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A Celebration and a Tribute *Not Your Typical Partnership Banquet!*

Humbling. Uplifting. Inspiring. These are the words that have been most often used to describe CCV's April 14th Partnership Banquet at Xavier University's Cintas Center.

"Solemn, yet exhilarating – all at once," said one long-time CCV friend and veteran of many previous banquets. "Unlike any other banquet I've attended."

"It was meant to be a different kind of banquet," said CCV's vice president of operations and event planner, Jerry Lyon.

"This event was not primarily about fundraising – although it accomplished that," said Lyon. "And it was not primarily about a report on our past and present initiatives – although we got that in, too!"

"This was our 25th Anniversary Celebration," he said. "And it was meant to be primarily a tribute to the many faithful servants through whom God has worked to accomplish so much in our communities since 1983. We focused on paying tribute to those selfless, servants of our founding days, and we were confident that doing so would create the most eloquent challenge that we could offer."

In his opening remarks, CCV's founder, Dr. Jerry Kirk set the tone for the evening. Briefly but joyfully he spoke of the bold accomplishments of those early years. He took no credit for his role, though, shouting triumphantly, "Praise be to God!"

But his tone turned somber when he spoke of the present and future.

He pointed out that our most

basic values are being challenged today in ways that would have been unthinkable 25 years ago. "No believers in Christ or loving parents can stay on the sidelines in this battle," he cautioned the crowd of 400-plus.

And that warning was repeated throughout the evening.

In the evening's keynote address, Family Research Council's president, Tony Perkins, spoke first of Ohio's and CCV's unique legacy and heritage, but then stressed the responsibility that each individual has to change his own community.

"It is not enough simply to change the laws and the public policy," said the Sharonville native. "Each one of us has a responsibility to stand for what is right."

Perkins illustrated that truth by relating the story of how his third-grade teacher – in West Chester, Ohio – had influenced his own life. By standing for what she knew was right, risking her position and her retirement, she had continued to read the Bible to her students, to pray with them, and to make sure that each one heard that he or she was a unique creature in the sight of God. The truths that she instilled in Tony prepared him to stand for what was right the very next year when he found the courage to stand up to a liberal, young teacher, who taught evolution as a fact without alternative theories.

A special feature of this year's Partnership Banquet was the inauguration of three annual awards: the Rosa Parks Citizen Activist Award; the John P. Muhlenberg Pastor Leadership Award; and the



KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
FRC President
Tony Perkins

William Wilberforce Elected Official Leadership Award. This year's inaugural awards went to three individuals who had distinguished themselves as the outstanding family advocates in their respective fields over CCV's entire 25-year history: citizen activist Susan Bell, Hamilton County Sheriff Si Leis, and Rev. Clyde Miller. Their stories are featured on page 4.

Though primarily a time for celebration and tribute, the Partnership Banquet also was successful from a financial standpoint.

"As we anticipated," said Lyon, "focusing on our rich heritage inspired those present to dedicate themselves to continuing the work begun 25 years ago when that small group of pastors began meeting to pray about the impact that pornography was having on our families and on our community. And they demonstrated that dedication by pledging their financial support."

"Although donations continue to come in," said Lyon, "it appears that we will meet and even exceed this year's partnership goal."

Marriott, Pro-family Leaders Meet

Porn-free Rooms

On Wednesday, May 14, CCV's president Phil Burress and five national pro-family leaders met with four executives of Marriott International to discuss that hotel chain's policy of making in-room pornographic movies available to customers.

Marriott's agreement to the meeting came in response to an April 3rd letter signed by CCV and 46 other pro-family organizations.

In addition to Burress, the groups were represented at the May 14th meeting by American Family Association's president, Don Wildmon; Tony Perkins, president of Family Research Council; Focus on the Family's vice president of public policy, Tom Minnery; Dr. Barrett Duke,

of the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention; and Bishop Harry Jackson of the High Impact Leadership Coalition.

Burress described the historic meeting as "a step in the right direction."

"A dialogue has begun," he said. "We made our case for the family. They listened. And they left the meeting agreeing to investigate two matters, and to get back to us by July 1."

More than 90 percent of Marriott's properties are owned by independent franchises. Kathleen Matthews, Marriott's Executive



AFA PRESIDENT
Don Wildmon

Vice President for Global Communications and Public Affairs, one of the four Marriott senior officials in the meeting, agreed to meet with Marriott's property owners to pass on the pro-family groups' concerns regarding the availability of pornographic movies and their request to remove such movies from their pay-per-view offerings.

