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Greetings and Merry Christmas to all,

What a year we've experienced — for some you may yet be uncertain, for others you're excited and eager to see new changes in 2017. Either way, we know God is on the throne no matter who is on Air Force One. That said, it's exciting to have a president-elect who has said he'll work to repeal the Johnson Amendment so we can speak our faith on policy issues without penalty, and promises to end the war on Christianity so we can fulfill our Matthew 28:19-20 mandate to spread the gospel without punishment. This alone should please every believer.



CWA of Iowa Goose Lake Prayer/Action Chapter

Prayer continues to be the strength of Concerned Women for America (CWA) of Iowa. Our Prayer/Action Chapter Leaders lead their monthly attendees in prayer for their community and educate them on issues that affect our families. With active chapters scattered across the state, we are well on our way to having one in every county. If you're interested in starting a Chapter or joining an existing one, please e-mail me today!

Our much loved annual Encourage-A-Leader (EAL) Program matches every legislator, seven statewide office holders, Iowa's six congressional members, and seven Iowa Supreme Court Justices with a prayer partner committed to sending pre-printed EAL postcards and covering their assigned leader in 1 Timothy 2:13-14 prayers during the legislative session. Legislators frequently thank us for these beautiful postcards and often display them on their desks in the Chambers. Contact us today if you would like to join the team!



Iowa tag-teamed with CWA National to ensure Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) had support for his role in protecting the constitutional process of Senate confirmations for Supreme Court nominees by delivering thousands of petitions to his office and renting a billboard-style truck with images of CWA members supporting Grassley's stance on the Court in order to counter the harassing messages on trucks sponsored by out-of-state groups.



Myself and Janae Stracke, CWA National's Communications Coordinator

In May, CWA of Iowa was the first call when concerned parents heard Fairfield School District was voluntarily implementing transgender bathrooms. We literally broke the story on Truth For Our Time radio heard on 99.3 FM in central Iowa having the school superintendent, a parent and a student join in the discussion. Having an existing prayer chapter in the community, CWA ladies were instrumental on the front lines meeting with parents and pastors who continue the battle to protect their children.



In June, I was honored to join CWA's CEO Penny Nance and 1,000 other evangelical leaders in New York City to share concerns with then-candidate Donald Trump.

As part of the nation's largest women's public policy organization, CWA of Iowa was one of the first to educate Iowans about Islam's impact and Sharia Law's oppression of women. This year we spoke at meetings in every congressional district and we're already responding to invitations for 2017.

This fall, CWA of Iowa leaders joined CWA National's and Family Research Council's Values Action Bus Tour across Iowa from Davenport to Sioux City.

Next to prayer, the strength of CWA is our people — each of you. CWA allows flexibility for volunteers to maximize or minimize their participation while being edified, educated and equipped to speak out on issues. If you feel called, we have a place for you in Iowa.



Have you ever considered lobbying? CWA has trained many Iowans on how to lobby from their laptops at home or in person at the legislature. Now is the time to press forward.

It's been encouraging to hear the crowds cheer as our president-elect proclaims Merry Christmas. There seems to be a renewed sense of joy. I hope you feel it also, and can take time with your loved ones to enjoy the fullness of this Holy Season. Even more, I hope Christ might once again feel welcome as we celebrate His birth.



Prayer/Action Chapter Leader Dana Huss Represents CWA of Iowa at one of the stops

Christmas is a great time to reflect and repair relationships, to assess priorities and to reaffirm our faith in the promise of the Messiah. Our Savior came to earth as a babe, offered Himself to die as a sacrifice for our sins, then rose again defeating death so we could live with Him again in Heaven should we believe in Him here on earth (1 John 4:9-16). God is so faithful and always ready to forgive when we ask — but He waits for us to ask. I am so grateful for His incredible gift of eternal life in Heaven and His many blessings here on earth, including our Christian foundations as a nation.

"Is it not that, in the chain of human events, the birthday of the nation is indissolubly linked with the birthday of the Savior?" -John Quincy Adams, 1837

Evangelicals were incredibly influential this election cycle. Now is the time to build on the conservative momentum across the nation and pursue policies that will honor God, family and country in all levels of government. I hope you will partner with CWA of Iowa in prayer, volunteer opportunities and/or give a gift of any size. To give a tax-deductible gift online, [click here](#). Or, send a check to the address below. Write it out to "Concerned Women for America" and put "CWA of IA" on the memo line. All monies designated to Iowa are used for God's glory inside our state and we work to be good stewards of every precious dollar you give.

Season's Blessings to You and Yours,

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