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Director's Thoughts By Michelle Mulledy

The year is in full swing, and already every day we are hearing about the 2016 presidential elections and all the chatter about Hillary Clinton and Chris Christy. The 2014 elections should be interesting as we see where the control of the U.S. House and U.S. Senate will rest. We have seen the destruction the Obama administration has done in our country from our healthcare system, the economy and foreign policy to the total disregard for Life, Liberty and the Biblical principles upon which this country was founded.

On a lighter note, I am happy to report that there seems to be an awakening happening around us here in New York State. In the last few months, Concerned

Women for America (CWA) has approved four new Prayer/Action Chapter Leaders, and we have another in the approval process.

The consensus of the women with whom I have spoken is a great concern for our country's moral decline and the concern for future generations growing up in a country where the family unit is being counterfeited by the philosophy that any two people regardless of their gender can be viewed as a normal family.

Our children and grandchildren are being robbed in more ways than

one. Moral values are being stolen from them not only through television and Hollywood, but now across the country in our schools. Our children are being taught that the gay lifestyle is normal and should be celebrated, and our tax dollars are paying for this.



Organizations like the Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network (GLSEN) are gaining a strong presence in our public schools forming gay-straight alliances that disguise themselves as anti-bullying groups, but behind the scenes push the gay agenda on our impressionable children.

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Hard Core Concerns With Common Core

Common core is still a work in progress, yet it's been rolled out without pilot testing nor educational protocol in schools across the country as a tsunami crashing through parents, children, education networks, local and state governments. A board of Education member described it to me well, "Common Core is like changing the wheels on a

car while it's going 65 mph."

Our kids are precious resources. God made them unique. They have different personalities, different skill sets, different ways of learning. My experience with Common Core to date is that of cramming our children into looking and thinking the same. I went to a graduate school of education in Manhattan and

the foundation of our instruction was impressed upon us repeatedly: Take children out of the box, not force them all into the same box. I want to have our standards compare favorably to standards of other countries. I like to know my child will have an increased rigor that will lead him to be more prepared for life. I want to be able to

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Growing Prayer/Action Chapters

CWA of New York now has eight Prayer/Action Chapters across the state.

We have Chapters in Lancaster, Staten Island, Wantagh, Brookhaven, Bronx, New Rochelle and another about to start up in Fredonia.



For the last month our Prayer/Action Chapter coordinator Gloria Chavez has been calling through our membership list engaging our members

on the importance of education, prayer and action. Please pray for her as she continues this process. May the Lord continue to lay it on the hearts of many to step up and become Prayer/Action Chapter leaders. May they encourage others to join with CWA of New York in supporting the principles of constitutional law and freedom that were imparted to us in 1776 and 1787 and have been preserved for us by previous generations.

Do you, or someone you know, live in or near one of these towns where we have a Chapter? Give us a call, and we will be happy to get you connected to the Chapter leader in your area.

Want to know what a typical Prayer/Action Chapter meeting looks like? [Click here](#) to find out.

Contact Gloria TODAY, she would love to talk to you! Contact her at w NYCWA@juno.com.

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No Vision Leads a Nation Into Nakedness

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“For the LORD brought Judah low because of Ahaz king of Israel; for he made Judah naked, and transgressed sore against the LORD.” 2 Chronicles 28:19

Citizens of a nation can be led into nakedness by the leadership of its rulers, including but not limited to their kings, princes, judges, governors, mayors, or presidents.

Leadership of any nation is

responsible for their policies, and principles, and those principles guide their police and their written laws that they enact which govern and/or dictate what the acceptable code of conduct is for that society. When the leadership of a nation has set itself up to rule the people through gross immorality, as we can see in the above cited Biblical text in the case of King Ahaz, by casting off the restraints of morality, by encouraging teaching that says, “Of course you should live and choose what makes you feel good, who cares what The Lord says,” and encouraging moral decline, that nation will perish. The following

is a Bible Commentary translating the word “perish.”

