

Teachers Saving Children[®] Inc. Pro-Life Voices in Education

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Thoughts From The Executive Director

Frank Ebiner

"Trust in Him at all times, O people; Pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us." -Psalm 62:8

"You are the light of the world. Let your light shine before men that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."
-Matthew 14.16

The National Education Association Representative Assembly (NEA-RA) concluded in Houston, Texas on July 7th, but the repercussions will be felt economically, spiritually and emotionally for the foreseeable future. I was an elected delegate from California for the 3rd consecutive year. Each year there have been times of uplifting experiences from the positive comments and support we receive at our *Teachers Saving Children* exhibit.

This year, as mentioned in our May newsletter, the NEA was no longer going to have an Expo for educational-related vendors prior to the beginning of the RA. You, our members, expressed the desire to be a positive pro-life voice at this year's RA, if in any way possible.

So, I reached out to Christine Nowak, long-time pro-life delegate and chairperson of the NEA's *Educators For Life* caucus and asked if her caucus would sponsor us as a non-profit organization. She supported the idea, and so, throughout the five days in Houston, July 3rd to July 7th, NEA delegates and guests were able to stop by our table with gracious, encouraging and knowledgeable volunteers from our *Teachers Saving Children Board of Trustees* and *Texas Right to Life*. Please read Judy Bruns' article on page 2 and the pictures on page 3 for some of the highlights and encouraging and discouraging outcomes.

In a venue like the NEA-RA, it is easy, perhaps tempting, to become discouraged. Yet, we are reminded to trust in God. In these times He is, and always will be, a refuge for us. And though at times, it may feel as though the loud voices are drowning out the truth, we witnessed many "lights on the hill" from the generous people at *Texas Right to Life*, *Houston Coalition for Life*, and our *Board of Trustees volunteers*. Additionally, we were blessed by our kind and gentle-hearted members who donated beautifully crocheted baby blankets which we gave to amazingly thankful parents and grandparents of babies in the womb. And, of course, we thank each of you for your prayers, financial support, and ongoing witness to supporting human life, from the moment of conception to natural death.

Continue to trust in the Lord. Be the light on the hill. Know that all of you are witnesses to truth, for God rejoices in every man, woman and child, born and not born. His love for us is without conditions and without exceptions, young and old, weak and strong. Blessings to you always.

MEMORIES OF HOUSTON: Teachers Saving Children advocates for the sanctity of all human life.



To Life guest volunteers



July 3^{rd} : Teachers Saving Children and Texas Right July $3^{rd} - 7^{th}$: Judy, Chuck, Jan and Frank: advocates and pro-life voices in education.



July 4th: On Independence Day, remembering our unalienable rights, including the right to life.



NEA-RA guest whose shirt "speaks the truth".



July 8th: Praying outside Houston Women's Clinic

National Education Association Representative Assembly (NEA-RA) Votes to Support Abortion

New Business Item (NBI) 56—"Through existing media channels, the NEA will honor the leadership of women, non-binary, and trans people, and other survivors who have come forward to publicly name their rapists and attackers in the growing, international, #MeToo movement. Furthermore, the NEA will include an assertion of our defense of a person's right to control their own body, especially for women, youth, and sexually marginalized people. The NEA vigorously opposes all attacks on the right to choose and stands on the fundamental right to abortion under Roe v. Wade." \$2,500. *Adopted as amended.

People smiled in awe at our Teachers Saving Children display. People cried in dismay as they sought solace from what was occurring on the Representative Assembly floor. Executive Director Frank Ebiner and Board of Trustees members Jan Luke, Judy Bruns, and Charles Hlavaty witnessed it all as they sat at the Teachers Saving Children® Inc. exhibit at the 2019 NEA Representative Assembly in Houston, Texas, July 3-7.

The number of delegates attending the Assembly has declined over the years. This year 6,166 came from their home states to cast their union votes. **Sadly, the majority of those votes were cast in favor of the "right to abortion"** in New Business Item 56, and in opposition to a baby's right to life in the womb.

Two women literally cried on a TSC board member's shoulders following the abortion vote and other startling votes on the Representative Assembly floor. They both grieved over making a decision. Should they stay in the NEA and stand up against the status quo, or get out and seek liability insurance through organizations like the Association of American Educators and Christian Educators Association International? One man who passed by a Teachers Saving Children board member eating in the RA cafe area was so distraught that he planned to leave teaching.

NEA's confirmation of their position on abortion did, however, bring delegates to the Teachers Saving Children exhibit. There were **10 new sign-ups for full membership, plus 35 teacher/ESP sign-ups for the newsletter.** The display featured a set of hospital-quality fetal models and a continually-running video about human development from *National Geographic*. **All materials were impeccably, scientifically accurate and could not be disputed by "pro-choicers."** Workers ran low on the stock of Teachers Saving Children t-shirts; also on the small (rubber) fetal model giveaways and on the supply of some materials and pro-life books.

Besides working the exhibit, **several TSC board members visited Texas Right to Life**, where they sat and spoke with Education Director Veronica Arnold Smither, about publicity for Teachers Saving Children. Several young Texas Right to Life people joined the TSC group the next day to talk with delegates at the display. **Also**, **TSC board members met with people at the Houston Coalition for Life pregnancy center**, which operates several buses that offer free ultrasounds to abortion-minded women so they can see their baby moving inside them and hopefully change their mind. One of the center's directors, Theresa, joined board members on their last day in Houston as they prayed outside a Planned Parenthood abortion mill. Ironically, a sign on the street adjacent to the Planned Parenthood clinic clearly read "Dead End."

Board members' days serving Teachers Saving Children in Houston came to a close with a grand finale when they met an abortion survivor staying in their hotel. The woman's face was partially paralyzed, her sight, her speech, and her hearing were affected. She set an example for all, however, because she told us how she had forgiven her mother and was actually caring for her in her time of aging need.



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RECOMMENDED BOOK

"40 Days for Life: Discover What God Has Done...Imagine What He Can Do" written by David Bereit, Shawn Carney and Cindy Lambert. Read about how 40 Days for Life began with 1 hour of prayer in front of a Texas abortion clinic and has grown to half a million prayer volunteers and more than 480 cities around the world. Next 40 Days for Life: 9/25 – 11/3. www.40 daysforlife.com

A Note from the (new) Editor

First, huge thanks are due to John Gordon who has done an exemplary job in producing and editing our newsletter over the past several years. He has "passed the torch" to me as I become the new editor. Please send in your suggestions for topics, thoughts and suggestions for future newsletters. Also, if there is someone you know who would like a complimentary newsletter, send a note to us at our *new address* below. —Frank Ebiner

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