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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

"I have been driven many times upon my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go. My own wisdom, and that of all about me, seemed insufficient for that day."
-Abraham Lincoln

The events of recent weeks and months may make it easy to become discouraged and to despair. In 2008, I shared these top 10 predictions which are still solid today (Source: "Aufrance Monday Fodder," September 25, 2008):

1. The Bible will still have all the answers.
2. Prayer will still work.
3. The Holy Spirit will still move.
4. God will still inhabit the praise of His people.
5. There will still be God-anointed preaching.
6. There will still be singing of praise to God.
7. God will still pour out blessings upon His people.
8. There will still be room at the Cross.
9. Jesus will still love you.
10. Jesus will still save the lost when they come to Him.

Isn't it great to know who is really in control. It is the God of the Universe.

And the mission that God has laid before us has not changed. Teachers Saving Children® continues to be committed to its purpose statement: "...an organization of pro-life individuals who are associated with the education profession. Our primary purpose is advocacy for all innocent human life from conception to natural death..." That has been our focus since our inception and that will continue to be our focus.

However, the Lord leads us and engages us in this battle for Life, we need to be willing to step a little farther out of our comfort zone. Let the Lord empower you (and me) to more boldly proclaim the Truth regarding the sanctity of human life. It is but a small sacrifice to pay when it comes to the precious lives of the children we are called to protect. The lives of pre-born children – our future students – depend on our determination to continue to fight for their protection.

NEA OPPOSES "RELIGIOUS FREEDOM RESTORATION ACTS"

The National Education Association Representative Assembly (NEA-RA) was held in Orlando July 3-6. During the four days of business, over 100 New Business Items were discussed by the 6,897 delegates who were elected to represent their colleagues back in their home states. However, the NEA's radicalism was confirmed when the very first New Business Item, NBI-A, passed overwhelmingly. The NEA Board of Directors submitted NBI-A which opposes "religious freedom restoration acts" (RFRAs). The actual text and rationale is as follows:

"The NEA will develop educational materials for its state affiliates and members about the potential dangers of so-called "religious freedom restoration acts" or RFRAs, which may license individuals and corporations to discriminate on the theory that their religious beliefs require such actions. The materials will describe the current legal landscape at the federal and state level, provide model state legislative amendments to modify existing laws to prevent such discriminatory applications, provide talking points for advocacy, and link to existing resources for members and state affiliates to use in efforts to prevent the use of such laws as a license to discriminate."

Rationale/Background: *"So-called "RFRAs" are being considered and/or passed by state legislatures across our nation, giving license to discriminate based on personal religious beliefs. Continuing our tradition of social justice advancements, NEA affiliates and members need resources to prevent these attempts."*

Cost Implications: *This NBI can be accomplished at an additional cost of \$16,200. (In addition to their annual budget)*

By passing this NBI, the delegate body has given the NEA leadership and lobbyists the authority to testify either through written testimony or live testimony before Congress and State Legislatures in opposition to any RFRA that is being considered by these legislative bodies. And as the NEA leadership and lobbyists share their testimonies, they will state that they represent the 2.9 million educators who are members of the NEA, whether or not those educators agree with this NBI. Therefore, if you are an active educator whose faith is your priority, there are options regarding union membership that you can prayerfully consider. For further information, check the "Union Options" article on our website.

EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH

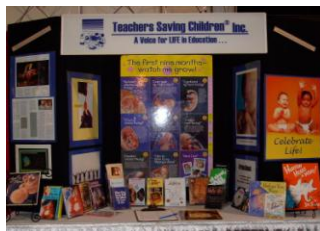
NEA Expo 2015: With God's help, over a 2 day period, our exhibit put the facts and the wonder of human development before the largest assembly of decision-making educators in this nation.

Again this year we had the unique opportunity to minister to some women who were expecting. One of our members, Carmela Ciancio, made and donated several sets of afghans. At our exhibit, volunteers carefully listened to the leading of the Holy Spirit as they spoke with individuals who visited the display. Afghans were given to the women who were pregnant. There was one special opportunity that really spoke to the benefit of this ministry. On the afternoon of the second day when it was rather quiet with exhibit visitors, one of the vendors came by to view our fetal models. She was particularly focused on the models that were around 18-19 weeks gestation. As we conversed with her, we learned that she was at that same stage of pregnancy. We offered her an afghan as a gift. She was so touched by our outpouring of love. Later that evening, we were having dinner with friends who had an exhibit across from this woman's exhibit. These friends had been given the opportunity to plant the seeds of the Gospel with this woman through the course of the two days. When the woman had returned to her exhibit with the afghan, she shared with our friends (she did not realize they knew us) how she had been given this afghan as a gift. This woman was not a believer in Christ, but through the lives of two different exhibits with Christian workers, she felt the love of Christ. This is just one example of the expressions of "awe" and the glowing smiles we saw on the faces of those who received the baby afghans. Thank you, Carmela, for sharing your time and skill for the Teachers Saving Children® exhibit.

New this year to our exhibit was two hand-crafted, incredibly life-like dolls -- one that had been purchased by Teachers Saving Children® and one that was borrowed from a dear friend who uses it for sidewalk counseling in Kettering Ohio. As the volunteers held the dolls, many people thought the dolls were alive, and they were amazed by their features. Every strand of hair had been sewn in individually for the eyelashes and for the head of hair. These dolls were so amazing that even children wanted to hold them. These life-like visuals brought powerful opportunities to talk about the creation and preciousness of life, for if a doll is so precious, then how much more is a real baby.

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. 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 2016 in Washington DC. We



will need your financial assistance once again to take "The Wonder of Life" to the NEA Expo in Washington DC.

