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Ottawa PEACE Meeting

May / 2010

Last May 5, 2010, PEACE presented to a group of 22 at the PEACE Tower Church, Bronson Ave., Ottawa. Response was very positive and the group decided to become a PEACE Chapter and asked if PEACE could return a number of times for the different churches.

I promised that we would develop a plan to meet the needs expressed – but had no idea how we would be able to afford to return to Ottawa numerous times to present the message.

It became obvious that demand, here and in other parts of the province were clearly indicating that we

would not be able to host all meetings. We would need to develop a train the trainer model.



Thank you to Pastor John Raymer and Aysha Ali-Robinson for their commitment and concern for the values of the children in Ottawa.



May - Hamilton Pastor's Advisory Meeting

On May 17, pastors from across the city of Hamilton met to review the progress provide input to the 2010 /2011 plan. At the meeting it became clear that the LGBT message was advancing to all areas of the curriculum, and it

was decided that we need more pastoral encouragement to families to share their faith by completing the Spiritual Values Forms. Further there was discussion that the community meetings that depended on PEACE to present

the message should shift to a denominational approach, seeking approval and support from district and provincial leadership of the various traditional-biblical denominations.

June - New Provincial Strategy - PEACE Executive Meeting

New strategy was approved to develop a Provincial approach.

Create a dvd/training video of the presentation

Develop an instruction manual for the dvd

Move to a train the trainer format that could be implemented in any community:

Prior to the meeting invite churches to send a facilitator to be trained

Provide the facilitator with the dvd and guide book to return to their church and host a meeting for families

The trainer would collect the forms, send them to PEACE so they could be sent to the schools.

PEACE would keep a file of all families, students and schools

June – Taping of Video—Traditional Parents Guide to Education

In June, determined to get the video completed, we purchased a video camera, tripod, microphones, and some other equipment. (about \$1500 if anyone wants to help), wrote the script and recorded the presentation. The PEACE Presentation was co-hosted by Tricia who helped to bring an important feminine component. Having no experience with video cameras, we were fortunate to acquire the amateur

talents of our cameraman was Erick Monterroza.

We wanted to record the show in a school, but found that the public schools were very hesitant to allow us to use their facilities, so the principle of John Knox Christian School, Winona graciously offered to allow us to use their library—thank you to the staff at John Knox.

Since producing the video and instruc-

tion guide, we have presented in a number of locations and provided the DVD and guide/resource book to more than 200 churches.

Any church desiring the training is invited to contact PEACE Hamilton.

We will help communities anywhere in Ontario to inform their families and establish local PEACE Chapters.



ALLIANCE FOR LIFE ONTARIO

June 10, 2010 - This fantastic conference in Mississauga was very well attended by the various Right to Life chapters around the province.

Fantastic speakers included Judith Reisman, who headed up a Us Federal

investigation in into Alfred Kinsey. Her presentations clearly demonstrate a very significant link between Kinsey's very biased and faulty research and permissive human sexuality courses in School .

One of her presentations documents the progression of sexual art in Playboy and

how this caused the changes in attitude in society.

At the conference we had a chance to meet with Judith and legal counsel to discuss the possibility of a constitutional challenge , or other legal challenges based on instruction that is based upon faulty research.



July - Meetings with Denominational Leaders

In the month of July, Phil Lees began meeting with denominational leaders from 4 large, traditional, protestant denominations in Ontario .

In each meeting we discuss the issues facing our children as they attend schools that are delivering programs that contradict the traditional instruction from

home and church. All denominations we concerned and decided to work with us to get the messages into their churches. As a result, PEACE would potentially need to produce 1000 + DVDs and Guide

July - Meetings with Denominational Leaders, cont'd

books for all these churches.

We are willing to do so, but the churches have been asked to work with us to make sure that implemen-

tation is as effective as possible—just sending the church a DVD and Guide book does not ensure the message gets to the families.

The planning continues It is interesting that when an event is planned in a community, the leadership of the denomination is willing to encourage the churches in the community to attend.—a good first start. At working together

July 28 PEACE Ottawa PEACE Training

In May I promised the Ottawa meeting that I would return with a DVD and an instruction guide and we were prepared.

