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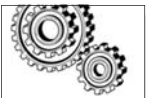
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Christians are to be salt and light to our neighbors; this political season you have an opportunity to do both!

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In the Works

2020 Election Scorecard

Are you interested in becoming involved? CAM is looking for interested and active people to act as liaisons to their church, helping to keep the Christian community informed. Contact CAM at 372-6442.

How the UVM Medical Center, the Vermont Legislature and the Governor are Operating “Under the Influence”

by

Mary Hahn Beerworth

The University of Vermont Medical Center’s Board of Trustees, without fanfare, and without notice to hospital staff, voted to change their decades-old policy of limiting their practice of abortion on hospital premises to rare cases of what they termed “medically necessary.” As a result of the vote in the fall of 2017, elective abortions are now being performed as part of the UVMCMC’s “family planning” services. In fact, the hospital has hired three trained abortionists.



Why? What prompted the sudden policy change after 45 years?

A bit of history is in order to connect some of the dots and much of it has to do with one central figure: the new Chair of the UVMCMC Board of Trustees, Allie Stickney. As a former CEO of Planned Parenthood of Northern New England headquartered in Williston, Stickney has made a career out of abortion advocacy, taking top level positions within the Planned Parenthood network. From Williston, Vermont, to Portland, Oregon, to Manhattan, New York, Stickney built up her resume by dedicating herself to this highly controversial organization.

The Vermont controversies involving Planned Parenthood are numerous and have often involved Planned Parenthood’s radical ideas of sexuality for the young teens they come in contact with. To name just two instances, public outcry led to cancellation of the raunchy “Safety Dance” geared for students in the late 1980’s, and in 2005, the Vermont Depart-

ment of Health shut down the Planned Parenthood sponsored “Man Phone” website, once it was found linked to pornographic materials. For more examples, go to www.vrlc.net and type SCANDALS in the search engine.

Nationally, Planned Parenthood scandals include the release of undercover videos capturing their employees callously discussing the sale of aborted baby body parts with research labs willing to pay for everything from fetal tissue to organs ranging from eyes to hearts.



Today, Planned Parenthood is the largest provider of abortions in the State of Vermont, the United States of America and in the world.

“There is no nation on Earth powerful enough to accomplish our overthrow. Our destruction, should it come at all, will be from another quarter. From the inattention of the people to the concerns of their government, from their carelessness and negligence.”

Daniel Webster

In 2019, Meagan Gallagher, CEO of Planned Parenthood of Vermont, proudly testified before committees of the House and Senate in Montpelier that the organization performed 1,100 abortions out of the 1,200 or so performed in Vermont in 2018.

Planned Parenthood Federation of America faces other ongoing investigations, as well as the loss of federal funding. Adding to the organization's headaches, numerous states have already moved to slice Planned Parenthood's state funding and/or have re-distributed the funding to other, less controversial, health care providers.

However, here in Vermont Planned Parenthood exerts near total control over the legislature and does so without media scrutiny. In the 2019 legislative session, the pro-abortion super-majority in the Legislature granted the abortion business broad immunity with passage of H. 57 – a bill written to ensure unlimited, unregulated, and unrestricted abortion throughout all nine months of pregnancy. The legislation goes further than any other anti-life legislation in the country, providing that all public entities and all other branches of government would be prohibited from restricting or interfering with abortion – even to protect viable babies or the safety of their mothers.

Governor Phil Scott signed the legislation into law, thereby endorsing and embracing the extreme legislation.



To add insult to injury, Gov. Scott also granted state tax dollars to Planned Parenthood after they refused to follow the rules for the federal Title X monies. Phil Scott has made it clear in his responses to constituents that he agrees with Planned Parenthood and has referred to abortion as “reproductive health care services.” As such, Governor Scott has declared that our local taxpayer dollars should support Planned Parenthood's treatment of abortion as “just another method of family planning” even though the funds come from those of us who pay taxes and consider it morally offensive.

Just as the public was to discover that Governor Scott had previously set aside \$800,000 in 2018 for Planned Parenthood, the organization revealed through their tax filing that they had transferred over a million dollars to their political advocacy funds. Planned Parenthood of Vermont has substantial property and considerable cash on hand. Those assets will be used to take legislators out of office who dared to disagree with Planned Parenthood last year and bravely stood on the floor of the House to say so.

Nationally, Planned Parenthood Federation of America spends millions on

political elections in order to protect their agenda of unlimited, unrestricted abortion throughout all nine months of a woman's pregnancy. Planned Parenthood's network of clinics is far better known for being the single largest provider of abortions, and for political activism, than for offering a full range of health care services for women.

In some states, hospital boards would consider Allie Stickney a liability on the basis of her affiliation with Planned Parenthood. Instead, her association with the abortion business appears to have paved the way for her to become the Chair of the Board of Trustees of Vermont's largest teaching hospital.

