

# Teachers Saving Children<sup>®</sup> Inc. Pro-Life Voices in Education

PO Box 125, Damascus OH 44619-0125 www.teacherssavingchildren.org

Volume 29, Number 3 May 2019 Email: info@teacherssavingchildren.org Phone: 330-821-2747



# Thoughts From The Executive Director

-Frank Ebiner

"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his mercy endures forever." - Psalm 118:1 "Peace be with you." – John 20:19

Each of us has much for which to be thankful. At times we might feel tempted to be thankful only for the obvious blessings, but--as countercultural as it may seem--we

must also be cognizant of the blessings which show up in the form of a struggle, an illness, or an off-task student. A thankful heart reduces our stress, moves us beyond ourselves, and strengthens us, our families, and our communities. I am thankful for each of you, your prayers, and your witness to the beauty of human life.

The vast majority of teachers entered the education profession in hopes of making a positive difference in the lives of the students with whom they are entrusted in their classes. As I look back on this school year, I am certainly grateful for those students who were top achievers, but I am equally thankful for those students who made significant progress in spite of their struggles.

At times it is not easy to see the end when the means (our lesson plans, interventions, faculty meetings, etc.) don't seem to be working in the way we had hoped. Spring is here, and in many of our schools we are in the middle of, or nearing the end of standardized testing in English, Math, Social Science, Science, and, at the high school level, Advanced Placement Testing.

As you look back on the first part of 2019, reflect on how you have been a positive force to promote the culture of life. Your prayers, your witness to life, being a positive role model in your community, and teaching lessons with a pro-life/respect life message are all ways we can encourage and inspire others to be thankful for our life and all human life.

I will be traveling as an elected delegate to the National Education Association Representative Assembly in Houston, Texas, for the week of July 2<sup>nd</sup> through July 7<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for me, and for other pro-life teachers who will be attending. Please pray that God gives each of us the wisdom to speak the truth with love and that hearts will be changed.

There will be no commercial vendor expo this year, but Teachers Saving Children plans to partner with a prolife NEA caucus to continue our presence at the NEA-RA as we have done for so many years.

Many blessings and thanks to each of you for being a voice for life.

\_\_\_\_\_\_

#### PUT YOUR MONEY WHERE YOUR HEART IS!

Would you like to avoid supporting retailers and corporations that help to fund Planned Parenthood by their donations? A helpful resource to that end is *The Boycott List*, produced by **Life Decisions**. This 39-page booklet contains information regarding the manner(s) in which specific entities have given support to the nation's largest purveyor of abortions. Since its publication, at least 343 corporations have ceased supporting Planned Parenthood, denying them more than \$45.5 million. You may obtain this booklet for \$19.95 from **Human Life International®**, an organization that refers to itself as "**Pro-Life Missionaries to the World."** HLI may be contacted at P.O. Box 439, Front Royal, VA 22630-0009, by phone at (540) 635-7884, by email at hli@hli.org or through their website, **www.hli.org**.

### Can Scientific Research Be Unethical?

By Frank Ebiner, a Science Teacher

One of the ways to empower students and develop critical thinking skills is to facilitate a discussion by asking questions. Recently, in my high school Anatomy/Physiology class, I used a variation of a teaching strategy called *Philosophical Chairs*. If, after reading the summary that follows, you would like more information or details, contact me through *Teachers Saving Children*®. The title I gave the lesson was simply "*Philosophical Discussion on Scientific Research*."

The lesson begins with a Think-Pair-Share defining ethics and giving examples of ethical and unethical decisions. Following a student group and whole class discussion and reaching a consensus on an ethics definition, I ask students to take a position (agree or disagree) on the following statement: "Research to Find a Cure for AIDS is good." (We have already, in an earlier lesson, differentiated between the HIV virus and AIDS, the disease.) The classroom is divided into two sides, with one side for students who agree and the other side for those who disagree with the statement. After students have chosen their side, they have the opportunity to support their position with persuasive evidence.

Following a discussion from both sides, I introduce the <u>National Institute of Health (NIH) contract</u> with University of California-San Francisco that has been providing federal government money (our tax dollars) to purchase human fetal body parts/tissue (primarily thymus and liver) to conduct experiments involving "humanized mice." The \$13.8 million dollar contract, which began in December 2013, was scheduled to continue through December 2020, according to NIH. (President Trump's administration ordered the NIH to no longer purchase fetal tissue in September 2018.)

