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News Report



Praying, Informing and Mobilizing to Action

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.” Matthew 5:14

A Word From Our State Director

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A Cry for a Return to Righteousness in America

Oh Lord, please hear our cry.

“Save, O LORD; May the King answer us in the day we call.” (Psalm 20:9)

“Among the gods there is none like You, O Lord; nor are there any works like Your works.” (Psalm 86:8)

“For kingship belongs to the Lord, and He rules over the nations.” (Psalm 22:28)

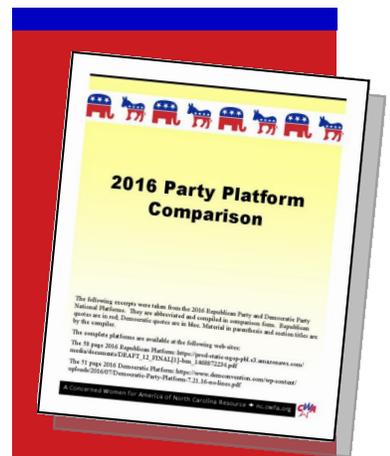
As Evangelical Christians, we find 2016 a very complex, yet critical election year. America stands in the balance as never before. To listen to commentators and even evangelical pastors, we are at times left confused about the upcoming election this November. Yet, America has seen other difficult election years in the past.

For example, the 1800 election year was met with what seems as much scrutiny as 2016. In fact, it has been referred to as the “Revolution of 1800.” It

was a bitterly contested partisan battle. As the two parties battled, it was said citizens discussed voting for the lesser of two evils. At one point Virginia and Pennsylvania threatened to organize militias to seize the government if Jefferson was not elected. Nevertheless, Thomas Jefferson, a remarkable man, was elected and served as President for 8 years.

Research shows that millions of Evangelical Americans are not registered to vote and many of those who are registered choose not to vote! Many Americans are apathetic about elections for many reasons, primarily because they do not believe they can trust the candidates. We must not allow our friends and family to stay home this year!

There are many opportunities in our state to learn more about our candidates. Join CWA as we visit all 100 counties partnering with Family Research Council Action to Get Out The Vote. We will



Learn the dramatic differences between the political parties on the issues that matter to you in our new **2016 Party Platform Comparison.**

More about it inside!

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 (1 Timothy 2:1-4)

also be partnering with Faith and Freedom Coalition as well as Susan B Anthony List in canvassing our great state for Christian family values. Information about these opportunities as well as our new *2016 Party Platform Comparison* can be found on page 8 as well as at nc.cwfa.org.

Yes, PRAY for all our elected officials in this crucial election year! It is written in I Timothy 2:1-4,

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Yes, PRAY for a return to righteousness in America!

In our nation's capital, we are seeing great Revival! For 50 years leading up to the Civil War, there were church and prayer services held in Washington, D.C. After a silence of 144 years, weekly services have returned to the Capitol exclusively for members of Congress and staff. We rejoice believing that God is at work in our nation's capital.

My Privilege to Serve North Carolina at the 2016 Republican National Conference

By Mary Frances Forrester, Associate Director, State Legislative Liaison



Several members of the North Carolina delegation



It was my privilege to be a 2016 Republican National Convention

delegate in Cleveland, Ohio, for North Carolina and also to be elected from the North Carolina Delegation at the NCGOP State Convention to serve on the Republican National Committee Platform Committee as one of the two delegates from North Carolina. There were a total of 112 delegates on the Committee; two from each state and two from each of the U.S. Territories: Puerto Rico, American Samoa,

Virgin Islands, Mariana Islands and the District of Columbia.

We spent two and a half days discussing amendments to be added to the platform as we heard and approved/rejected all Committee recommendations. The Republican Platform Committee is a direct contrast to the Democratic Platform Committee which only has a few members determining the Democratic Platform for their Convention.

Attending a National Convention and serving on a committee is on your own personal time and expense. Some states offer scholarships or financial assistance for delegates; but primarily, it is something that each individual is responsible for him/herself. Each state

determines their registration fees for each delegate and alternate which helps cover some costs for Convention.