Other Conferences: The Board of Trustees continues to look for opportunities to present "The Wonder of Life" at various conferences. Please pray about bringing this message of life to a conference near you.

Through you, the Lord annually and miraculously provides the finances for our outreach ministry opportunities. We are thankful to Him and to our members, as you prayerfully consider partnering with our efforts in 2015-2016 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. The delegates adopted NEA Resolution I-17 as amended and stated below thus keeping their pro-abortion position strong.

NEA RESOLUTION I-17 – Family Planning

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

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

In addition, at this year's NEA Representative Assembly in Orlando, a delegate from Iowa submitted New Business Item #91, which called for NEA to oppose the closing of family planning clinics.

NEA will, through existing media, encourage members to oppose legislative efforts to pass rules or laws that make it impossible for family planning clinics to carry out their mission, thereby forcing them to close."

NBI #91 was sent to Committee for consideration. The same Iowa delegate had tried to get a similar proposal passed last year as an amendment to Resolutions, but his amendment was deemed unnecessary. Why? Because it was stated that the position was already included in NEA policy! Our guess is the Iowa delegate came back with his attempt this year again, as a New Business Item, because he needed to be personally assured that NEA stood against closing abortion clinics! Perhaps he is unaware of NEA's passage of New Business Item #65 back in 1990. It said, in effect, that NEA would oppose any efforts to restrict abortion access. The union's policy could not be much clearer than that.

Ironically, the submission of NBI 91 at the 2015 NEA Representative Assembly was followed only a few days later with the national news that U.S. abortion provider/profitier, Planned Parenthood, was selling aborted baby parts. Will NEA be opposing the closing of Planned Parenthood abortion clinics?

THE 40 FILM: A WAKEUP CALL FOR AMERICA'S YOUTH

By John Morales, Creator of the "40" Film

I am excited to present my latest project to you, a dynamic pro-life documentary created as a tool every pro-life educator like you can use in the classroom!

"40," the definitive pro-life documentary film on abortion, is a wakeup call for America's Youth. It is endorsed by dozens of national pro-life leaders, religious leaders, and educators.

Movie Guide called the movie "*an intellectually stimulating, emotionally powerful, must see movie.*"

"40" is a film that educates, motivates, inspires and challenges the culture on the most divisive issue of our time.

My friend Rebecca Keissling, who was conceived in rape, says that the documentary "*is destined to become the premiere film for educating youth on abortion.*"

Perfect for students 13 and above, the movie can be watched from beginning to end in 62 minutes or broken out by chapter over several periods in order to study the various aspects of abortion. It is even accompanied by a study guide that helps every teacher plan lessons and lead discussions.

Common arguments for abortion are given and answered, the impact of abortion on the Black and Hispanic communities are examined, alternatives to abortion (such as Pregnancy Resource Centers and adoption) are given, and the exploitation of women by Planned Parenthood is documented. The film ends with a rousing segment on the March for Life which features young pro-life activists who give the message that "this is the generation that will end abortion." Best of all, "40" is interwoven with personal stories from post abortive women and men, from former abortion doctors, and from former abortion clinic workers.



The film has been screened in many schools with overwhelming positive feedback from students and educators across America. I was thrilled with this endorsement from Mr. Thane Hall at Brother Rice High School in Bloomfield Hills, MI:

"After viewing this film, I will be using 40 annually in the Morality classes that I teach. It is an outstanding educational vehicle that brings home the foundational moral arguments against abortion and the necessity to respect human life. 40 is an outstanding 60 minutes of thought provoking information from the experiences of a broad spectrum of pro-life activists and people formally involved in the abortion industry. Powerful for students in the way that it brings in personal interviews from women from both sides of the abortion debate to capture its essence in an informational and not overly sentimentalized way. This is a video that would be valuable for every High School to own and use regularly in Theology classes and pro-life groups. 40 will help to raise up a new generation of student activists against the horrors of the culture of death."

Since the issue of abortion is presented as a **human rights issue, not a religious issue**, it can be used in a public school setting too. In fact, some of the strongest voices in the film are NOT people of faith. They make the point that pro-abortion advocates deliberately frame the abortion issue as religious in order to marginalize the pro-life perspective.

Kelsey Hazard of Secular Pro-Life, wrote an article for LifeSite News entitled "Why You should watch the 40 film" and gave four reasons:

1. You can bring your pro-choice friends to see this movie.
2. This movie busts all the stereotypes.
3. This movie makes the case for life compassionately and effectively.
4. This movie is going to save lives.

I made this film because I am post-abortive and an adoptive father of a beautiful 7 year old child. I hope you will consider using this dynamic film to educate the children you care for so deeply.



An educational license is available for all K-12 public or private educational institutions to screen the film. The fee for this license is \$200. It is \$350 for universities. It is a one-time fee. Schools are then allowed to use the film in classrooms and keep the film in their library so students and student groups can check out the film. The study guide is a free PDF download.

Educators who wish to view the film privately before deciding to purchase a license should contact Pro-Life Champions at info@the40film.com or 847-803-4003. We will provide an online link so you can watch it online at your convenience. Please note: The link is given on an individual basis and may not be shared. More information can be found at The40Film.com.

I am grateful for Teachers Saving Children® and the dedication each of you have to educating your students on the most important human rights issue of our time.

Editor's Note: John Morales is the Director and Producer of the "40" film as well as the co-founder of Pro Life Champions. John brings an extensive 20-year background in radio and television to the film. Morales also served as the co-producer, writer, and narrator of the award winning Champions of Faith: Baseball Edition, a groundbreaking sports film that showcases the intersection of sports and faith in Major League Baseball. John lives in Glenview, IL and is available to speak at grade schools, high schools, and universities. Please inquire by contacting him at info@the40film.com or 847-803-4003



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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 2015-2016 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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