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Janet Robey: Virginia’s New State Director

“I was drawn to Concerned Women for America because it is an organization that has a proven track record of almost 30 years,” says Janet Robey, Virginia’s new CWA State Director. “CWA is a group founded on Biblical principles by ordinary concerned citizens.”

Earlier, Janet had been in children's ministry but felt that God was directing her into a new area. At a 2005 conference she ran across a Concerned Women for America of Virginia information table and signed up for more information. Janet started attending a Prayer/Action Chapter, eventually becoming a church liaison with Family Foundation and a Home Team Captain with CWA. Appointed in September 2007 as interim State Director, Janet recently accepted the position as State Director.

Janet took an active part in the successful campaign to pass the Marriage Amendment in Virginia. In 2006 CWA-VA recognized her as Volunteer of the Year.

When asked why she got involved in CWA, Janet echoes Beverly LaHaye: “When my grandchildren or great grandchildren say to me – ‘Grammy when things got so bad in America what did you do?’ I’ll be able to tell them that I did everything I could.”

Janet continues as the office/business manager of a dental practice, a position she has held for 15 years. She admits that her position as State Director has stretched her, challenging her in areas that are out of her “comfort zone.”

Janet lives in the Bedford area with Al, her husband of 35 years. Their daughter Jennifer works in education;



CWA-VA Director Janet Robey

Jennifer’s husband is going to school to become a physician's assistant. Just last year the couple adopted a child from China. Janet’s son Christopher is a KC-135 pilot with the Air Force, stationed at McDonnell AFB, Kansas. His wife is also an educator, currently focusing on their three children under three!

Update on the Lisa Miller Case—by Linda Wall

It was over four and a half years ago that I received a call from Rena Lindvaldsen of Liberty Counsel. She had heard that I was a Christian activist in Virginia who had once been involved in homosexuality. Liberty Counsel was considering taking the Lisa Miller case and wanted me to go to Winchester, Virginia and determine if Lisa Miller was indeed “born-again.”

I accepted the assignment and drove to Winchester. All the way I prayed for discernment. As soon as I walked through the front door of Lisa’s house and looked at her countenance I knew she had been touched by Jesus; that she was the “real McCoy”!

During these years of following the case, I have seen Lisa clearly demonstrate her love for the Lord in fighting the fight and keeping the faith. She stood up against threats to take away her child, enduring heartbreaking uncertainty for years. Her plight is close to all Christians as the freedom to raise children in the ways of the Lord is in jeopardy. Her fate is bound up with the risk of having Virginia’s DOMA, Marriage Affirmation Act and Marriage Amendment of Virginia, overridden by the marriage laws of other states.

Lisa has asked me to say thanks to all of you for your prayers and thoughts.

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Lisa and Isabella Miller

She is presently teaching in a Christian school and is continuing to trust Jesus for victory and for Him to be glorified in the end.

Little Isabella is not so little anymore. She has had to “grow up” fast. Despite the difficult times, she is a real delight and talks about her love for Jesus and His ways. The hand of the Lord has been upon Lisa and Isabella throughout this case. Divine intervention is needed more than ever in the days to come. May God Almighty deliver Lisa and Isabella from the evil of the hour.

Legal proceeding update:

The next few weeks bring Lisa and Isabella to several points of crisis:

- On August 11, Liberty Counsel filed a petition asking the United States Supreme Court to hear Lisa’s parental rights claim in the Vermont litigation. The court is expected to consider whether to take the case on September 29.
- During the first week of September, Liberty Counsel will file a petition asking the US Supreme Court to hear Lisa’s case in Virginia, asking the court to clarify that Virginia does not have to give full faith and credit to the unconstitutional orders coming from Vermont. The court will likely consider that petition in mid October.
- Janet, Lisa’s former lesbian partner, will soon ask the Virginia Juvenile and Domestic Relations court to register and enforce Vermont orders giving Janet liberal visitation. (Rena Lindevaldsen, Liberty Counsel attorney, asks that you pray for wisdom in her opposing those motions.)
- On October 27, the Vermont trial court will have a hearing on Janet’s motion for sanctions against Lisa, including Janet’s request for a full change of custody. Divine intervention is needed in this matter.

Let us pray for Lisa, Isabella, and the state of Virginia during these upcoming weeks.

