



December 2018

Dear Faithful Friend,

**On behalf of Concerned Women for America (CWA) of Hawaii, we send you greetings of peace and joy this Christmas season!**

Let us be reminded that it is in Him whom we place our hope, for on His shoulders He bears the burden of both peoples and governments. Isaiah 9:6 says, "For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

### **Year in Review**

2018 began with CWA of Hawaii attending the March for Life at the Hawaii State Capitol in Honolulu. It has been a joy to participate in this event since I became State Director nine years ago.

This year's legislative session was more challenging than usual. State legislators who do not hold our values were more aggressive in their attempts to pass legislation that does not align with CWA's core issues. CWA of Hawaii took a strong stance against several pieces of harmful legislation. We stood *against* assisted suicide, *against* the prohibition of conversion therapy, and *against* a mandate that would have forced pregnancy centers to provide information about abortion providers. Thankfully, this last piece of legislation was ruled unconstitutional by the Hawaii Supreme Court. Sadly, we were not as fortunate with the outcomes of the other pieces of legislation.

We proudly supported CWA's national effort to encourage Brett Kavanaugh's confirmation to the Supreme Court. Though an unbelievable fight, CWA of Hawaii did its part through prayer, sending e-alerts, and writing a letter-to-the-editor titled *Flimsy Accusations Shouldn't Count as Fact* that spotlighted Sen. Mazie Hirono (D-Hawaii).

We once again ran our vital Encourage-A-Legislator program in which volunteers supported legislators with both prayer and sending encouraging postcards throughout the legislative session. 25 legislators were adopted this year.

We are excited to report that another Prayer/Action Chapter was started in Hawaii, this one by Fern Mossman in Kailua. She has been diligently working to grow her group and encourage both prayer and action on national, state and local issues as the group meets once a month. Thank you, Fern!

As State Director, I continue to stand in protest as often as I can at the Hilo Community Surgery Center where they perform abortions approximately five days per week. CWA of Hawaii also

joined other participants in front of Honolulu's Planned Parenthood on the first day of the 40 Days for Life fall campaign. What a joy it continues to be to support the prayer efforts of this wonderful ministry.

CWA released a new brochure titled *The Constitution is NOT the Problem* which addresses the issue of an Article V Convention.

In October we hosted our first of many CWA of Hawaii sex trafficking meetings. The October meeting was held in New Hope Puna. There are plans to have more meetings on this issue on the other islands of Maui, Kauai, and Oahu, as well as on the Kona side of the Big Island. Our goal is to increase awareness of this horrible industry in Hawaii.

Go to our website at [hi.cwfa.org](http://hi.cwfa.org) to read all about these items listed above and more!

### **With Immense Gratitude**

We want to say a special thank you to each of you who participated in the ministry of CWA of Hawaii in some way. Maybe it was making a call to your legislator(s) after receiving one of our e-alerts; maybe it was praying diligently against a piece of legislation; maybe it was a contribution; maybe you were an encouragement to a legislator and you wrote and prayed for them regularly, or perhaps it was a combination of several things. For all that you did, thank you! It has been a delight doing this together.

A special thank you to a member who earlier in the year generously donated a new computer to CWA of Hawaii. Thank you, dear friend, for your kindness during a time of great need. Your gift has made an immense impact on the ministry of CWA of Hawaii.

### **Please Partner with Us**

Consider partnering with CWA of Hawaii by sending a final 2018 gift. The donations we receive this season will put us on a sure foundation as we enter 2019. The state organization is run by volunteers, and all funds we receive go directly into the work at hand. Your contribution will be used for simple things like postage, copy paper, and transportation. With your help, CWA of Hawaii will work to promote Biblical values in 2019. Please make a tax-deductible contribution by sending a check written out to "Concerned Women for America" and put "CWA of Hawaii" on the memo line. Please send it to the address below. Or, [contribute online](#). Any amount is greatly appreciated!

Our prayers for the coming year are that the name of Christ will be lifted high, that we will continue to make progress in our state for truth and righteousness, and that many will join in our efforts.

May you and your family have a blessed Christmas and a healthy, happy, and peaceful New Year.

In Christ,



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