

Lutherans for Life – Canada Newsletter Summer Edition 2012



From the President of Lutherans for Life – Canada:

The role of Lutherans for Life - Canada has risen in importance over the past few months. It appears as if we are constantly being called upon to speak up for the helpless and infirm in our Canadian society. We spent countless hours and resources on abortion by encouraging our members to contact their MP's in Ottawa and speak in favour of Stephen Woodward's Motion 312. Now we have the issue of Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia thrown at us by a radical left-wing Judge (Justice Lynn Smith) who is breaking dangerous new ground by sanctioning a physician in the death of Gloria Taylor.

We encourage all of our members and non members to contact your MP and let your views be made known that we support life at all stages of development, from the Womb to the Tomb. Be polite and respectful.

Also included in this issue is a press release about the group Physicians for Global Survival (PGS), who recently had their Charitable status revoked. The government is looking at various charitable groups to see how they use their resources for political purposes. Perhaps it will turn out to be a level playing field for charities such as LFL-C who were denied this privilege?

We have selected a variety of topics for your general interest, such as the involvement of men and youth in the pro-life movement. As more scientific evidence surfaces in support of life issues, one of interest to us is the Abortion Breast Cancer link. See how abortion statistics are being manipulated or withheld from the Canadian public.

We continue to seek your support, both financially and prayerfully. As our work load increases we may need to hire staff to keep up to the demands. One way to leave a legacy is to consider leaving an endowment to LFL-C. FaithLife Financial can assist with a program called "Planned Giving".

We "thank God" for every one of you who so diligently support us and work with us to get the message of life out to our fellow Lutherans.

"Yet, O Lord, you are our Father. We are the Clay, You are the potter; we are all the work of Your hand." Isaiah 64:8 (NIV)

God's Grace, Mercy and Peace to you!

Clifford Pyle

The Father Potter's Hands

by Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb (From [In the Hands of God](#) available through CPH.)

“Yet, O LORD, you are our Father. We are the clay, You are the potter; we are all the work of Your hand.” Isaiah 64:8 (NIV)

If a baker bakes and a skater skates, does a potter pot? Well, in Hebrew they do. When used as a verb, the word potter means “to form.” To better fit the scheme of the first sentence we would say, “the Former forms.”

I’ve seen it several times, and it always amazes me. A lump of wet, slimy-looking clay is spinning around on a turntable when it suddenly begins to take on some form in the hands of the potter (former). It’s almost as if the shape of the newly forming vessel is flowing out of the potter’s hands.

What a contrast! Dead, formless clay and the life-giving forming hands of the Potter. What a contrast! “We are the clay.” **“We are all the work of [His] hand.”**

The Former forms us with His hands from the very beginning. Did you know that the word for “Potter” and “to form” is used four times in reference to being formed by God in the womb? Check it out. Jeremiah 1:5; Isaiah 44:2, 24; 49:5.

Now check this out. It is not just the hands of any ol’ potter who forms us. He is our Father. We have a Father Potter! A Father Potter who just happens to be the LORD! A Father Potter who has every right to discard us as a good-for-nothing lump of clay. Just prior to our verse Isaiah had confessed, “No one calls on Your name or strives to lay hold of You.”

“Yet ... (what a powerful little Gospel word!) we are all the work of Your hand.”

A potter forming a pot may really not care what happens to it once it is taken out of his hands. A Father Potter forming His children will never let anyone snatch them out of His hands.

