



The Newsletter

Dedicated to Preserving Family Values

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Equity Policy - Sexual Orientation Strand

Time is Running Out

For those of you who do not access the Internet and receive our regular updates, you may be wondering where the Hamilton-Wentworth Family Action Council (HWFAC) has gone? We have fallen behind with our newsletter with the last one being March 2007. Our fight against the school board's anti-homophobic/anti-heterosexist policy has been intense and has not allowed us the time to prepare our newsletter.

Since March we have run two workshops for those who were concerned with the sexualization of their children, one Pastors' training session to assist them in speaking at a school board community session, one strategy session where we strategized to design effective questions for individuals/organizations to submit to the Board to be answered at a Community Session, and sent several e-mail alerts encouraging people to respond with letters of concern which were received by the Steering Committee. In addition to the above, we have attended each of the monthly steering committee sessions at the Board. It has been very intense and this strand of the Equity Policy will be in front of Trustees for final approval as early as December. We began addressing this concern when it first appeared as an agenda item at the Board in February of 2004 and so have fought for almost 4 years. Has it been worth it?

In many ways it has been worth the fight. The Board is now very much aware of the concerns that Judeo-Christian principled families have with a policy that could label them as 'homophobic' or 'heterosexist'. It is a policy that could be used to legitimize permeating the curriculum in all subject areas at all grade levels with homosexual/bi-sexual affirmation and elevate those who practice homosexual/bisexual conduct to hero status. As written, it will allow the Lesbian-Gay-Bi-sexual-Transgendered (LGBT) community opportunity to remove all barriers (yet to be identified) which are perceived to prevent LGBT community

from full participation in school programs.

During the recent Community Session at which 13 probing questions were submitted from HWFAC supporters, one of the questions read, "The draft policy discusses the LGBT identifying 'barriers' to be removed. Will this lead to Gay Straight Alliance Clubs, Gay Pride Week celebrations in the schools, homosexual dances and the like?" The response, "It may."

A second question asked was, "Will all parents be notified prior to classroom discussions or school events regarding sexual orientation related issues by means of mandatory permission slips and will families who withdraw their children from such activities be labeled homophobic or heterosexist?" The response, "We are not sure at this time."

When this issue was first raised in February of 2004, we stayed at the Board meeting until late into the evening for public question period and posed the following question, "How will my family and families of like belief systems, have their belief system respected and protected and be assured that their belief system that they are instilling in their homes will not be contradicted in the classroom?" The response, "This is a weighty question, we have no response at this time. We acknowledge this to be a very difficult point but can offer no assurances."

Almost four years later, at this November's Community Session a similar question was posed,


"The current draft Section 10.4 reads as follows: The Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board will provide staff development to assist all staff in creating physically, emotionally, socially, intellectually and spiritually safe learning environments for all students.

As parents of faith-based families, we recognize that people are made of three components: body, mind and spirit (or soul). Our faith teaches that homosexuality

is a conduct with physical, emotional, social and spiritual consequences. That being the case, how will these safe learning environments defined in Section 10.4 be enforced for our children?"

The school board response, "We are not sure. This will be decided at the implementation stage."

In terms of assurances, nothing has really changed over the past 4 years of this intense battle; however, the Board is very much aware through meetings, presentations and correspondence of our legitimate concerns regarding the physical, emotional and spiritual health of our children and we truly hope they are sincerely weighing it in the balance. If you are concerned, please take the time right now to express it by calling Associate Director Chuck Reid at 905-527-5092 ext. 2304 or e-mail him at chuck.reid@hwdsb.on.ca. Also, contact your Trustee and speak with your child's teacher.

We encourage each one of you to make a call, send an e-mail and encourage others to do the same, but first and foremost please pray for God's intervention into this very serious situation. Time is running out. 

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When Statistical Preciseness Conflicts with Political Correctness

In this age of political correctness one must be cautious, not only about what is being said, but more so about what is not being said. Sadly, political correctness can be used to cover for behaviours and/or lifestyles which are statistically problematic. Yet, those who understand the implications of the statistics are deemed by the politically correct crowd as having a form of mental illness known as phobia - an irrational fear. In particular, this is true when dealing with the statistics surrounding the group known as MSM, men who have sex with men.

