



Christmas, 2015

Dear Loyal CWA friends,

I send you blessings of happiness and peace from Concerned Women for America (CWA) of Hawaii during this glorious Christmas season!

Each year there seems to be more people than ever who go into overdrive to silence the message spoken by the angels so many years ago. The word “Christmas” has been removed from tax-funded mailings and public schools; shoppers are greeted with “Happy Holidays”; battles rage over Salvation Army buckets, and Crèches on government property include disclaimers, and more. I for one always respond with “Merry Christmas!” regardless of the common "Happy Holidays" greeting.

Why such a stirring to remove all vestiges of Christmas? The answer is revealed in John 3:19-21a:

“... God’s light came into the world, but people loved the darkness more than the light, for their actions were evil. All who do evil hate the light and refuse to go near it for fear their sins will be exposed.”

This Christmas when we read or hear of yet another situation of an individual or an organization attempting to remove Christmas in some way, let us pray for them. Ask the Lord to open their hearts to the glory of Jesus Christ. And, as some appear to silence the message of God’s love and redemption through indifference, persecution, legislation, and policy, remember that they cannot put out the light of truth and hope; the light of Christ shines for eternity.

This Christmas season may we as believers rejoice, as did the multitude of the heavenly host that wondrous night, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.” (Luke 2:14)

2015 has been a busy year. Here are some of the highlights: CWA of Hawaii participated in the March for Life in Honolulu in January, we held two CWA introductory meetings (one in Pahoa and the other in Kona), participated in two Planned Parenthood Protests on Oahu, held a Prayer Gathering in Hilo for Pastor Saeed Abedini and three other Americans who are still in Iranian prisons and put out multiple e-alerts for prayer and action on several issues.

We have already started to make plans for 2016 and hope that you will join us in them. There are several ways to get involved with CWA of Hawaii in 2016. Here are just a few:

- ❑ **Attend the March for Life** on January 22 in Oahu at the Hawaii State Capitol from 12 Noon to 5:00 p.m.. Look for CWA of Hawaii signs and be sure to join us in the March.
- ❑ **Sign up for our Encourage-A-Legislator Program:** We are looking for women and men who are willing to pray for a state legislator on a regular basis and send him/her a postcard every week during the four month 2016 state legislative session. We provide the postcards with a Scripture and/or historical quote, and if you wish, you can add a few words of your own. You simply sign your name, affix a stamp and put it in the mail. When you choose the legislator you wish to encourage, I will send you a photo of them and a copy of their bio along with the postcards to be mailed every week. Now more than ever, whether they are conservative or liberal, our legislators need our prayers and encouragement. Click [here](#) for more information. Contact me by January 15 if you would like to be part of this program.

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- ❑ **Participate in a CWA Prayer/Action Chapter:** Consider starting or joining an existing [Prayer/Action Chapter](#) in your community. Together we can restore righteousness and Biblical values through prayer, education and action. [Contact me](#) for more information. “Prayer/Action Chapters are the backbone of Concerned Women for America.” -Beverly LaHaye.
- ❑ **Respond to our e-alerts:** Be sure to pray and take action on all the e-alerts we send out. We are dependent on CWA of Hawaii friends to be effective in the matter presented.
- ❑ **Consider the leadership position of Legislative Liaison:** We are in great need of a volunteer that has an interest in state legislation, preferably who lives in Honolulu, yet not mandatory.
- ❑ **Pray:** Please pray for CWA's role in Hawaii as well as your role in CWA of Hawaii in 2016. Commit to praying for the CWA of Hawaii on a daily, weekly or monthly basis. Pray the Lord guides and gives us success in the areas in which we apply ourselves.

You are needed! Together we can be that steady force of prayerful people who are unwavering in our assurance that God reigns and through Him all is achieved.

We are continually grateful for those who give to the work of CWA of Hawaii. Because CWA of Hawaii is run by volunteers, all donations go straight into the work at hand. Prayerfully consider blessing CWA of Hawaii with a tax-deductible gift that will remain in the state to help our work locally. Here are a couple areas where funds are needed:

- **Travel** to and from the other Islands to either host meetings or to attend various events in cooperation with other pro-life/pro-family organizations.
- **Printing** letters, bulletin inserts, CWA of Hawaii stationery, flyers for meetings or events; ordering of brochures, signs and banners; postage for mailings and other items as needed.
- **Petty Cash Expenses** for day-to-day operation. All of these items are charged to our state budget, and our income relies solely upon donations.

There are two ways to contribute to CWA of Hawaii. You can send a check made out to CWA of Hawaii to the address below, or click [here](#) to contribute online.

We so appreciate you, your participation at our events, your encouragement to us during the year, your partnering with us financially and your diligent responses to our e-alerts. Most of all, we thank you for your prayers. Let's get a jump on the New Year by “praying without ceasing” for our church, state, and national leaders. (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

Be sure to check out our state website at hi.cwfa.org regularly for all the up-to-date activities, action alerts and CWA of Hawaii news.

May you have a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!


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