A second step agreed to by the Marriott executives was to investigate whether Marriott's contract with LodgeNet could be altered to make pornographic movies inaccessible in rooms unless specifically requested by a guest.

LodgeNet is the nation's largest provider of in-room services to the lodging industry and has been a primary target of CCV's campaign to remove pornographic movies from the nation's hotels. (To learn more

about LodgeNet and to view the list of their movie titles, visit CCV's Web site, TruthAboutLodgeNet.com.)

"We made it very clear, though," Burress emphasized, "that changing to an 'opt-in' policy

would be a temporary fix – at best! It would not put an end to our efforts to completely remove these destructive, degrading movies from hotel rooms."

Many of the nation's other major hotel chains make pornographic movies available through their in-room pay-per-view menu. The pro-family groups have targeted Marriott because the destructive, degrading movies stand in such contrast to their stated policy of championing family values.

Burress concluded, "My hope and prayer is that out of a genuine concern for the families they serve Marriott will implement a company-wide policy of banning the distribution of pornography through their in-room pay-per-view services. If they're not motivated by such a concern, however, I think that they might now be weighing the economic impact of a boycott of their facilities by the millions of families represented in this meeting."

24/7 No More! Ohio's Porn Stores Closing at Midnight

Across Ohio communities are reporting a safer, quieter environment – after midnight.

Last year CCV's staff worked with pro-family legislators in Columbus to enact the Community Defense Act (CDA), which regulates all sexually oriented businesses in Ohio.

One of the new law's two key regulations requires sex businesses to close between the hours of midnight and 6:00am, the time period when the crimes associated with such businesses escalate.

A canvas of pornographic book and video stores previously open 24 hours, seven days per week confirms that stores are complying with CDA. Local residents are thankful.

Bruce Purdy, CCV's state grassroots director, reports that all 12 such stores in the greater Columbus area, previously open 24/7, are now closing at midnight.

Volunteer canvassers in Fayette, Trumbull, Mahoning, Montgomery and Guernsey counties also have reported consistent compliance.

"Compliance with CDA by strip clubs across the state will require more extensive enforcement measures," reports CCV's vice president of public policy, David Miller. "Unless there is rigorous enforcement and prosecution, these clubs will defy the law."

Strip clubs are affected both by the hours-of-operation regulation and CDA's other key regulation, which prohibits physical contact between nude or semi-nude employees and patrons.

"It's a new law, and understandably there is confusion about enforcement responsibility," explains Miller. "In the fall, CCV will be sponsoring law enforcement seminars that should clear up the confusion."

ACTION STEPS:

- Pray that Marriott officials will follow the example of Omni, Drury and other responsible hotel chains and ban the distribution of pornographic movies through their in-room pay-per-view services.
- When traveling this summer, book your room through CleanHotels.com, CCV's site that features only facilities that do not offer such movies.

THE STATE GRASSROOTS DIRECTOR BRUCE PURDY

Together, We Can!

A Word of Encouragement

If you are like me, you often find yourself frustrated and even angry about our elected officials at all levels of government. My frustration frequently is greatest toward the very leaders whom I voted to place in office! What happened to those campaign promises, those lofty ideals and values that they espoused? It's easy to lose faith in the system.

We have to remind ourselves: Frustrated though we may be, we must not lose our faith in the representative form of government under which we are so privileged to live. The process is not the problem. The fundamental problem lies in our sinful humanity – in our innate pride and selfishness,

reflected both in those frustrating elected officials and in the general populace.

As state grassroots director, my

role is to encourage the concerned, often frustrated citizens of this great state to become more engaged and to use their combined voices to speak out on those issues that are important to their families and communities. As a citizen, I have always understood the old adage — “politicians don't see the light until they feel the heat”. As grassroots activists, we are the ones who jointly put the heat under those we elect.

For over 25 years now, CCV has recognized the importance and the power of combining our efforts and our voices on those issues important to the family and the culture. Grassroots action is at the heart of who we are. During our recent 25th Anniversary Celebration in Cincinnati we had the privilege of recognizing those selfless individuals who battled in the frontlines during CCV's founding years. Who were those founders?