If those Vermonters who expect health care systems to recognize the value of every human life become dismayed and angry, those in charge of hospital policy will have to shoulder some of the blame – especially if they have allowed hospital policy to enact such a



monumental change, “under the influence” of the state's largest abortion business.

Similarly, Vermont legislators and Governor Scott will have to shoulder the blame for how they allowed themselves to be “under the influence” of one of

the most radical, scandal-ridden, activist organizations in the state.

Recently, the smallest baby ever born (at 8.6 ounces, Sabine weighed about the same as an apple) has left the California hospital where she was considered a “micro-preemie”, has gone home with her family and is thriving. The current pro-abortion majority in Vermont is on a collision course with science when it comes to their denial of life in the womb. The history books will document what happened here in 2019 and future generations may well judge harshly those who held so little regard for human lives.

But Governor Scott and those legislators who voted for H. 57 bear further responsibility for turning our once respected local form of government into an arena that allows the corrupting influence of power and money to rule the day. It is also entirely possible that our hospital systems will continue to be corrupted by similar political pressure, power and money.

If Vermonters do not rise up and cry foul now, it does not bode well for the future of our beautiful state.

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“A nation which does not remember what it was yesterday, does not know what it is today, nor what it is trying to do. We are trying to do a futile thing if we don't know where we have come from, or what we have been about.”

President Woodrow Wilson

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The Christian Action Ministry prints 2100 copies of its bimonthly newsletter and distributes them by the US Postal Service to a list of people who have asked to get a copy at their home. We also have distributors who receive a package of 3 to 50 copies for placement in their own church or organization. In addition our website www.christianactionministry.com has our newsletter dating back to April 2013 in its archives. We have received several requests to get our newsletter sent to personal emails, and have decided to give this a try beginning with the January-February 2020 issue. You will notice in the righthand corner of this page that this issue is Vol 29, meaning we have been publishing and distributing the newsletter for 29 years. The next issue will begin our 30th year. So this is a good time to try something new, by sending copies to an email list.

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Get Involved

By
Dick Trudell

Involving the Christian in Community Action is CAM's purpose. We do this by using our newsletter to inform and recommend action that you can take. Make no mistake, 2020 will be a volatile year in the United States. There is activism on the LGBTQ (Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender/Questioning) front as never seen before, highly financed legislative action by abortion advocates (as noted in our lead article), an anti Second Amendment movement, a lack of legislators and citizens that have read and understand the Constitution of the United States, and a vocal group of people willing and striving to overthrow or alter our government in methods not anticipated by our Founding Fathers, such as **amending our VT Constitution** to allow killing unborn babies all nine months of pregnancy, or even allowing an unwanted baby to die after birth. This will be addressed in more detail in a future issue.

This coming year will be very political in nature, and you will have many opportunities. Become a candidate yourself, work for a candidate you agree with in their campaign, contribute financially, write letters to the editor of your local paper, and talk to your friends and neighbors about the issues. Don't hesitate to do something and stand up for what you believe in.

With the widespread use of the internet, there is no reason not to know what the issues are, the stance of advocacy groups, and where political candidates stand. Social media is certainly active and is a place where you can share your experiences and beliefs,

And you can help CAM as well. Our yearly expenses for the newsletter and postage are \$6090. We receive a yearly total of \$1200 from three supporting churches, and an average of \$470 from recipients of our newsletter. The balance of \$4420 is contributed by our active Board members. All our income goes directly to our newsletter expenses. There is no remuneration given to any of our members. We would appreciate it if you would consider a one-time or monthly contribution to the Christian Action Ministry. There is a donation page on our website www.christianactionministry.com titled Support CAM, Help us continue to publish and distribute this newsletter.

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"It is amazing that people who think we cannot afford to pay for doctors, hospitals, and medication somehow think that we can afford to pay for doctors, hospitals, medication and a government bureaucracy to administer it."

Thomas Sowell, economist and social theorist



What Can I Do?

*Faith without
works is dead
James 2:17*

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As we move into the Holiday Season, we need to keep in mind that our lives, our freedoms, and our happiness come from God and not from government. In November we give thanks to God for His many blessings on our lives, the freedom we have living in the United States, and the salvation we have through Jesus.

In December we celebrate the greatest gift we could receive, Jesus leaving his rightful place in Heaven, coming to us as a baby to reconcile us with God through his suffering and death. Let us remember to wish our neighbors a “Merry Christmas” greeting instead of a season’s greeting, and take time in our celebrations to remember that “Jesus is the Reason for the Season”.

We wish everyone joy and peace this season and the enjoyment of the blessings that God has bestowed on us here in the United States. Remember to pray for our nation.

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