To be considered as a candidate or delegate, you must be a registered party member and first attend your local county party convention. At this level, you serve as a delegate to your regional congressional district convention where delegates, alternates and Electoral College Electors are elected according to specific numbers based on population and voting numbers in the last presidential election.

I was nominated by the Ted Cruz Campaign in North Carolina to be a delegate, and Concerned Women for America requested that I serve on the Platform Committee. I have now been to three conventions, but this was the first time I had the privilege to serve on a pre-convention committee. I presented four amendments to be added to the Convention Platform



REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION PLATFORM MEETING

Committee delegates are considering amendments to the foreign policy plank of the Republican party platform.

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that were approved by CWA. Thankfully, all four were approved and added to the Platform. These were: 1. That the Feds regulate Child Internet Pornography since it is creating a health crisis in our nation and enabling our unsuspecting youth to be pursued by

predators. 2. That freedom of speech be protected on our college campuses and both sides for any issue be freely discussed. 3. That cohabiting couples do not receive tax benefits by the IRS over married couples. 4. That the Bible be taught in our school curriculums as

an elective subject. This last amendment was the most debated, but it was voted to be retained in its original submission after much discussion.

Every National Convention needs delegates who are willing to invest their time

and effort to support their party and to be the voice of the people. I highly recommend that CWA-NC members take an active part by planning to invest their time, energy and financial support to run for delegate in their Congressional District in 2020.

Events Enjoyed by CWA of North Carolina



By Andrea George, Legislative Action Leader

Since the last CWA of North Carolina News Report we have enjoyed an array of outstanding events.

On April 25, we joined CWA CEO and President Penny Nance at the Rally to Support HB2 in Raleigh. Penny was one of the outstanding speakers.

On June 1, we gathered for our annual CWA of North Day at the Capital. We had many members and supporters from around the state joining us as we visited our legislators and attended our special chapel service held in the Legislative Building. Of course, our concerns were focused around HB2, Public Facilities Privacy & Security Act, what we know as the Bathroom Bill. We spoke with our legislators thanking them for their service to North Carolina and encouraged those who had been standing so strong in the face of such great opposition.

Soon after on June 8, a delegation of six CWA of North Carolina leaders arrived in Washington, D.C. to attend the Road to Majority Conference from

June 9-11, co-sponsored by CWA with Faith and Freedom Coalition. It featured informative and inspiring speakers, including Donald Trump, Sen. Jeff Sessions, the Benham Brothers, Carly Fiorina, Penny Nance, our CEO and President, as well as many other wonderful speakers. Mr. Trump reiterated his alignment with Christian pro-life values and the defunding of Planned Parenthood, marriage as a union between one man and one woman, and the appointment of conservative judges for the Supreme Court.

There were many outstanding break-out sessions, including a session on HB2, in which Mary Frances Forrester and Sheri Miller were on the panel. They did a marvelous job giving the history of HB2 as well as other dynamics of politics in North Carolina and prayer points. At one of the CWA sessions, Sheri Miller was honored for her many years of faithful service as the State Director and presented with a plaque in honor of her faithful service to CWA. Dinesh DeSouza presented his riveting documentary, *Hillary's America*, and there

was a premier showing of the inspiring pro-life movie, *Voicelless*. The Conference culminated with a gala event to recognize and honor CWA founder, Mrs. Beverly LaHaye. Dr. Ben Carson was the keynote speaker at

Rally to Support HB2



CWA of North Carolina Day at the Capital



Road to Majority



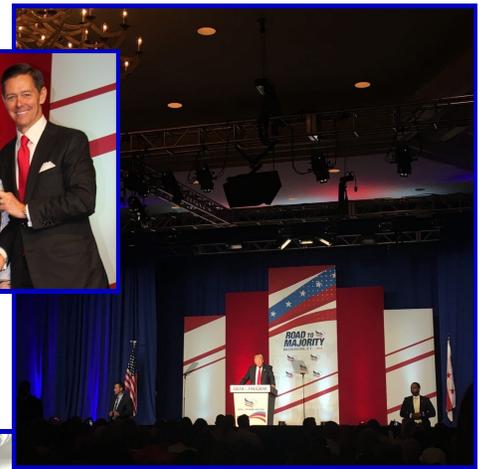
this event. His address was presented in his typical soft-spoken but direct and firm manner, indicating the dangers of the direction in which the country is heading and the importance of uniting behind Donald



Trump.

