



December 2016

Dear Faithful Friend,

On behalf of Concerned Women for America (CWA) of North Carolina, we send you greetings of peace and joy this Christmas season. Let us be reminded that it is in Him Whom we place our hope, for on His shoulders He bears the burden of both individuals and governments as it says in Isaiah 9:6: “For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

It has been a year of contradictions for North Carolina. We have seen an entire culture group bent on “correcting” the way civilization has operated for millennia, as if to say there has always been more than two sexes, but that it has just now mysteriously been revealed in the twenty-first century! And, according to this culture, we, the opposition, must accept this counterfeit lifestyle. We know this is another guile of the devil attempting to pervert God’s truth and deceive those who want to believe their own wisdom is greater than that of our Creator God.

This year, we have stood on Psalm 82:4: “stand for the innocent and needy and deliver them from the hand of the wicked.” Our mission has been to educate and influence society by shedding Biblical light and truth in the area of public policy. Because of your prayers, participation and financial support, we have not wavered in this call.

- ◆ In February, we participated in the “Rise Up” Conference in Charlotte. Former State Director Sheri Miller and Associate State Director Mary Frances Forrester spoke on the growing dangers of Sharia Law in America.
- ◆ In February and March, we worked behind the scenes as well as spoke at rallies in favor of HB2, The Public Facilities Privacy & Security Act, which passed in March 2016 to keep women and children safe from predators in public bathrooms. (Sheri Miller was a speaker at the February 22, 2016, “Don’t Do It Charlotte” rally prior to the City Council meeting. Unfortunately, the Council carried out their intention with a 7-4 vote to pass the bathroom provision to allow the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Nondiscrimination Ordinance).
- ◆ Also in February, in response to the Charlotte bathroom ordinance, CWA of North Carolina invited members and friends to meet in Raleigh to pray at the Legislative Chapel.
- ◆ In March, we were invited to and attended the American Israel Public Affairs Committee Conference (AIPAC) in Washington, D.C. We were among 18,000 participants.
- ◆ In March and October, we gathered together in prayer in both Raleigh and Charlotte’s abortion clinics to support 40 Days for Life.



Sheri Miller speaking at the “Don’t Do It Charlotte” rally



Penny Nance was a featured panelist at AIPAC’s “Evangelical Christian Support for Israel.”



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- ◆ In April, we gathered together with other like-minded organizations in Raleigh and prayed at the HB2 Rally. Penny Nance was one of the speakers.



- ◆ In April, May and June, we covered in prayer all 180 members of the North Carolina General Assembly and Council of State, as well as the Lt. Governor and Governor through our “Encourage-A-Legislator” program and sent them encouragement cards.



- ◆ At our last Charlotte Prayer/Action Chapter meeting in the spring, we wished Sheri Miller well before she moved to her home state of California with her husband to care for her mother.

- ◆ In June, we held our 16th Annual “Day at the Capital” in Raleigh at the North Carolina Legislative Building. We hosted a chapel service in the Legislative Chapel Room with legislators and their staff, visited our legislators, thanked them for serving our state, and encouraged those who stood strong in favor of HB2.



Day at the Capital organizers

- ◆ Also in June, CWA partnered with Faith and Freedom Coalition for the Road to Majority conference in Washington, D.C. We enjoyed many inspiring speakers, including the now President-Elect Donald Trump, Sen. Jeff Sessions (R-Alabama), the Benham Brothers, presidential candidates Carly Fiorina and Dr. Ben Carson, Penny Nance, our CEO and President, and many others. We sat in on many outstanding break-out sessions, including a session on the issue of religious liberty and the freedom of speech in which Sheri Miller and Mary Frances Forrester presented on HB2. It was



Sheri and Mary Frances Forrester participate in session on religious freedom and freedom of speech

enthusiastically received and many crowded around them afterward to hear more about the situation. During the CWA leadership training time, Sheri was honored for her many years



of faithful service as the State Director of CWA of North Carolina. Then, at the concluding gala event, CWA Founder Mrs. Beverly LaHaye was honored for her contributions to the pro-family movement.



- ◆ Closing the month of June, we spoke at a press conference at the Time Warner Cable Arena in support of the 2017 NBA All Star Game remaining in Charlotte rather than leaving because of opposition to HB2.



Jill Coward with Michelle Bachman, former US Representative (R-Iowa)

- ◆ In October, we accompanied the CWA and Family Research Council Action “Values Bus Tour” and spoke at many county stops as it toured all 100 counties of North Carolina as part of the get-out-the-vote project. Thousands of voter guides were distributed across the state.



Katherine Hearn, Home Team Captain and former Chapter Coordinator, Caroline Aderholt, CWA National’s Chief of Staff and Miriam Harris, 535 Coordinator

- ◆ On November 17, just nine days after the election, without a concrete result in the gubernatorial race, we held a prayer rally in Charlotte to pray for integrity and righteousness to prevail in the undecided statewide races.



NC State Rep.
Dan Bishop (R
- District 104)



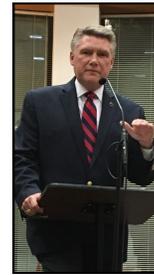
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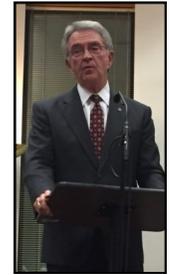
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In addition to thanking you, I would like to show special gratitude to our excellent Prayer/Action Chapters throughout the state. They have been strong, courageous and unwavering in their commitment and diligence. And, last, but not least, our outstanding state Steering Committee: Mary Frances Forrester, Associate Director and Legislative Liaison, Tammy Harris, State Prayer/Action Chapter Coordinator, Miriam Harris, 535 Coordinator, Phyllis Philemon, Records Correspondent, and Andrea George and Jan Lewis, our Legislative Action Leaders. There would not be a CWA of North Carolina without their outstanding work and commitment to the ministry.

We covet your prayers and involvement in 2017 as they will be vital as we anticipate yet another very busy year.

Please come alongside us in financial support if you are able. Will you consider partnering with us in 2017 by blessing CWA of North Carolina with a tax-deductible gift that will remain in North Carolina to help our work locally? Any amount is appreciated. Donations may be sent to the address below or [donate online](#). If sending a check, please make it out to “Concerned Women for America” and put CWA of North Carolina in the memo line.

Our prayers in the coming year are that the Name of Christ will be lifted high, that we will continue to make progress in our state and nation for truth and righteousness and that many will join us.

May you and your family have a blessed Christmas and a healthy, happy and peaceful New Year.

In Christ,

Jill Coward
State Director
CWA of North Carolina