

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

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

Christian Civic League

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6

For this purpose I was born... to bear witness of the truth ... John 18:37

Dear Friend,

As we gather with family and friends for our Christmas celebrations, Matthew 1 or Luke 2 are typically our go-to scripture readings. John 18:37 however, cuts through the nativity narrative and concisely declares the Advent agenda – bearing witness to the truth. I pray the enclosed brochure is an encouragement to all our ministry partners as it reminds us of all the opportunities the League had to bear witness to the truth in 2018. It would not have been possible to execute our mission of *bringing a Christian perspective to public policy* without your prayers and financial support.

As the League prepares to defend life, religious liberty, and biblical morality in 2019, we do so knowing the results of November's elections present challenges we have not experienced in nearly a decade. We must remind ourselves the purpose of our advocacy or the resolve of our defense does not change with the likelihood of temporary wins or losses. God's timeless truth is not bound by election cycles and neither should its proclamation be affected by the rise or fall of any political party.

Therefore, the League, with your support, will tell the truth in 2019:

- the truth parents should have the right to choose professional, licensed counseling in accordance to their faith for their children struggling with sexual orientation or gender confusion
- the truth physician assisted suicide as a reckless and dangerous public policy that is in direct opposition to the truth that all human life is sacred from conception until natural death
- the truth the more we learn about marijuana and its danger to young, developing minds, we must delay implementing the legalization of its recreational use
- the truth female genital mutilation is a barbaric practice, and Maine needs to pass legislation to protect these young victims

Realistically, all these battles start with us in the minority, but we must show up and effectively make the case for the life-changing, dignity-affirming, loving protection of God's truth.

In addition to our lobbying efforts in Augusta and Washington DC, the League will continue to invest in our efforts to promote prayer and be a resource to ministries desiring to reveal the relevance of the Gospel in their communities. I'm meeting with pastors this month to strategize the launching of **Better Work** (formerly *Work2Win*) in Maine, and we will continue to promote the good work of Safe Families.

As 2018 comes to a close, would you consider a year-end contribution to the Christian Education League? Your tax-deductible donation will allow us to properly lay the foundation for **Better Work**, our groundbreaking program addressing the substance abuse crisis facing our state. I'm looking forward to seeing our first job fair in a Maine church offering support and hope to someone trying to break the chains of addiction. This will not happen unless individuals and churches get behind this program financially.

Once again, thanks to all of you who supported us in 2018. Let's continue to work and pray that Maine will become a state where God is honored, religious freedom flourishes, families thrive, and life is cherished.

Sincerely,
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