It is always a privilege to be in Washington with our National office staff and become better acquainted with leaders from across the United States. To be able to

hear such eloquent speakers and become better informed on issues affecting our culture made this time tremendously exciting and beneficial.



Urgent Federal Legislative Update

By Miriam Harris, 535 Project Coordinator



The House and Senate returned to Washington after Labor Day, ending their seven-week recess. The House-Senate Conference Committee will work on the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) to resolve the differences on forcing women ages 18-26 to sign up for Selective Service. Alarmingly, a future draft could include these eligible women. The Senate's version of the bill includes the signing provision. The House version calls for a study on

the Selective Service and is not for signing women to the draft. Sen. Ben Sasse (R-Nebraska) has composed a letter to the House and Senate Armed Services Committees and members requesting the removal of the language from NDAA which requires women to register for Selective Service. The letter, currently signed by seventeen Senators, urges the adoption of the House position to have a study to determine if more potential draftees are needed, or if

our current all-volunteer military is sufficient. Women currently are free to serve in this military. At present, no North Carolina Senator has signed this letter. North Carolina Sen. Thom Tillis serves on this committee in the U.S. Senate. CWA is in favor of the House language and has been meeting with Senate offices to encourage them to sign on to the Sasse letter. Please contact North Carolina Sen. Burr (202-224-3154) and Sen. Tillis (202-224-6342) to ask them to

sign this also. In July, the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee had a hearing on the First Amendment Defense Act (FADA). This bill is necessary because when marriage was redefined by the US Supreme Court in 2015, this opened the government to discriminate against Americans who have religious and moral beliefs about marriage. FADA was actually introduced before the court ruling to prevent this discrimination.

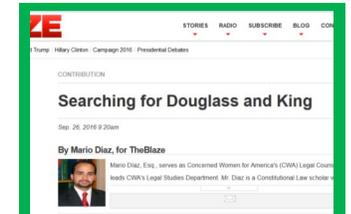
FADA’s intent is to prevent the government from forcing citizens to act against their religious beliefs. All North Carolina Congressmen should be urged to pressure this committee to take more action on FADA. Your Congressman’s contact information can be found at concernedwomen.org/capitol-live/find-your-elected-officials/.

In the September 2016 issue of American *Family*

Association Journal, staff writer Teddy James rhetorically spoke, “If Christians know they will be derided for their activism, if they will be persecuted for submitting to an authority higher than government; if they will be ridiculed and mocked for attempting to influence government, why bother? Because they must ... but as freedom grows here, it will grow across the globe.” (afajournal.org/past-issues/2016/september/what-should-america)

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Please pray for our officials in Washington to seek the Lord for wisdom in all they do and say. “Then the LORD reached out His hand, touched my mouth, and told me: I have now filled your mouth with My words.” (Jeremiah 1:9)



Another excellent article by CWA National. This one is about the recent riots in our state. Go to theblaze.com/contributions/searching-for-douglass-and-king.

Understanding & Responding to the HB2 Battle



By Jill Coward

There has been a strategic movement to change North Carolina’s course ever since the 2010 elections when Republicans took control of the state for the first time since 1896. With the battle over HB2 this year, this movement, this war, has escalated to a level none of us could have predicted or imagined. Never would I have thought North Carolina would be in the forefront of a national battle over whether men should be permitted to use women’s bathrooms and vice versa. The questions we need to ask ourselves, as we recap all that has gone on this year is, how do we respond? Can what we do within the next few months secure or eliminate HB2?