Mothers and fathers, business and professional persons, pastors, elected officials, law enforcement personnel – in other words, ordinary people like you and me. People who were concerned about what was happening in our culture and who determined to do what they could to protect their own children, and generations of children to come.

For the past several years, we have been working diligently to build a strong, active network of citizens and community leaders. I, personally, have traveled the state, meeting with and speaking to men and women from all walks of life. Some sought help in seeking an elected office. But most just

wanted to know what they could do, within their own circles of influence, to make a difference in their culture.

CCV currently has a statewide network of over 6,200 such citizens – folks who have asked to be identified as committed grassroots volunteers. This network covers 80 of Ohio's 88 counties. Of these, 265 have allowed us to identify themselves as “key contacts,” people whom we can count on to get the message out during critical campaigns.

During the past several years, CCV has worked with over 850 churches across the state on various campaigns. Of those, over 320 have been designated “key churches.” These are congregations and parishes that truly have accepted the call to be salt and light in their communities. Their pastors, priests and lay leaders understand the direct relationship between CCV's mission of upholding Christian family values in the culture and the Church's primary mission of spreading the Gospel.

The above numbers might seem impressive at first glance. But I truly believe that these individuals and churches represent barely the “tip of the iceberg.” Ohio has over 11 million citizens. Contrary to what the liberal media would have us believe, a large percentage of those citizens share our values and identify with our mission. But most of them feel powerless to make a difference in their communities and in our culture.

I love the story of John Quincy Adams, who many called the “hound of slavery.” He spent many years fighting the issue of slavery here in the states. One time, after a battle on the floor of Congress, a friend asked, “Why do you continue to fight this battle when you have so little chance of success?” His response was simply, “Duty is ours; results are God's.” Oh, how each of us should take that simple comment to heart and faithfully pursue that which we know to be the right thing to do!

Can you join with us in being a voice in your community? Can you call or write an elected official when called upon? Can you write a letter to your local newspaper, addressing a critical issue in your community or in the state? Can you assist us with a financial gift? There's so much that you can do. And we're here to equip you, inform you and organize your efforts.

If you have not yet joined our grassroots network, please take the time to do so now. Call my office at 614-920-1490, or e-mail me at brucepurdy@ccv.org. Each one of us can make a difference. Together, we can make great difference.

Your voice and your vote count! I'll close with another familiar quote, this one from Margaret Mead...

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”



CCV's STATE
GRASSROOTS
DIRECTOR
Bruce Purdy

“The penalty that good men pay for not being interested in politics is to be governed by men worse than themselves.”

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First Annual Awards Ho

Three annual awards: one for a citizen; one for a pastor; one for an elected official.

In future years they will be presented at CCV's annual partnership banquet to the three individuals who have distinguished themselves as Ohio's outstanding family advocates during the previous year.

The first of these annual awards, presented at CCV's 25th Anniversary Celebration on April 14, differed in one key criterion. These were presented to three individuals who have stood out in their dedication to family values not just during the previous year, but over CCV's entire history. These are individuals who were involved in CCV's founding, and who still are involved in CCV's mission and work – still passionate about doing whatever they can to protect those foundational values so important to our families, our communities and our culture at large.

Rosa Parks Citizen Activist Award: Susan Bell

Rosa Parks was not an activist by temperament.

She had grown up living in fear of physical violence and economic deprivation. And she did not want the next generation of African-Americans in this country to live in such fear.

So overcoming her personal fears, she boldly stepped onto that bus in Montgomery, Alabama on December 1, 1955, and today is recognized as "the mother of the modern-day civil rights movement in this country."

Mrs. Ron (Susan) Bell was not an activist by temperament.

"'Bold' was one word no one

would have used to describe me," recalls Susan. But Susan was challenged by a sermon delivered by CCV founder Dr. Jerry Kirk – a sermon entitled "Radical Obedience." She then responded to his invitation to attend a meeting at First Christian Assembly to learn about the graphic, hardcore pornography that was being distributed in Cincinnati and how that pornography was destroying marriages and dismantling families. And the young mom began to fear for the future of her own children growing up in a culture and a community saturated by pornographic images.

Overcoming her personal fears, she boldly began to volunteer her time and talents to the fledgling organization that had been formed to curb the influence of pornography in greater Cincinnati. Soon she found herself on the board. Within a year, she found herself sharing the interim executive director position with another concerned Mom, Kathy Woods.

