



# Concerned Women for America of Washington Newsletter

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## Greeting From State Director - Maureen Richardson

*"When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; But when a wicked man rules, the people groan."* (Proverbs 29:2)

*"Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence."* (I Tim. 2:1-2)

These two verses remind us of the importance of choosing our rulers wisely. With an election around the corner, we might reflect on the words of our first U. S. Supreme Court Chief Justice John Jay, "Providence has given to our people the choice of their rulers, and it is the duty, as well as the

*privilege and interest of our Christian nation to select and prefer Christians for their rulers."* While in today's world there is much debate about the religious foundation of this nation, it is clear from many of the founders' statements that they knew God had a hand in forming this nation. President John Adams stated in a 1798 address to the military, "We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Avarice, ambition, revenge, or gallantry would break the strongest cords of our Constitution as a whale goes though a net. Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate for the government of any other." (Quotes from

*America's God and Country* by William J. Federer.)

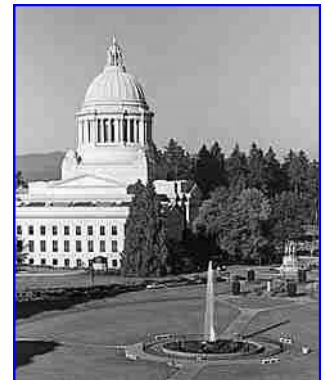
For a trustworthy guide based on the issues important to CWA, please read the "2008 PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE COMPARISON" at [www.cwfa.org](http://www.cwfa.org). As we enter into the last few weeks of the 2008 election cycle, please pray, be informed and vote your values, keeping this verse in mind, "Select capable men from all the people—men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain." (Exodus 18:21)

CWA's national Leadership Conference was held last month near Washington, D. C. State Directors attended leaders' trainings before the conference began, and the

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## Oppose Initiative 1000!



Initiative I-1000 is a reckless attempt to legalize assisted suicide in Washington State.

I-1000 is fatally flawed. Safeguards to protect patients are illusory. I-1000 allows others to make deci-

sions for the patient. It endangers the under-insured and uninsured. It allows doctors to order lethal drugs for mentally-ill or depressed patients with no requirement for psychological examination before lethal prescriptions are dispensed. I-1000 includes no safety provisions for patients after the prescription is written, with no safeguards to ensure the patient isn't pressured into taking or being force fed the lethal dose by a third party against his or her will. Patients currently have effective and proven end-of-life options including hos-

pice care. Ongoing advancements in palliative medicine make pain control exceedingly manageable and, therefore, a non-issue in this debate.

Proponents consider I-1000 "a first step..." toward their ultimate goal of euthanasia as a national public policy norm. In a *NY Times Magazine* article, pro-Initiative 1000 spokesman, Booth Gardner, says if proponents can sway Washing-

ton to embrace assisted suicide, then other states will follow. "And gradually," says Gardner, "the culture will

shift and laws with more latitude will be passed." Many recognize that "laws with more latitude" equals "euthanasia." This is bad public policy.

**Sign up for CWA of WA Action Alerts**  
**To receive weekly updates on these and other emerging bills, please sign up by contacting the state office at 425-869-1923.**

**Vote "NO" on Initiative 1000 and protect those you love.**

## Encourage-A-Legislator Volunteers Needed!

Hi, my name is Miki Kelly, and I am the Encourage-A-Legislator (EAL) Coordinator for Washington State. My goal is to partner each of our 147 state legislators with a person who is committed to lift them up in prayer daily. During the 2008 legislative session, 72 legislators were prayed for by EAL volunteers. This is not good enough. We need all 147 legislators covered with prayer. It is too important! These men and women are passing laws that affect each one of us in Washington State. We need to ask God to guide and lead them. We need to pray that they make wise decisions. It is also important that we pray for their health, families and marriages. God has given us access to His Power through prayer. We need to take advantage of this privilege and humbly take these needs to our Heavenly Father each day. God has spoken to us in 1 John 5:14, *"Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us."* God hears us when we

pray, and He will answer our prayers as we intercede on the behalf of our legislators. Imagine the changes that can take place if we simply pray!

What is your commitment as an EAL volunteer? I make it very easy for you. In January you will receive a packet in the mail. Inside you will find the name and biography of a Senator or a Representative outside your district. We know you are calling and writing your legislators already, and we do not want a conflict of interest. You will also receive CWA postcards. Each week of the legislative session, we ask that you send an encouraging note to your EAL legislator. It can be a Bible verse, an inspiring quote or simply a note telling them that you are praying for them and wishing them a blessed week. I have heard that some of our volunteers hear back from their EAL legislator. These postcards not only reach the legislator but also many others, like the mailroom workers

and clerks. Your encouraging words can impact many lives. THAT'S IT! Daily prayer and an encouraging postcard once a week during the 2009 legislative session! It takes just a few minutes of your time and postcard stamps.

In Ezekiel 22:30, God speaks through the prophet Ezekiel to the people of Israel. Ezekiel explains to the people why God cannot avert judgment on their land. The verse says, *"I sought for a man among them who would make a wall, and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found NO one."* Please consider becoming an EAL volunteer. Let us stand in the gap for Washington State. God is faithful and will answer our prayers. Please fill out the EAL form and send it to the CWA address or contact me at [miki.stevekelly@comcast.net](mailto:miki.stevekelly@comcast.net). Thank you!

