



Christmas, 2016

Dear CWA Members & Friends,

Merry Christmas! Thank you for your support and gifts to Concerned Women for America of Kansas. Concerned Women for America (CWA) is the largest women's public policy group in the nation (500,000), and I am proud to be part of it. Men are always welcome, too.

Because of your support and giving we were able to be part of and accomplish much. Let me share with you now just a few from 2015.

In **February** CWA of Kansas gave [written testimony to the House Standing Committee on Education in support of HB 2292](#) which would give local control to student data in regards to Common Core State Standards in Kansas. Unfortunately HB 2292 never made it out of committee.



In **March** we [testified before the House Federal and State Affairs Committee in support of SB95, the Kansas Child Protection from Dismemberment Abortion Act.](#)

In **April** SB95 was signed into law. [I was honored to attend the signing with other outstanding pro-life leaders.](#)



In **August** of this year CWA of Kansas held a state wide rally on the capitol steps - [Religious Freedom Rally, "Obey God Rather Than Men"](#) based on Acts 5:27-29. We encouraged attendants to stand up for Judeo-Christian principles at all times and, if opposed by men, to make a choice to "Obey God Rather Than Men". We had outstanding speakers such as Rev. Dave DePue, Capitol Commission Chaplain; Secretary of State Kris Kobach; Rep. Tony Barton (R-District 41) and pastor of the New Life Fellowship Church; Rep. Willie Dove (R-District 38); Author of *On This Day* Dr. Paul Barkey, and Pastor Cordell Fischer of The Great I Am Church. Gov. Sam Brownback was able to attend for a few minutes and nine Representatives, one Senator and several pastors attended.



On the morning of the rally the [CWA of Kansas Steering Committee was in the governor's office awarding Gov. Sam Brownback the Guardian of Faith Award](#) for his courage and faithfulness to "Obey God rather than men". We honored him for his Executive Order of July 17 which provides protection for those who decline to perform, solemnize or facilitate any marriage based on religious belief or moral conviction. Gov. Brownback was honored, and we prayed for him before leaving.



We have kept our members informed on an array of issues with instructions on how to pray and take action.

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As I look back on 2015, I would like to commend to you the CWA of Kansas Steering Committee: Legislative Liaison Linda Highland, Prayer/Action Chapter Coordinator Cristina Fischer, Encourage-A-Legislator Coordinator Marcia Kessler and Events Coordinator Phillis Setchell. Each of them has been a joy to work with and has done a stellar job on your behalf this year. Please thank God with me for each of them and their sacrificial commitment to the ministry of CWA of Kansas

We have big plans for 2016 and hope you will join us in prayer as we seek the Lord for success in them. We will continue our focus on developing Chapters across Kansas and expanding our steering committee. We are actually in the midst of approving a sixth member of the steering committee who we are excited about, an Issues Specialist. We have plans to educate our legislators on some of our key issues with videos and materials. There are several events of which we plan to be part. Some we will lead and some co-lead with other pro-family groups. We have hopes to cultivate stronger relationships amongst the pro-family groups of Kansas. We will continue to keep you updated on key legislation for you to pray and take action on as we present testimony and meet with legislators and their staff. Those are just some of our plans!

As we look toward 2016 we know that there will be much to do. Will you join us in our endeavors? There is an array of ways to participate.

- Attend or start a [Prayer/Action Chapter](#) in your area. [Contact me](#) today to find out if there is a Chapter in your area and/or receive information about getting one started.
- Participate in our Encourage-A-Legislator program by praying for a state legislator every day of the legislative session and send an encouraging postcard once a month. Sign up by [contacting me](#) with your name, street address and e-mail address and we will send you your assigned legislator and postcards for the four months of the legislative session.
- Respond to the e-alerts we send to you throughout the year by both praying and acting. And, pass them on to others to do the same.
- Support CWA of Kansas with a generous gift. CWA of Kansas is led by all volunteers so you know that every dollar given goes directly to the work at hand. Make a tax-deductible contribution by sending a check to the address below or click [here](#) to donate online.
- Commit to praying for the CWA of Kansas steering committee on a daily, weekly or monthly basis. Pray the Lord guides us in our plans and gives us success in the areas in which we apply ourselves.

Thank you for your prayers, actions and financial support. Know that it is greatly needed and appreciated.

I do wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

In Him,



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