Handprints in Heaven

In Memory of Christopher Michael Hinkle (Died March 23, 1987)

Once I had a precious child, growing inside my womb,
I was not mature enough to let this baby bloom;

I often wonder what could’ve been, if you were actually born,
Instead 19 years later, I need a healing class to mourn;

I dreamed you were a beautiful boy with blonde hair on your head,
I saw you crawling and standing up, I wake and you are dead;

I know that Jesus has you now and when my days are done,
I will get to meet you and know you are my son;

I regret the decision, that stole your life from you,
Christopher, please forgive mommy, I didn’t know what to do;

I love you and have grief inside, that I didn’t know was there,
Until my God brought people in, who have lived the same nightmare;

If I had known the emotional pain, that abortion brings with it,
I would’ve tried my hardest for you, I would commit;

For no one goes untouched in life, when abortion haunts their soul,
It’s not until the shame’s revealed, that we feel and heal and grow;

My sweet boy, I’ve missed you, others have missed you, too,
You have a sister, Kadi, who now, knows all about you;

She will grieve her own way, as my abortion touches her,
I’ve prayed she will forgive me, for aborting Christopher;

I know I am forgiven and I just need you to know,
How sorry I am, for stopping your life, God wanted you to grow;

Dear baby up in Heaven, I love you from my heart,
I thank my Heavenly Father, for giving me a new start;

Jesus wants to heal me, from my past and from my sin,
In obedience to Him, I choose to let Him in;

I need the supernatural things, that only God can give,
I claim them now and ask my Lord, to show me how to live;

Thank you God for caring, when our sins bring trials and grief,
You have my baby boy with You, that gives my soul relief;

I dedicate this poem, to a life cut way too short,
I pray that God will guide others, before they can abort.

I love you,
Mommy

Elaine Hinkle August 11, 2006

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Annual Prayer Breakfast:

January 14, 2009

Mark your calendar and plan to attend!

**The Commonwealth of Virginia's
Annual Prayer Breakfast**

**Richmond Convention Center,
January 14, 2009**

Cost to attend \$25-\$30

**To put your name on the list to attend please call
Janet Robey at (434) 401-8852**

An Encouraging Word

Janet Robey

Turning Around Like Jonah

Are you a Jonah? Have you ever been in a situation or made a decision that turned out badly? Did you wish for a second chance? If so, then maybe you are a Jonah.

As I was reading through the Book of Jonah, I saw some comparisons. Jonah could be a symbol of individual Christians with Ninevah perhaps the symbol of America. As Jonah was the hope of Ninevah, we are the hope of America.

But Jonah did not symbolize hope at first, not until he turned in the right direction.

We have received our orders from a Holy God to preach and proclaim to America, because America's wickedness has come up before God, just as Ninevah's did (Jonah 1:1).

Have we been sitting on the sidelines being armchair Christians while our nation has turned from its Godly heritage? If we have, then we are the present day Jonahs.

We must pay attention to the call to minister to America. Do we have 4, 40 or 400 years before America we know will be only a memory? We don't know, but nonetheless, the time is shorter now than it was yesterday.

We are given a second chance. Jonah 3:1-2: "Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time: Go to the great city of Ninevah and proclaim to it the message I give you."

As Ninevah was waiting on Jonah, America is waiting on us.

As Jonah sat in the belly of the fish for three days, he had an awakening. What will it take to wake *us* up? America needs believers who are awakened and ready to proclaim God's truth. How can we be ready to give an answer?

- Pray for our nation.
- Study God's word.
- Determine to have a strong family who raises the next generation correctly.
- Be involved enough to know what is right.
- Possess and proclaim a Biblical worldview.

It is up to each of us as individuals to do what God has called us to do in our own sphere of influence. You may think your influence is small and makes no difference. Understand that by standing with others our influence grows.

Janice Crouse, Director and Senior fellow at Beverly LaHaye Institute said, "We can stand firm wherever God has placed us. It is the accumulated acts of courage that ripple out to break down the walls of evil."

We are calling the modern-day Jonahs of Virginia to prayer and action, because together, we can make a difference.

Calling all Encouragers and Prayer Warriors!!!

CWA of Virginia is exploring the idea of implementing "Encourage-A-Legislator" for this upcoming General Session. Encourage a Legislator pairs a CWA prayer partner with state legislators to pray for them daily and send weekly postcards with encouraging Scripture verses or quotes.

