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From the President of Lutherans for Life – Canada

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We at Lutherans for Life – Canada are most grateful to God for his ever-present grace as he continues to guide our nascent organization.

Our main focus has been to educate our fellow Lutherans on life and family issues. This past June at LCC's national convention two resolutions were passed to enhance our cause and give greater impetus to our message. We in Lutheran Church Canada will establish a "Sanctity of Life" Sunday on the third Sunday of January.

Of significance was another resolution to support Adult Stem Cell (ASC) but to condemn the use of Embryonic Stem Cells (ESC). This issue is of vital importance as our media disguises Stem Cell research by not defining the difference between embryonic and adult stem cells. It is vital to inform Christians of the morality in this research, as in ESC, a living human is

destroyed in order to perform this research, whereas in ASC no life is taken.

A major accomplishment has been our working agreement with Grace Kearns "Word of Hope" in St Louis MO. As reports filter in we are finding that many people are utilizing this service, as we know that there are many hurting women and men out there who are dealing with an abortion. We are most grateful for this partnership and our plans are to continue to advertise within Canada to as many outlets as possible. We encourage every congregation to advertise this great service.

Our Annual General Meeting is slated for October 22nd in St Catharine's ON. See advertisement in this newsletter.

We encourage you to consider leaving a legacy by considering a "Planned

Gift" to LFL-C. You can do this in various ways, but we encourage you to contact LUTHERAN FOUNDATION CANADA, or by contacting your FaithLife Financial representative.

We also would like to encourage you to send us short articles or letters to the editor for publication in future Newsletters. We want to be in touch with our members, and your views on various life issues, such as Stem Cells, Euthanasia, abortion, living wills, adoption and many other pertinent family concerns.

We thank you again for your prayers and support as this encourages us in combating the culture of death so imminent in our modern day society. *First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all,* Romans 1:8

❖ Clifford Pyle



Powers of Attorney and Living Wills*

Have you ever worried about what will happen to you and your property if you are in a situation when, for medical reasons, you cannot make those decisions yourself? Who will decide what care and treatment you will receive? How will your bills get paid?

The time to plan for such a possibility is before it occurs and while you are able to do so. This can be done by preparing a valid power of attorney.

A power of attorney is a written document in which you designate an individual or individuals to make decisions concerning your property and personal care if you should become incapacitated and be unable to make those decisions yourself. Once a power of attorney takes effect, your attorney “steps in your shoes” and can make any decision you could otherwise make, subject to any restrictions or limitations specified in the power of attorney.

A “living will” is often included within a power of attorney for personal care in which you give specific directions to your attorney concerning the medical

treatment you wish to be administered or withheld when you are in a specified medical condition.

The legislation concerning powers of attorney varies by province and one should consult a lawyer qualified to practice in your province to review your circumstances and ensure that a valid power of attorney is prepared.

Care should also be taken in choosing your attorney because he/she will have the power to make decisions you otherwise would be making. Therefore, your attorney should be a person or persons whom you trust will carry out your wishes and make decisions in your best interest. You should make sure that the person whom you wish to be your attorney is willing to take on that role; discuss with him/her what your wishes are; and ensure that he/she is prepared to carry out those wishes, even if he/she does not necessarily agree with them.

If you become incapacitated and do not have a valid power of attorney, the decisions

concerning your property and personal care will likely be made by someone designated by legislation. Although such a person is to act in your best interests, he/she may not necessarily be acting as you wish. Therefore, to ensure that your wishes are respected and carried out, it is important for you to deal with the issue while you can.

**This article is for general information only and is not to be relied upon for specific legal advice.*

❖ Jeffrey A.L. Kriwetz

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Conferences Coming this Fall:

Committing to Change the Culture

A conference sponsored by LifeCanada and Alberta Prolife

Calgary Alberta;
October 27 – 29th, 2011
Airport Radisson Hotel

Speakers for this conference will be Wesley Smith, Andrea Mrozek, Peter Menzies, and many more.

