

# CWA OF WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER

## Winter 2006

### WINTER 2006 GREETINGS FROM THE STATE DIRECTOR

First of all, let me thank you for your involvement in CWA. Our mutual concern for the moral health of our country is the common thread that unites us. CWA's mission is to promote and protect Biblical values among all citizens, using prayer and education, in order to reverse the decline in moral values in our nation. In 1798, President John Adams said in a speech to the military, "We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other." Unless moral and religious people participate in public policy, we find ourselves ruled by those who would destroy the foundations of our country.

CWA's byline is "Putting Families First!," and all our work is directed by that statement, believing that God as Creator knows what is best for families and that His Word contains the principles to guide us. Here in Washington, CWA stood with 2000 citizens in support of the sanctity of life in January, attended hearings and gave testimony against HB2661 which adds sexual orientation to the list of protected civil rights and is watching several other bills that will affect our families. Our state vision is "to be an instrument for the Lord to use to educate people on Judeo-Christian values and to instill these values into the culture." In our liberal state, this is a difficult mission. However, there are citizens such as you who support that vision through prayer and action. In addition, CWA has joined other organizations in the battle to stand against those who would impose their humanist agenda on the rest of us. From decreased parental influence on children to same-sex marriage, we are seeing a concerted effort to force a secular agenda on families. In 1 Corinthians 1:20, 25, we read: "Where are the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? ... Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men and the weakness of God is stronger than men."

With the recent passage of **HB2661**, there is much concern that there will be an erosion of our freedoms of religion, speech, and association. Although we lost this battle, we will continue to "Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong" as 1 Corinthians 16:13 instructs us. The 12,000 names you helped collect to petition the state legislators to endorse and adopt an Amendment to the state constitution to protect marriage are being protected by Faith and Freedom Network (aka WERG) as we wait for the state Supreme Court's decision on the Defense of Marriage Act. As these events develop, CWA will work with other state organizations to protect God's definition of marriage (Matthew 19:4-5).

Please join us in prayer that God's will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Will you join with CWA and stand up, speak up, and refuse to give up? We hope to hear from you soon! Serving God is the greatest joy and the greatest challenge! *Maureen Richardson, State Director*

### Legislative Issues

CWA of Washington is keeping an eye on several bills related to our six core issues. To keep you updated during the legislative session, we have an e-alert list to which we send weekly messages during the legislative session.

Please use the form on page 4 to send us your e-mail address or e-mail [director@washington.cwfa.org](mailto:director@washington.cwfa.org). You may express your opinion on any bill by calling the toll-free Hotline at 1-800-562-6000.

You may read the bills on the Washington State Legislature Web page ([www1.leg.wa.gov](http://www1.leg.wa.gov)).

**HB 1282** eliminates abstinence-only education from the public school curriculum: we oppose

**HB 1433** establishes parental notification requirements for abortion: we support

**HB 1562** prohibits partial-birth abortions: we support

**HB 1656** defines abstinence education and comprehensive sex education for K-12 students: we support

**HB 2468** reduces racial and economic barriers to adoption: we support

**HB 3201** increases parental responsibility and public access to sex education curriculum: we support

**HJR 4207** protects the name and legal incidents of marriage, limits court jurisdiction over marriage: we support

**SJR 8209** amends the Constitution to limit which relationships may be recognized as marriage: we support

**BREAKING NEWS: A referendum to reverse HB 2661 has been filed! Please watch for more on this issue.**

**FYI: The national CWA Web site has information on each of our six core issues: [www.cwfa.org](http://www.cwfa.org)**

## Embryo Adoption vs Embryonic Stem-cell Research – One Mother’s Story

“Before I formed you in your mother’s womb I knew you; before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.” (Jeremiah 1:5)

My name is “Anne.” When I married my husband, he had children from a former marriage whom I helped raise. We put off having our children until later, which ended up being too late. After suffering losses in miscarriages and several trips to the fertility doctor, we gave up. Then, out of the blue, I got pregnant! What joy filled us! Several weeks later we lost that child too. We were devastated.

My husband came home from work one day not long after this. He had heard an interview with Dr. James Dobson of Focus on the Family, and a woman who had a baby by adopting frozen embryos from another couple. He had noted the name of the agency, Nightlife Christian Adoption Agency of Fullerton, California. We had never heard of such a thing. I called, asked questions and requested the information packet. It came with a lot of paperwork, forms to fill out, and a requirement for a regular adoption home study, as though we were adopting a living child!

We were the first couple in our state to do this, so explaining this to social workers in order to get an adoption home study was challenging. We finally found an agency that worked with us to help us with this part, submitted our application, and were matched with another couple several states away. They had similar faith and family backgrounds. They were done having children after their son was born. The mom was now in her early 40’s. They had twelve precious embryos they wanted to give a chance at life.

