



December 2017

Dear Friends,

**Joy to the World!** God has called us to pierce the darkness with His light shining through us. God's plan is pure, lovely, and unifying! And, in that *light*, there have been so many wonderful blessings and answers to prayers this year!

We have a bold and courageous president who stands with Israel in proclaiming Jerusalem as her capital. We have seen an unprecedented decline in abortion numbers. With the appointment of Justice Neil Gorsuch, the Supreme Court's decisions are leaning more in the direction of faith and family values. In California, we praise God that our governor vetoed A.B. 569. This bill would have made it illegal for faith-based universities, pro-life non-profit organizations, churches, and faith-based businesses to include in an employee handbook or code of conduct, anything related to premarital sex, terminating pregnancies, same-sex relationships, and contraception.

**We have much to be thankful for this year:**

- ◆ Early in the year, Hannah Ellis, former-CWA National Field Director, flew from Washington, D.C., to California to meet with me for training as the new State Director and then with my leadership team. It was a day of learning, fellowship, and prayer!
- ◆ CWA of California joined with 40 Days for Life during the spring and fall prayer vigils at several abortion facilities. Carissa Campbell, Northern California Area Director, witnessed firsthand the closing of an abortion clinic where she stood just a few weeks earlier in prayer. Thanks be to God!
- ◆ Monthly CWA Prayer/Action Chapters met across the state throughout the year. Thank you! "Prayer/Action Chapters are the backbone of Concerned Women for America." — Beverly LaHaye, CWA founder and Chairman of the Board
- ◆ CWA Home Team Captains across the state have been faithfully disseminating our information via social media, churches, and personal contacts. Thank you!
- ◆ This fall, CWA National hosted a powerful Leadership Training Conference in Washington, D.C., and your California leaders attended. We enjoyed a legislative briefing on Capitol Hill with several senators, we lobbied our senators on judicial reform, went to the White House and met with several staff, we were trained in a variety of areas, and concluded with an incredible time of worship and prayer.
- ◆ Our Encourage-A-Legislator project volunteers diligently prayed for and sent encouraging postcards to our state legislators throughout the year. Thank you!
- ◆ We had a quarterly conference call for CWA of California members and friends. It has been a wonderful time of focused prayer for our great state.

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- ◆ This fall, we joined the Life, Faith, and Family Coalition to spread the word about the FAIR Education Act, SB 48. This bill passed this year. It paves the way for liberal leaders to manipulate public school curriculum for the sake of presenting a distorted view of sexuality, monogamy, gender identity, etc. ... Our goal is to minimize the negative impact and allow a balanced incorporation of traditional values.

### **We have been blessed with tremendous leadership in California!**

First, I would like to thank the five members serving on the State Steering Committee! Carissa Campbell, Northern California Area Director, and Ruth Smith, Southern California Area Director, have faithfully dedicated endless hours to prayer, building relationships, and standing on the front lines. A hearty “thank you” to Tracey Beck, our devoted Records Coordinator, for managing the state financial records with excellence. We are thrilled to have added a new steering committee member, Sheri Miller, as Executive Advisor. She is the former CWA of North Carolina State Director. Her expertise and wisdom have been a huge help to our organization. Additionally, Angel Ashbrook, Communications Coordinator, has also joined our team this year. She has done an excellent job expanding our social media impact.

**As we look towards 2018**, our focus will be first and foremost on prayer. Yes, there will be plenty of issues to take action on, but prayer will always come first. We will continue our efforts through our Prayer/Action Chapters, Home Teams, Encourage-A-Legislator program, quarterly conference calls, e-alerts, and more.

A primary legislative issue we will be opposing is S.B. 320, which would use taxpayer money to offer and fund medication abortions on public college campuses in our state. I is currently in the Senate Education Committee. Additionally, we hope to minimize the impact of S.B. 48. Together with the Life, Faith, and Family Coalition, we will be preparing and disseminating materials for educators and parents to better understand the real requirements of the law.

Be sure to stay connected with us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and our [website](#) for current events and calls to prayer and action.

**We are continually grateful for those who give to the work of CWA of California.** Please consider sending a final 2017 gift to give us a sure foundation as we enter into 2018. All donations go straight into the work at hand. Please [click here](#) to contribute online. Or, send a check to the address below. Write it out to “Concerned Women for America” and put “CWA of CA” on the memo line. Send to the address below.

As the year ends let us focus on the gift of salvation we have through Christ Jesus.

Merry Christmas!



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