Susan would not allow her natural shyness and gentle spirit to prevent her from boldly approaching convenient store or gas station managers about the pornographic magazines on their shelves. She considers Cincinnati's display ordinance one of the highlights of those early days.

Nor did they prevent her from approaching potential donors about volunteering their financial resources to start up and

sustain CCV.

"She was determined to change her community to protect our children," says CCV's current president, Phil Burress. "So whatever has been required, since 1983, she's been there on the front line of this battle. Truly, the 'Rosa Parks' of the pro-family movement in greater Cincinnati.



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Rev. Clyde Miller, Susa

John Peter Muhlenberg Pastor Leadership Award: Rev. Clyde Miller

"To everything there is a season..." So begins the third chapter of Ecclesiastes, the text of Pastor John P. Muhlenberg's sermon to his Woodstock, Virginia congregation on January 21, 1776.

"...a time for war, and a time for peace." When Muhlenberg reached that eighth verse, he quietly raised his clergy robe to reveal his Continental Army Colonel's uniform.

"This," he declared, "is a time for war." And the next day he led out 300 men, many from his own congregation, to form the nucleus of the 8th Virginia Regiment. God had called him to lead in that conflict; faithfully and fearlessly he followed that calling.

In 1982, God called Rev. Clyde Miller, of First Christian Assembly in the heart of Cincinnati, to lead in a different kind of conflict.



Honor 25 Years of Service



AWARD WINNERS:
John Bell, Sheriff "Si" Leis.

Several years prior to that, the congenial young pastor had been a part of the Executive Committee of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Crusade in Cincinnati. That core group of pastors knew that the Crusade's success would be in an ongoing, unified effort for revival in greater Cincinnati.

Recalls Miller, "We were all simultaneously brought to the realization that for such a revival to take place, we were going to have to address the impact that pornography was having on our community."

And so address it they did.

With Dr. Jerry Kirk and the other Crusade organizers, "Pastor Clyde" delved into an extensive education process.

"I learned more than I ever wanted to know about pornography," Miller admits. "I had no idea how graphic, how distorted, or how widespread pornography was. Furthermore, I learned that this was not just a problem of the unchurched. It was devastating people in our own pews as well."

Miller accepted a position on CCV's first Board of Directors, and today is the only continuously-serving member.

"His church became our headquarters in those early days," said Dr. Jerry Kirk. "He was there when we met to pray, there when we met to picket, and there when we met to pound City Hall."

Unlike Muhlenberg, Rev. Miller did not have to lay aside his clergy robe to lead in this conflict. But for 25 years, in Muhlenberg's mode, he has faithfully and fearlessly led in the battle.

William Wilberforce Elected Official Leadership Award: Sheriff Simon Leis

For 20 years, Parliamentarian William Wilberforce fought to abolish the British Slave trade.

He fought against the establishment. He fought against his own party. He fought without regard for his own career, or even his own health.

When success finally came in March of 1827, he continued to fight for abolition until, just days before his death, he saw the institution of slavery abolished throughout the British colonies.

Throughout his 37 years in public service to date, Hamilton County Sheriff Simon L. Leis, Jr. has led the fight against distribution of obscenity and vice in Hamilton County.

Unlike Wilberforce, "Sheriff Si" did not have to fight to enact or re-write law. "That was not my role," says Leis, who served as Hamilton County Prosecutor from 1971 through 1984. The laws against distribution of

obscenity were already in place. My job was to enforce them."

"But it was not until Charlie Keating and a group of outraged citizens came to my office in the early 70's with a petition signed by thousands of citizens that I realized that we had a problem," Leis admits. "But that was all that it took. I did my own research, then. And I discovered that we had a serious problem with pornography in Hamilton County."

Tirelessly and faithfully, from that revelation on, Leis continued on a campaign to expose the distribution points and prosecute the offenders. "We'd win some and we'd lose some," he modestly recalls.

But he won far more than he lost. And thanks to his persistence, greater Cincinnati now is known as the one metropolitan area in Ohio that will not tolerate indecency.

One "particularly gratifying conviction" involved a five-state distributor of pornography located in Blue Ash. With an uncharacteristic grin of satisfaction, Leis said, "We hauled tractor-trailer loads of pornographic magazines away from their warehouse to be destroyed."

