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Greetings CWA of Louisiana Friends,

A hearty “Merry Christmas!” to you from Concerned Women for America (CWA) of Louisiana. I pray this letter finds you enjoying the blessed Christmas season as you celebrate the birth of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ.

When we launched CWA of Louisiana in March 2015, it was with a clear recognition of our spiritual assignment—to stand in the gap before our Father on behalf of the land (Ezekiel 22:30 NKJV). Our mandate to serve the people of Louisiana has a dual/twin purpose, that is, to teach Kingdom to government and teach government to Kingdom. One “twin” reminds the Kingdom that the purpose of government is to punish and reward (Romans 13:3-4 NKJV); while the other “twin” commands us to pray for those in authority (1 Timothy 2:1-4 NKJV). I am grateful for the opportunity to serve CWA and its members in the state of Louisiana and help other women leaders in Louisiana to serve.

In less than a year we’ve made significant strides toward building a strong infrastructure. We have appointed some wonderful Godly women to our growing state steering committee:

- Associate State Director
- Prayer/Action Chapter Coordinator
- Records Correspondent
- Legislative Liaison

We’ve also been very productive in the months since CWA of Louisiana became operational. These are some of the highlights:

- We added a new prayer/action chapter in Lafayette.
- In May our volunteers and other CWA of Louisiana members went to the capitol to attend our annual Encourage-A-Legislator Appreciation Day (10 ladies attended). Visit our webpage at la.cwfa.org to learn more about our visit to the capitol and see pictures.
- I attended our leadership conference in June and was given the unique privilege of introducing our governor as a guest speaker at the conference. My introduction of Governor Jindal was televised on CSPAN.
- In July, *Covenant Spotlight*, a magazine in Lafayette, invited us to submit articles. Since then we have had four articles printed in their publication. *Covenant Spotlight* reaches more than 200,000 readers in the Acadiana area. Please visit our [webpage](#) to read our articles.

In spite of our team overcoming numerous personal battles such as surgeries, car accidents, the loss of loved ones and more (the struggle has been real), we’ve prevailed. We’ve grown

stronger in number and in unity. Yahweh has been and will forever be faithful.

As 2016 approaches we will launch a new addition to our statewide Encourage-A-Legislator (EAL) program. We call it the *Mighty 9*. This program is similar to the state EAL program in which volunteers send encouraging cards/prayers to our state legislators during the legislative session. The *Mighty 9* program will focus on our governor and our eight federal legislators. Cards will be sent to them each month. We know that, like the state EAL program, this effort will be gratifying to both the volunteers who send the cards and to the legislators who receive them. We know this because we've received some wonderful responses from both our state legislators and volunteers regarding our EAL program.

In January, we will join the Louisiana Right to Life annual Walk for Life event in Baton Rouge. Look for our table. Stop by and say, "Hi." We would love to meet you.

As we continue to grow and establish prayer/action chapters throughout the state, please keep us lifted up in prayer. We will continue to fight the good fight of faith as we attempt to influence government with our Biblical worldview across our great state.

Our CWA of Louisiana refrain is "Speak truth to power. Speak the truth in love. Speak life." We do this by uplifting and defending the seven core values of the organization (cwfa.org/about/issues) as we seek to establish righteousness in government. We pray; then we take action regarding legislative issues in our state and nation. Whether it's through contacting a legislator regarding the support of a bill or encouraging members to vote in accordance with CWA's core values, prayer always comes first.

Will you help us teach Kingdom to government and teach government to Kingdom? Will you help us speak truth to power, speak the truth in love and speak life?

Your involvement, prayers and financial support will help us make a positive impact on Louisiana in 2016 through influencing our legislators to make laws that will protect our families. We cannot do this without you.

[Contact me](#) today to find out how you can get involved. To support us financially send a check to the address below, or [donate online](#).

Thank you for all you do to help promote Biblical values in our state.

Remain motivated by love,



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