“The word translated “perish” has various senses, which agree with the text. It may be rendered, “the people become idle”, or “cease”; from the performance of good works, grow dissolute in their manners, and licentious in their practices: or “they become refractory” fierce, obstinate, and ungovernable, and rebel against their superiors: or they are “made naked”; stripped of their ornaments; of their privileges, civil as well as religious, which is often the case where no vision is; as well as of all virtue and morality, and of the blessing and protection of God.”



We are now a nation of "no restraints" of what is ethical, moral, and upright. We are leading the cause of calling evil good and good evil. We have become a nation persecuting and setting up laws to punish those who stand for Biblical morality, to punish and bully those who adhere to God's definition of marriage, who adhere to the truth that marriage is between one man and one woman, and wanting abstinence to be taught in schools, that abortion is not a means of birth control, and that abortion is murder. But those who speak out and desire to see the moral restraints placed back upon society are deemed intolerant, bigots, not worthy of society, and are "not welcome in their state."

But "Blessed is he who keeps the Law." Proverbs 28:19

"Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie."

Revelation 22:14, 15

May America yet again desire to see restraints on what the LORD calls evil and to uphold what is right, pure, just, and lovely. May the leaders of this great nation be guided by Godly counsel and become God-fearing advisors and recognize that they are accountable to Almighty God for each decision and action

they take, and may they in their

respective positions seek to reverse the trend of humanism that is gripping our nation in self-destruction. May America seek the wise counsel of Almighty God and His wisdom on how to rule this nation yet again for His divine guidance and His righteous judgment.



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Amen.

Debbie Antignano
Staten Island Prayer/Action
Chapter Leader

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On the Lighter Side

A little boy wanted 100 dollars badly and prayed for two weeks but nothing happened. Then he decided to write a letter to the Lord requesting the money. When the postal authorities received the letter addressed to the Lord, they decided to send it to the President.

The President was so impressed, touched, and amused that he instructed his secretary to send the little boy a 10 dollar bill. The President thought this would appear to be a lot of money to a little boy.

The little boy was delighted with the money and sat down

to write a thank-you note to the Lord, which read:

Dear Lord, Thank you very much for sending me the money. However, I noticed that for some reason you had to send it through Washington, and as usual, they deducted 90%.
Love, Tommy

Lancaster Prayer/Action Chapter Gives Hope and Encouragement

I am excited to tell you that as of **last November** a billboard declaring God's heart now stands on Dick Road in Depew, New York. For a few months, our Lancaster Chapter had been burdened for our nation and

its spiritual decline. We had a desire to declare hope for the nation through God's Word. We wanted to express God's heart towards mankind. After much prayer and discussion we unanimously agreed that a billboard would be

appropriate and that Joel 2:12 would be the verse declared. With little to no effort, the funds poured in from the



members of our small Chapter without any outside solicitation or help. On a cold and windy Saturday after the billboard went up, ten of our members and one grandchild stood by the billboard, thanking God, and asking Him to touch the hearts of the people who drive by with the knowledge that they need Him. It was an exciting time. Please pray with us that many will read and respond to this



billboard and place their hope in God.

We met **January 9** for a pot luck supper which was enjoyed by all. We filled out new legislator contact cards and then viewed and discussed a PowerPoint presentation by Jeff Scully of Freedom Works on the Common Core Curriculum. There are many

problems with this curriculum, but our greatest concern is the loss of local control of the curriculum our children are taught. The evening ended with prayer for our nation, government officials and our children. Special thanks to Jeff Scully for giving us this PowerPoint presentation at no cost!

Let me conclude with a **word of encouragement**. Jesus, The Reason for EVERY Season! I have been trying very hard not to think about the many bad things going on around me every day in our nation and to focus on the good things—the best thing of all is the birth of our Savior, Jesus. Even though the real reason for the season often gets lost and forgotten in all of the hustle and bustle, I stop and remind myself that the only reason for the hustle and bustle is because we are celebrating a big event: the birth of the King of kings! In Sunday School my second graders seemed to grasp what this meant. Jesus came as a baby so that He could be just like us and understand us and

ultimately die in our place. (Hebrews 2:14-18). Yes, we've fought some hard battles, and don't seem to have made much headway. But Jesus is the King, and He will not fail. He wins. So after all of the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season, we have once again plunged into the battle for truth and righteousness. Right now, I'm just thankful that God loved me enough to call me to be His, thankful He's given me His promises written in Scripture that He sent me a Savior, and that He has given me His Holy Spirit as a pledge. That's a lot of "MEs," but I hope you can read that with the joy I feel when I read it.

