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Thoughts from the Executive Director

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*“Let not many of you become **teachers**, my brethren, for you know that we who **teach** shall be judged with greater strictness.”*

— James 3:1

*“**Speaking the truth in love**, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.”*

--Ephesians 4:15

*“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, **the truth**, and the life’.”*

--John 14:6

Summer is coming to a close, and the new school year has started throughout our nation. The school district in Southern California where I teach has implemented “distance learning” for at least the first semester, taking us up to Christmas. There are many challenges for teachers, students and parents as described in our last newsletter during the spring. One of the many challenges from this new educational delivery method is determining how best to meet the educational needs of each student in special education with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) as well as those students who are English Learners (EL).

The foundation for solid teaching, of course, includes hard work,

perseverance, patience and differentiation for different learning modalities. I have found, however, that guidance and wisdom from Scripture is immeasurable in so many ways to help us as educators.

As stated in *James 3:1*, teachers “will be judged with greater strictness”. We will be held responsible for speaking the truth, and as Paul writes, “*Speaking the truth in love*” will help our brothers and sisters grow in maturity.

We are experiencing a time where objective truth is being questioned by our culture. There could be no more objective truth than Jesus’ statement to Thomas, “*I am the way, **the truth**, and the life*”.

Thank you for being teachers in each and every capacity that entails. Thank you for speaking and witnessing to the truth about human life and the dignity of each human life. Read on for ideas on how you can help teach the truth during the pandemic. Blessings always.



RECOMMENDED PRO-LIFE BOOKS

As teachers we know the power of reading. Reading to young children and having children read to us engages them in a way that not only prepares them for success in school, but also can instill positive human qualities we hope for all of us to have. Reading life-affirming, pro-life books is one way to increase a child's self-esteem, compassion, respect for others, and gratitude for the gift of life we are given. Below are a variety of life-affirming/pro-life books from which parents and teachers can select to use in the home and classroom. You can find new and used copies of these books on-line, at book stores, thrift stores and yard sales.

Angel in the Waters by Regina Doman (***Mi Angelito en las Aguas*** – Espanol)
(In the mother's womb, a tiny baby grows, explores the waters, and talks with the angel who is there with the child.)

Before You Were Born – A Lift-the –Flap Book by Jennifer Davis
(This is a children's book, exquisitely illustrated, of a baby's prenatal growth. This delightful book is being used in doctors' offices with a very positive response.)

Donnie Lost in the Cornfield by Judy Bruns
(This book takes a glimpse into the life of a family with a special needs child. For Preschool through 2nd Grade)

Hattie and Her 43 Cats by Judy Bruns
(A children's book that encourages a respect for people with dementia and Alzheimer's.)

Justice Loves Babies by Darlene and Danielle Wibeto.
(This book speaks of a little boy's love of his baby sister, while she lives and grows within his mom.)

Love You Forever by Robert Munsch
(Here's a classic tale of love between a parent and child.)

I Loved You before You Were Born by Anne Bowen
- A love letter from a loving grandmother who awaits the arrival of her first grandchild.



Oh, Baby, The Places You'll Go by Dr. Seuss
(This classic children's story shares the intrinsic value of life. Theodor Geisel, known as "Dr. Seuss", was intrigued by research into the development of pre-born babies during pregnancy. The fact that they could hear sounds, and might actually respond to the voices of their parents, was both exciting and mystifying to him. This book was dedicated to all "expecting" parents in the process of getting to know their child and the gift of life.)

You Are Special by Max Lucado
(In this heartwarming tale, Eli the woodcarver helps Punchinello understand how special he is.)

Horton Hears a Who by Dr. Seuss
(“A person's a person, no matter how small.” This popular children's book promotes a lesson of dignity for all human life.)

Now I'm a Big Boy by Judy Bruns and ***Now I'm a Big Girl*** by Judy Bruns
(Each of these books lets a child know how important a little one is, even before the baby is born.)