Very much like Wilberforce, Leis fought against the establishment. Liberal media and even elected officials accused him of expending too much of the county's resources on obscenity prosecution. But Leis knew the link between obscenity and other forms of vice. So, as he puts it, "I just did my job."

CCV's founder, Dr. Jerry Kirk recently wrote: "All of us involved in those earliest days would want to make it known that CCV does not take credit for 'cleaning up Cincinnati from pornography.' To our hero, Simon Leis, goes that credit!"

Our hero, indeed. And the unchallenged recipient of the first annual William Wilberforce Elected Official Leadership Award.



Update from the Statehouse

Your Support at Work in Columbus

► **Ultrasound Viewing Option Bill (H.B. 314)** – Great news! It's the law! Signed by Governor Strickland on March 21, H.B. 314 will go into effect on June 20. The new law requires that if an ultrasound examination is performed prior to or during an abortion, the abortionist must give the woman an



opportunity to view the active ultrasound image of the unborn child and an opportunity to receive a physical picture of the ultrasound image. Many of you used our e-mail alerts to send a message encouraging your representatives to support this lifesaving measure. We made a difference!

► **Prevention First Act (H.B. 251)** – Introduced by Representatives Jon Peterson (R-Delaware) and Tyrone Yates (D-Cincinnati), this is the bill that would take funds away from abstinence education programs and place them in the hands of the comprehensive sexuality education proponents. Planned Parenthood's "lobby day" to show support for the bill brought out less than 100 activists (according to the Columbus Dispatch). Their effort was no match for the extensive information packets prepared by CCV in conjunction with Ohio Right to Life, Cincinnati RTL, and 47 other pro-family, pro-life groups. To date, there has been no movement on the bill.

► **Cloning Ban (S.B. 174)** – This bill, sponsored by Sen. Steve Buehrer (R-Delta), would ban the process of somatic cell nucleus transfer, commonly known as "cloning."

Introduced in May 2007 with initial hearings in March of this year, the bill now is facing intense opposition, primarily from the state's large research universities and the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, both of which would profit from research that involves "therapeutic cloning," or "clone and kill."

The majority of Ohioans strongly oppose the creation and subsequent destruction of human embryos for research purposes. For that matter, the majority of all Americans draw that ethical line. The United States is a signatory on an international declaration to prohibit all forms of human cloning.

ACTION:

Please contact your senator to let him/her know that you oppose cloning human embryos for research purposes! Do not be misled. Contrary to the claims of many opposing the bill, S.B. 174 would not prohibit research for development of non-human embryo creation. Encourage your senator to support S.B. 174 - in its original form.

► **Importuning Bill (S.B. 183)** – Introduced by pro-family Sen. Tim Schaffer (R-Lancaster), this bill would create mandatory minimum sentences for those convicted of importuning (propositioning for a sexual encounter) that utilizes electronic communications devices. It would ensure that predators who seek underage children in order to set up a meeting for sex will not be let off with a light sentence. S.B. 183 passed the Senate by a vote of 29-1. It is currently in the House Criminal Justice Committee,

chaired by Rep. John White (R-Dayton). Unfortunately, the bill faces opposition from the Ohio Judicial Conference and the Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association. Not all of Ohio's county prosecutors are opposed! Warren County Prosecutor Rachel Hutzel testified in favor of this stronger law during hearings on April 2. Would-be child predators need to know that they will face stiff penalties in Ohio!

★ **Ohio ENDA (H.B. 502, S.B. 305)** – Of all the homosexual special rights bills in place or under consideration across the country, these companion bills, introduced simultaneously on Mar 11, constitute one of the most radical and dangerous.

This proposed legislation adds sexual orientation and gender identity to the Ohio Civil Rights Code for "non-discrimination" in many areas, including employment, housing, education, and day care. It even covers facilities holding Bingo licenses – directly targeting Catholic churches and schools.

Clearly, the purpose and effect of this and all such legislation – at the local, state and national levels – is to grant special protections to those who identify themselves as homosexual, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered and thereby to strip away from employers and property owners their fundamental right to make decisions based on their own deeply held religious convictions.

Specifics of S.B. 305 and H.B. 502 include the following:

- Require employers to hire or retain open homosexuals and cross-dressers. Note that this includes schools, with no exemptions for religious or private schools.
- Require day care facilities to hire open homosexuals, cross-dressers, etc.
- Require schools and day care facilities, including religious or private schools, to admit or

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U.T. Official Fired for Expressing Her View

African-American Condemned for Stating Homosexuals Are Not Civil Rights Victims

In the first week of May the University of Toledo suspended an administrator for stating in a guest column in a local newspaper that homosexual behavior is not the same as being black or handicapped.