Prayer: Father Potter, help me ever to appreciate Your undeserved love that formed me into one of Your children. Give me confidence to rest secure in the hands that formed me and redeemed me. In Jesus name. Amen.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

NATIONAL PRO-LIFE CONFERENCE October 25th - 27th, 2012, Toronto ON
<http://www.lifecanada.org/>

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE - CANADA AGM, London, ON., November 3rd, 2012
info@lutheransforlife-canada.ca

LOVE LIFE CONFERENCE Edmonton AB, November 17th, 2012; Dr. James Lamb, Michael Coren.
Contact Dr. Glenn Schaeffer: glennabcoutreach@yahoo.ca;

WHAT

IS THIS WOMAN CARRYING

YOU MAY BE SURPRISED AT HOW CANADA REGARDS THIS BABY

- Did you know Canadian law says a child is **not a human being** before the moment of complete birth?
- A child has **no human rights** until its entire body has emerged from its mother's body.
- This law was developed by judges **over 400 years ago** when medical science knew nothing about the development of children in the womb.
- **Does this make sense** in the 21st century, when doctors can see a child's heart beat—and even operate on a child—long before birth?
- Will Parliament refuse to accept this or any law that says some human beings are not human? **That's up to you!** The sidebar at right explains how you can make your voice heard.

"But what about the woman's rights?"

It's an important question.

Let us first consider that no person's rights have ever been made more secure by denying fundamental human rights to another.

***Compassion for the woman.
Compassion for her child.***

Member of Parliament Stephen Woodworth has filed a motion asking Parliament to examine Canada's 400-year-old law in light of modern medical knowledge.


Tell your MP you want Parliament to support a fact based and respectful dialogue. You can find your MP's name and contact information by entering your postal code at elections.ca

Circulate a petition. One is to your MP and ask that it be presented in Parliament. Available for download at notyetborn.wordpress.com Collect at least 25 valid signatures. Give the petition

**LET'S TALK
ABOUT IT.**



Thursday, June 21st, 2012

Good Morning, 

I wanted to touch base once again as the 2nd hour of debate and vote for Motion 312 are scheduled a mere three months away. Your efforts and encouragement to date have been a tremendous help and I cannot thank you enough for all of your support.

Our office has been receiving a number of petitions from supporters all across Canada and I have made it a priority to present as many of these petitions as possible to the House. The more often petitions relating to Motion 312 are read from Members of all parties in the House, the more effective they become in generating support.

I have decided the best process is for you to send any petitions you generate or receive to my office. I will then forward them to the relevant Member of Parliament.

You may address any completed Petitions to my Ottawa Office at the following address:

Stephen Woodworth, MP
Rm. 334, Confederation Building
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Once again, thank you for all of your support.

Stephen Woodworth
Member of Parliament
Kitchener Centre 

24 May 2012

Position Statement 

Motion M-312: Creation of a committee to discuss when human life begins

The Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada (SOGC) was founded in 1944 with the mission “to promote excellence in the practice of obstetrics and gynaecology and to advance the health of women through leadership, advocacy, collaboration, outreach, and education.” The SOGC is a leading authority on reproductive health care and produces national clinical practice guidelines on important women's health issues. The Society’s more than 3,800 professional members include gynaecologists, obstetricians, family physicians, nurses, midwives, and allied health professionals from across Canada.

The SOGC is profoundly troubled by private member motion M-312 calling for the creation of a committee of the House of Commons to re-examine the question of when life begins.

This motion proposes to initiate a discussion that would lead to the review and possible amendment of the Criminal Code to allow for a foetus to have legal standing, and therefore be granted human rights, while in

utero. This is yet another attempt to circumvent the direct decision taken by Parliament and the Courts to define legal status and rights as accruing at birth.

The SOGC, in its dual roles of official body representing the interests of health-care professionals who care for pregnant women and the principal organization with a mandate to advance the health of women, opposes Motion M-312. 👎👎

Thu May 17 2012 (abbreviated version)

A growing youth-movement story being missed by the media

After shouting on Parliament Hill last Thursday with a crowd the size of a small city — 19,500 people-strong I'm told — it seems obvious to me that there's a new normal among Gen Y and the Millennials taking over the scene.

Just over three years ago, a poll conducted by Environics Focus Canada questioned 2,047 Canadians. Results showed 67 per cent of people between age 18 and 29 years old surveyed wanted legal protection for unborn babies at some point before birth. This same age bracket further showed that 70 per cent had high support for informed consent surrounding abortion. More recently, Angus Reid Public Opinion conducted a nationwide survey that included a representation of Canada's population age 18 to 35. Results showed 60 per cent of people surveyed believed abortion is morally wrong.