July 28th, I left Hamilton at 11:30 a.m. armed with 50 DVD's and Guide books. Upon arrival in Ottawa the presentation began precisely at 7:00 p.m.

Wow, the group from May grew—more than doubled... and many from the May meeting were away on holidays—it was the peek of the summer holiday season! Altogether we had more than 25 churches represented and one mosque.

The response was amazing. The video received a standing ovation—that

must have been all of Erick's technical prowess. Actually the people were so grateful that "someone was doing something.

As part of the evening, PEACE Ottawa formally decided to become a Chapter, and set their date for their first Board meeting . Since them PEACE Ottawa has been very involved in organizing the community and getting the word out to both the Catholic and Protestant parents.

For more information on PEACE Ottawa , Contact Kathleen Murphy, at murphyk@travel-net.com.

PEACE Goes Spanish

July 2010

Erick Monterroza has assisted PEACE a couple of times as translator for events in the Spanish community. It has been so encouraging for the Spanish speaking members of Hamilton to be able to understand and ask questions.

Erick has been working on a special project to translate the PEACE materials and presentation in Spanish, and he was provided with the opportunity to test out the presentation.

It was a great opportunity to extend

the message to the Hispanic community. The entire presentation, including the power point was in Spanish - no translation, except to English for the lone non-Hispanic in the church - me.

PEACE is thankful to Erick and to our Lord for this opportunity. Erick is willing to speak publicly wherever the need arises. Please contact Erick at

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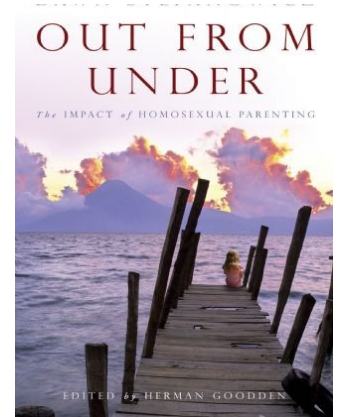
London Ontario Display—Expands the PEACE Network

The end of August we travelled to London for a conference hosted by Dawn Stefanowicz (Author of the book Out from Under, a book about the truth of what it is like to be raised in a homosexual home) and Ruth Ross (Christian Legal Fellowship) about negative effect the new Equity and Inclusive Education Strategy will have on our children.

PEACE was asked to attend and

provide a table display and materials for families. As a result of our table display, interest was created in developing a PEACE chapter in two other communities in Ontario.

As we build this network, we are making great connections with people of influence. It was wonderful to be involved with Dawn, and Ruth—thank you for partnering together on this critical issue.



P.E.A.C.E. Comes to Sudbury

By Pat Murphy

September 14, 2010, at the Marguerite Lougheed Community Centre, the Sudbury Family Coalition Party Constituency Association held a public meeting about the Equity and Inclusive Education Strategy. More than 70 people attended the meeting concerned about the controversial policy to be implemented this September in all Publicly Funded Schools.

Problem with the Equity Policy

Whereas Christian education has always sought and taught inclusiveness of each and every individual, this proposed program, in the guise of Equity and Inclusive Education, which is to come into effect in all Ontario schools by the end of 2010, is exclusive and discriminatory and seeks to normalize questionable moral and physically destructive practices.

Phil Lees, Director of P.E.A.C.E. Hamilton (Public Education Advocates for Christian Equity), clearly communicated this Ministry of Education policy results in LGBT affirming instruction in all subject areas beginning in Kindergarten. He said, “it will be integrated into every part of the curriculum and school life”, and provided examples of how this will be accomplished:

-Primary grades will learn about different types of families (2 moms and 2 dads) in their unit on the community

-A “queer hero strategy” that requires the sexual orientation of homosexuals and transgendered people of significance be



identified (e.g. Roberta Bondar is a lesbian scientist), however it does not mandate the sexual orientation of heterosexual people of success be shared

-Grades 7 and 8 health class will now learn about homosexual sexual activity (anal and oral sex)

-homosexual portrayals in drama class

-gay-straight alliance clubs in high school

This policy is leading to curriculum changes that concern church leaders and



Participants were pleased with the Video that could be shared with friends. / Parents, grandparents and clergy were most concerned

Peace Sudbury, Cont'd

parents:

- **Curriculum changes** to affirm and honor LGBTTTTIQQ (lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transgendered, transsexual, two-spirited, intersexual, queer, questioning) lifestyles, beginning in kindergarten

- **Labeling** anyone uncomfortable with homosexual, bisexual or transgender activity as: homophobic, heterosexist and transphobic.