The process for the home study and the family matching took about a year. The embryos were shipped to my doctor via FedEx. They stayed in his freezer until I was ready for the embryos to be transferred. In January, my birthday month, I became pregnant with our daughter! What a wonderful birthday gift from the Lord! She is all I could have ever asked for. She is now two-and-a-half-years-old and her favorite song is “Jesus Loves the Little Children.”

### **Embryo adoption is a win-win solution!**

1. Children get a chance to be born and not thrown down the drain or used as “research.”
2. Childless couples can have children and it’s a fraction of the cost of regular adoption.
3. Couples who have an excess of embryos created during the IVF process now have other choices besides discarding them or donating them to “research”.
4. Fertility doctors now have options for their patients who have excess embryos.

We are so thankful to the Lord for His provision, as well as for Nightlife Christian Adoption Agency and Dr. Dobson for the practical means of rescuing children from being poured down the drain or being used for “research.” If you would like more information, contact the **Snowflake Program**, Nightlight Christian Adoption Agency at 714-278-1020, or go to [www.nightlight.org](http://www.nightlight.org). **The Snowflake Program** is the embryo-adoption part of the agency.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PRAYER/ACTION LEADERS NEEDED!</b></p> <p>Please pray with CWA! We have Prayer/Action Chapters in the following cities: <i>Bellevue, Castle Rock, Edmonds, Eastsound, Freeland, Issaquah, Everett, Redmond, Seattle, Shoreline, Spokane, Shelton, and Vancouver!</i></p> <p>If your city is not listed, would you pray about starting up a Prayer/Action Chapter in your area? We’ll even help you get started!</p> <p>If e-mail is more your style, you can become a Home Team Captain and help us educate others easily. Call 425-869-1923 for an application!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CWA OF WASHINGTON PROJECTS</b></p> <p><b>Encourage a Legislator</b> Weekly notes sent to Washington’s state legislators, intended to encourage and inspire them. Contact Juli for details by e-mail, <a href="mailto:juliwhitson@comcast.net">juliwhitson@comcast.net</a> or call the office 425-869-1923.</p> <p><b>What’s That Dresser For Anyway?</b> This is a ministry of practical help for those in crisis pregnancies. Each dresser is filled with necessities for a new mother and her baby and then gifted to a local pregnancy care center. Contact Maureen for details at <a href="mailto:director@washington.cwfa.org">director@washington.cwfa.org</a> or call 425-869-1923.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Steering Committee Positions Available:</b> Records Correspondent, Legislative Liaison Assistant, Newsletter Committee, Communications Coordinator and Specialists. <i>Please contact Maureen if you are available and interested!</i></p>	

## Correct Terminology When Debating Homosexual Issues

*Our choice of words can be influential to a reader or listener. We are called to be savvy in our use of language in order to be effective. In Matthew 10:16, Jesus tells us to be “wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.” Choose words carefully when communicating the truth in love.*

### **YOU SHOULD SAY**

#### **Homosexual**

#### **So-called homosexual “marriage”**

*The public instinctively rejects “homosexuality” and the activists know this, which is why they try to insert the less threatening words. When we call a spade a spade, we win.*

#### **Marriage ceremony**

*“Marriage” describes either marriages performed in a civil ceremony (Justice of the Peace) or a religious ceremony.*

*Homosexual activists are asking for civil “marriage,” which includes legal recognition and all the benefits, rights, and responsibilities as a one-man and one-woman marriage.*

#### **Sexual preference**

*Sexual preference indicates homosexual behavior is a choice.*

*Sexual orientation suggests the behavior is innate and inborn.*

#### **Homosexual lifestyle**

*Lifestyle signifies one has a choice in their behavior.*

#### **Special rights**

*Those who practice homosexual behavior already have the same rights as everyone else.*

### **YOU SHOULD NOT SAY**

**“Gay” or lesbian**

**“Gay,” lesbian, or same-sex marriage**

**Civil marriage or religious ceremony**

**Sexual orientation**

**“Gay” or lesbian**

**Equal rights or equal protection**



### **REPLY MEMORANDUM**

If you have not yet renewed your annual membership in Concerned Women for America, you may do so through the state office. Each state is self-supporting, so your tax-deductible gift will help support our work in the state, including this newsletter.

\_\_\_\_ Yes, please renew my annual membership at the national and state level. I have included a gift of \$25/individual or \$30/couple. I would like to continue to receive the national and state newsletters.

\_\_\_\_ I would like to be on the state e-alert list. My e-mail address is: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail this reply to CWA of WA, P.O. Box 143, Woodinville, WA 98072  
Thank you for standing with us! May God bless you always!**