The politically correct preach that the MSM group are to be embraced and celebrated and that they should be made heroes of in children's school studies, not simply because they accomplished something worth noting, but because they were among the MSM group. Society must hold parades, fly flags over City Halls and pay homage to such heroes during Gay Pride Week. We must be proud of such conduct in order to prove that we truly are part of a culture celebrating diversity and unconditional acceptance because this is the sign of a true loving humanist; it is all good! But what do statistics say? Is embracing the MSM crowd in their MSM conduct a loving act? Not according to the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC).

On February 1, 2007 at the "Gay Men's HIV Prevention Summit" sponsored by the AIDS Bureau of the MOHLTC, some very revealing statistics were presented which serve to further clarify concerns that those of the 'phobic' community have been expressing for years. In particular, a table which we have inserted into this newsletter (Modeled Population, HIV Prevalence and Incidence among MSM by Region 2004) showed that 5.5% of the adult male population in Toronto belong to the MSM group with the provincial average being 2.0%. For the politically correct but statistically blind, this would seem to be a cause to rally around the flag pole, however, there is disturbing revelation in this table about this 5.5% which should cause most to be concerned, if not alarmed. In the year 2004, 19.6% of the Toronto MSM group were HIV positive; 1 in 5 of all MSM in Toronto were identified as being HIV carriers and are now destined to develop full blown AIDS at some point in time, 1 in 5. The bad news, however, does not stop there as the prevalence rate of 19.6% is accompanied by an incidence rate of 1.4%. What does this mean? This means

that if the trend continues (and the author of the table says it will), each year 1.4% can be added to the 19.6 % prevalence rate resulting in a prevalence rate of 25% by the end of 2008, one more year. By the end of next year, 1 in 4 MSM in Toronto will be HIV positive.

How does this HIV prevalence rate of 19.6% for adult MSM in Toronto compare with the HIV prevalence rate among adult males who have contracted HIV solely via heterosexual activity? Is there any difference? We put this question to the author of the report and received the following response:

"There are two groups of men in Toronto infected heterosexually, namely those from HIV-endemic countries (mainly sub-Saharan Africa and the Caribbean) and those from Canada and other non-endemic countries.


The prevalence among adult men in Toronto in 2004 may be estimated in these groups as follows:

HIV-endemic	0.94%	(1,320 / 140,000)
Other heterosexual	0.10%	(770 / 800,000)
Both	0.22%	(2,090 / 940,000)"

When comparing the HIV prevalence for MSM to that of adult males from Canada and other non-endemic countries contracting HIV heterosexually, a factor of 196 is obtained (19.6% vs. 0.1%). HIV prevalence is 196 times greater in the Toronto MSM population than in the strictly heterosexual group. Recognizing this dramatic difference, we asked the author why this would be and received the following response:

"The higher HIV infection rates among MSM are likely due to the greater efficiency of HIV transmission through anal intercourse compared to vaginal intercourse and the higher number of sexual partners among MSM compared to heterosexuals."

This is precisely what our Council has been communicating for years. Homosexual conduct and lifestyle is destructive and embracing someone in such behaviour is not loving, but cruel and harmful. Further, instructing children to believe that all sexual relationships are equal is criminal. Any person or institution attempting to 'normalize' homosexual relations in children's minds must be held accountable.

Being equipped with the truth, we can fight back for the souls not only of our own children but for all children and also for persons caught in the dangerous web of homosexuality. Please consider how you might effectively share this article and accompanying table to defend children and rescue those who may practice or consider practicing homosexual conduct. 

Federal Bill C-2 - An Omnibus Bill

We believe you may find of particular interest a Bill that is being introduced in Parliament that will deal with several bills previously stalled by opposition parties or the Senate all together. Here is an excerpt taken from the United Mothers, Fathers and Friends November newsletter:

"Bill C-2 is comprised of these five bills from the previous session:

C-10 (Mandatory Minimum Penalties for Firearms Offences) Imposing mandatory jail time for serious gun crimes

C-22 (Age of Protection) Increasing the age of consent for sexual activity from 14 - 16 years.


C-27 (Dangerous Offenders) Ensuring that high-risk and dangerous offenders face tougher consequences when they are sentenced and kept better track of to prevent them from offending again and again.

C-32 (Drug Impaired Driving) Cracking down on drug-impaired driving.

