



# Christian Civic League

## 2018 Year-In-Review

### Friends of the League,

**Since 1897, the Christian Civic League has faithfully executed our mission of bringing a Christian perspective to the public policy. As we reflect on 2018, we do so with gratitude, sadness, and hope.**

We are grateful for legislative victories like the defeat of LD 912, the Conversion Therapy Ban. We are thankful for positive changes we see in the composition of the US Supreme Court. We are appreciative of pastors who courageously and lovingly led their congregations to engage our culture with God's revealed truth.

This year also marks the end of the LePage administration. As we reflect on our accomplishments of passing good legislation and defeating harmful bills, there is sadness as we say goodbye to reliable allies and leaders like Gov. LePage, Senators Thibodeau and Mason, and Representatives Fredette and Espling in the defense of life and religious liberty.

Whether we were celebrating temporary victories or mourning momentary losses, our hope was sustained by maintaining our eternal perspective and focusing on the very purpose of our advocacy. Paul reminds us just why we bring a Christian perspective to public policy in II Timothy 2:25, 26 instructing us to correct those who oppose us with gentleness that God may grant them repentance and lead them to a knowledge of the truth.

**In His Service,  
Carroll Conley  
Executive Director**



# Our National Partners

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In 2018, valuable resources from our national partners continued to flow into the state of Maine through the League.

## **FAMILY POLICY ALLIANCE**

FPA serves the 40 Family Policy Alliances across the country including the League. FPA's attorneys provided effective policy support to the League staff. Carroll and Terri, his wife, (pictured below) attended the FPA annual conference in Georgia which provided Executive Directors networking and training.



## **ALLIANCE DEFENDING FREEDOM**

This tremendous ally experienced great victories in the Supreme Court this spring regarding religious liberty. They also provided legal advice and training for Maine concerning the transgender issue and other matters threatening parental rights.

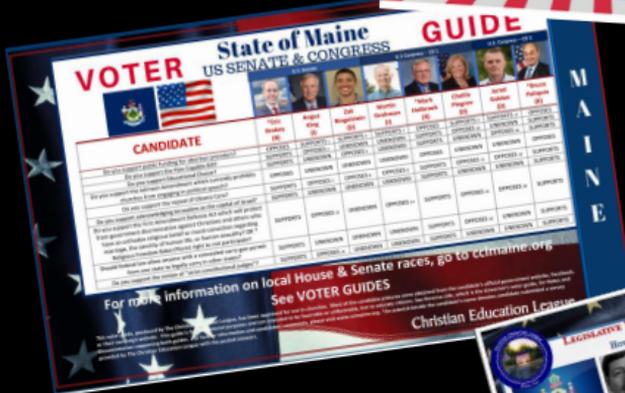
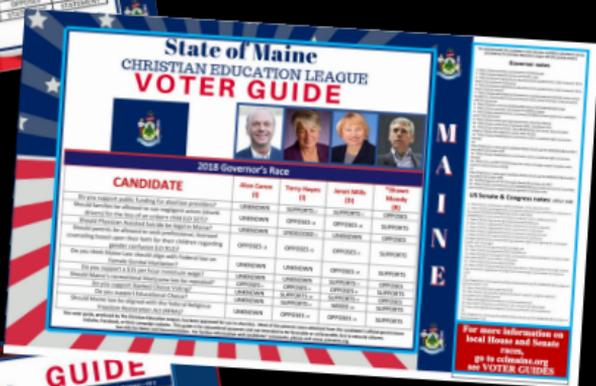
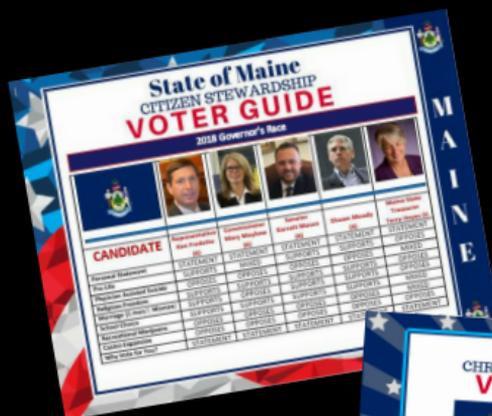
## **FAMILY RESEARCH COUNCIL**

Tony Perkins' and his staff continued to keep us updated on issues in Washington D.C. FRC also hosted the Watchmen on the Wall and Value Voters Summit (VVS)



# Pews to the Polls

The League made over 189 Voter Guides for all Maine races and distributed over 60,000 as well as numerous web and emailed copies.



Through direct mail, phone calls, social media, and texting, our Get-Out -the-Vote campaign identified and inspired thousands of pro-life Mainers to vote.

# CCL Advocacy

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*2858 signed petitions (LD-912)*

## **CONVERSION THERAPY**

LD 912 was an attempt to take away parental rights to seek licensed counseling in line with their faith for a child struggling with gender identity or sexual orientation,

Over 270 pastors from Maine's Evangelical community signed CCL's unity statement condemning LD 912. Over 2,800 Maine citizens from all 16 counties, including over 340 licensed professionals, signed the League's petition opposing LD 912. That response from the Christian community encouraged legislators to successfully sustain Gov. LePage's veto and defeat this dangerous bill.

## **MARIJUANA**

Unfortunately, Maine citizens voted to legalize recreational marijuana in 2016. The League was part of a coalition that was able to successfully lobby for a moratorium delaying the implementation of the new law. Simultaneously, the League participated in the process of implementation advocating for stricter regulations that promoted public safety and health.

## **HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

Mainers are generally naïve when it comes to the issue of human trafficking in our state, but as the substance abuse crisis rages on, more and more women fall prey to this scourge. The League, once again stood with Sen. Amy Volk to advocate on several bills addressing this issue.

Through emails, Facebook posts and videos, we utilized our social media platform to encourage



Maine's citizens and leaders to ask Sen. Collins' to give Brett Kavanaugh a fair hearing. We were thankful for her courageous and influential speech which set the tone for Judge Kavanaugh's historic confirmation to the US Supreme Court.

## Prayer

We know we can accomplish nothing without God's anointing power on our efforts. Part of the League's vision is networking prayer partners in our state and bringing them together in scriptural unity. Our efforts were culminated in September when we partnered with Advancing Native Missions and East Auburn Baptist Church to bring Ruth Graham to Maine

for The Gathering --a prayer event focusing on the persecuted church.



## Faith Matters in Maine

Faith Matters in Maine is our weekly program where listeners hear interviews and updates concerning issues that matter to the Christian community.



For local program schedules check the websites for these radio stations



For archives go to [cclmaine.org](http://cclmaine.org), Issues, Faith Matters In Maine

# cclmaine.org

# 2019-What Lies Ahead?

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## **PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE**

Once again, the proponents of the death culture will be attempting to legalize physician-assisted suicide in Maine. The Christian Civic League will be part of the coalition defending human dignity and the sanctity of life on the legislative front and possible citizens' initiative.

## **PARENTAL RIGHTS**

Even though we were successful in defeating the Conversion Therapy Ban in 2018, we will be facing another attempt to take away the rights of parents to seek professional, licensed counseling consistent with the religious convictions. We must courageously and compassionately proclaim the power of the Gospel to change lives.

The League will continue to make information available regarding parental and student rights as more and more conflicts arise regarding the transgender issue in Maine's public schools.

We will continue to work with our national partners assisting families defending their right to fairly access funding and experience true educational choice.

## **BETTER WORK**



We hope to launch Better Work (formerly Work2Win) and help recovering addicts experience the dignity of work with the love and support of churches hosting faith-based job fairs and discipleship programs.

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