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## THOUGHTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Connie Bancroft

*"If my people, who are called by My Name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land...but if you turn away and forsake the decrees and commands I have given you and go off to serve other gods and worship them, then I will uproot Israel from my land, which I have given them, and will reject this temple I have consecrated for My Name..."*

-II Chronicles 7:14 & 19-20 (NIV)

### WILL OUR NATION TURN BACK TO GOD?

As a nation, we are once again at a crossroads. Our secularized culture continues to literally shake its fist in God's face and reject His very Name. We have become an abomination before God. The Prophet Jeremiah warned the Judeans of impending Babylonian captivity. He repeatedly reminded them that their exile would take place because they had forgotten God (Jeremiah 2:32; 3:21; 13:25; 18:15).

We have been a prosperous and world leader for a long time, but these past eight years have revealed our dependency on our *own* wisdom and our *own* strength. They have shown us the gods that are in our lives, such as Wall Street, our financial portfolios, greed, pride, power, and control ("reproductive freedom"). It is now time for the American people to heed the warnings that the Lord is giving through many means and stand up for clear Biblical standards and for our freedom to live by these standards. We need to obey God rather than men when government clashes with our obedience to God. Otherwise, how long will it be before the all-powerful and just God retaliates for the sinful direction our nation has taken?

It is vitally important that Christians carefully research the candidates and the principles upon which they stand, not only at the national level, but also at the state and local levels. And then **VOTE!** We must take the first step in restoring America back to godly principles by electing godly candidates who will stand firm on Biblical principles. And then **PRAY!**

Yes, it is a crucial time in our nation. Will we heed the warnings and turn back to God and His principles or will we continue to reject God and thus lose His blessing upon our land?

## EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH

**NEA Expo 2017:** The Board of Trustees carefully considered our involvement in the NEA Expo exhibit and made the decision to "take a year off". Since the Educational Outreach line item financial supports this ministry opportunity, all monies designated for the NEA Expo will continue to go into this designated fund and will be used to replenish our supply of exhibit materials. The Board of Trustees will reconsider this ministry opportunity during this next fiscal year.

**Students for Life of America Conference 2017:** Due to the blizzard conditions and the subsequent shutdown of the Metro in Washington DC last January 2016, the Students for Life of American East Coast Conference (SFLA) was cancelled. SFLA made the decision to substitute the 2016 sponsorship for the same sponsorship level for the 2017 East Coast National Conference to make up for the 2016 cancellation. Since Teachers Saving Children® had sponsored the East Coast Conference which included an exhibit table and registration for two volunteers, our sponsorship level will remain the same for the 2017 East Coast Conference at no additional cost. Praise God! The Board of Trustees will be sending 2 volunteers to oversee the exhibit.

In addition, the Board has already approved sending our California board member to the West Coast SFLA Conference to be held Sunday, January 22, 2017 at The Cathedral Event Center in San Francisco CA. The registration cost for the West Coast Conference will be \$100 for the board member and his wife to attend.

We still need to raise approximately \$500 for the travel costs of our volunteers. This SFLA Conference is a golden opportunity to reach thousands of high school and college students with information about Teachers Saving Children® and to provide those going into education with options regarding union membership.

Through you, the Lord each year has miraculously provided the finances for the effective pro-life educational outreach ministry opportunities placed before us, and for that provision we are grateful. As we consider other outreach opportunities, your financial support is still needed and appreciated.

**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.

## MEMBER INTERVIEW

Kay Holzmeister is a retired teacher from LaGrange Park, IL. She taught for 35 years, serving about half of her career in regular education, and later supporting students with learning disabilities. She and her husband have two adult children.

Kay has been active in the pro-life movement since the passage of Roe v Wade, volunteering at a women's pregnancy center in Berwyn. She has participated in prayer vigils in Chicago and Oak Park, IL, and takes pleasure that the Chicago operation closed, and the Oak Park abortionist no longer operates there. Kay supports the Pro-Life Action League, 40 Days for Life, and Students for Life, through contributions and by attending benefit events.