After hearing the truth about the NIH research, many students typically change sides of the classroom/philosophical position. In addition, students begin asking a variety of questions about abortions, methods of procuring human fetal tissue, etc. They are encouraged to research the topic for further information. The truth is that aborted baby body parts used in the experiments were taken from healthy, late-term unborn babies. The aborted babies were 18 to 24 weeks' gestation from "women with normal pregnancies before elective termination for non-medical reasons."

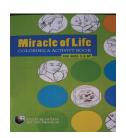
As students return to their seats, they are assigned the task of researching the facts about scientific research done by German physician Josef Mengele and his infamous experiments at Auschwitz during World War II as well as the Tuskegee (Alabama) syphilis experiment conducted from 1932 to 1972. Students invariably become more aware of how the ends don't necessarily justify the means.

#### LIFE-AFFIRMING RESOURCES FOR YOUNG CHILDREN



What child doesn't like to "color" in a coloring book, right? Children of pre-primary to elementary school age will enjoy **Pro-Life Mississippi's** teaching tool for kids called *Color Me Pro-Life*. The attractive booklet includes coloring pages, Scripture verses, mazes, word scrambles, word finds, a word puzzle, a "pro-life words in Spanish" page, and "fill in the blanks" pages on human development. This is a great resource for church youth groups, Christian schools, homeschoolers, and pro-life parents. Contact Pro-Life Mississippi at 114 Office Park Plaza, Suite B, Jackson, MS 39206, phone them at 601-956-8636, or visit their website at www.prolifemississippi.org.

American Life League, Inc. has produced the *Miracle of Life Coloring & Activity Book* (ages 3 and up) geared especially toward Catholic children. A.L.L.'s Life Primer supplements "provide students with an early understanding of the value of every human being's life from the very instant of their creation..." Also, "American Life League's Culture of Life Studies Program is a comprehensive series of video presentations, written lesson plans, and classroom learning activities designed to educate and impassion a broad audience on culture-of-life issues." Contact American Life League at P.O. Box 1350, Stafford, VA 22555, call them at 540-659-4171, or email at CultureOfLifeStudies.com.



#### **NEA-RA NONPROFIT EXHIBIT**

Houston, Texas (July 3–7, 2019)

We are blessed to have members who volunteer their time, energy, and financial resources to serve at educational outreach events. Associated with each event are costs for registration, exhibit items, and materials to be distributed during these events.

We are planning to exhibit at the NEA RA this year. The registration for a nonprofit is \$500, plus approximately \$100 for a table, sign, electricity access, etc. The supply of some of our materials will need to be replenished in the next 6 weeks. Although it is difficult to predict the exact amount required, approximately \$1,500 is needed to cover the expenses.

We rely on the goodness of God and His people to raise the money needed for these effective pro-life educational outreach ministries. Through your giving of \$5, \$10, \$20 or more, the Lord continues to miraculously provide the needed finances, and for that provision we are grateful. Would you please prayerfully consider what you are able to give to support these efforts? Thanks for your partnership!

\*Note: To contribute to this effort, please make checks payable to "TSC Inc. – National." Carefully indicate how the amount given is to be designated (Educational Outreach, General Fund, etc.) so that the contribution will be appropriately allocated. As a tax-exempt organization approved under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, contributions received are NOT tax deductible. We are thankful for your donations and strive for wise stewardship of the financial resources entrusted Teachers Saving Children, and we search for and implement ways to stretch each dollar to reach the most number of teachers, parents and supporters of our pro-life mission.

#### **SPRING BOARD MEETING**

Coldwater, OH March 30, 2019

The National Board of Trustees of Teachers Saving Children® Inc. met on Saturday, March 30 at the home of Judy Bruns in Coldwater, OH for its annual spring meeting. Five members were present in person, and another attended via Facebook Messenger. One member was absent due to health issues.\*\* Members may be interested to know the following:

