



# LifeCanada E-Newsflash

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## ***Green Leader Says She'd Never Have an Abortion But ...***

Federal Green Party leader Elizabeth May was caught on tape last month during a London, Ontario by-election telling a group of Roman Catholic nuns that she would never have an abortion and had even talked women out of having an abortion but she just couldn't support making it illegal. "If we make them illegal, women will die," she said. She said she didn't like the idea of abortions being done for "frivolous" reasons and then went on to talk about "strategies" and "programs" to reduce the number of legal abortions. There were no media people at the meeting and Ms. May did not know her comments were being taped until they showed up on the blog of one of her supporters. The comments were later posted on the CTV website. You can read the blog report of the meeting at [www.danbaril.com](http://www.danbaril.com).

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## ***Right to Live is Illusory***

In a fascinating article this week in the National Post reporter Tom Blackwell told the story of Noorix Yeung, a 46-year-old cancer patient and father of three who died in November after doctors at a Halifax hospital ignored his wife's wishes and imposed a do-not-resuscitate (DNR) order. Mr. Yeung died before his wife, Wendy Yeung-Chen, could have the case heard by a judge. Mrs. Yeung-Chen wanted her husband treated by a traditional Chinese healer whose treatment would have taken six weeks. That would have required the doctors at the hospital to revive the patient should he stop breathing. The doctors refused and Mrs. Yeung-Cheng went to court. The case was adjourned on Nov. 23 to the following Tuesday but her husband died on the Saturday with the DNR still in place. The Post story cited several bioethicists who said such cases are common and that families are often "browbeaten" by doctors. Ann Smith, the lawyer in the Yeung case said, "I think that most people would be surprised to learn that, ultimately, physicians can make these life-and-death decisions."

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## ***Want to Support LifeCanada Education Projects?***

Also want a tax receipt? Consider a donation to the Friends of Alliance foundation. Friends of Alliance is a registered charitable foundation which seeks to support pro-life education projects at the national level. The foundation does not carry on any programs of its own.

Donations to the foundation may be sent to:

*Friends of Alliance., PO Box 52, Crystal City, MB R0K 0N0*

In your letter please specify that you would like funds used to support LifeCanada's education projects. Thank you.

For further information please contact Carroll Rees, LifeCanada at [info@lifecanada.org](mailto:info@lifecanada.org) or 1-866-780-5433.

## ***More Evidence Show Abortion Harmful***

A new study released by a team of British doctors shows that abortion increases a woman's risk of miscarriage in a subsequent pregnancy. It appears that the increased risk of miscarriage is as high as 60% in a pregnancy which follows an abortion. Pregnancies resulting from in-vitro fertilization have also been associated with a higher risk of miscarriage. For more information, please see [www.lifenews.com](http://www.lifenews.com) and [www.lshtm.ac.uk](http://www.lshtm.ac.uk)

## ***UN Adopts Disability Treaty***

On December 13, 2006, the U.N. General Assembly adopted the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. This is an important document which includes provisions that would recognize that all disabled persons have "the right to life, food, water and health care without discrimination", said nurse Jeanne Head, who represents the National Right to Life Committee at the UN. "People with medical conditions and pain could also be people with disabilities and have the same rights under the Convention" according to a United Nations press release. This international law is good news and could protect disabled persons from being denied nutrition and hydration as in the case of Terri Schiavo.

The good news was shadowed by the Vatican's refusal to sign the treaty because it includes the phrase "sexual and reproductive health". Pro-life delegates generally felt confident that the treaty does not promote abortion. Many countries explicitly stated that abortion was not part of "sexual and reproductive health" during negotiations and that view was not challenged. The Vatican is concerned that the treaty could be used to promote abortion in

countries that already interpret "sexual and reproductive health" as including abortion. See [www.lifenews.com/int142.html](http://www.lifenews.com/int142.html)

### ***LifeCanada Office Needs a Book Case***

We have recently received a wonderful gift of about a hundred books all related to our pro-life work. We are really pleased about this but now need to find space to display them in our office so we can easily find the reference we are looking for. If any of our readers have an extra book case they would like to donate we would gladly receive it. Please bear in mind that the LifeCanada office is located in the Ottawa area.

### ***Pre-Authorized Giving Plan***

LifeCanada is now able to accept pre-authorized monthly donations. This is a tremendous option for LifeCanada because it allows us to schedule our educational pro-life activities since we know in advance how much support is coming in each month. It is also easy for our supporters since they just complete a form, send in one cheque and then the pre-authorized amount is automatically deducted from their bank account. Donors maintain control of their donations by simply contacting us by phone, email or letter to let us know if they wish to make changes or cancel the plan.

If you would like to donate ten, twenty, fifty dollars or any other amount to LifeCanada each month, please contact us and we will send you the necessary form to complete.

### ***Become a Partner for Life***

We are actively seeking sponsors/advertisers for our newly-designed website ([www.lifecanada.org](http://www.lifecanada.org)) and for our bi-monthly newsletter. We do not have a charitable tax number but these ads can certainly be a business expense as you promote your business to our supporters.

Our rates for this project are reasonable. A business card ad in LifeCanada News will cost \$125 per issue or \$600 for the full year. Your sponsorship ad on our website will be posted for a year for a cost of \$500. We see this as a great opportunity to build a pro-life network across the country and help to secure LifeCanada's financial base.

For more information, please call LifeCanada's toll free number 1-866-780-5433 or email us at [carroll@lifecanada.org](mailto:carroll@lifecanada.org)

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