C-35 (Reverse Onus on Bail for Firearms Offences) Enforcing tougher bail rules when a gun is used to commit a crime. (Bill C-2 is available here: <http://tinyurl.com/3b9dc9>)

The Justice Committee will be carrying out witness hearings beginning November 14 and continuing for the next few weeks.

These hearings will be televised. (C-2 Justice Committee Page: <http://tinyurl.com/2lzebn>)

Contact your local M.P. to voice your opinion/support for this bill." 

Declaration of Spiritual Values - An Excellent Tool to Offset the Equity Policy

Should the HWDSB opt to move ahead with the Equity Policy in its current form, the potential for homosexual apologetics will be significant. As parents you will have 3 options:

- 1) Private schools
- 2) Home school
- 3) Stay and fight

For many, stay and fight is the only real option, however, this can be difficult, especially if you are not comfortable approaching teachers or principals.


The Hamilton-Wentworth Family Action Council, after years of study, practice and consideration of the needs of parents, teachers, and of course, students, has formulated a document known as the Declaration of Spiritual Values. The purpose of this document is to help parents inform teachers about those core beliefs that parents find important with respect to the education of their child. It lists a number of areas which parents want to have excluded from their child's learning curriculum, while extolling the positive values upon which these exclusions are based.

The Declaration of Spiritual Values achieves a number of goals. First, it makes clear to the educators where the parents want to "draw the line", without doing so in a judgmental or critical way. Second, as a prepared document, the Declaration of Spiritual Values provides parents with a simple means to enter into dialogue with educators about their spiritual and moral values, which makes it a useful assistant for parents who find it difficult to articulate their beliefs and their child's needs.

The Declaration of Spiritual Values, when used in the spirit in which it has been developed, can be used to help parents and teachers reach an amicable agreement about the course of the child's education. It can also help educators become more tolerant of the Judeo-Christian values and beliefs of their students' families, in a firm yet non-threatening way. HWFAC recommends that parents seek to have the Declaration of Spiritual Values included in their child's OSR, so that this statement of their beliefs will follow and continue to influence the child's path of learning throughout their time in the Public School system.

The Declaration of Spiritual Values document can be obtained by downloading

our PDF file from the HWFAC website (hamiltonfamilyaction.org) or by calling to request a copy (905 304 7944). It includes a cover letter written to the educator, and a glossary of terms to help both you and school authorities to understand clearly the tenets of this important document. Please obtain your copy today, and seriously consider making the Declaration of Spiritual Values a key component of your child's education.

HWFAC is willing to make a 30 minute presentation to your church or agency. If you can get 5 or more families together just call us at 905-304-7944 and we will make our best effort to assist you. 

Prayer List – November '07

Please pray fervently for the following:

1. **That** the Lord God Almighty will have mercy on our country. That He will reveal to us our sins, and help us to sincerely repent. Thank Him for His forgiveness.

2. **That** news will spread of the perverse sexual behaviours/sexual relationships that the School Board wishes to affirm to our children, and that God's saints will PRAY and ACT according to His leading.


3. **That** the saints will organize and mobilize the Church for battle against the enemy who is perverting the language of diversity, discrimination and tolerance. That the saints will not accept being labelled as homophobic or heterosexist for their Biblically-based (and health-based) view regarding sodomy and human sexuality.

4. **That** the saints will be bold and courageous as they are 'salt and light' to a perverse society. Mark 9:50: "Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with each other." We should remember God's faithfulness, make a difference in the "flavour of the world we live in, and counteract the moral decay in society. If we lose our salt, we become useless to God.

5. **That** saints will warn one another, and the School Board, of Jesus' warning against harming little ones in the faith: Mark 9:42: "And if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to be thrown into the sea with a large millstone tied around his neck."

6. **That** if the Lord wants us to challenge the School Board in the Courts that He would raise up the people and the resources we need to go forward into a legal battle.

7. **That** the Lord will raise up the people and the prayer warriors needed to persuade the provincial government to allow PACE classroom programs.

Thank you, prayer warriors, for your faithful perseverance and tenacity. 

10th Annual Scavenger Hunt for Birthright

In 1997, as HWFAC began to expose the deeds of Public Health and Planned Parenthood clinics, we realized that a suitable pro-abstinence, pro-life resource would be needed to provide good help and counseling for young women. It was a Focus on the Family article that inspired us to sponsor scavenger hunts on Father's Day weekend each year with all supplies and monies going directly to Birthright. This year HWFAC sponsored the 10th Annual Scavenger Hunt for Birthright.