"I have been so lifted up by your 'CWA We Are Praying for You' postcards. Your prayers, Scripture verses and words of encouragement are so very much appreciated. So often people tell me that they are praying for me and I am appreciative. However, you've gone one step further and proved it by sending me your prayers and written thoughts. I appreciated the support and thoughtfulness."

—Gov. Sonny Perdue, Georgia

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Let the Redeemed of the Lord Say So in 2008, by Linda Wall

Corner after corner, church after church, it was the same. The doors were locked! Why on earth were the churches closed? At first I was astonished. But, quickly that emotion grew into anger. How dare they lock the doors! I needed to get inside. I needed help. I just wanted to sit on a pew in the silence of a sanctuary.

I was so hopeless, so tired, so at the end of my rope of homosexuality. All of a sudden I became terrified! I was lost and totally alone. Where else was there for me to go for help besides the church?

I continued to walk along with no destination in mind. Voices whispered in one ear telling me to kill myself. In the other ear a voice answered, "You can't do that to your mother and father."

Out loud I called on the Lord and amazingly He answered me. The next event was supernatural in nature and it saved my soul and my life. Before my eyes a huge movie screen appeared in the sky. It then quickly turned into a flipchart with pages from scenes of my sinful life. It continued backwards through ten years of episodes to the day that my parents left me at college. As they drove away, I said, "Good. I'm going to do what I want to do now and I'll go to church when I want to go to church."

It was at that moment, looking at the screen, that I realized I needed Jesus Christ running my life. It's been over twenty-five years now since the Lord Jesus delivered me from the sin of homosexuality. America needs the Lord. The true followers of Christ must rise to the occasion to save a nation and call the churches back to Jesus. The redeemed of the Lord cannot be silent as the holy matrimony of marriage is perverted with men marrying men and women marrying women, and homosexuality, an abominable behavior, is classified as part of God's creation of man. In times past, silence prevailed in the "Church" when prayer was removed from public schools, when the murder of unborn babies was legalized and the Ten Commandments were rolled from the

courtroom into a closet. Today the Church is largely silent as Hollywood sets the moral compass of our nation. God wants to heal America but as long as the church is sinfully silent, He cannot go against His Word and do that. It is the hour to unlock the doors of the Church, seek God's face, turn from wicked ways and call the Church of America back to Christ.

(II Chronicles 7:14)

Elections are just a few weeks away, and for too long believers have been guilty of not voting or voting for candi

dates because of party loyalty. A true believer is responsible to vote for the candidates who line up most with the Bible.

It has been over a hundred years since America has had a visitation from the Lord (Azusa Street, Los Angeles). Some say we have revival going on in some areas of our nation, but true revival changes the moral climate of cities and nations. May true revival begin in each believer's heart this election season. Abortion and homosexuality are wrong and the Lord's redeemed must say so.

Approved by the people of Virginia in 2006—now endangered in court...

Virginia Marriage Amendment Article 1—Bill of Rights

"Section 15-A. Marriage.

That only a union between one man and one woman may be a marriage valid in or recognized by this Commonwealth and its political subdivisions.

This Commonwealth and its political subdivisions shall not create or recognize a legal status for relationships of unmarried individuals that intends to approximate the design, qualities, significance, or effects of marriage. Nor shall this Commonwealth or its political subdivisions create or recognize another union, partnership, or other legal status to which is assigned the rights, benefits, obligations, qualities, or effects of marriage."

2008 Presidential Campaign Issues Guide—by Janet Davis

Issue	John McCain	Barack Obama
Supports Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA)	Yes	No
Appointment of judges: appoint judges who interpret law according to <u>personal beliefs</u> (PB) or interpret law <u>as written</u> (AW)	AW	PB
Opposes Medicaid-funded abortions	Yes	No
Supports a federal parental notification law for abortion for minors	Yes	No
Supports abstinence education	Yes	No
Supports continuing faith-based initiatives	Yes	Yes
Supports repeal of federal estate tax	Yes	No
Signed pledge not to raise taxes	No	No
Opposes gay pride celebrations	Yes	No
Supports immediate removal of troops from Iraq	No	Yes
Supports Federal "hate crimes" legislation	No	Yes
Supports curriculum that promotes homosexuality	No	Yes
Would <u>sign</u> or <u>veto</u> Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) which would grant civil rights based on sexual orientation	<u>Veto</u>	<u>Sign</u>
Opposes legislation forcing businesses to favor homosexuals	Yes	No
Opposes human cloning	Yes	No

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