



Christmas 2014

Dear friends of CWA of Hawaii,

We pray that you rejoice always in what God has done for you through Christ. May you pray without ceasing as you walk through the joys and tribulations of this life and may you in all things give thanks to the One who is the Author and Perfector of our faith.

As this year comes to an end, let us reflect on the work CWA of Hawaii was able to accomplish in 2014. Because of your supportive prayers and action, we are able to present this list to you.

We kicked off **January** with our 3rd annual [Encourage-a-Legislator \(EAL\) program](#) that went through early May. This was a great way to help the legislators understand that CWA of Hawaii does exist and that we are praying for and encouraging them regardless of what party they are with or what position they take on the issues. Click [here](#) to sign up today. Please encourage those you know to do the same.

Also in **January** I attended the CWA Leadership Training in Washington D.C. While in D.C., I lobbied alongside other state leaders on Capitol Hill in support of the [Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act](#) (S.1670). Though Hawaii legislators were not in at the time, I was able to meet with their staff and leave information. This legislation has been stalled in committee since November 2013. This important legislation needs to be passed.

In **February** we supported The Hawaii Religious Freedom Restoration Act ([HB1624](#)). HB 1624 would have made it harder for government to interfere or burden the free exercise of religion since SB1 did not provide our churches the protection needed. I wrote a letter on behalf of CWA of Hawaii to the House Judiciary Committee Chairman Karl Rhoads (D-District 29) asking him to allow this bill to be brought up for a hearing. I then put out an [e-alert](#) for you to do the same. Rep. Rhoads refused to schedule a hearing for this bill because, "It was re-litigating SB1".

Also in **February** we put out an [e-alert](#) against the Pono Choices program that is currently being taught in some Hawaiian schools to teens ages 11 to 13. It is more like "porno choices" because of the explicit sexual details that are being taught. We encouraged our members to contact the Hawaii Board of Education. Unfortunately this program continues to invade our schools and the Hawaii Board of Education does nothing to stop it.

In **June** I attended a Religious Freedom Rally held in Honolulu. It was wonderful to visit with the CWA members who attended.

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CWA of Hawaii held a prayer gathering in **September** in Hilo to pray for [persecuted Christians around the world, Israel and for our religious freedoms](#) to remain available to us. There were about 20 of us in attendance. I hope to do the same again in 2015 on the other Islands. More information to come.

In **November** CWA of Hawaii once again hosted a [National Day of Prayer, Fasting and Repentance](#). A handful of us gathered together in my home while others participated from their homes.

My number one goal for 2015 is to continue working on establishing more [CWA Prayer/Action Chapters](#). Chapters are vital to CWA as we strive to continually pray, educate and take action on the core issues that are important to us. Prayer is our most powerful weapon.

Another goal is establishing a CWA of Hawaii Legislative Liaison who lives in Oahu and could attend many of the Legislative Sessions. Please pray with me for this. This would be very helpful to CWA so that we can respond quickly to various pieces of legislation before they wind up getting passed without much in the way of notification. Might you be a good fit for this position? It is a volunteer position, but a valuable one in what can be accomplished. There are also other positions available, please contact me if you are interested in learning more about them.

I am currently working on CWA informational meetings in Kona and Waimea. My goal is to have meetings on every Island this coming year. With your help, this is possible. Please consider having me come to either your church or a group that you are part of to talk about CWA.

On January 24, I will have a table at the Aloha Life Advocates March for Life in Honolulu. Be sure to say hi if you are in attendance.

In order to be able to continue to have events, plan activities and projects and represent you on pro-family pro-life legislation and more, it is crucial that there are enough finances in the state budget to pay for travel, office supplies, printing, mailing expenses and such. All CWA state directors are to have self-sustaining budgets, and that means that we depend upon donations from our members. Your gift to CWA of Hawaii is tax-deductible. If you send your donation directly to P.O. Box 10732, Hilo, HI 96721, it will stay in Hawaii for our work. Gifts sent to our national office in Washington, D.C., are used for national work. You can give online by going to hi.cwfa.org and clicking on "Donate to Your State" under my picture. Your support could not be more appreciated.

We pray that you have a blessed Christmas and a wonderful New Year!



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