For a full conference schedule and list of speakers see: www.life2011.ca

Love Life Conference

Edmonton Alberta
November 6th, 2011
Concordia College

*“Getting Real about Sexuality: Celebration:
Truth and Consequences, Part 2*

See the Schedule and Speakers at www.LoveLifeEdmonton.com

Annual General Meeting

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St. Catharines Ontario
October 22nd, 2011
From 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Grace Lutheran Church
“Eggsploitation,” Discussion and Questions, Worship, AGM
Registration is \$10.00

Please preregister by sending confirmation of your attendance to:
msobeda@sympatico.ca

At the AGM we will be electing new board members for Lutherans for Life – Canada. If you know of someone dedicated individuals who would be interested in working with Lutherans for Life – Canada, please send their names to info@lutheransforlife-canada.ca

Congratulations to the Beckhams

The World Congress of Families congratulates the Beckhams on the birth of their fourth child and asks for an honest population debate

British population-control fanatics and radical environmentalists are once again showing their irrationality and true totalitarian colors by using the birth of a fourth child to English football star David Beckham and his wife to climb on their over-population soapboxes.

Simon Ross, CEO of the Optimum Population Trust, calls the Beckham family “very bad role models.” Ross insists, “There’s no point in people trying to reduce their carbon emissions and then increasing them 100% by having another child.”

If this guilt and fear mongering weren’t enough, Ross then calls for changing government “incentives” to encourage smaller families despite the data that shows family-size is already decreasing in every region of the world.

World Congress of Families Managing Director Larry Jacobs congratulated the Beckhams for “giving the gift of life to another precious child. Unlike the myths propagated by radical environmentalists, feminists, secularists and socialists, the facts are that the number of

children in the world continues to decrease. In fact, worldwide, there are 6 million fewer children (6 years of age and younger) today than there were in 1990.”

Jacobs continued: “Groups like Optimum Population Trust play on fear and ignorance. Over-population is based on a long-discredited 1960s paradigm and Paul Erlich book, “The Population Bomb.” The world’s population may be temporarily on the rise, but, worldwide, birthrates have fallen by 50% since the 1960s. Today, almost half the world’s population lives in countries with below-replacement birthrates – in many cases, well below replacement. In Europe, the number of children under 6 has fallen by 36% since 1960. According to the United Nations Population Division, if current trends continue, by 2050 there will be 248 million fewer children in the world under 6 than there are today.”

Jacobs warned, “Optimum Population Trust won’t have to worry about so-called carbon footprints when there aren’t enough people (what economists refer to as human capital) to keep

modern, industrialized societies functioning.”

The WCF Managing Director called for a frank discussion of the realities of the birth-dearth and the importance of families. He also called on the media to present more than one side in the population debate and to present the societal benefits to encouraging the “[natural family](#).”

World Congress of Families sponsored the world’s first demographic summit, “Moscow Demographic Summit: Family and the Future of Humankind” at the Russian State Social University, June 29-30. The Summit brought together demographers, economists, researchers and leaders to discuss the pending de-population crisis. [Click here](#) for more details.

World Congress of Families VI will be in Madrid, May 25-27, 2012. World Congress of Families VII will take place in Sydney in 2013. [Demographic Winter](#) will play a prominent role in both.

❖ WCF



Support Lutherans for Life – Canada

Please consider assisting LFL-C by making a financial contribution.

We place you on our mailing list and send you our newsletter.

Unfortunately, we are unable to send you a charitable receipt for your donation since LFL-C does not have charitable status with Revenue Canada.

Please send your donations to:

Lutherans for Life
Pastor Richard Juritsch
1 Jefferson Drive
St. Catharines, ON
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Have you considered leaving a planned gift within your estate to support the work of Lutherans for Life - Canada?

Are you passionate about the work they do?

Have you considered how even a small percentage of your estate would allow this vital work to continue?

Lutheran Foundation Canada, an organization of LCC, assists individuals who are considering a

planned gift, but are unsure of how best to create the gift. Coupled with other gifts you might leave to your home congregation or others.

These combined gifts can generate significant tax savings.

Please call Lutheran Foundation Canada to find out how, at 877-711-4438.

