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LifeCanada's monthly news bulletin offers quick news reports on the latest developments in life issues throughout Canada and around the world. We provide information on current research developments, pro-life events and activities, news reports and much more. Please consider forwarding this monthly E-Newsflash to family, friends, and others who would like to be kept up-to-date and informed on life issues. Sign up for E-Newsflash [here](#).

2008 Christmas Message

Dear Friends of the Vulnerable,

It is the season of hope: 'a Child is born for us today, alleluia!' Will we look up at the Star or down at the mud? In the midst of darkness, there is light and we need only open our eyes to see that light and renew our hope.

I spent too many years in the mire of misery. My name is Delores Marie, which translates as the sorrows of Mary. I lived in my name! Half empty glass was me all the way. If there was negative to be found, I found it! Then something started to happen. I discovered Joy and bit-by-bit in a transformation that continues I am learning to embrace both the sorrows of life and the joys of life. I am learning to live in hope, not perish in discouragement.

The monument to the unborn unveiled in Alberta on the same day as the announcement of the Order of Canada to Morgentaler is a sign of hope to me. Five hundred submissions to the Ontario College of Physicians & Surgeons to protest their attempt to strip doctors of conscience rights gladdens my heart. The media now seeing and speaking out on the repeated attacks on our freedom of speech lifts my spirits.

And most of all it is the young ones, the future of Canada who inspire me. They march on Parliament Hill with us in May. From east to west, they gather on college campuses, their presence a cry of solidarity with the vulnerable of our country: "We are the resistance movement, we are the voices of the voiceless!"

Today may we all lift our eyes and find our hope rekindled in this time of hope. On behalf of the Board and Staff of LifeCanada, may all of you have a blessed joy-filled Christmas!

Dr. Delores Doherty

President, LifeCanada/VieCanada



New Study Links Abortion and Pre-term Birth

Abortion is a serious risk factor for future premature births. In a new study published Nov. 4, 2008, Vancouver researcher Brent Rooney called for informed consent for women seeking abortions after multiple major studies over the past 10 years have documented the link between abortion and subsequent premature birth.

Published in the Winter 2008 *American Journal of Physicians and Surgeons*, the study was titled "Does Induced Abortion Account for Racial Disparity in Preterm Births, and Violate the Nuremberg Code?" The research team examined the disproportionately higher rate of pre-term births among black women in the US. Black American women have triple the risk of an early preterm birth and four times the risk of an extremely preterm birth than non-black American women, studies have shown. Abortion rates among black American women are the highest in the country, with 43% of all pregnancies among black women ending in abortion.

The overall rate of preterm births in the US rose by 43% between 1980 and 2005. Mr. Rooney compares the US preterm birth rate with the preterm birth rate in Poland following a 98% drop in Poland's abortion rate in the early 90's. Between 1995 and 1997 Poland's preterm birth rate fell 21%, lower than the US rate by 43%.

"A decrease in IA [induced abortion] is likely to reduce subsequent preterm births, as was observed in Poland," the study states.

The research linking abortion and preterm birth has been largely ignored by the medical community and openly denied by abortion practitioners in both Canada and the US. There is no requirement in Canada that a woman be informed of the fact that undergoing an abortion will leave her at serious risk for a future pre-term birth.

Campus Speech Restrictions Mimic Human Rights Commissions

It is hardly surprising that freedom of speech has suffered a disastrous assault on Canada's university campuses, given the influence of our countries' Human Rights Commissions. The right to freedom of speech in Canada appears to have become subject to the right not to be offended or feel "harassed", and the Human Rights Commissions are clear on their endorsement of the new hierarchy. The Ontario Human Rights Commission interprets the Ontario Human Rights *Code* section on harassment so broadly that, "even a single statement or incident may... constitute a breach of the Code by creating a 'poisoned environment' for individuals." The Commission repeatedly emphasizes that intention to offend or harass is not required for a violation of the *Code* to take place—if an individual or group feels offended or harassed it's enough to establish that a human rights violation has occurred.

It follows that student unions who base their human rights policies on provincial human rights *Codes* would reflect a similar disregard for the right to freedom of speech, when that speech is not politically correct. Campus pro-life groups have taken the brunt of the assault, with pro-life clubs booted out of the Newfoundland's Memorial University, the University of Guelph, York University and the University of Victoria, to name a few.

The latest incidence of censorship took place at Thunder Bay's Lakehead University, where the student union banned groups from "negative messages." New amendments to the student union constitution require campus clubs to deliver "positive" messages, ban anything deemed to be offensive or disparaging to any identifiable group, and prohibit clubs from imposing their views on anyone else—



approaching students to hand out pamphlets is out. Note that the material does not have to be held to any public standard of what constitutes “offensive messages”. It simply needs to offend someone.

2009 “Have we gone too far?” Campaign

LifeCanada is inviting groups across Canada to help spread a message that has been censored by Advertising Standards Canada (ASC). This industry body has declared our very successful 2008 national ad campaign to be “deceptive.” The ads showed a pregnant woman along with the words “9 Months – The length of time abortion is allowed in Canada. Abortion – Have we gone too far?”

Privately-owned billboards or trailers used as billboards are not subject to the ASC ruling. Many small communities have pro-life billboards at the entrance to their town. We are asking them to consider updating the message with our ad. We can adapt our artwork to fit the size of your billboard or trailer.

Help us show the folks at Advertising Standards Canada that our message will not be censored and our voices will not be silenced.

If you are interested in helping us to spread the word on abortion in Canada, contact Gudrun Schultz in our Ottawa office at 1-866-780-5433 or by email gschultz@lifecanada.org.

New! Abortion/Breast Cancer Business Cards

Educate your community on the link between breast cancer and abortion with these small colorful cards. [Click here](#) to view a sample. The cards are available from the LifeCanada office—call 866-780-5433 or email info@lifecanada.org for more information.

Updated Pro-Life Postcards

LifeCanada’s “Abortion: Have we gone too far?” postcards have been updated to include the latest statistics from Statistics Canada on late-term abortions, from 2005. Distribute the cards in your local parishes and communities. Call the LifeCanada office at 866-780-5433 or email info@lifecanada.org for more information. [Click here](#) to see a sample.

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