Kay writes to her Senators and Representatives, expressing her pro-life stance. She believes that most Chicago-area legislators are pro-abortion, so she's unsure how much effect she has had. However, she "speaks her mind," entrusting the outcome to God.

Kay has belonged to Teachers Saving Children® since the early 1990's, when she first met Bob Pawson, the founder, at an NEA RA where she was a district delegate.

At that RA, Kay "stood alone" at the microphone to express her opposition to a pro-abortion motion that was being discussed. She says she was "the reprobate in the Illinois delegation" because she publicly opposed the resolution. Because of her bold stance for life, Kay says she was "written up in USA Today."

Kay states, "Never be afraid to be a party of one...We play to an Audience of One—our Almighty Father!"

**"It is a sin to remain silent  
when it is your duty to speak up."  
-Abraham Lincoln**

## THANK YOU

The Board of Trustees expresses their deepest thanks and appreciation to the Alliance First Friends Church (Alliance OH) Social Action Committee who gave Teachers Saving Children® a monetary gift of \$1000 towards a laptop, printer, software, and related IT needed items. What a blessing from the Lord as we network together with the message of LIFE.

## DON'T FORGET THE SENATE!

While our minds may be fixed upon the Presidential race, we need to consider that the President is only one person, and has only limited authority. However, important to those who value life, is his or her authority to nominate Supreme Court justices. The next President will nominate at least one, and likely three or four justices; these nominations will be either approved or blocked by the members of the **Senate**. Therefore **it is critical** that we support Senate candidates who value human life.

Karen Cross, NRLC Political Director states (National Right to Life News August 2016) that there are 34 US Senate seats up for election: 10 Democrats and 24 Republicans. While 8 of the 10 Democratic seats are considered "safe", 13 of 24 Republicans' seats are considered "vulnerable." The Democrats need a net gain of 5 seats to regain control of the Senate, or 4 if they win the White House. (The Democrats need a net gain of 30 seats to regain control of the House.) Ms. Cross encourages ALL pro-life Americans to find ways to provide support to candidates who represent their views.

Cross writes: "Remember we are all in this together, and we need to support each other, regardless of our location. Find out how you can support your colleagues via social media. Reach out to your friends and family who may live in states with competitive Senate races. Never stop looking for an opportunity to make a difference. We are all responsible for these races and for the future of our country."

Further information regarding candidates is available on the NRLC website: [www.NRLC.org](http://www.NRLC.org).

## VERSES TO PONDER AS YOU PRAY FOR THE ELECTION

*"...There is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God."  
-Romans 13:1b (ESV)*

*"When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn."  
-Proverbs 29:2 (KJV)*

*"If my people who are called by my name humble themselves and pray, seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land."  
-II Chronicles 7:14 (ESV)*

## AND A THOUGHT TO CONSIDER

*"Fear not tomorrow, God is already there."  
-Lyric from Carolyn Adkins, "Fear Not Tomorrow", PNKC Music*

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

**July 15, 2016:** The Teachers Saving Children® National Board of Trustees met in Cincinnati OH, for a special board meeting and work session. The following are highlights of some of the items that were discussed.

1. The Board of Trustees approved Charles Hlavaty as a new at-large Board of Trustees member. See August Newsletter.
2. The Board of Trustees approved a Signature Ad Campaign Grant. Information was sent to current members in the August Newsletter and through the September E-blast.
3. The Board of Trustees made the decision to “take a year off” from participation in the NEA Expo and reconsider participation for 2018. See related article.

**October 8, 2016:** The Teachers Saving Children® National Board of Trustees met in Columbus OH, for their regularly scheduled Fall meeting. The following are highlights of some of the items that were discussed.

