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## THOUGHTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Connie Bancroft

*"I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth."*  
-Revelation 3:15-16 (NKJV)

I recently received a brief note from one of our members: "When I read about the exhibits at the NEA Convention, my question is [sic] – How did such ungodly people get control of the NEA? Should not parents and the community want better people and role models for their children?" After putting some thought into those questions, I decided to share my reflections with all of you.

As one who was not only raised in the church, but who observed the church from the viewpoint of living in the parsonage, I have unfortunately witnessed an ungodliness seep into the lives of many Christians and churches over the years. The ungodliness has also filtered into many entities of our nation, including the educational system. When I was a young child and teenager, I observed solidness, depth, and maturity in the lives of many godly men and women who had a major impact on my life.

On the other hand, I saw that as time passed by, even those within the church were becoming so busy with life that the responsibility of ministering to individuals in crisis was passed from church to society. The senior pastor of a church could not do it all, so government agencies became the counselors and the distributors. They gave advice for a wide variety of issues which the church should have been handling through teaching, discipling, and ministering. The church began to grow lukewarm. It allowed our government to take over responsibilities that the church should have been doing all along.

At the same time, many Christians in education remained uninformed about what was taking place within their own union. They focused on their responsibilities as educators and on their local. The bottom line is that unless someone becomes involved as a state or national delegate, he or she has no understanding of what takes place at the upper levels of the NEA. So, those individuals who had convictions different from the teachings of God's Word began to move up to the

hierarchy of the union, where they influenced policy and decisions that would affect all educators. And now, sadly, Christians often feel too intimidated to stand before a delegation to express their concerns.

I do believe that parents and communities want educators who are good role models for our children. I also believe that we as Christians must stand firm on the principles of God's Word and no longer allow ourselves to be intimidated by those who stand against us. We must remain "hot" with the fire of the Holy Spirit burning within us in order to stand firm in exemplifying the love of Christ towards those who need Him so desperately. Because we have allowed ungodly people to get control of the NEA and of our educational system, we need to take responsibility for what we have done, consider the options of joining NEA – or not – and confess our neglect before Almighty God. We need to begin to take a stand for truth!

### **Let's Cut to the Chase Washington Update – October 2, 2014 Family Research Council**

It wasn't enough for liberals to demand free birth control for adults. Now, the Left is gearing up for an even bigger sales pitch – for young girls. America's daughters are the next stop on Congress's high-speed train of sexual irresponsibility, thanks to a new study from the Washington University School of Medicine. Researchers there insist that if teenage girls had access to free birth control implants like IUDs and hormones, the pregnancy rate would nosedive.

"When costs are removed, young people and families will use these effective methods," said Dr. Mary Ott of Indiana University. Like the American Academy of Pediatrics, which just threw its support behind these more invasive kinds of contraception for kids, Ott is part of a growing movement of doctors determined to remove the barriers to early sexual activity. While researchers cheered the lower birth rates they saw from the free implants (35 out of 1,000 compared to the national average of 158 per 1,000), they were suspiciously mum on the rate of sexually transmitted diseases.

No wonder. IUDs and other contraception might protect against pregnancy, but they have absolutely no effect on deadly infections. And based on the CDC's own research, young people (ages 15-24) are disproportionately affected – "accounting for half of all new STIs," even though they only represent 25 percent of the sexually experienced population. In other words, these implants might stop kids from have a baby, but they could mean that we parents lose ours! Instead of focusing on risk reduction, it's time to focus on risk avoidance. IUDs, injectionable contraceptives, and implants don't protect against death and  
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# Pro-Life "On The Road"

By Judy Bruns

Like me, you're probably involved in a number of church, family, and community activities. Though I'm an active member of Mercer County (Ohio) Right to Life and Teachers Saving Children®, there's so much more I would like to be doing in standing up for the lives of God's children, but time always seems to be a factor for all of us, doesn't it? I thought it would be different once I retired, but there are still responsibilities, meetings, volunteer work, and other needs out there. Finding time for pro-life activities has to be especially challenging for those of you who have young families to take care of and who are working full time! However, I have found a way that everyone can become an effective pro-life advocate with NO work involved. Interested?

