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Dear Concerned Friend,

Thank you for your interest in starting a Concerned Women for America (CWA) Prayer/Action Chapter. Your interest is an answer to prayer! CWA desires to connect Christians who are concerned about America in a united prayer and action network. We provide information about current public policy issues, expose those forces weakening the family, and educate citizens on the governmental process. Armed with this information, CWA members are encouraged to pray diligently for our nation and its leaders.

The Prayer/Action Chapter has a three-fold purpose, providing an opportunity for members to:

1. Be alert and **INFORMED** on the issues. (Ephesians 6:18b)
2. **PRAY** about the issues. (Ephesians 6:18a)
3. **ACT** on those issues. (Ephesians 6:20)

Rather than replacing church ministry, a chapter serves as an extension of the church and can, therefore, be held in a church building. Homes or community centers are also appropriate venues. A chapter may start with as few as three participants and grow to an unlimited number. Meeting regularly, preferably monthly, is most effective in the purposes of the chapter.

If you think the Lord is leading you to join CWA as a Prayer/Action Chapter Leader, we ask that you first become a member of CWA by making a suggested donation of \$25 or more. Second, please complete the enclosed application form and send it to your CWA State or Area Director.

Upon approval of your application, you will receive a *Prayer/Action Leader's Manual*, which will give you instructions on how to plan and carry out your first meeting. Monthly, the National Field Department sends each Prayer/Action Leader (PAL) the *Prayer/Action Leader's Newsletter* (latest edition enclosed). The newsletter includes an inspirational message, the most current information on the issues, action items, and a list of prayer requests. Your State or Area Director is available to answer any questions you might have and be of assistance to you as you begin to develop your team.

We pray that God will guide you to influence your community through your involvement with CWA. May God bless you as you prayerfully consider this commitment.

Yours for a better America,

Beverly LaHaye

## What a Typical CWA Prayer/Action Chapter Meeting Looks Like

Once a month you will see thirty ladies (and sometimes men) gathering for prayer and action in a room at a community center or library. Or, perhaps there will only be three ladies sitting around a kitchen table in a home. That “typical” home might be brick with properly-trimmed shrubs or a two-story farmhouse with shrubs half-eaten from the livestock wandering in the front yard.

The “typical” leader is young and concerned about the world her new baby will one day inherit. Or, she might be “young at heart” with grandchildren or even great-grandchildren. The “typical” leader is prim, proper and a bit shy or she may be outgoing and full of more energy than a bag full of jumping beans. The “typical” leader is extremely knowledgeable about a variety of issues or she may be interested in a particular issue and willing to learn about others.

Once a month the Prayer/Action Chapter will gather for the most essential element of a CWA meeting – prayer for our country, our leaders and issues that concern us all. While every meeting has prayer, the method of prayer, the length of time and the subject of prayer will vary – not only from group to group but within the group as well.

The short devotion may be something from a devotion book, a life experience or the CWA *Prayer/Action Newsletter*. The action during a “typical” monthly meeting will also vary in order to answer the changing needs of each community or a state-wide “call to action.”

A “typical” group might plan a prayer vigil at a clinic or hospital to protest unborn babies being torn apart or the practice of aborting live babies only to give them no food, medical attention or love before their death. Another group might throw a baby shower for a crisis pregnancy center or a birthday party for Jesus.

A “typical” group might have a speaker come to educate the ladies on how pornography hurts the whole family. Or, instead of a speaker, a group might watch a video-taped message about the “not-so-gay” agenda. Yet another “typical” group might sit at a table and write letters to a legislator about the dangers of the Equal Rights Amendment or the implementation of mental health screening for children and young mothers.

All meetings have elements of fellowship where bonds of friendship are formed. A group might gather for conversation in the morning over coffee and doughnuts. Another group might meet in the afternoon or evening and want no food that will add calories to strict diets.

The suggested format for a “typical” meeting is a half-hour for fellowship, a half-hour for prayer and a half-hour for action. But what does a typical CWA meeting “really” look like?

It looks like a group of ladies or ladies and like-minded men gathered for prayer and whatever action the Lord directs. And these “typical” prayer/action meetings are taking place during mornings, afternoons and evenings all over America.

It is my privilege to be a part of Concerned Women for America!  
*Holly Rich, IL Prayer Chapter Coordinator*

## How to Become a Prayer/Action Chapter Leader

1. Make sure you're a current member of CWA. All Chapter Leaders must be active members; if not, include a suggested donation of \$25 or more with your application.
2. Complete an Application for Leadership form and send it to your State/Area Director. If there is no Director in your state, send it directly to the Field Department at our National Office, which will process your application.