1. The Board of Trustees made plans for the exhibit at the Students for Life of America East Coast Conference and the West Coast Walk for Life.
2. The Board of Trustees approved several Constitution & Bylaw changes to align with changes due to the transition.
3. The Board of Trustees approved the 2015-2016 fiscal report and the following 2016-2017 budget:

Awards & Gifts	100.00
Grants & Scholarships	500.00
Legal & Accounting	1000.00
Office Administration	1800.00
Postage	2700.00
Public Relations	
Printing	2800.00
Promotion	500.00
Telephone	600.00
Travel Expenses	<u>1500.00</u>
Total	\$11,500.00

## TEACHERS SAVING CHILDREN® NATIONAL 2015-2016 FISCAL REPORT

Balance (Cash & Assets) 9/1/2015		\$4730.92
Receipts:		
ACH Activities (Holdings)	(0.05)	
Contributions:		
Educational Outreach	4375.00	
In-Kind	355.00	
Undesignated	3861.00	
Memberships:		
2015-2016	1390.00	
2016-2017	3850.00	
Interest	0.83	\$13,831.78
Disbursements:		
Awards & Gifts	0.00	
Legal & Accounting	1370.00	
Office Administration	1628.99	
ACH Fees	10.93	
Postage	2529.38	
Public Relations		
Advertising	97.50	
Printing	2369.98	
Promotion		
Ed Outreach*	6190.83	
Telephone	594.29	
Travel Expenses	1242.18	16034.08
ACH Holdings Transactions 2015-2016		0.05
Balance (Cash & Assets) 8/31/2016		\$2528.67

\*The Educational Outreach Line Item Balance is \$880.91

**Please note:** Thank you for helping the Board to have a better picture of what our finances will be like for the 2016-2017 fiscal year by paying your memberships prior to September 1, 2016. Teachers Saving Children® Inc. - National is very thankful for your membership and, also, for the additional contributions many of you have sent during the course of the year.

### In Memory

**“Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.” -Psalms 116:15 (NIV)**

Judith Brown Keller, age 66, went home to be with Jesus on August 24, 2016. Judie was one of the seven individuals who met and formed the Ohio Chapter and later the National organization of Teachers Saving Children®. Judie taught elementary school in the Mentor Public Schools System (OH) for 19 years. During her early years of teaching, she was an NEA member and very active locally. However, during her last few years of teaching she dropped out of the association due to the abortion issue. After leaving public teaching at Mentor, she felt led to be a stay at home mom and home school her children. She also served on the Mentor School Board of Education for eight years.



Judie was very active in many local pro-life activities including Life Chain, Lake County Right to Life, and working at the Right to Life Lake County Fair Booth. She was also actively involved in her local church, Grace Church of Mentor.

Survivors are her husband of 28 years, Doug Keller; daughters, Jenna (Joe) Wheeler and Jaime (Tim) Cohen; granddaughter, Hayley Wheeler and brother, Terry (Joanne) Assad. She was preceded in death by her parents.

The entire Teachers Saving Children® family sends their condolences to the Keller family. May the precious memories of a life well lived for Jesus and His grace sustain family and friends in these days.



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**FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2017**

**WASHINGTON DC**

**Forty-four** years ago on January 22, 1973, the US Supreme Court handed down the Roe v Wade and Doe v Bolton decisions that allowed abortion on demand in America through all nine months of pregnancy. Awareness of this tragic decision should spur us on to make this coming March for Life the largest one ever!

*The March for Life Benefits All*

For complete details concerning the events of January 22nd, please contact your local Right to Life Chapter or State Right to Life office. For those pro-life teachers and school employees who cannot go to Washington DC, it is suggested that you attend the pro-life marches or rallies being held in your own local areas.

**Let's stand together for the Sanctity of Human Life!**

**2016-2017 MEMBERSHIPS**

The National Teachers Saving Children® Board of Trustees would like to express their thanks to everyone who has taken the time to renew. As of October 7, 2016, there are 227 paid National Teachers Saving Children® members. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. If you have not yet done so, there is still time to join and receive full membership benefits. Membership cards will be mailed around the 1<sup>st</sup> of November.

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