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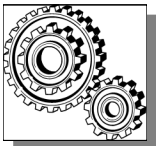
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Are you interested in becoming involved? CAM is looking for interested and active people to act as liaisons to their church, helping to keep the Christian community informed. Contact us at camnetVT@gmail.com.

Resources for Readers

By
Lauston Stephens

This issue begins our thirty-fourth year of publishing this newsletter. As our mission statement says, we are “dedicated to informing and involving Christians in issues that affect the spiritual and moral well-being of our communities.”

The Internet was just beginning to be popular when we began publishing. A lot has changed in that time, especially in how people keep themselves informed. It is a lot easier today for people to do their own research.

We don’t know how much technology or social media our readers are using but we do know a little about how busy people can be. For readers that are “tech friendly,” we may just be echoing what you already know. For others, we trust we are fulfilling a greater need.

This issue is focused on a very contentious matter at this time. With respect to that here are a couple of resources that may be of interest to you.

The Vermont Family Alliance has an “opt-out” form for several things that parents may not want their chil-

dren participating in. They have a Facebook page where an image of the multi-page form can be found. They give credit to PragerU for the forms. Their website <https://www.vermontfamilyalliance.com/> seems to still be under construction.

Moms for Liberty, <https://www.momsforliberty.org/>, has a kit for those considering a first-time run for the school board. Their website shows chapters in every state except Utah and Vermont.

On our own website, <https://christianactionministry.org/>, we have links

to over a dozen other state or national organizations with an abundance of information and other resources. This is always available to you. If you select our “connect” page, you can email us and you can scroll down to check out the other websites. If you’re not “tech friendly”, we also have a mailing address.

We’d love to hear from you!

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RESOLUTION TO PROTECT CHILDREN FROM UNSAFE SEX TRAIT MODIFICATION AND EXPERIMENTATION

By
VERMONT FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN

WHEREAS, Our nation has consistently maintained that parents are the best caretakers of their children unless the parents are proven to be unfit;

WHEREAS, Children's cognitive functioning continues to develop through and past the age of eighteen, and as such children are not equipped to make permanent, life-long decisions about medical procedures;

WHEREAS, Altering a person's sexual traits through medication and surgery (aka "gender-affirming" procedures) is experimental and has not been shown to provide a benefit to children;

WHEREAS, The vast majority of children who experience distress related to the reality of their sex come to accept their sex in adolescence or adulthood as long as they are allowed to go through uninterrupted puberty in their own sex;

WHEREAS, There are no long-term longitudinal studies evaluating the risks and benefits of prescribing drugs such as puberty blockers and cross-sex hormones to children who experience distress related to the reality of their sex;

WHEREAS, The use of cross-sex hormones comes with serious long-term health risks including harm to bones, heart disease, irreversible infertility, and other severe effects on the body;

WHEREAS, The use of puberty blockers can cause permanent health problems, including reduced bone density, stunted brain development, flatlined height, and increased risk of osteoporosis and bone fractures;

WHEREAS, Finland, Sweden, and the United Kingdom have banned puberty blockers for public or non-research use and it is reasonable to expect the rest of the world will follow suit;

WHEREAS, The U.S. is an extreme outlier in the world in allowing invasive, permanent, and irreversible sex trait modification surgeries in youth under eighteen years old;

WHEREAS, There is troubling evidence that mortality rates including deaths by suicide remain markedly elevated above the background population after inpatient sex trait modification procedures have been performed;

WHEREAS, Neither puberty blockers nor cross-sex hormones have been FDA-approved to treat children struggling with distress related to their sex;

WHEREAS, Children and adolescents cannot consent to experimental interventions with unproven benefits and proven harms of loss of future sexual and reproductive functions, because children and adolescents cannot anticipate the importance of these adult functions in their lives;

WHEREAS, Several quality systematic reviews of the evidence have been conducted, and no review has been able to detect any credible benefits of youth gender transitions;

RESOLVED, That parents have the fundamental right to direct the health care decisions for their children;

RESOLVED, That children have the fundamental right to be protected from permanent, risky, and experimental sex trait modification procedures until they reach the age of majority;

RESOLVED, That children should be encouraged to love and accept their bodies;

RESOLVED, Republicans stand against K-12 educational institutions that teach unscientific, false information about biological sex, gender identity theory, and whether sex is binary and immutable in nature;

RESOLVED, That Federal and State funding should not be used for sex trait modification procedures on children in healthcare settings;

RESOLVED, That insurance companies should not be mandated to pay for sex trait modification procedures on children;

RESOLVED, That insurance companies should provide the same coverage for any reversal procedures if they pay for sex trait modification procedures in the first place; and

RESOLVED, That any treatments on children must be based on a systemic review of the evidence.

On October 7, 2023, the Vermont Federation of Republican Women, a chapter of the National Federation of Republican Women, unanimously passed the above resolution and asked its Vermont president to make it public by sending copies to Vermont's mainstream public media (print, television, radio, etc.) Kay Trudell, a member of the Christian Action Ministry (CAM) Board and a writer for this newsletter, was present at the meeting and was part of the unanimous vote to adopt this resolution. She shared the above resolution with CAM and asked that it be included in an issue of the newsletter so our readers will be aware of it since the mainstream public media in Vermont has not shared it widely and this would be of interest to our readers. Although the Christian Action Ministry does not endorse political parties or candidates, this seems a bold yet common-sense resolution by women whose aim is the protection of children, among other things.

“The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing,” - not Edmund Burke

“Burke was sometimes exorbitant, but he was never silly; and the thing that strikes you about this saying, on a moment's reflection, is how little sense it makes: the silence of good men isn't the only thing necessary for the triumph of evil. The persons advancing the evil, whether in command or the rank-and-file, must be strong and determined; and the lukewarm must be either cowed into submission or willing to go along because the evil seems to prosper,”

- David Bromwich, Sterling Professor of English at Yale University and author of The Intellectual Life of Edmund Burke as quoted by Reuters

As the State Legislature reconvenes, don't forget bills introduced last year that are still pending.

S. 16 An act relating to repealing the exception for clergy to report child abuse and neglect

“This bill proposes to repeal the four-pronged exception that permits clergy to not report child abuse and neglect when it is received in confidence while acting as a spiritual advisor.”

H. 113 An act relating to the public, pious, or charitable uses property tax exemption

“This bill proposes to clarify that churches and other public, pious, or charitable organizations are not eligible for the State property tax exemption if those organizations engage in any lobbying or other political activity on their property. Churches and nonprofits will also be required under this bill to certify annually to the Vermont Department of Taxes that the organization does not conduct any lobbying or political activity on the property that would disqualify the organization from the exemption.”

Is voter registration “political activity”? Is free speech abridged when a legislator attends services?

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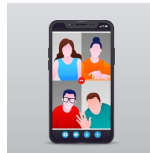
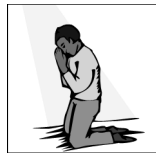
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*Faith without
works is dead
James 2:17*

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Next Meeting

*Jan. 9, 7:00 pm
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Feb. 13, 7:00 P.M.
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