A number of years ago, as an educator, I took advantage of this way to "educate" other teachers -- and the public -- about God's precious preborn children, without having to even speak a word. I started putting pro-life bumper stickers with magnetic-strip backings on my car! I could put them on my vehicle and take them off in seconds, and there was no problem with paint damage or "sticky stuff" adhering to my little hatchback. (Go to <http://www.heritagehouse76.com/default.aspx?pageNum=1&s=bumperstickers&g=-1> or simply google "pro-life bumper stickers" to find a number of organizations that make bumper stickers available. You can, also, contact your local Right to Life group, which probably has a variety of pro-life bumper stickers on hand.) But there's MORE. . . Read on. . .

I found a way to EFFECTIVELY, EFFORTLESSLY, and ECONOMICALLY double the effect in reaching out to hundreds of thousands of people with the pro-life message. Here's the trick. COMBINE pro-life bumper stickers that complement each other so that you educate about human development as you drive down the highway or Interstate. (Pro-life company truck drivers can be most effective of all!) Examples: Combine a "Baby's heart beats at 18 days" bumper sticker with an "Abortion Stops a Beating Heart" bumper sticker, or combine a photo bumper sticker of a first trimester baby with a bumper sticker that says "Human life begins at Conception." How about combining a bumper sticker that shows human development or an "Adoption, the choice we can live with" with an "Adoption Not Abortion" bumper sticker if you have adopted babies, grandchildren, or students?

Last year, I brought a related idea before the Board of Trustees of Teachers Saving Children®. "Let's have TEACHERS SAVING CHILDREN®, INC. bumper stickers!" The proposal passed. Some of our members have requested these already, along with a magnetic-strip backing. If you haven't already ordered one, please see the form that follows this article to get yours. And remember, combining ours with another pro-life bumper sticker will prove doubly effective!

Thanks to the creativity of some wonderful friends, my own little Pontiac Vibe now sports two enlarged, laminated photo "bumper stickers" -- with magnetic backing, of course -- of preborn babies at two different stages of development. Above my huge "bumper sticker babies" is a Teachers Saving Children®, Inc. bumper sticker. My license plate reads "USA LIFE." Do you think motorists get the idea that I am pro-life?



This little car of mine has promoted the Life message from Ohio to Florida and back again; up to the Great Lakes, and across the state and back again time after time. I have seen children point to the laminated photos of preborn babies with amazement. My little hatchback educates young and old about the preciousness, the miracle of human development. Is this something you can do?

*"Rescue those being led away to death, hold back those staggering toward slaughter. If you say, 'But we knew nothing about this,' does not He who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not He who guards your life know it? Will He not repay each person according to what he has done?"*  
-Proverbs 24:11-12 (NIV Study Bible)

**Editor's Note:** Judy Bruns is a retired educator and a member of the Teachers Saving Children® Board of Trustees.

**Bumper Stickers** are available FREE OF CHARGE per request. \* Simply enclose a legal-size SASE and the following form in an envelope addressed to Judy Bruns-Public Relations, Teachers Saving Children Inc., 405 Park St., Coldwater OH 45828.

\*For a Teachers Saving Children® Inc. bumper sticker on magnetic backing (for metal bumpers, trunks, hatchbacks, etc.), write a check for just \$1.50 to Teachers Saving Children® Inc. Address the envelope to the same location as above and enclose the form below. Questions? E-mail [brunsj@roadrunner.com](mailto:brunsj@roadrunner.com).

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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

**October 11, 2014:** The Teachers Saving Children® National Board of Trustees met in Alliance OH, for their regularly scheduled Fall meeting. The following are highlights of some of the items that were discussed.

1. The Board of Trustees made plans for the exhibit at the SFLA Conference on January 23, 2015 and officially approved participating in the NEA Expo 2015 in Orlando FL, July 1-3, 2015.
2. The Board of Trustees approved the 2013-2014 fiscal report and the following 2014-2015 budget:

Awards & Gifts	100.00
Grants & Scholarships	500.00
Legal & Accounting	1000.00
Office Administration	1500.00
Postage	2700.00
Public Relations	
Printing	2500.00
Promotion	500.00
Telephone	450.00
Travel Expenses	<u>1000.00</u>
Total	\$10,250.00

Note: In May 2014, the Board of Trustees changed telephone plans which will allow a savings of approximately \$300 per fiscal year.

