will be held in January 2015 near Washington DC. The estimated cost for this endeavor is about \$1500 total which includes sending at least 2 volunteer representatives to the conference.

Through you, the Lord has each year miraculously provided the finances for the effective pro-life educational outreach ministry opportunities we have and for that provision we are

grateful. Thank you for prayerfully considering being a part of these special endeavors in 2014-2015 by sending in your contribution today.

Note: Please make checks payable to "TSC Inc. – National". Carefully note how the amount given is to be designated (Educational Outreach) so that the contribution will be appropriately allocated. As a tax-exempt organization approved under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, contributions received are **NOT** tax deductible.

NEA PRO-ABORTION POSITION REMAINS STRONG

Each year, the delegates at the National Education Association (NEA) have the opportunity to adopt the Resolutions which are the formal expressions of the NEA's positions. Resolutions are stated positively and without ambiguity and are consistent with the goals of the Association.

This year, a delegate from Iowa attempted to amend NEA Resolution I-17 on Family Planning by adding the following paragraph at the end of the resolution:

The Association also opposes efforts by some states to legislate rules or laws that make it impossible for family planning clinics to carry out their mission, thereby forcing them to close.

This delegate's rationale was that "several states have passed rules or laws that have made it impossible for clinics to operate and many have closed."

Ironically, when this amendment was presented to the delegates, the chair of the Resolutions Committee stated that the committee does **not** accept the amendment as friendly because the amendment is already included in the language found in paragraph 2 of Resolution I-17. Of the 7,137 delegates present at this year's Representative Assembly, the majority of these delegates agreed with the Resolutions Committee that the amendment language was already included in I-17 paragraph 2; thus the amendment failed.

The delegates adopted NEA Resolution I-17 as stated below thus keeping their pro-abortion position strong.

NEA RESOLUTION I-17 – Family Planning

"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).

"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."

-Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.



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Thank you for your continue support.

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our
website!**



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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 2014-2015 membership year. Thank you! **The enclosed membership form is provided for those individuals who have NOT yet renewed this year or who have never officially joined Teachers Saving Children®.** All members receive a quarterly newsletter and other pertinent information throughout the year. Please contact the National Office (330-821-2747) if you have any questions regarding your membership status.

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