

**Lutherans for Life – Canada Newsletter
Fall Edition 2012**



From the President of Lutherans for Life – Canada:

I write this message to you after and during visits to Quebec and babysitting six grandchildren, and it seems even though we are retired there is little time to relax. This newsletter comes to you at a critical time in Canadian history when events seem to be snowballing out of control.

We at Lutherans for Life - Canada have had an unbelievably busy summer and have laboured under a tremendous work load. We have been battling and struggling with two key issues this year, one being Motion 312 and the Gloria Taylor Assisted Suicide case.

God's words in Scripture certainly rings true in our post modern, utilitarian society. Ephesians 6:12, *"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places."*

With the recent defeat of M 312 and with the vitriol directed towards those who defend life and speak up for the unborn and vulnerable in our society shows us that we are indeed at a critical juncture in our history.

We at LFL-C need your support and prayers more than ever as life issues continue to polarize society. We are taking an active part in trying to change laws to protect not only the unborn but our elderly citizens as well.

Please take an active part by calling your MP and expressing your support for these helpless citizens but also support those who do take an active part in defending life.

Please note that at our AGM, November 3rd in London, ON that we have MP Stephen Woodworth as our speaker. Please plan to attend if you live in the area.

Clifford Pyle
President, Lutherans for Life - Canada

Media Release
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WOODWORTH PROMISES TO FIGHT ON

OTTAWA, Ontario — Acknowledging that the defeat of Motion 312 will disappoint the thousands of Canadians who took time to express their support, Stephen Woodworth vowed to fight on against the denial of the worth and dignity of every human found in subsection 223(1) of the Criminal Code.

“I will be there to encourage and to speak out in defence of the Canadian values championed by Motion 312” he said. “If possible, I’ll travel the country to talk about the very, very grave importance of enshrining in Canadian law the equal worth and dignity of every human being”.

Woodworth called on Canadians to redouble their efforts to promote the view that democratic institutions, honest laws and every human being are more important than preoccupation with abortion or any other agenda or ideology.

For more information:

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SEE ALSO: **Chris Selley: What’s so outrageous about debating abortion?**

<http://fullcomment.nationalpost.com/2012/09/27/chris-selley-whats-so-outrageous-about-debating-abortion/>

LOVE LIFE CONFERENCE – EDMONTON, AB. November 17th, 2012

Guest Speakers – Dr. James Lamb, & Michael Coren.

For more information contact Dr. Glenn Schaeffer; glennabcoutreach@yahoo.ca

Notice of AGM

DATE: NOVEMBER 3rd, 2012

Registration begins at 9:30 AM, Fee is \$10.00, includes lunch

PLACE: Faith Lutheran Church, London ON

Opening Devotion: 10 A.M.

11:00 A.M. Speaker Stephen Woodworth MP

12:00 Lunch

1:00 - 3:00 Business Meeting

Please pre-register with Marian Obeda at msobeda@sympatico.ca or call 519 – 473 - 2969 by October 31st. Thank you.

NOMINATIONS FOR BOD: Please send to Marian msobeda@sympatico.ca or info@lutheransforlife-canada.ca All positions open.

AGENDA LUTHERANS FOR LIFE – CANADA
November 3rd, 2012 Faith L C 310 Southdale Rd., East
London, Ontario

9:30 A.M. Registration

10:00 – 11:00 Opening Devotion - Worship Service

11:00 The Honourable Stephen Woodworth, MP for Kitchener Centre.
“The Legal Status of the unborn in Canada.”

12:00 – 12:45 Lunch

1:00 – 3:30 Business Meeting

Minutes - Approval and adoption of October 22nd, 2011

Presidents Report - Mr. Cliff Pyle

Treasurer’s Report – Rev. Richard Juritsch

Secretary’s Report – Mrs. Marian Obeda

LMC’s Report -- Berte Bruer

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Elections

Open Discussion

Installation of Board Members – Pastor Robert Bruer, Pastoral Advisor

Closing Prayer -- Pastor Bruer

Lutherans for Life Canada
Financial Report
January 1 to December 31, 2011

Opening Balance – January 1, 2011 \$14,651.60

Receipts

Donations	\$3,956.04	
Display Receipts	\$127.40	
CEF Interest	\$268.18	
Total Receipts		\$4,351.62