As you know, it all began last February when the Charlotte City Council initiated an overreaching city ordinance “prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity in public

bathrooms and accommodations,” an ordinance, by the way, motivated by the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) and EqualityNC. The North Carolina House of Representatives and Senate courageously passed HB2 (Public Facilities Privacy & Security Act, i.e. the Bathroom Bill) with Gov. Pat McCrory’s signature to protect and provide privacy for all citizens.

Responding to this overreaching ordinance, President Obama intruded threatening to file a lawsuit against the state for civil rights violations under Title XII and IX educational funding. Gov. McCrory, the North Carolina State House, and Senate leadership refused to concede. Five lawsuits have been filed against the state of North Carolina, including Obama’s Department of Justice (DOJ) edict reaching beyond North Carolina applying to all states. And, of course, the American Civil Liberties Union

(ACLU) could not allow the occasion to pass without filing their own injunction.

The DOJ, HRC, and ACLU are complicit in targeting our religious liberties likely working covertly with Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools (CMS) when they introduced the “gender unicorn” instruction for implementation in the 2016-17 school year (keepmyncs.afe.com/cms-introduces-gender-unicorn/). It boldly limits parental involvement, allow students to choose what bathroom and changing facilities they use, removes some gender-based activities and no longer refers to the children as “boys and girls” in the classrooms but as “scholars” or “students.” Fortunately, because of another pending lawsuit struck down in Virginia by the United States Supreme Court in August (concernedwomen.org/great-news-charlotte-mecklenburg-schools-puts-transgender-restroom-rules-on-hold/), the CMS Superintendent Ann Clark



Rally in support of HB2





A must read on this topic by CWA National. Go to concernedwomen-americas-idol/.

HB2 Battle Prayer List

- Pray for your legislators by name. (Go to ncleg.net/representation/WhoRepresentsMe.aspx to find out who your specific North Carolina legislators are.) Google how they stand on HB2 and then pray for them specifically.
- Pray for strength, wisdom and peace for Gov. McCrory and his family.
- Pray for our opposition. May the Lord thwart their evil plans and draw them to a personal relationship through Jesus Christ.



paused for now their disingenuous and malevolent plan.

Other accomplices include the big businesses, entertainment, and sports industries pulling out of North Carolina. The profound hypocrisy blatantly shows these entities bullying our state by boycott but choosing other states who also share the same discrimination policies as North Carolina, or favoring nations where homosexual acts are a crime, sometimes resulting in death.

Pro-Life Opportunities



By Jan Lewis, Legislative Action Leader

I joined my first 40 Days for Life Campaign in 2008 and recall this powerful verse: "Defend the cause of the weak and fatherless; maintain the right of the poor and oppressed." (Psalm 82:3)

Want to strengthen and renew your prayer life? Then join us for the next [40 Days for Life prayer vigil beginning September 28 through November 6, 2016](#). Participating in this international prayer campaign has drawn me nearer to Jesus, where I long to pray without ceasing, and brought me wonderful new friends!

Beginning in 2004 in College Station, Texas, with a one-hour prayer meeting, a movement known as 40 Days for Life grew to become the largest internationally coordinated pro-life mobilization in history. Their mission? Helping people in local

What's the future for our state? Gov. McCrory and our leaders have shown such tremendous courage in the face of adversity. We have been so blessed to have the leaders at this time in North Carolina's history. Sadly now some Republicans running for re-election are interested in repealing this excellent bill.

Conclusion, how do we respond to all that has gone on this year in our great state? First and foremost, commit all these things to prayer. See prayer list in the

left column. Secondly, regularly contact your legislators and express your support of HB2. Lastly, do all you can to get out the conservative vote. If we lose November's election to those that despise HB2, we lose HB2. God help North Carolina and this great country.

"Blessed are they who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times!" (Psalm 106:3)

communities end the injustice of abortion – through prayer. There are campaigns in all 50 U.S. states and 23 countries.