Associate Vice President of Human Resources Crystal Dixon took exception to an editorial written by Toledo Free Press Editor-in-Chief Michael S. Miller, in which Miller spoke of a general lack of equality for homosexuals, made accusations of economic disparity for homosexuals at U.T., and compared the struggle of homosexuals to "my black friends' struggles and my wheelchair-bound friends' struggles."

In response, Ms. Dixon wrote, "As a black woman who happens to be an alumnus of the University of Toledo's Graduate School, an employee and a business owner, I take great umbrage at the notion that those choosing the homosexual lifestyle are 'civil rights victims.' Here's why. I cannot wake up tomorrow and not be a black woman. I am genetically and biologically a black woman and very pleased to be so as my Creator intended. Daily, thousands of

homosexuals make a life decision to leave the gay lifestyle evidenced by the growing population of PFOX (Parents and Friends of Ex Gays) and Exodus International, just to name a few."

Ms. Dixon's editorial went on to present economic data to refute the claim that those identifying themselves as homosexual suffer economic disparity as a result of discrimination.

Upon publication of her editorial by the Toledo Free Press, the university suspended Ms. Dixon.

In his own op-ed article published a few days later, University of Toledo President Lloyd Jacobs condemned Ms. Dixon's comments, stating that her views "do not accord with the values of the University of Toledo." He pledged that the university would be "taking action to align its policies" with its own values system.

On Monday, May 12, Brian Rooney, spokesman for the Thomas More Law Center, which is representing Ms. Dixon, announced that Ms. Dixon had been offered a position in a different part of the university, and that when she refused, she was fired.

Said Rooney, "We are going to

do everything we can within the law

to try to show that the firing was improper and potentially illegal." He pointed out that Ms. Dixon was speaking as an African-American woman and evangelical Christian and was not speaking on behalf of the university.

"This is an outrageous violation of Ms. Dixon's Constitutional right of free speech," said CCV's president Phil Burress.

But he warned, "What has happened to Ms. Dixon is not an exception. It is part of a fast-growing trend in educational institutions, corporate boardrooms and government offices to silence expression of any objection to special protections for those who identify themselves as homosexual, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered.

And he added, "Laws such as the so-called 'Employment Nondiscrimination Act' currently under consideration in the Ohio legislature are being pushed to legitimize such restrictions of our freedom of religious expression."



ASSOC. VP OF HUMAN RESOURCES AT U.T.
Crystal Dixon

ACTION

Please contact University of Toledo President Lloyd Jacobs to express your outrage at this violation of Ms. Dixon's Constitutional right of free speech.

He may be reached by e-mail at this address: UTPresident@utoledo.edu.

To express your comments by phone, call toll-free 800-586-5336. By choosing Option 1 in their automated menu you will be able to reach the office of Lloyd Jacobs, where another staff person has been designated to record comments.

retain openly homosexual or cross-dressing students.

- Require any business that seeks to bid on Ohio contracts to have a non-discrimination clause for hiring or retaining homosexuals, cross-dressers, etc. Again, no religious exemption.
- Require landlords or property owners to rent or sell to homosexuals, cross-dressers, etc.
- Require the Ohio Department of Education and the Ohio Civil Rights Commission to prepare pro-homosexual education programs for Ohio schools and communities that "emphasize the origin of prejudice" against homosexuals, cross-dressers, etc.

- Violation of the above and numerous other provisions of the proposed law would result in fines up to \$25,000 for a single offense.

On Tuesday, May 13, one day prior to the Homosexual Lobby Day at the Ohio Statehouse, the Senate Judiciary Committee on Civil Justice, chaired by the bill's co-sponsor, Sen. David Goodman (R-Columbus), held its second hearing on the bill.

CCV has prepared a thoroughly documented policy briefing on the dangerous effects of such legislation and has delivered copies to key members of the General Assembly.

ACTION:

Please voice your opposition to this radical, dangerous bill to members of the Senate Judiciary Committee on Civil Justice.