In our own community, several students from the University of Guelph and at least two busloads of teenagers headed to the Hill this month to participate in bringing awareness to an issue they believe is worth making a ruckus about.

There's no denying, it's an emergence of a new normal. It's one much different from the Trudeaumania-filled days of 1968 and it's happening right here, too. Until last week, this young-people movement has swept the country but without recognition from the media.

Why the lack of coverage? With a movement this strong, why has there been silence from journalists across the nation? Could it be that, like many of our MPs, our media is still governed by those who dare not oppose the creed of their day in order to escape being branded as intolerant or a woman-hater or anti-choice?

As a result of the May 10 gathering, abortion

proponents need to recognize that Gen Y and the Millennials have a different perspective that is quickly rising. Downplaying it, and threatening it with name calling, won't make it disappear.

Vanessa Sproule, Guest column Vanessa Sproule is the program manager for the Guelph and Area Right to Life.

Planned Parenthood Continues Denying Abortion-Breast Cancer Link

by Rita Diller | Washington, DC | LifeNews.com | 5/18/12 5:33 PM

Even though 53 out of 66 studies done since 1957 show an increased risk of breast cancer after induced abortion, Planned Parenthood CEO Cecile Richards sent out an impassioned plea for money to fight new Kansas legislation that she deceptively claims will "force doctors to lie to their patients."

Even if the woman seeking abortion is a victim of rape or incest, her doctor will lie to her about her risk of breast cancer on the orders of Kansas lawmakers. How awful. How cruel. Help us stop it," she says. Richards is upset because the new legislation requires abortionists to warn women about the correlation between induced abortion and breast cancer.

Since 1957 there [have] been 66 studies done which looked at the relation of induced abortion and breast cancer, including 53 which showed a positive correlation and 25 that were statistically significant. There were only 13 which showed no association.

Despite the continuing efforts of the abortion lobby and the media to drive a stake through the heart of a long list of credible, peer-reviewed studies showing the abortion-breast cancer link, the truth remains. That truth, like the blood of the aborted children that drenches the ground of our nation, keeps rising up and crying out to be noticed—much to the disdain of Planned Parenthood and its pro-abortion-biased scientists

who discredit and trash studies that do not show what they want them to show.

<http://www.lifenews.com/2012/05/18/planned-parenthood-continues-denying-abortion-breast-cancer-link/>

LifeNews.com Note: Rita Diller is the national director of American Life League's Stop Planned Parenthood Project

Why Men Must Be Involved in Ending Abortion

By: Shara Guengerich, 2012 Missionary for Life

Pro-life men are often under assault from the pro-abortion camp for being involved in an issue that supposedly they should "should have no say in" because they are not being female. Not only is this argument completely sexist, but it is also completely irrelevant. However, this sentiment can often affect recruitment for your Students for Life club, and can sometimes leave your club with a disproportionately high majority of female members. This should not be the case! We need both genders actively defending life, and if men believe the lie that they do not have a right to speak out, then our cause will suffer tremendously.

- Male SFL club members can have an awesome and unique voice in your club! If you have a mix of people in your club, it is going to attract a broader base of membership. It is great for events and promotion to have both genders present to give your group more diversity.

- When talking to people considering abortion, men can give a perspective that females may not necessarily possess, once again broadening the ways that your club can address abortion.



Equipping the Pro-Life Generation



Canadian Abortion Stats.

Friday, May 4, 2012 By Patricia Maloney

We know that CIHI recently released their [2010 abortion statistics](#). Absent from the statistics were

the number of abortions from Quebec.

So I asked CIHI why there was no data for Quebec, CIHI told me that:

"We receive Quebec hospital and clinic abortion data directly from the Quebec ministry (hospitals, but not clinics, are mandated to collect it). It reflects all induced abortions for patients covered by the province's health insurance plan. As per my earlier note, we are currently working with the ministry to obtain this data."