Abortion hurts every citizen; but especially the unborn who are killed, the deceived parents of the aborted babies, and many clinic owners and workers who participate in the slaughter of the unborn. We must pray with humility and compassion, "Father forgive us for being a nation that allows this atrocity to be legal on our watch ... and bring Your healing and forgiveness to all those who believe Satan's lies and participate or promote this holocaust in our land."

Thousands of babies have been saved, clinic workers and abortionists have quit their jobs and found healing in Christ, and 75 abortion centers have closed following campaigns taking place at their locations. The first 40 Days for Life campaign in Raleigh saw this

prayer answered when in 2010 the clinic closed after its third campaign. We often prayed for God to redeem that building, and HE DID in a marvelous way! It became "A Personal Choice," an outpatient medical center - which is a tubal ligation reversal center!! The website reads, "the birth of over 12,000 babies started here." Now women are helped to conceive a baby, not take its life!

We urge you to participate with us this year. When you register at their website, you will receive a daily devotional/prayer guide in your e-mail. Consider stepping out to pray at the Fall 40 Days vigil at an abortion clinic near you. Go to 40daysforlife.com to find a location and register. Invite a friend to join you and pray for an hour or more. It will be a life-changing experience. We know that babies have been saved from just one person praying quietly and peacefully.

And, if possible, please join a CWA-sponsored vigil in Raleigh or Charlotte on

Thursday, October 6 from 12 Noon-2:00 p.m.

A Woman's Choice
3305 Drake Circle
Raleigh, North Carolina

Family Reproductive Health
700 East Hebron Street
Charlotte, North Carolina

Meet Our New State Prayer/Action Chapter Coordinator & Charlotte Chapter Leader, Tammy Harris!



My name is Tammy Harris and one of my favorite Bible passages can be found in the Gospel of Luke. "What father among you would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish?" (Luke 11:11) reminds me of God's constant presence and His unfathomable love for each one of us. We just need to be open to His gifts. A little over a year ago, I was given a great gift. Because of His leading, I decided to stop teaching full time so that I could focus more upon my family as well as give more service to the Lord. Little did I know what He had in store.

The last 14 months since I have stopped teaching have been truly remarkable. I have been more present with my family, and God has given me very clear signs of His role for me.

What a joy it has been to spend more time with my husband Don of 19 years and our children Zach (age 17) and Taylor (age 15). I have also gotten involved in some outstanding ministries. I am now part of the local Pro-Life group, C-PLAN (Catholic Pro-Life Action Network of Charlotte) and am the Respect Life Coordinator for my parish, St. Gabriel Catholic Church. This leadership role has been such an amazing gift. It was because of this ministry that I happened to be praying at the Family Reproductive Health Center (Hebron Abortion Facility) the same day that Sheri Miller and others from CWA of North Carolina were gathered to pray and give witness. I learned so much about Concerned Women for America on that day. As I spoke to Sheri, I felt the guidance of the Holy Spirit say to me "Your

meeting her was no accident."

After much prayer I recently took over as the CWA of North Carolina Charlotte Prayer/Action Leader at First Baptist Church in Charlotte, as well as the role of the CWA of North Carolina Prayer/Action Coordinator.

I am so honored to serve as a member and leader of CWA of North Carolina and give a voice to the Christian beliefs that we all hold so dear. As another memorable Bible quote states "Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the Lord that will stand." (Proverbs 19:21) God has a great personal journey for each one of us that includes prayer and service. Please take a moment to pray and ask the Lord if your

involvement with CWA of North Carolina is to increase. Consider attending or leading a Prayer/Action Chapter in your area. Interested? Contact the state office for more information at director@northcarolina.cwfa.org!

Please join with us as we hold up our state and nation's leaders in prayer so that we may continue to be "One Nation, Under God."



Saying goodbye to our beloved State Director, Sheri Miller at her last Charlotte Chapter meeting.

Meet Our New Wilmington Prayer/Action Chapter Leader, Linda Kish!



Hi, I am Linda Kish, Jesus is my Savior and Lord!

My wonderful husband Bill and I have been married for nearly 30 years. We are blessed to have two full grown sons, two daughters-in-law, and one polydactyl cat!

