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Join Us for Our CWA of Central California Conference

We are delighted to announce that we have a new director for our Central California region. Patricia Thompson is wasting no time in providing opportunities for involvement by hosting a regional conference on August 22. Speakers include Pacific Justice Institute's founder Brad Dacus, CWA's National Field Director Kenda Bartlett and California State Director Phyllis Nemeth. The free event will be held at Porterville First Assembly of God from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and is open to all current CWA members and to those who are interested in learning more about CWA. A love offering will be taken.

Read more about the Porterville event [here](#). Download a [conference flyer here](#). Please RSVP by August 20 to c.director@california.cwfa.org or (559) 359-8884.



Federal Health Care Controversy - Keep the Pressure On!

While the word "recess" may sound like time off and conjure up memories of swing sets and money bars, for citizens concerned about the danger of the current health care "reform" bill it means a time to continue fighting for a better plan. The House adjourned on July 31 and senators will head back to their states at the end of this week. An amendment offered in committee by Rep. Bart Stupak (D-Michigan) and Rep. Joe Pitts (R-Pennsylvania) to strip the bill of taxpayer-funded abortions failed before the House adjourned. Please use this time to take part in townhall meetings in your area and contact national and local offices of your representative and senators.

The good news is that the fast track to socialized medicine has been slowed, and the public is engaged. There is something to scare everyone in the present plan: a staggeringly high cost, mandated and taxpayer-funded abortion, loss of conscience protections for doctors, lack of choices as the "public option" gradually eradicates other private insurance plan, required end-of-life counseling for seniors, a government board determining allowable treatments, and a myriad of other troubling factors all contained in the over 1,000 pages of text. The plan will ultimately lead to rationing of health care. We need only look to other countries like Canada for a terrible taste of what is to come.

You can read more about the proposed sweeping changes to our health care system in the important resources at CWA's [special health care webpage here](#). For a good summary of the bill's contents highlighting areas of concern with the bill page references, [see Liberty Counsel's outline here](#). If you would like to see what is not in the bill, the House Republican Leadership has provided a list of amendments that were defeated. [Click here](#) to view the list. The National Center for Policy Analysis has offered suggestions for health care reform [here](#). To sign their petition, now with more than one million signers, visit www.freeourhealthcarenow.com.

Action: *Please continue to contact your representative and Sens. Boxer and Feinstein during the August recess urging them to stand against the plan as currently written. Let them know what areas concern you most.*

To find your representative [click here](#) and enter your zip + 4 code in the upper left search area.

Sen. Barbara Boxer – Phone (202) 224-3553, fax (415) 956-6701, or [e-mail through this link](#)

Sen. Dianne Feinstein – Phone (202) 224-3841, fax (202) 228-3954, or [e-mail through this link](#)

You may also call offices within California listed on [Sen. Boxer's website](#) and [Sen. Feinstein's website](#).



Quick Takes & Updates

The CWA Legacy Continues – In addition to the great Central California regional conference later this month, in September we are celebrating three decades of prayer and action at our 30th Anniversary Conference in Washington, D.C. [Find out more here.](#)

Is CWA's Family Voice in Your E-Mailbox Now? – Did you know this great bi-monthly resource is now online for you to view right from our national website? The July/August issue is available now. [Read it here](#) and be sure to subscribe by scrolling to the "subscribe" link at the bottom of the current issue.

Advocates Disagree on Same-Sex "Marriage" Strategy – Although signatures are currently being gathered in hopes of placing an initiative to reverse Prop 8 on the 2010 ballot, homosexual advocates are divided in their strategy. Some organizations want to strike while they feel their supporters are still actively engaged. Others believe that waiting until 2012 allows for more education and fundraising after such an expensive campaign last year. Whether in the next election cycle or the following one, the issue of legalizing same-sex "marriage" will almost certainly be on our California ballot again. We cannot – must not – rest on our laurels and consider the task completed after the victory last November. It is our responsibility as Christians and citizens to continue to share the truth of God's design for marriage and family, and its inestimable value, within our churches, our families and all our spheres of influence.

Maine Marriage Supporters Submit Petitions – The battle to protect marriage goes far beyond California. In May, Maine became the fifth state to legalize same-sex "marriage" through a state bill that was signed by the state's governor. However, Maine allows a people's veto process and supporters of traditional marriage quickly launched a petition campaign to overturn the law by ballot referendum. The bill will not be implemented until after the public has an opportunity to vote or the effort to collect enough valid signatures fails.

Slightly more than 50,000 valid signatures are needed to place the referendum on the November ballot. On July 31, initiative backers delivered over 100,000 signatures to the secretary of state's office to do just that.

Please pray for the signature verification process and success of the upcoming campaign to preserve marriage between one man and one woman in Maine. CWA of Maine State Director Charla Bansley spoke at a July 4 Tea Party rally and shared some important thoughts on same-sex marriage in her comments. [Click here to read Charla's important address.](#)

Abortion/Breast Cancer Link Studied – A retrospective study in Turkey has found a 66 percent increase of contracting breast cancer among women who have had induced abortions. A synopsis of the study can be seen [here](#). Find out more about the link between abortion and breast cancer [here](#).

Prayer Power

Pray for God's people, be they pastors or parishioners, to stand on the truth of Scripture and not be afraid to proclaim that truth. Ask God to give us all the strength to be strong and courageous, speaking the truth in love. *Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go. (Joshua 1:9)*

Pray for our state and federal legislators as they listen to the concerns of their constituents during the August recess. Ask that their hearts and minds would be open to the truth, that they would call upon God for His wisdom and align themselves with His righteous standards. *The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord, like the rivers of water; He turns it wherever He wishes. (Proverbs 21:1)*

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