



Christmas 2013

Dear Faithful Friend,

Merry Christmas and greetings from Concerned Women for America of Maine! We pray that in the midst of challenging circumstances that you and your family are experiencing God's peace during the Christmas season as He speaks to your heart, "Do not be afraid."

"...there were some shepherds staying out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened. And the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which shall be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord ... And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased."

Luke 2: 8-14

An angel appeared to a group of shepherds whose natural tendency was to run in fear. And yet, when angels appear in the Bible their first words are "Do not be afraid." The sky was then filled with the heavenly host, singing and praising God.

Like the shepherds, we tend to our daily duties, until suddenly we are overcome by fear of the eroding loss of the traditional values of marriage, sanctity of life and religious liberties. We find ourselves in the middle of a humanistic battle against all we hold dear. The angel of the Lord speaks during times of alarming and uncertain future and tells us, "Do not be afraid." As believers, we know the Lord has already won the battle; **the victory is His.**

As we come to the end of another busy year, we at CWA of Maine want to pause and pass along some of the accomplishments and blessings of 2013 to our faithful members and supporters. Thank you for all you have done to make these victories a reality.

Common Core Initiative

- Co-sponsored a press conference in the Capitol Hall of Flags against Common Core
- Participated in a successful Tea Party panel event
- Currently Treasurer of No Common Core Maine

State Legislative Session

CWA of Maine members were represented at the State Capitol throughout the legislative session. We did not see passage of three initiatives: informed consent, parental consent prior to an abortion, or wrongful death; the bills taken up in the 2014 legislative session will deal with a holdover bill for religious freedom and an emergency bill to vacate convictions from the record of victims of sex-trafficking. In addition, over 185 faithful members participated in CWA of Maine's Annual *Encourage-A-Legislator Prayer Project*. Participants prayed for and encouraged our state lawmakers during the Maine legislative session.

Prayer/Action Chapters

Three wonderful and committed Prayer/Action Chapter leaders have been faithful to lead monthly meetings where they educate, pray and take action on current state and national issues. It is such a blessing to work alongside these ladies. Our goal before the end of 2013 is for three more Chapters across Maine, so please contact me if you would like to start a Chapter. I will be honored to come and help you get started.

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Please join me in thanking the Lord for His hand in all these victories and activities. *We have much for which to be grateful.*

We have big plans for 2014!

- We will be gathering at the Capitol on January 18, 2014, to participate in the annual *Hands Around the Capitol*, a pro-life event commemorating the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*.
- The 2014 Maine Legislative session begins January 8, and you can count on CWA of Maine to be working aggressively on your behalf. **Our victories are your victories**, and we are focusing our efforts on the passage of the religious freedom bill guaranteeing everyone is afforded their Constitutional rights, helping victims of sex-trafficking in Maine, and key pro-life and pro-family legislation.
- Pro-life Day at the State Capitol, February 26, 2014, provides Encourage-A-Legislator participants an opportunity to meet their lawmaker and encourage them in person.
- Prayer/Action Chapters are the bedrock of CWA, and we will be working throughout 2014 to build our Chapters. Let us know if you would like more information on how to start a Chapter in your community.
- Congressional District #2 Pre-Primary Candidate Debate will be co-sponsored with the Christian Civic League of Maine and Maine Right to Life. Date TBD.
- February Winter School Break students to visit the Blaine House for a tour, enjoy munchies, and tour the Capitol. Two events are planned: one for home-schooled students and the other for public-school students. Date TBD.

We must also lay out our financial needs for the year. Would you during this beautiful season of advent when we are reflecting on the gift and sacrifice of our loving God, consider a financial gift to CWA of Maine? Listed below are several key expenditures for the year:

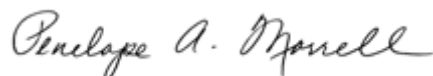
- Encourage-a-Legislator Prayer Project - \$500 for printing and postage
- Pro-life Day at State Capitol on February 26, 2014 - \$600 for hand signs, yard signs, robocalls, etc.
- E-mail alert program - \$300
- Travel to and from the State Capitol, plus parking - \$200 for legislative session
- Education on Common Core and how it will impact Maine
- "CWA is Coming Your Way" - Prayer/Action Chapter building events- \$200/event
- Director stipend \$1000/month

As always, your gifts to Concerned Women for America of Maine are tax-deductible. Donations sent to P.O. Box 451, Manchester, ME 04351 stay in the Maine account for our projects. Gifts to our national Washington, D.C., office are utilized for national issues. Make it easy, give to CWA of Maine [online](http://me.cwfa.org). Please consider a generous tax-deductible year-end gift to CWA of Maine. It could not be more appreciated.

Be sure to check out our state website (me.cwfa.org) for all the up-to-date activities, action alerts and CWA of Maine news. If you are not on our e-mail action alert list, please e-mail me at director@maine.cwfa.org with your request to receive our alerts.

We pray you have a blessed Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

In Christ,



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