3. The next Board of Trustees meeting will be Saturday, March 21, 2015 in Columbus, Ohio. Any member interested in attending this meeting should contact the National Office for meeting details.

### 2014-2015 MEMBERSHIPS

The National Teachers Saving Children® Board of Trustees would like to express their thanks to everyone who has taken the time to renew. As of October 15, 2014, there are 212 paid National Teachers Saving Children® members. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. If you have not yet done so, there is still time to join and receive full membership benefits. Membership cards will be mailed soon.

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disease. They also don't protect against the higher risk of depression and the emotional toll associated with premarital sex.

Somewhere along the way, it became okay to set the bar lower on purity. Unlike any other risky behavior, adults began operating from a position of lower expectations – as if teenagers were wild animals, incapable of exercising any self-control. It became assumed, not discouraged, that children would have sex. And as a result, we have an entire area of teen education that doesn't curb the risks – but accelerates them. Think about the other behaviors that can devastate a young person's life. We don't tell kids to drink less. We tell them not to drink, period. The same with smoking. We don't hand them filters because we assume they're going to light up anyway. We teach them not to.

For whatever reason, we've become a society that's afraid to challenge the idea that kids have to have sex before marriage. We refuse to believe that anyone has the self-respect to wait for their spouse – when in reality, there's a whole generation of kids out there who want to be abstinent. They just aren't being challenged to do what may be more difficult and counter-cultural.

Too many moms and dads think their kids aren't listening to what they say about abstinence. Think again. Parents are the single biggest influence on their children's decisions about sex – topping Hollywood, celebrities, and even their friends. The culture is committed to marketing promiscuity and immodesty at every turn. As parents, we have to be just as committed to helping our teenagers fight those temptations. It's time to put our trust in kids to do the right thing. Otherwise, they'll continue meeting the low standards we set for them.

## TEACHERS SAVING CHILDREN® NATIONAL 2013-2014 FISCAL REPORT

Balance (Cash & Assets) 9/1/2014		\$4118.57
Receipts:		
ACH Activities (Holdings)	4.00	
Contributions:		
Educational Outreach	8354.00	
Designated	650.00	
Undesignated	2671.07	
Dissolution Receipt of Funds	699.96	
Memberships:		
2013-2014	1655.00	
2014-2015	3720.00	
Interest	1.11	17,755.14
Disbursements:		
Awards & Gifts	64.90	
Grants & Scholarships	90.00	
Legal & Accounting	1815.00	
Office Administration	1346.88	
ACH Fees	35.80	
Postage	2458.26	
Public Relations		
Advertising	100.25	
Printing	2821.19	
Promotion		
Display Materials	239.00	
Ed Outreach*	7841.90	
State Affiliates	13.68	
Telephone	748.29	
Travel Expenses	851.52	18,426.47
Balance (Cash & Assets) 8/31/2013		\$3443.24

\*The Educational Outreach Line Item Balance is \$2460.01

\*The Public Relations Balance is \$5.55

**Please note:** Thank you for helping the Board to have a better picture of what our finances will be like for the 2014-2015 fiscal year by paying your memberships prior to September 1, 2014. Teachers Saving Children® Inc. - National is very thankful for your membership and, also, for the additional contributions many of you have sent during the course of the year.



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**42<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2015**

**WASHINGTON DC**

**Forty-two** years ago on January 22, 1973, the US Supreme Court handed down the Roe v Wade and Doe v Bolton decisions that allowed abortion on demand in America through all nine months of pregnancy. Awareness of this tragic decision should spur us on to make this coming March for Life the largest one ever!

*The March for Life Benefits All*

For complete details concerning the events of January 22nd, please contact your local Right to Life Chapter or State Right to Life office. For those pro-life teachers and school employees who cannot go to Washington DC, it is suggested that you attend the pro-life marches or rallies being held in your own local areas.

**Let's stand together for the Sanctity of Human Life!**

**NOTE:** The 2012-2013 Fiscal Report in the printed November 2014 newsletter had an error. The correct 2012-2013 Fiscal Report is in the online version of the November 2014 newsletter. Our apologies for this error.

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