

# JULY NEWSLETTER

*Envisioning a state and nation where God is honored, religious freedom flourishes, families thrive and life is cherished*



## Christian Civic League

**IN GOD WE TRUST**

*Our constitution was made for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.* John Adams

Dear Friend,

This July marks the 242nd birthday of the USA. With all the challenges our nation is experiencing, there's still much for which to thank God regarding the unprecedented freedom we enjoy in this exceptional country. Part of expressing appreciation to the source of all freedom is actively maintaining those blessings which have not endured cheaply. I pray the Christian Civic League will continue to be a reliable and inspirational resource to Christians who understand the responsibility that accompanies our God-given freedom.

John Adams' quote above reminds us prosperity is not grounded in the form of government we choose but in the character and righteousness of its citizens. I am a fan of a republic with democratic principles with an economy fueled by free markets. Like Adams, however, I know this model can be as ravenous and tyrannical as communism if our citizens and leaders are not being directed by the transcendent truth of God.

**In our secular world, now more than ever, the League is essential in assisting the church to be salt and light in the public arena.**

Our two major legislative efforts have not yet concluded. The Conversion Therapy Ban, LD912, is still between chambers as we anticipate Governor LePage's veto of this terrible bill. Please pray Gov. LePage will veto LD 912, and the League can assist sustaining the veto. We are still waiting for a vote in this prolonged legislative session for the Marijuana Repeal Bill. It appears our efforts are going to fall short, and we may have to plan for future strategies regarding the legalization of marijuana.

Each July, we ask churches and individuals to consider a special offering to help us through the financial challenges of the summer and give us a jumpstart for our efforts to be a positive influence in the fall elections---our God and Country Offering. Many churches are taking offerings July 1 and 8; would you consider a special gift to help us out? Please designate your gift on the coupon.

As we go into the summer months, please pray God will bless these activities and provide the resources to effectively execute them:

- ❖ developing and promoting resources to inform parents, students, and employees what their rights are as they find themselves in conflict with the transgender policies in their school districts
- ❖ researching candidates in all 190 races as we prepare for our fall voter guides
- ❖ planning our strategy to identify and motivate pro-life Mainers to vote this fall -- Pews to the Polls
- ❖ continue organizing our efforts to establish Work2Win programs here in Maine and promote Safe Families.

Every election you hear, "This is a critical election," but this fall's elections are very important. Pro-life Mainers who value their religious freedom need to support candidates who will defend our values. The League is uniquely situated to make a difference -- please do all you can to make sure we have the "ammo" to engage in the battles at hand. Partner with us to see Maine become a state where God is honored, religious freedom flourishes, families thrive, and life is cherished.

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