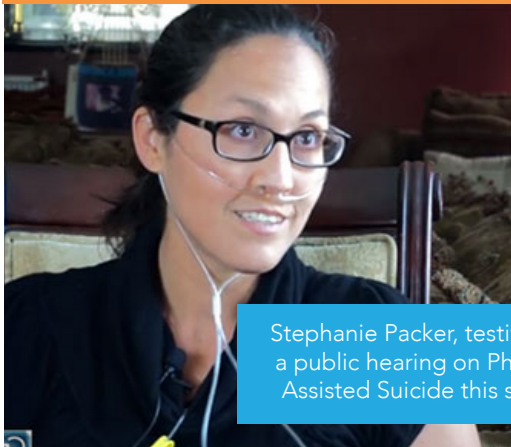


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2017 CCL YEAR IN REVIEW

2017 has been another great year for the Christian Civic League of Maine, thanks to the faithful support of great people like you!



Stephanie Packer, testifying at a public hearing on Physician Assisted Suicide this spring.

WORDS FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Friends of the League,

While there are many things for which we thank God in 2017, there are two great victories that stand out. In the spring, the Life Coalition (the CCL, the Diocese, Maine Right to Life, and Concerned Women for America) brought Stephanie Packer to Maine for a public hearing regarding our top legislative priority – – defeating Physician Assisted Suicide (PAS). Stephanie, a mother of four who was told by her California insurance company they would not pay for her chemo but would pay for the drugs to kill herself.

Although we unexpectedly lost a close vote in the Senate, we were inspired by Senator Dana Dow's powerful, pro-life floor speech to take on the long odds of defeating PAS in the Democrat controlled House. I believe the Lord rewarded the tremendous cooperation of the Life Coalition and blessed us with an unexpected victory when PAS was soundly defeated.

This fall, we engaged in a campaign to defeat referendum Question 1, an attempt to place a casino in York County. There was great satisfaction in seeing our efforts with lawn sign placement, social media, radio interviews, and debate result in an historic defeat to those who wished to expand gambling here in Maine.

In His Service,

Paul L. Conley

[Click to See Dana Dow's powerful pro-life floor speech](#)

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ON QUESTION 1**

IT'S A SHADY DEAL FOR MAINE

CCL was a part of the No on Question 1 campaign to prevent a new casino in York County.

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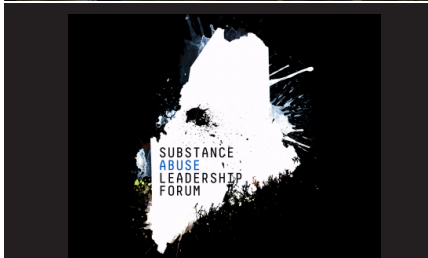
2017 RECAP & UPDATES



SUBSTANCE ABUSE LEADERSHIP FORUM

One of our first orders of business in 2017 was successfully advocating for Gov. LePage's moratorium regarding the commercialization of recreational marijuana. CCL Beacon Award recipient, Dr. Jerry Collins, is pictured above giving testimony at a public hearing regarding marijuana regulations this fall.

One of our non-legislative efforts regarding the opiate epidemic was the Substance Abuse Leadership Forum at Crosspoint Church in July. Over 200 people participated in the forum which included two panel discussions and a keynote speech by Gov. LePage.



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FAMILY POLICY ALLIANCE REGIONAL RETREAT

The Christian Civic League is blessed with effective leadership both here in Maine and across the country. Our Board of Directors are talented, experienced leaders whose Christian values guide them in their responsibilities. Board members Amy Arata, Sydney Dunlap, Elaine Bridge, Linc Merrill (board chair), and Scott Mitchell are pictured above with Terri Conley at the annual board retreat.

Another great leadership resource and experience is our national network of Family Policy Alliance state directors. Each spring, we host a regional retreat in Rangeley. In October, Carroll had the privilege of attending policy briefings with his fellow FPC directors at the executive offices in D.C.



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WRONGFUL DEATH BILL



The passage of the Wrongful Death bill was one of our top priorities for 2017. This bill would allow families like Abdi Maalin (pictured above) to sue negligent actors responsible for the death of their unborn children. Abdi's wife, Salima, who was eight months pregnant, was killed by a tired driver. The Wrongful Death bill would rectify the fact Maine is the only state in New England that prohibits compensation for the death of an unborn child. House Speaker, Sara Gideon, made stopping this bill a top priority in her caucus and suffered defeat by a single vote. We pray this injustice will be corrected and Wrongful Death will one day be passed here in Maine.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY: *TONI'S STORY*



Click Toni and Carroll's picture
for Toni's radio interview



FAMILY POLICY ALLIANCE REGIONAL RETREAT

After failed attempts in past legislative sessions, a bill recognizing the First Amendment rights of the Amish not to wear hunter safety orange was passed this year. We were very thankful to work with Sen. Mike Carpenter (D) and Rep. David McCrea (D) (pictured above) on this very important bill affirming religious freedom. During this session, we continued to work with Sen. Amy Volk (R) and other advocates in legislation addressing human trafficking.

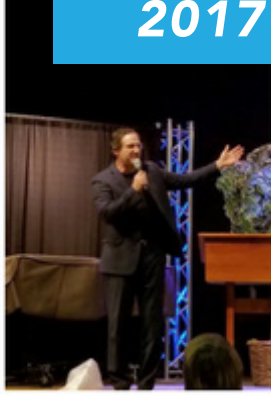


Click Toni's picture to see Toni's story

Whoever would have imagined a Maine educator would be threatened in a coaching memo with potential discipline and/or dismissal for telling a fellow employee "I'm praying for you."? That's exactly what happened to Toni Richardson, and thank God the Christian Civic League was there to answer her call when she reached out to us for help.

In addition to referring Toni to the attorneys at First Liberty Institute, the League was with Toni and her family every step of the way through this very challenging legal process. Thanks to Toni's courage and First Liberty Institute's advocacy, Cony High School exonerated her by rewriting the original coaching memo affirming Toni's First Amendment rights. (To see Toni's story, visit bit.ly/trmaine)

2017 Annual Banquets



[Award Winners - Click HERE](#)

Thanks to everyone who made our annual banquets great successes. The Benham brothers inspired us with their courageous presentation at Crosspoint Church in Bangor. Paul Weber did the same at East Auburn Baptist Church, as well. We also had the wonderful privilege of recognizing Gov. LePage for his steadfast defense of the unborn and our religious freedoms.

[Click here for a video honoring Governor Paul LePage](#)



**Safe Families
for Children**

A QUICK LOOK AT WHAT'S AHEAD IN 2018

The League recognizes elections and legislation are only a part of the solution to effectively engaging our culture. The biblical agent of cultural change His church. With that in mind, the League is making a significant investment in equipping the church to assist families and individuals escape the bondage

of addiction. We are very excited about our partnership with Flourish Now which will allow us to promote Christian foster care through Safe Families. We also will be organizing church sponsored job fairs (Work2Win) helping individuals access dignity through work.

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