I also asked for clarification on clinic data and which provinces accurately report clinic data. This is what CIHI told me:

"AB, MB, NL and NB have reported comprehensive clinic data. As stated in the footnotes for the published tables, BC, ON, QC have not reported comprehensive clinic data. There are no clinics in SK, NS, PEI or the territories."

These OHIP billing records reported that there were at least [43,997 abortions in Ontario in 2010](#). Plus there were [94 medical abortions in Ontario for 2010](#), for a new total of at least 44,091 abortions committed in Ontario in 2010.

CIHI is reporting only 28,765 abortions in Ontario for 2010.

So while we're at it, let's multiply that 44,091 number of Ontario abortions for 2010 by a more realistic total cost for an abortion, [which is \\$1,600](#).

That's at least \$70,545,600 Ontario taxpayers spent killing their unborn children in 2010.

Highly-regarded anti-nuke organization becomes first Harper charity victim.

by Campaign to build 'One Big Campaign' on Monday, May 7, 2012 at 12:34pm ·

Physicians for Global Survival (PGS), a highly regarded Canadian NGO that has been campaigning to abolish nuclear weapons for 32 years, is losing its charitable tax status.

"We promote nuclear disarmament," said staff member Andrea Levy, "but we've been told we're too political. We do too much advocacy."

However, the content of the PGS website

(www.pgs.ca) and its newsletter Turning Point do not present the picture of an organization that is moderately political, let alone radical.

The Harper government attacked Canada's highly-regarded charitable sector in its recent budget, warning that charities that surpass the rule of devoting more than 10 per cent of their total resources to political work will lose their charitable status.

The most recent issue of Turning Point contains only one very low key item that could be construed as being mildly political. It calls on Canadians to sign a petition to go to the government asking them to organize and host a conference on nuclear disarmament in Canada.

Now that PGS is losing its charitable status, it hopes that people are willing to give the organization a contribution without receiving a tax break.

Groups concerned about losing the tax advantage should learn the details about what the government can, and cannot, do, and not panic. Charities have a right to allocate 10 per cent of their resources to political activities, and they should exercise that right.

by Nick Fillmore *Nick is a social activist and a journalist. He has written on the subject of Charities and the tax status on his blog www.nickfillmore.blogpost.com Contact Nick at fillmore0274@rogers.com*



Comment on the BC Supreme Court decision regarding assisted suicide

Monday, June 18 2012

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) has learned with dismay of a ruling on assisted suicide by a judge of the British Columbia Supreme Court. The Catholic position on this

question is clear. Human life is a gift from God. Therefore, as taught in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 2280, "We are stewards, not owners, of the life God has entrusted to us. It is not ours to dispose of."

Being stewards of life also requires each of us and all society to respond to the physical, emotional and moral sufferings of people of all ages, particularly those seriously ill or handicapped. In this regard, as the Bishops of Canada stated in [2005](#), we stand before a fundamental option, the response to which reveals the true nature of our society's heart. Do we show concern for the sick, the elderly, the handicapped and vulnerable by encouraging them to commit suicide or through deliberating killing them by euthanasia? Or, instead, do we fashion a culture of life and love in which each person, at every moment and in all circumstances of their natural lifespan, is treasured as a gift?

The CCCB will issue a more detailed reflection at a later date, once there has been opportunity to review the lengthy 395-page ruling. The ruling by the BC Supreme Court gives Parliament a year in which to consider the question. This will also give the CCCB opportunity to make submissions in due course.

by Richard W. Smith, Archbishop of Edmonton
President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

On November 28th, 2000, the Lower House of the Dutch Parliament voted 104 to 40 to legalize assisted suicide and voluntary euthanasia--"the first nation since Hitler's Germany," wrote Nat Hentoff in *Jewish World Review*, "to legalize the direct killing of patients by physicians'.

In 1991, a government-backed study found that "the majority of all euthanasia deaths in the Netherlands are involuntary."

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- (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;
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- (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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