David Goodman	(R-Columbus)	614-466-8064
Kirk Schuring	(R-Canton)	614-466-0626
Steve Buehrer	(R-Delta)	614-466-8150
Keith Faber	(R-Celina)	614-466-7584
Bill Seitz	(R-Cincinnati)	614-466-8068
Steve Stivers	(R-Columbus)	614-466-5981
Eric Kearney	(D-Cincinnati)	614-466-5980
Teresa Fedor	(D-Toledo)	614-466-5204
Lance Mason	(D-Cleveland)	614-466-4583

Contact your senator and representative to encourage them to do everything within their power to defeat this far-reaching, discriminatory bill. For contact information, visit CCV's Web site, CCV.org, and click on Project VoteSmart.

FROM THE DESK OF PHIL BURRESS

Roe v. Wade, South Dakota and CCV

We all know that *Roe v. Wade*, the infamous 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision that has resulted in the slaughter of over 40 million unborn babies to date, was not based on constitutional principles. Rather, it was legislation from the bench.

All who care about the lives of unborn babies pray constantly that the U.S. Supreme Court one day will overturn this unjust decision.

That brings us to far-away South Dakota, and a proposed law that would prohibit all abortions in that state except those in which the life of the mother, rape or incest are involved.

In 2006 the citizens of South Dakota voted down an outright ban on all abortions. Many voting against that proposal did so because it lacked those exceptions. Since 99 percent of abortions are used for birth control, and since this law, if challenged to the Supreme Court could lead to the reversal of *Roe v. Wade*, it made sense to many in the pro-life, pro-family community to come back in 2008 with a law that included the exceptions.

Now enter CCV. Because our organization has had success in three petition campaigns and at

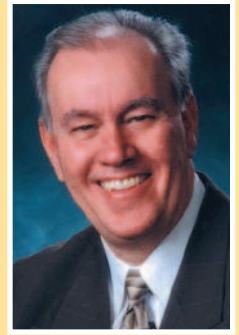
the ballot box, Dr. Allen and Leslee Unruh asked Vickie and me to travel to South Dakota to help lay out a plan to put a ban with exceptions on the ballot. The South Dakota folks behind this effort needed help in two areas: collecting the 16,700 signatures necessary to get the initiated measure on the ballot; and getting out the vote in November.

Allen and Leslee are pro-life heroes, whom many credit with opening the nation's first pregnancy crisis center. Leslee also is executive director of the Sioux Falls based Abstinence Clearing House.

The campaign that we help set in motion to collect the necessary 16,700 signatures (the total population of South Dakota is just 750,000) took place between the end of January and the end of March, a period described as one of South Dakota's worst winters on record. In those 65 days, the VoteYesForLife campaign collected 58,000 signatures, which now have been verified by the state's Attorney General. The proposed law will be on the November ballot as Measure 11!

Winning on the ballot will require volunteers going door-to-door to collect 200,000 pledges to vote YES on Measure 11. Why 200,000? In a typical South Dakota election, 200,000 votes will carry a measure.

If you would like to join in this historic effort that I believe could bring about an end to *Roe v. Wade*, go to VoteYesForLife.com.



Phil Burress
CCV President

David Barton Comes to Ohio CCV to Sponsor Fall Tour

Popular American historian, author and founder of WallBuilders – David Barton – will speak in six Ohio cities in four days this fall, September 29 through October 2.

His subject: Why Christians must be involved in the civic arena.

Noted for his fast-paced, almost breathtaking delivery, Barton is much in demand as a speaker, addressing over 400 groups annually.

"He can pack more eye-opening American history into a one-hour address than you'd get in a semester at most universities," said CCV's president, Phil Burress.

Why a Fall Tour?

"This November's election may be the most critical election of our generation," says Burress. "One of CCV's highest priorities is to encourage concerned citizens who share our values to participate in the political process through responsible voting. If anyone can get that message across, David is the man!"

WallBuilders, the organization Barton founded and leads, is dedicated to presenting America's

forgotten history and heroes, with an emphasis on the moral, religious, and constitutional foundation on which America was built – a foundation which, in recent years, has been seriously attacked and undermined.

WallBuilders' goal is to exert a direct and positive influence in government, education and the family by (1) educating the nation concerning the Godly foundation of our country; (2) providing information to federal, state, and local officials as they develop public policies that reflect Biblical values; and (3) encouraging Christians to be involved in the civic arena.

Stay tuned to CCV's e-mail alerts and newsletters for itinerary details on Barton's Fall Ohio Tour.



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