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3. After your application has been approved, instructional materials will be sent to you. Read the *Prayer/Action Leader's Manual* carefully; it will give you the information you need for organizing and developing your chapter. (Do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions.)
4. Begin inviting as many interested Christian women and men as possible from your circle of friends and your church to become part of your chapter. You may want to consider a community-wide chapter and include interested women and men from other churches, clubs and personal associations.
5. Your chapter members need to receive information about CWA. These materials will be sent to you by your Director—or, if there isn't one, by the Field Development Coordinator, for your first meeting. Call your Director with an estimate of the number expected to attend and the date of your meeting. Be sure to allow at least three weeks for the material to arrive.
6. A Prayer/Action Chapter may consist of women and men in your church and/or community. However, if the number of chapter members increases to more than 25, you should divide the chapter into two or more chapters to increase your effectiveness: multiply by dividing! Your manual will tell you how to arrange the group into "chains" for the purpose of telephoning action "alerts" or urgent prayer requests.
7. Each leader should keep a file of all who attend the chapter meetings for future reference. CWA memberships and donations should all be mailed to the Area/State Director or the National Field Department. Send the checks with the names, addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses and the amount of the donation. Be sure to indicate which are first-time donors and which are membership renewals.
8. CWA will communicate regularly with you through the monthly *Prayer/Action Newsletter*. This includes an inspirational piece, information on federal legislation that requires prayer and action, specific issues to pray about and other important news. If there is a CWA State or Area Director for your area, she will contact you periodically when there is a federal, state or local "alert" that needs an urgent response.
9. Remember, the future of our children and the restoration of our nation to Judeo-Christian principles depend upon your prayers, personal involvement and action.

**Thank you and may the Lord bless you as you get started!**

## CONCERNS AND GOALS

### WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT:

#### SANCTITY OF LIFE

1. The protection of innocent human life -- including protecting the unborn from abortion, fetal tissue experimentation, and embryonic research; and society from euthanasia, cloning, population control and human genetic engineering.

2. The physical, emotional and spiritual harm to women, men and their families resulting from abortion.

#### RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

3. The trend of government to diminish and disregard the God-given inalienable rights of individuals.

4. The erosion of religious liberty and the legal and cultural imposition of anti-Judeo-Christian philosophies upon our society.

#### FAMILY

5. The disrespect for family and for the unique contribution of fathers and mothers. The attempt to eliminate natural distinctions between men and women.

6. Sexual promiscuity, cohabitation and sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV/AIDS.

7. The alarming increase in violence in American households, including same-sex and opposite-sex partner assaults, spousal assaults, and child and elder abuse.

8. The growth of prostitution that feeds the sex trafficking industry worldwide - endangering the well-being and lives of thousands of girls, boys and women.

9. The fiscal responsibility of government and its impact on our nation.

10. The prevalence of drug and substance abuse in our country.

11. The detrimental effects of gambling on the family.

### WE ARE WORKING TO SEE:

#### SANCTITY OF LIFE

1. Laws passed to protect our society from practices and policies that endanger or debase innocent human life.

2. Public awareness of the harm of abortion to women, men and their families; and the promotion of pregnancy care centers and post-abortion counseling services.

#### RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

3. Our government strengthen and renew its commitment to respect and protect each individual's exercise of his God-given inalienable rights.

4. The protection and preservation of religious liberty as provided in the United States Constitution.

#### FAMILY

5. The family esteemed as the bedrock institution of society consisting of individuals related by blood, marriage (the legal union of one man and one woman), birth, or adoption. The respect for the distinctiveness of men and women.

6. Society value and respect marriage, encourage sexual abstinence before marriage and educate on the dangers of promiscuous sexuality; HIV/AIDS treated as a public health epidemic and not as a civil rights issue.

7. An end to violence within households, especially the sexual abuse of children, while reinforcing the importance and autonomy of healthy families.

8. An end to prostitution, the demand for prostitution and sex trafficking.

9. The reasonable appropriation of government monies and the fiscal responsibility of balanced budgets.

10. An end to drug and substance abuse.

11. The elimination of gambling in all its forms.

## **PORNOGRAPHY**

**12.** The ever-increasing prevalence of pornography, sexually-oriented businesses, and prostitution, and the lack of enforcement of existing laws.