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Lancaster Prayer/Action Chapter
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Soren
Kierkegaard
was a Danish
philosopher,
theologian,
poet, social
critic, and
religious
author.

Quote & Note

"Life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forwards." Soren Kierkegaard

I like this quote because it makes me trust even more in the Sovereignty of God. God is in control – especially when I can hear the train coming down the track, and I do not

like the direction it's going. I may want to scream with disapproval, but God wants me to trust in the love of Christ Who makes no mistakes. Though good intentions are put before us at a dime a dozen, ultimately it is direction, not intentions that determine our destination. Our portion of history is being written, my dear fellow

CWA sojourners, and however you pray, educate yourself and act, you can tell your children and grandchildren you had a part in it and did not sit idly by while God's principles were pushed from our culture.

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Verse 2 Rehearse

“Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.” 2 Corinthians 5:20

Directors Thoughts Continued

We also have the “abortion on demand” president, and as you know here in the state of New York our Governor, Andrew Cuomo, in a radio interview said, “Conservatives who are pro-life and anti-gay have no place in New York. ... That is not who New Yorkers are”

Isaiah 5:20-23 says, “Woe to those who call evil

good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and the sweet for bitter. Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and clever in their own sight. Woe to those who justify the wicked for a bribe and take away the rights of those who are in the right.”

These Bible verses

describe exactly what is happening today in New York and in our country.

Please join us as we come together as followers of Christ regardless of denomination and in a loud voice through prayer and action.



Hard Core Concerns With Common Core Continued

move to Florida and know my child will learn as well as they did in New York, but the following concerns are unsettling:

1. Weakens local and state controls of education. Weakens parents' say in education.

2. Weakens the good standards to our education system because focus is on testing. Testing - the driving force in the process of education? Teacher performance, raises and school funding

tied to kids' test grades? Are teachers teaching to content of test as opposed to standards? That would mean whoever is writing these tests ultimately is deciding what kids will be taught and what they will learn. Here's the real question: Who's writing our common core tests? Not enough room in this article, so I urge you to do your research.

3. Data mining. Our children's data is being stored, giving schools and third parties excessive

access and information about our children, which potentially can be sold to the highest bidders. Whether it is sold to Republicans or Democrats, I do not want anyone using my family's data for political gain. Is Common Core solely an education process or political indoctrination? Just think what can be done with intrusive data in the wrong hands - or even in the right hands. "The heart is deceitful above all things." Jeremiah 17:9 "The heart is deceitful

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above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?"

4. 3 x 4 does not equal 11.

I like that I see my children being taught to give an answer, state how they arrived at that conclusion, and defend it. But if the answer is ultimately wrong, it's wrong. As their parent I can't help my own children with this new math - graphs

and extra steps. My husband holds a Bachelor's Degree in Math circa 1990 who shakes his head in disapproval, "So many graphs and unnecessary steps causing so much more room for error." My daughter was an innocent bystander by virtue of being in 6th grade at the roll out of common core and was expected and tested as if she'd been in it from

Kindergarten. Though she had not. Why implement it this way? It's frustrating to me, but I've got 31 years more of life to draw from to deal with such blows than she does. As a therapist and as a parent, I'd like to see psychological studies on what Common Core is doing emotionally to our children.

Common Core is

fundamentally changing the way our kids learn. The true impact that it will have on education, schools, children, parents, state and local government will not be known for several years, though the writing is on the wall - or in Common Cores vernacular, *being tested*.

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Stop Common Core "State" Standards Brochure Available!

A handy resource when sharing the dangers of Common Core. [Click here](#) to view it. Feel free to print it or order from your state office by e-mailing director@newyork.cwfa.org or give them a call at 518-229-5757.

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