Plan and make a difference, for your loved ones, and the ministries you value.



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Join Lutherans for Life – Canada

Thinking about joining Lutherans for Life?

Take a look at our objectives and become a member of Lutherans for Life – Canada.

(a) to provide an organization through which Lutheran Christians can unite to share dialog and give common witness within the Church and society to their concern for the value and dignity of all human life;

(b) to strengthen the existing bond of concern by bringing Lutherans of

like mind into contact with one another;

(c) to gather and share pertinent information with its membership and develop strategies for witness and response;

(d) to develop and distribute educational materials based on the Word of God;

(e) to identify resource people who can write and speak on behalf of the organization;

(f) to monitor public and private action in order to enhance the right to life;

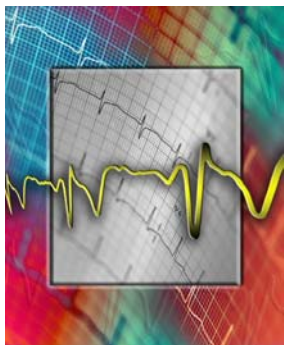
(g) to respond to and cooperate with other groups in society which share similar concerns;

(h) to examine and correct popular but misleading stereotypes regarding pro-life advocacy;

(i) to operate exclusively for Charitable and educational purposes. It will not participate in political campaign for or against any candidate for public office or devote a substantial part of its activities to influence legislation.

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Books to Read



The Basics on Advance Directives: Thy Will Be Done by James Lamb at www.cph.org, item Number LFL807BWEB

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A Blue Rose

Having four visiting family members, my wife was very busy, so I offered to go to the store for her to get some needed items, which included light bulbs, paper towels, trash bags, detergent and Clorox. So off I went.

I scurried around the store, gathered up my goodies and headed for the checkout counter, only to be blocked in the narrow aisle by a young man who appeared to be about sixteen-years-old. I wasn't in a hurry, so I patiently waited for the boy to realize that I was there. This was when he waved his hands excitedly in the air and declared in a loud voice, "Mommy, I'm over here."

It was obvious now, he was mentally challenged and also startled as he turned and saw me standing so close to him, waiting to squeeze by. His eyes widened and surprise exploded on his face as I said, "Hey Buddy, what's your name?"

"My name is Denny and I'm shopping with my mother," he responded proudly.

"Wow," I said, "that's a cool name; I wish my name was Denny, but my name is Steve."

"Steve, like Stevarino?" he asked. "Yes," I

answered. "How old are you Denny?"

"How old am I now, Mommy?" he asked his mother as she slowly came over from the next aisle.

"You're fifteen-years-old Denny; now be a good boy and let the man pass by."

I acknowledged her and continued to talk to Denny for several more minutes about summer, bicycles and school. I watched his brown eyes dance with excitement, because he was the center of someone's attention. He then abruptly turned and headed toward the toy section.

Denny's mom had a puzzled look on her face and thanked me for taking the time to talk with her son. She told me that most people wouldn't even look at him, much less talk to him.

I told her that it was my pleasure and then I said something I have no idea where it came from, other than by the prompting of the Holy Spirit. I told her that there are plenty of red, yellow, and pink roses in God's Garden; however, "Blue Roses" are very rare and should be appreciated for their beauty and distinctiveness. You see, Denny is a Blue Rose and if someone doesn't stop

and smell that rose with their heart and touch that rose with their kindness, then they've missed a blessing from God.

She was silent for a second, then with a tear in her eye she asked, "Who are you?"

Without thinking I said, "Oh, I'm probably just a dandelion, but I sure love living in God's garden."

She reached out, squeezed my hand and said, "God bless you!" and then I had tears in my eyes.

May I suggest, the next time you see a BLUE ROSE, don't turn your head and walk off. Take the time to smile and say Hello. Why? Because, by the grace of God, this mother or father could be you. This could be your child, grandchild, niece or nephew. What a difference a moment can mean to that person or their family.

From an old dandelion! Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God.

"People will forget what you said, People will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel!"

❖ Anonymous