**13.** The morally deteriorating impact of the entertainment industry on our country and the increasing emphasis on violence and sexual exploitation.

## **EDUCATION**

**14.** The declining quality of education, the deterioration of parental rights and authority, the increasing emphasis on Godless philosophies, and, in particular, the unbalanced presentation of America's founding, of evolution and of sex education.

## **NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY**

**15.** The loss of national sovereignty to international organizations and other foreign powers through judicial and administrative decisions.

**16.** The lack of border security to protect America from terrorists and all illegal immigration.

**17.** Judges who exceed their authority to interpret law by intruding on the authority of the legislative and executive branches of government.

**18.** The security of our nation and the increasing pressure to weaken the country's defenses.

## **PORNOGRAPHY**

**12.** The consistent strict enforcement of laws regulating the use and distribution of pornography, and raising public awareness about the harm of pornography to men, women, children and society.

**13.** The entertainment industry become a more positive moral influence on society.

## **EDUCATION**

**14.** The quality of education restored to a level of excellence in academic achievement without governmental mandates that are detrimental to parental rights.

## **NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY**

**15.** A reaffirmation of the independence of the United States and protection of the right to self-government without legal recognition of any foreign authority as to the interpretation of the U.S. Constitution.

**16.** Our nation develop and maintain strong border controls to protect us from foreign terrorists and the flow of illegal immigration. We welcome legal immigrants, especially those fleeing government persecution because of their religious beliefs or other basic human rights.

**17.** The nomination and confirmation of highly qualified individuals as judges who have demonstrated a commitment to the limited role of the judicial branch, the rule of law and respect for the text of the state and U.S. Constitutions.

**18.** The United States deploy the strongest national defense system in the world as a deterrent to foreign aggression.

## **OUR CORE ISSUES**

Concerned Women for America confronts many issues facing American citizens. We divide these into six different categories and have accordingly divided our web content here for you.

### **Family**

CWA believes that marriage consists of one man and one woman. We seek to protect and support the Biblical design of marriage and the gift of children.

### **Sanctity of Human Life**

CWA supports the protection of all innocent human life from conception until natural death. This includes the consequences resulting from abortion.

### **Education**

CWA supports reform of public education by returning authority to parents.

### **Pornography**

CWA endeavors to fight all pornography and obscenity.

### **Religious Liberty**

CWA supports the God-given rights of individuals in the United States and other nations to pray, worship and express their beliefs without fear of discrimination or persecution.

### **National Sovereignty**

CWA believes that neither the United Nations nor any other international organization should have authority over the United States in any area. We also believe the United States has the right and duty to protect and secure our national borders.

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## Application for Leadership

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Your Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Congressional District \_\_\_\_\_ (find at [legislation.cwfa.org](http://legislation.cwfa.org))

Marital Status (check one)  Single  Married  Widowed  Divorced Spouse's first name \_\_\_\_\_

Church Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_ Church Responsibilities \_\_\_\_\_

Leadership positions held or organizational involvement, if applicable \_\_\_\_\_

Please include two references. If you have not attended your current church for at least two years, please attach an additional pastoral reference.

Pastor \_\_\_\_\_ Friend \_\_\_\_\_

Office Address \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Ofc. Phone/Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I am (Please check appropriate boxes)

- currently a member of CWA.
- joining CWA with the enclosed donation of \$25 or more.
- applying to be a Prayer/Action Chapter Leader.
- applying to be a Home Team Captain.
- applying for a Steering Committee position: \_\_\_\_\_
- applying for a non-Steering Committee position: \_\_\_\_\_

### *Statement of Faith*

We believe the Bible to be the verbally inspired, inerrant Word of God and the final authority on faith and practice.  
We believe Jesus Christ is the divine Son of God, was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, died a sacrificial death, rose bodily from the dead on the third day and ascended into Heaven from whence He will come again to receive all believers unto Himself.  
We believe all men are fallen creatures of Adam's race and in need of salvation by grace through personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.  
We believe it is our duty to serve God to the best of our ability, and to pray for a moral and spiritual revival that will return this nation to the traditional values upon which it was founded.

I am in full agreement with the *Statement of Faith*. I have read and am in full agreement with CWA's *Concerns and Goals*. I am a currently a member of CWA or I am joining CWA with the enclosed donation of \$25 or more.

If approved as a CWA leader, I agree to abide by the policies set forth by the CWA National Office.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(State/Area Director)

CWA National Office \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(National Field Director)

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