Interestingly, I first learned about CWA because a Chapter met in my hometown church in upstate New York.

Our family is passionate about the sanctity of life. We have served and support our local pregnancy care center, and I serve on the board of Christian Recovery Houses here in Wilmington.

I wanted to establish a CWA Prayer/Action Chapter in my area because prayer definitely is our first and greatest tool in life. I look forward to first praying with others, seeking God's will, trusting HIM in faith and then taking action.

My greatest encouragement is knowing that God's word will not return void;

therefore, in the Wilmington CWA of North Carolina Chapter we will regularly be PRAYING scripturally!

If you live in Wilmington, please join us! If you would like to start a Chapter, go for it. Contact the state office today!

CWA Of North Carolina Helps To Get Out The Vote!

Please join with us as we partner with other faith-based affiliation groups to Get Out The Vote

Values Bus Tour

CWA has partnered with Family Research Council Action (FRC) to stop at all 100 North Carolina counties before the election. We will enjoy CWA National staff, our CWA State Director, leaders and our Young Women for America (YWA) Presidents. Plus, CEO and President Penny Nance will be at a few of the stops. This is a huge effort!! And we hope you will join us! Find out where the closest stop is to you at valuesbustour.com/tour.



Door-to-Door Canvassing and Phone Banking Across the State

We will be assisting Faith & Freedom Coalition as well as the Susan B. Anthony List in this effort to get out the Christian vote. There are volunteer as well as paid positions. There are opportunities for groups to canvas an area on a Saturday. Please [let us know](#) as soon as possible if you would like more information and/or would like to join us!

Decision America on Thursday, October 13 @ at 12 Noon

Billy Graham's Evangelistic Association concludes their 50-state tour with Franklin Graham in Raleigh at the Capitol. Don't miss this event! The Values Bus Tour will be stopping at this event. This should be a great gathering proclaiming America's only hope, Jesus Christ!!!

2016 Party Platform Comparison

Did you know that the 2016 Republican National Party platform says this on Page 24: *"We respect the states' authority and flexibility to exclude abortion providers from federal programs such as Medicaid and other health care and family planning programs so long as they continue to perform or refer for elective abortions or sell the body parts of aborted children."*

Did you know that the 2016 Democratic National Party platform says this on Page 34: *"We will fight Republican efforts to roll back the clock on women's health and reproductive rights, and stand up for Planned Parenthood."*

Did you know that the 2016 Democratic National Party platform says this on Page 46: *"Democrats believe that LGBT rights are human rights and that American foreign policy should advance the ability of all persons to live with dignity, security, and respect, regardless of who they are or who they love."*

No? Then you need to read CWA's *2016 Party Platform Comparison*. Fourteen issues are compared: Sanctity of Life, Gender, Education, Freedom of Religion, National Sovereignty, Israel, Military, Immigration, Gun Control, Health Care, Fiscal Responsibility, Environment, Criminal Justice and Anti-Trafficking, and Election and Campaign Laws.

You and your friends should see first-hand the differences in the beliefs of each party before you vote. Excerpts from 58 pages of Republican beliefs and 51 pages of Democratic beliefs have been condensed to seven to give you a glimpse at the heart of the two parties. Go to nc.cwfa.org to read and print.

2016 General Election Date Information for North Carolina

Friday, September 9

Absentee voting by mail has begun

Friday, October 14

Registration Deadline

Thursday, October 20

Early voting period begins (One Stop Voting)

Tuesday, November 1

Last day to request absentee ballot by mail

Saturday, November 5

Early voting period ends at 1:00 p.m.

Monday, November 7

(Military & Overseas) Last day to request absentee ballot by mail

Tuesday, November 8

Deadline for absentee ballot request to be received

Tuesday, November 8

2016 Statewide November General Election

** Don't forget nonpartisan races will not have an R or D, including judicial races. But, they NEED our vote!

Questions? This website answers all questions pertaining to voting in North Carolina - ncsbe2.azurewebsites.net/Elections/Election-Information.