The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein
(This classic story is the story of generosity and selfless love)

God Gave Us You by Lisa Tawn Bergren -
Children love to hear they are special and loved. This book does a good job of reminding children that they are a special gift from God. This book is for baby to age 2.

Pro-Life Kids! By Bethany Bomberger.
This book was created for kindergarten – 5th grade and affirms the value of all human life, in and out of the womb, sharing a pro-life world-view.

How Can We Be “Pro-Life Voices in Education”



1. **Pray.** Prayer is powerful, and we can pray for our friends, family, neighbors and those in our community and country, that they may support the gift of life, both during a pregnancy and after the child is born. Prayer is certainly something we can do in our homes, and for those of us who are able, we can be a prayerful presence in front of our local abortion clinic.



2. **Write a letter to policy makers and/or your local newspaper.**

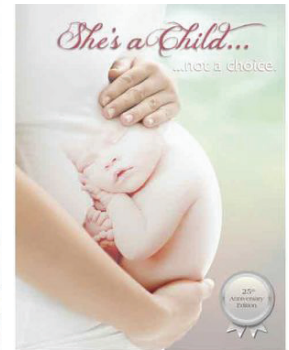
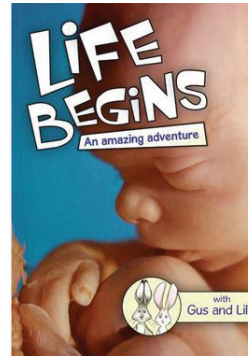
(Below is a letter I wrote to NEA Today newsletter)

It is no small irony that President Lily Eskelsen Garcia writes about our students as “These babies belonged to all of us...the world is a dangerous place, and...so, NEA fights for racial and social justice and the world we want our babies to live in”, while at the same time, our union, the largest union in the nation, advocates, unapologetically, for abortion on demand, in NEA Resolution I-25 and NBI-56 from last year’s (2019) NEA-RA. Our union supports abortion for any reason, or no reason, at any time during pregnancy, up to and including during birth, at tax-payer expense. Adding to the irony in her words is that abortion disproportionately affects our Black and Brown minority brothers and sisters. Social and racial justice begins in the womb.

*Respectfully,
Frank Ebner*

During the Pandemic?

3. **Order (and distribute) Free Pro-Life Outreach Materials from** (until 10/31/2020)
www.humanlife.org (651) 484-1040



4. **Go door-to-door to a targeted list of voters**

The Susan B. Anthony List, a key political pro-life group, is looking for people in 8 battleground states who would like to be trained (and paid up to 40 hours per week) to provide helpful information to voters. Go to: <https://www.sba-list.org/join-field-team>
Or contact: Laurie Lee at 501-258-6353

5. **Consider alternatives to NEA and AFT membership.**

The Association of American Educators and the Christian Educators Association International are alternatives for teachers who are seeking liability coverage and professional resources. These 2 groups do not spend money promoting ideology and policy supporting abortion.

6. **Become involved in your local union.**



(This picture is from 2019 NEA-RA) This year, Frank Ebner attended the virtual 2020 NEA-RA, July 2nd and 3rd with other dates for various meetings



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RECOMMENDED PRO-LIFE GROUP

Life Runners is a pro-life group with the slogan, "God First, Life Always, Teammates Forever!" Inspired by *Jeremiah 1:5*, members of all ages, whenever walking or running, wear their T-shirt with the message, "*Remember the Unborn*" www.liferunners.org



RECOMMENDED BOOK

"Daddyhood. This Changes Everything!" written by Daniel W. Driscoll. In this book on fatherhood, Daniel Driscoll's vision goes beyond warm fuzzy feelings to his conviction that daddyhood is also about the future. It is about hope, a belief that your child and all the other children will make a difference.

Do You Want to Know Where Candidates Stand on Pro-Life Issues?

- At the website below, the *National Right to Life Committee* rates each member of Congress based on his/her voting record. <https://www.votervoice.net/NRLC/Scorecard>
- Planned Parenthood rates the members of Congress at: <https://www.plannedparenthoodaction.org/congressional-scorecard>

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