Expenditures

Teleconferences (Board)	\$223.92	
Materials	\$551.26	
Website	\$168.83	
Honorariums	\$40.00	
Lutherans for Life	\$2,500.00	
Word of Hope	\$750.00	
Love Life Conference	\$1,000.00	
Advertising	\$1,087.04	
Newsletter	\$64.35	
Conferences/Meetings	\$1,775.13	
Receiver General	\$30.00	
Miscellaneous	\$19.23	
		\$8,209.76

Closing Balance, December 31, 2011 \$10,793.46

Kenney defies PM over abortion motion as leadership jockeying begins. -- John Ivison:

Jason Kenney, the Immigration Minister, supported the bill, despite the Prime Minister's wish that his caucus follow the lead of his chief whip, Gordon O'Connor, who argued last spring that the House of Commons is not a laboratory and, therefore, not the appropriate venue to debate such a highly charged theological and philosophical issue.

After NDP caucus Wednesday, Tom Mulcair repeated the tired old canard that the Woodworth motion is part of Mr. Harper's "hidden agenda."

"Mr. Harper constantly says out of one side of his mouth that he doesn't want to re-open the debate on abortion. But not only his backbenchers, there's even a minister ... saying he is going to vote in favour of this motion," he said.

See for full story: <http://fullcomment.nationalpost.com/2012/09/26/john-ivison-kenney-defies-pm-over-abortion-motion-as-leadership-jockeying-begins/>

'Sex selection abortion' played a role in supporting pro-life motion: Ambrose

By Steve Rennie, The Canadian Press
September 27, 2012

Conservative MP Stephen Woodworth in Ottawa, September 25, 2012. THE CANADIAN PRESS/Adrian Wyld

OTTAWA - Facing calls for her job and accused by the NDP of betraying the women she represents at the federal cabinet table, a defiant Rona Ambrose stood in the House of Commons to explain why she voted in support of a pro-life motion.

Sort of: Asked why she was one of 10 Conservative cabinet ministers who supported backbench MP Stephen Woodworth's motion to strike a committee to examine the definition of a human being, Ambrose responded by extolling the Conservative government's record on funding projects for women and girls.

Ambrose, the minister responsible for the status of women, stunned observers Wednesday when she rose to her feet in favour of Woodworth's motion — despite the fact Prime Minister Stephen Harper has said he has no plans to reopen the abortion debate in Canada.

New Democrat MP Libby Davies called Ambrose's vote "very shocking." Davies said the minister's decision showed she was not prepared to uphold the rights of women in Canada.

"This motion was clearly about undermining women's equality, reproductive rights. That's been very clear from Day 1 and I think that's how the vote was taken," Davies said.

"So I think she can rationalize it all she wants, but as the (minister for the) status of women, she clearly betrayed the women of this country by not standing up and ensuring that we don't let the clock be turned backwards. So I think it was disappointing, I was — I was really surprised when I saw her vote for the motion. I don't buy her argument at all."

‘Dangerous’ new rules designed to expand organ-donor pool likely violate the Charter: legal expert

[Tom Blackwell](#) | Aug 28, 2012 7:45 PM ET | Last Updated: Aug 28, 2012 7:51 PM ET
[More from Tom Blackwell](#) | [@tomblackwellNP](#)

Months into the latest national campaign to recruit desperately needed organ donors, a legal scholar is arguing that new guidelines for declaring people brain dead and eligible for organ harvesting likely violate the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The non-binding rules developed by a government-appointed expert panel in 2004 — designed to expand the pool of transplant donors — make it more likely that people are being declared dead when they are still alive, and were drafted with no public input, complains Jacqueline Shaw in the McGill Journal of Law and Health.

Given that the panel’s “inappropriately one-sided” guidelines emerged from a government transplant initiative, they are subject to the Charter, and appear to violate the right to life, liberty and security of the person, she argues.

“The recent government issuance of significant, dangerous, under-the-radar changes in guidelines for brain death determination in Canada is virtually unknown and warrants greater public attention,” she said in an email exchange with the *National Post*. “The brain-death changes dramatically increase the potential to misdiagnose as ‘brain dead’ patients who are simply suffering from temporary, reversible neurological states.” See full story: <http://news.nationalpost.com/2012/08/28/canadas-new-organ-donor-rules-likely-violate-the-charter-legal-expert/>

Let’s have the abortion debate

By Margaret Somerville, Ottawa Citizen
August 23, 2012

Pro-choice advocates have passionately opposed MP Stephen Woodworth’s private member’s motion to set up a parliamentary committee to examine the definition of “human being” in the Criminal Code, arguing “there is nothing to discuss.” This definition provides that “a child becomes a human being” only at birth. They fear a discussion could result in some legal recognition of unborn children and the enactment of some law governing abortion.