- -The official mailing address of Teachers Saving Children<sup>®</sup> Inc. will be changing in the next few months. We will advertise the new address in the August newsletter, but expect to see it on membership material that will be coming in June.
- -The Treasurer reported a balance in our General Fund of \$3,468.72. The Educational Outreach Fund balance was \$1,370.00.
- -Our current paid **membership** as of 3/30/19 was 173 members. We also have 54 complimentary members (e.g. other pro-life organizations), bringing our current membership to 227.
- -The Board voted to continue use of Constant Contact email blasts for one year.
- -Several recent Educational Outreach events were discussed, and several upcoming opportunities were approved.
- -Samples of two pro-life coloring books were distributed. The Board decided to add these to our approved materials for distribution at outreach events (see related article on page 2).
- -The Board accepted the resignation of the Board Secretary, John Gordon, effective 9/30/19.
- \*\*The Board asks for your prayers for long-time National Board member Greg Roth as he undergoes treatment for a recurrent cancer. Cards of encouragement may be sent to Greg via our P.O. Box, or messages may be posted on our Facebook page. You may also email Greg directly at groth@neo.rr.com Thank you!

## WHAT A WEEKEND!

The weekend of March 29<sup>th</sup> through 31<sup>st</sup> was jam-packed for many on the Teachers Saving Children<sup>®</sup> National Board. Those physically present at the Board Meeting in Coldwater, OH participated in a number of other, prolife related events. Several attended the movie *Unplanned* on Thursday or Friday evening before traveling to Coldwater on Saturday. Following the meeting on the 30th, the group reconvened in the handsomely appointed lobby of the recently expanded Coldwater Regional Hospital. Judy Bruns had invited pro-life educators and education students to meet the Board and consider membership. Former Board member Dave Kaiser showed up to encourage the group. The group purchased dinner from the hospital cafeteria and then reconvened at The Gels' Home Bed and Breakfast to view the movie, *Kermit Gosnell: The Trial of America's Biggest Serial Killer*. Most stayed at the B&B overnight through the generosity of the owner and of Judy Bruns. On Sunday, the group attended worship and had a display at the Aletheia Christian Church. Several in the congregation signed up to become members of TSC. Following lunch, the group disbanded. Some began to travel homeward, while others then went to see the film, *Unplanned*. This unforgettable weekend was organized by our hostess, Judy Bruns. Much thanks, Judy, from all involved!



# Teachers Saving Children<sup>®</sup> Inc.

**Pro-Life Voices in Education** 

PO Box 125, Damascus OH 44619-0125

PRESORTED STANDARD
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
ALLIANCE OH
PERMIT #1

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

# **NEWS OF INTEREST to Pro-Life Educators: LEGISLATIVE ROLLER COASTER**

The confirmation of pro-life-leaning Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh has pro-abortion forces desperate to ensure that the battle for abortion "rights" will not be lost at the state level. A backlash of legislation proposed or enacted in states such as New York and Virginia would grant women the "right" to terminate the life of their child up to the moment of birth. [Not to mention those states, e.g. Minnesota, that already have such laws.]

And meanwhile in the U.S. House of Representatives, Democratic legislators have repeatedly\* refused to allow a vote on a measure to require abortion providers to provide medical treatment to children born alive during "botched" abortion procedures (\*36 times as of 5/2/19).

As all of this is happening, other states are proposing or enacting increasingly stringent pro-life measures, such as Alabama's and Ohio's "heartbeat bills" to prohibit abortion once a fetal heartbeat is detected. Other state legislatures are considering or passing measures to eliminate "D and C" abortions, or those based solely on a prenatal diagnosis of Down's syndrome. One state,

Alabama, is considering legislation to make any abortion, or abortion attempt, a felony.

These conflicting measures have pro-life news watchers reeling from the "ups" of elating victories and the "downs" of heart-wrenching defeats. One must ask: Where will it all end? Might there ever be passed a "life at conception" law guaranteeing preborn humans a right to life? Or, as the State Supreme Court of Kansas recently ruled, is the "woman's right to unlimited abortion" enshrined in its state constitution, (and therefore in our Nation's Bill of Rights?)

Take heart, Pro-lifer! As the flippant, yet deeply profound expression states: "God Knows!"

This newsletter is published by Teachers Saving Children® Inc.
For more information contact 330-821-2747 or
Teachers Saving Children® Inc. – National
PO Box 125, Damascus OH 44619-0125

Frank Ebiner, Executive Director

National Board of Trustees:
Judy Bruns \* John Gordon \* Charles Hlavaty, Jr.
Jan Luke \* Greg Roth \* Gary Winney
©2019 Teachers Saving Children®
ALL RIGHTS RESERVED