Last year's event saw 418.5 pounds of infant and maternity clothing and supplies collected along with \$839 in cash, all in one day; a total of 1257.5 points. That was raised by 3 churches. This year's event saw an increase to 526.5 pounds of supplies along with \$965 in cash for a total of 1491.5 points, for 5 participating churches. It is great to see an increase and we were also encouraged by the work of our new Scavenger Hunt Coordinator Amanda Fudge. Amanda is attending college and studying Early Childhood Education and felt that she wanted to something for the pro-life cause.

We are planning to hold the 11th Annual scavenger hunt next year, but we will need your help to have your church participate. Please consider being a contact for your church and asking your congregation to participate in next year's event. If you will do that, please contact Amanda Fudge at (905) 385-0239. Birthright needs our help to provide for the needs of society's most vulnerable.

Thank you, and may God bless you for your compassion.  ③


HWFAC Seeks Additional Leadership

The HWFAC continues to bring leadership to the sex education area issue in our community, as well as to the contentious Equity Policy development at the Public School Board.

The Lord has placed on many of our hearts the necessity for leadership in other areas of interest concern as well, areas that require fellow Christians to lead. If you are involved, or would like to be involved in the areas of:

1. Intelligent Design,
2. Public Health research,
3. Web site design,
4. Prayer Coordinator,
5. Research of Election Candidates, please let us know.

Being a part of what God is doing in Hamilton is a great blessing and reward, and helps to bring critical information and representation to fellow Hamiltonians so that we can better serve the Lord.

HWFAC Council
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The HWFAC and its Mission

TO INFORM, MOTIVATE & MOBILIZE the concerned Community in the area of social issues.

It is evident that Canada is facing a major moral and spiritual decline. We have seen the family attacked from all directions.

Unfortunately, so many family people who share the Judeo-Christian value system do not realize that a war is on - a conflict that will have profound implications on our families today and in the future. Opposing forces are very organized, highly motivated, well funded, deeply committed and very well armed. They continue to break down the very foundation that this Nation was built on and they are accomplishing their objectives. But where are OUR troops?

If we as a body of believers are to be the "salt and light of the world, "we must be willing to influence our community by getting involved. If we don't, we will yield to our opponents by default.

The HWFAC is a coalition of concerned families, churches and organizations which

work together in the community to preserve Judeo-Christian family values.

The HWFAC liaisons with the local school boards, hospital boards, members of Parliament (MP's), councilors, media, etc. as a voice for the pro-family people of our local region.

Statement of Purpose

The Family Action Council is a coalition of concerned families, churches and organizations that work together in the community to preserve Judeo-Christian family values in many areas. Some of the areas we will seek to influence are: Education, Media, Politics, Arts & Entertainment, Environment, Church, Justice System, Society, Medicine and Family.

The HWFAC will deal with issues that influence the family as they relate to Holy Scripture.

The Local Church

The HWFAC was designed to help keep the local church up to date with current and national social concerns. It is important that a "social concerns" representative from every church sits on the Council and attends quarterly meetings. This representative can then disseminate this information throughout their church and coordinate church projects such as petitions, letter-writing campaigns, film presentations, speakers, etc.


Statement of Faith

I believe in one God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible, and in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;

Who for us men and our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, and was made man and crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;

He suffered and was buried and on the third day He rose again according to the scriptures and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead. Whose kingdom shall have not end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who together with the Father and the Son,

is to be worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.

I believe in one apostolic Church; I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen. Nicene Creed 

For more Information, Please Contact:

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Vice-President - Jim Enos;
Secretary - not filled;
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Birthright Committee - Amanda Fudge, Penny Enos;
Declaration of Spiritual Values Coordinator - Danny Legare 905-220-1959

Monthly Council Meetings

Your Family Action Council meets every month and You Are Invited !! Be Informed, Get Involved, Attend monthly meetings
The first Monday of every month, 7- 8:30 p.m.
We usually meet at King's View Community Church, 1267 Paramount Drive, Stoney Creek, Call ahead to confirm date and location to:
Jim Enos (905) 304-7944

We need your help!!

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Thank you.