- **Silencing** teachers, students and parents who subscribe to a traditional Christian (or other faith) worldview.

- **Imposing a value system** (humanism) - **Confusion** – Children raised in traditional and faith-oriented families will be exposed to lessons that are conflict with the values taught at home

Empowering Parents

Lees encouraged parents to take charge of their child's education stating that education is an agreement to partner with the parent. We take measures to protect our child from inappropriate messages, we monitor the computer and television, provide guidelines for selecting friends, even screen the adults who will be supervising their outside activities, why should we

blindly accept what is taught to our children in school.

Parents, grandparents and clergy were then presented with tools to help them to communicate their faith and reduce the child's exposure to curriculum that is in conflict with the values taught at home.

In a letter from the Minister of Education, P.E.A.C.E. has been told;

“Should the component of any course conflict with a religious belief of the parent...the right to withdraw from that component of the course shall be granted, on the written request of the parent....”

*Kathleen Wynne,
Minister of Education, Ontario*

To assist parents, PEACE has developed a form letter and Traditional Values Forms are completed and used by parents to communicate in writing their faith and values and ask that these be respected, and that the child not be exposed to information that is in conflict with the home.

Lees shared that although excusing the child is not be the best accommodation, it is what is presently being offered, “Let's demonstrate the numbers of families who are negatively affected, and then we can request accommodations

that are relevant, realistic and respectful – such as a faith-sensitive alternative program, or a Traditional Values Alternative classroom”.

To assist with spreading the word, PEACE provided a DVD of the presentation and a “Traditional Parents Guide to Education” handbook to every church in attendance.

For more information on the PEACE initiative, visit www.peacehamilton.org. To host an event in your community contact our leader, Phil Lees, 905 869 6334, or plees@mountaincable.net.



Laura (arrow) provides Church leaders with DVD and Guide book to assist them with implementation of a PEACE meeting in their church.

PEACE & Evangelical Fellowship of Canada

Earlier in September EFC legal counsel, Faye Sonier, and I spoke about the Education Issue. There was so much to discuss, it became clear that a meeting was necessary.

For those who may not be familiar with EFC, the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada is national association of evangelical Christians in Canada. This organization is very influential in issues related to the Christian community in the public square.

On September 17, my wife, Ruth, and I drove to Ottawa to meet with Faye. To my surprise the meeting included Don Hutchinson, Vice President and

General Legal Counsel for EFC, and a third lawyer. Wow, I knew they were taking this seriously.

Many issues were discussed including what the church can do to support PEACE and encourage families to share their faith within the public school.

It was noted that although opting-out was a poor option, it is the best that we have at this time, and that although vouchers may be the best option, within the present political climate, a scaled back option version is needed.

There was discussion about how some school boards do offer faith-sensitive alternative programs.

One week later EFC released an update titled



The Evangelical
Fellowship of Canada

Septemebr 24–25 P.E.A.C.E. at Huntsville Fall Fair



At the invitation of Fred Raplaab, Magnet-ewan, PEACE information was displayed at the fall fair in Huntsville.

The fair is a great place to talk about PEACE. Most of the people who attend are traditional valued families. We received a number of emails and look forward to hosting a PEACE meeting soon.



Phil and Fred speak with the Mayor of Huntsville.

PEACE in the Pulpit

Sunday morning September 28, the church board at Calvary Church, An-caster asked PEACE to share the message from the pulpit. Our mes-sage may not be a typical Sunday morning message, but the board and pastor wanted to inspire the congrega-

tion to be involved in the public square.

Thanks to Pastor Brian and the Calvary Church Board for the opportuni-ty to share and the generous contribu-tion.





**Anglican
Mainstream**

Strengthening the Faith

Anglo-Catholic, Evangelical, Orthodox, Charismatic, Mainstream

October 2, The PEACE strategy was shared with conference dele-gates at a national conference of the Anglican Mainstream, Eng-land.