First, let’s be clear that scientifically, biologically and genetically each new, unique human life begins at conception, not at birth. Everything that the new human life will become is present at the moment of conception. The law could adopt a “legal fiction” that life begins at birth, or even some time after birth as some “post-birth abortion” (legalized infanticide) advocates urge, but it would be a fiction “for the purposes of the law.”

See remainder of story.

<http://www.ottawacitizen.com/opinion/op-ed/have+abortion+debate/7135511/story.html>

NEWS FROM EPC - Alex Schadenberg

Today, Justice Jo-Ann Prowse upheld the decision by Justice Smith in the Carter case granting Gloria Taylor a constitutional exemption to be killed by euthanasia or assisted suicide.

* Link to the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition (EPC) media release:

<http://alexschadenberg.blogspot.ca/2012/08/epc-urges-government-of-canada-to.html>

* On June 15, Justice Smith made her decision in the Carter case in BC. Smith decided to:

1. Legalize euthanasia and assisted suicide by overturning Canada's laws that protect people.
2. Order parliament to legalize euthanasia and assisted suicide by June 15, 2013.
3. Granted Gloria Taylor, one of the plaintiffs a constitutional exemption to die by assisted suicide.

* On July 13, the Canadian government appealed the decision and its effects. On August 3, Justice Prowse heard the Crown's motion of a stay of the Constitutional Exemption.

* Today (August 10) Justice Prowse released a decision upholding the constitutional exemption granting Gloria Taylor death by assisted suicide but reversing the order of parliament to legalize euthanasia and assisted suicide by June 15, 2013. Justice Prowse also informed us that the appeal of the Carter decision will be heard from March 4 - 8, 2013. EPC intervened in the Carter case at the trial level and we intend to intervene in the Carter case at the BC Court of Appeal.

Donations to the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition can be made at: <http://www.euthanasiaprevention.on.ca/Donations.htm>

* The decision to uphold the constitutional exemption for Gloria Taylor to die by assisted suicide is concerning because it gives the power over life and death to a judge. EPC is concerned that this decision has, created a regime whereby a judge can determine who lives and who dies in Canada.

* EPC is asking the Government of Canada to appeal the decision of Justice Prowse.

* It is inconceivable that a judge can order death by assisted suicide for Gloria Taylor, which is prohibited by the criminal code, after parliament overwhelmingly rejected assisted suicide in April 2010 by a vote of 228 to 59, and after the Supreme Court of Canada decided in 1993 that Canada's assisted suicide was constitutional.

Contact Justice Minister Rob Nicholson at: mcu@justice.gc.ca. Urge the Government of Canada to appeal the decision by Justice Prowse in the Carter case that upheld the decision of Justice Smith to grant Gloria Taylor death by assisted suicide. [Link to Talking Points on the Carter case.](#)

Updates:

* The Australian and New Zealand Society of Palliative Medicine stated that: [Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide are outside the Discipline of Palliative Medicine.](#)

[The Canadian Society of Palliative Care physicians oppose Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide.](#)

* [Dying With Dignity accuses the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition of lying.](#)

* [Don't make Oregon's mistake: Assisted Suicide should not be legal.](#)

* [Hope for Lilliana - Lilliana lives with Trisomy 18. She is not "Incompatible with Life".](#)

The First European Symposium on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide will be in Edinburgh Scotland - September 7 - 8, 2012. [Link to the registration information.](#)

Alex Schadenberg

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Lethbridge group to protest Parliament abortion debate with 'woolly wombs' August 14, 2012

A fabric creation that was made in Lethbridge is shown in this undated handout photo. An Alberta women's group wants to use knitting needles make a point with federal politicians. Womanspace in Lethbridge is urging people to crochet or knit copies of women's reproductive organs. THE CANADIAN PRESS/HO-Kristina Larkin

A southern Alberta women's group is hoping some woolly wombs will make a point with politicians in Ottawa.

Members of Womanspace in Lethbridge are asking that people crochet or knit copies of women's reproductive organs that will be sent to Parliament as part of a nationwide protest.

The advocacy group is concerned about a Tory MP's private member's motion that a committee be struck to re-examine when a fetus should be considered a human being.

Women's groups say that would reignite a national debate on abortion that could eventually make it illegal.

Womanspace spokeswoman Jenn Prosser says it's important that politicians know any changes to women's reproductive rights won't be tolerated. The motion hasn't been voted on yet.

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