## 40 Days For Life

From September 24 through November 2, the 40 Days for Life Campaign sponsors prayerful gatherings around the nation in support of the sanctity of life. You are invited to join this campaign to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves. Wendy Wright, President of Concerned Women for America says, *"God is more powerful than any wicked force behind abortion. Prayer unleashes that power. 40 Days for Life lets us participate in what God wants to do, if only He were asked."* Washington locations include [Centralia](#), [Everett](#), [Olympia](#), [Seattle](#), [Spokane](#), [Tacoma](#), and [Tri-Cities](#). For details, please contact the **National Campaign** at [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com).

## Prayer Action Chapters & Home Teams are the Foundation and Strength of CWA

Please help us "Stand in the Gap in Washington State" by becoming a Prayer Chapter Leader or Home Team Captain!

Prayer/Action Chapters give members of CWA a voice in their communities. Local chapters consist of faithful women and men who meet regularly to become informed, pray, and take action on community, state, and federal issues. Home Teams are similar. The main difference between a Prayer/Action Chapter and a Home Team is that information is distributed by mail, phone, fax, or e-mail, rather than by meeting. A team or chap-

ter can consist of friends, family, church members, co-workers and general acquaintances. Leaders receive a monthly newsletter from the national office that provides pertinent information on federal legislation on which CWA is currently focused. They also will receive the Washington Legislative Update, which provides information about issues at the state level. Washington State now has sixteen Chapters and three Home Teams. We are endeavoring to build a strong and far-reaching foundation. By binding together in prayer, and taking appropriate action, we can stand strong for Judeo-Christian values in our state and country!

Together –we *can* make our voice heard and make a difference! We praise God for each leader and are praying for many more. Would you please pray and consider becoming a Prayer/Action Leader (PAL) or Home Team Captain (HTC)? Both of these positions are really very simple to do and so urgently needed!

Contact us today!

*To start or join a Prayer/Action Chapter or a Home Team—please call 425-869-1923 or e-mail Maureen at director@washington.cwfa.org*

## Greeting From State Director - Continued

two events together provided the attendees with a wealth of knowledge to share with our own state leaders. I was able to lobby about a pro-life/pro-education bill on Capitol Hill with experienced Project 535 volunteers; that bill passed the Senate by unanimous consent ten days after

our lobbying efforts, which was a great encouragement to us. Next year is CWA's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and I hope many of you will consider attending the Leadership Conference in 2009. The prayer times, education, and fellowship make the trip very worthwhile. Speaking

of gatherings, CWA of Washington will once again join other pro-life citizens on the steps of the Capitol Building in Olympia on Tuesday, January 20 at noon for the annual state March for Life. Please consider joining us to speak up for those who cannot defend themselves.

## Standing In The Gap In Washington State

CWA of Washington's state convention will be held on Saturday, May 30, 2009, in Lynnwood. We would like you to set aside that day so that we can bring the benefits of gathering to all of our state members. CWA President Wendy Wright will join us, as well as other individuals who will inspire, teach, and encourage us as we stand in the gap for the culture and occupy the land until Christ returns. We are keeping the costs as low as possible in order to include as many of our members as possible. The winter newsletter will give more details. Please plan to come, enjoy, learn, and fellowship with other CWA members next May! The Steering Committee looks

forward to seeing you there! Let's make this an event to bless all of us!

**We need volunteers** to help with the planning for the convention. We would love to have both individuals and groups assist. Committees are forming now for:

- Registration
- Publicity
- Mailings
- Music
- Greeters
- Greenroom hostess
- Security
- Decorations/Set up
- Food
- Signage
- Membership/sales table
- Prayer Chapter/Home Team Info/ Recruitment

If you or your Prayer Chapter or Home Team is interested in volunteering, please note your interest on the form at the end of this newsletter or contact: Maureen Richardson, State Director [director@washington.cwfa.org](mailto:director@washington.cwfa.org) 425-869-1923

Or

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360-202-7575.

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## Reply Memorandum

If you have not yet renewed your annual membership in Concerned Women for America, you may do so through the state office. Each state is self-supporting so your tax-deductible gift will help support our work in the state, including this newsletter.

- Yes, please renew my annual membership at the national and state level. I have included a suggested donation of \$25 or more. I would like to continue to receive the national and state newsletters. (You may also donate online directly to CWA of Washington: <http://states.cwfa.org/states/detailsnew.asp?organization=wa>)
- I will make a tax-deductible donation of \$1 (or more) to cover the expense of this newsletter.
- I would like to be on the state e-alert list. My e-mail address is: \_\_\_\_\_
- I would like to pray with the "Encourage-A-Legislator" campaign. Please send an information packet to me at the following address: \_\_\_\_\_
- I will help with Convention 2009 on May 30; sign me up for this committee: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this reply to: CWA of WA, P.O. Box 143, Woodinville, WA 98072

*Thank you for standing with us! May God bless you always!*