PEACE received a phone call from two of the organizers (David Sin-

clair and Dr. Lisa Nolland) ask-ing about our ``share your faith approach``, that it was so re-freshing and empowering for parents.

England is actually about 5 years ahead of us here in Hamil-ton when it comes to implemen-

tation of the LGBT agenda. “Indecency thrives in a self-serving culture,” says Dr. Nolland.

We have been told that dele-gates were en-couraged with the concept, and they are looking at developing a method of imple-mentation.



Dr. Lisa Nolland

Municipal Elections - Support the trustee that represents your values

PEACE has surveyed all candidates for school trustee and determined the ones to support.

Then we contacted all of our members and encouraged them to get out and help the trustee to get elected.

The survey questions are available on the PEACE website www.peacehamilton.org. Check them out the questions will quickly help you to identify the candidate that is supportive of your values. In addition, we have listed the candidates in the Hamilton area that responded in a way that deserves our vote - it will be updated as candidates respond.

Upcoming Events

Sudbury and Area Education Meeting

PARENTAL RIGHTS IN EDUCATION

Date: October 24, 2010

Time: 12:00 - 4:00

Location: St. Anne desPins Gathering Space

14 Beech St. Sudbury

(Back of Church fronts on 30 Ste. Anne Rd. - parking is available)

Agenda:

After a very successful PEACE meeting in September, Phil Lees (originator of PEACE) is making a return visit to Sudbury, Oct. 24, 2010. This is a follow-up meeting. The agenda will include:

- **Begins with Light Lunch** - and social, view display
- **Time to share** - for those who missed the 1st meeting, we will review the key points and provide an opportunity for those who have used the materials to share. Note also, materials will be available for those who missed the first meeting.
- **Education Choices Part 2** - Phil will further explain education choice strategies that further support traditional faith community
- **Parental Rights in Education** - What are the rights of parents in the traditional faith community?
- **Establishing a Sudbury PEACE Chapter** - Phil will outline the first steps, so that our local community has input into our education systems, and is able to assist families to make the best education choices for their children.
- **Education Green Paper** - A round-table discussion, with shared input from attendees to a province-wide education survey .

For more information contact Laura Vettoretti 705 522 9479 dlvett@isys.ca



Municipal Election Continued

Thanks to all who are taking steps to get the people elected that will represent all - including the faith community.

This past Saturday, a group of 12 helped John Davidson, candidate for wards 9 & 10, but distributing literature.

Please call and ask if you can help. Phone calls need to be made, brochures distributed, and signs put up.

Explaining the distribution routes



Candidate John (sun glasses) shares the strategy.

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**Empowering Families to protect
their children by sharing their**

HOST A PEACE EVENT IN YOUR COMMUNITY

- 1) Contact our office and set a date.
- 2) Find a meeting location - community centre, library meeting room, church meeting hall, etc
- 3) Send out invitations to all churches in your community to send one or two people who will be trained to bring the message back to their church.
- 4) Send out information to all pro-life, pro-family groups in your community.
- 5) Phil will come and train the volunteers to use the materials (DVD, and guidebook) effectively.

For more information call Phil at 905 869 6334.

We need your help!

PEACE has been very busy advocating for the rights of traditional families attending public school.

As you can see this is becoming a provincial initiative. It must, as much of the conflict does originate from the Ministry of Education, and is not limited to Hamilton.

I would ask that you support our efforts in the following ways:

- 1) Prayer - we need to know the Lord's will and direction.

PEACE Mission Statement

PEACE will work with local churches, parent groups, private schools, home school groups, government representatives, and publicly funded school systems to:

- 1) Help all stakeholders to understand the need for educational curricula, educational alternatives that connect the learning in the classroom with the cultural and spiritual understandings of the child.
- 2) Work with all stakeholders to develop education options that meet the needs of these families.
- 3) Inform families of the following:
 - A) the importance of being educated in an environment that is consistent with the principles being taught at home.
 - B) The policies and curricula which may contradict the values of the home
 - C) . The available educational options and alternatives where children receive a quality education in an environment that connects the learning in the classroom with the cultural and spiritual understandings of the child.
 - D) The tools to help families to communicate their beliefs to public funded systems.