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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](#).

2009 "Have we gone too far?" Campaign

LifeCanada is inviting groups across the country to help spread a message that has been censored by Advertising Standards Canada. This industry body has declared our very successful 2008 national ad campaign to be "deceptive." We are asking local pro-life groups and other organizations to use privately-owned billboards or trailers to ensure our message reaches as many Canadians as possible. LifeCanada developed an ad campaign to mark the 20th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision that struck down all legal restrictions on abortion. The ads said, "Nine months. The length of time abortion is allowed in Canada. Abortion. Have we gone too far? www.AbortionInCanada.ca." There were 58 billboards across the country, transit shelter and newspaper ads, and we printed and distributed over 50,000 postcards.

In March, three abortion advocates complained to Advertising Standards Canada (ASC), claiming the ads were "anti-choice" and "untrue" and "deceptive." ASC agreed with the three complainants and declared our ads "deceptive." We appealed and lost.

Advertising Standards Canada is an industry, self-regulating body. It is not a government organization and has no legal power to block our campaign. But, since most of the advertising companies are members of ASC, they will accept the decision and refuse to run our ads.

However, privately-owned billboards or trailers used as billboards are not subject to the ASC ruling. We are encouraging local pro-life groups, if they have private billboards—or know someone who does—to run this ad campaign because it is very effective. Most Canadians are not aware that there are no legal restrictions on abortion in Canada. It is legal throughout all nine months of pregnancy. The billboard campaign reaches outside of traditional pro-life circles and educates people. If they don't believe the claim on the billboard, or if they want to learn more, they can go to the website and get great information about abortion. Abortion advocates complained about the billboards precisely because they don't want Canadians to hear the truth about abortion in Canada.



We are asking you to consider helping us share this information with Canadians. Many small communities do 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. Think what a powerful message we could send if we had dozens of billboards in every province across this country.

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 at: gschultz@lifecanada.org.

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

CPSO Backs Off on Conscience Policy

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario has dropped a proposal that would have removed conscience rights from Ontario doctors, after an outcry from concerned doctors and groups including the Ontario Medical Association. The draft policy would have prevented doctors from opting out of providing medical procedures, including abortion, for reasons of conscience. Under the proposed changes a doctor who refused to provide certain services on grounds of conscience would have been vulnerable to charges of professional misconduct or violation of the Ontario Human Rights Code.

The policy change was developed in anticipation of increasing submissions to the Ontario Human Rights Tribunal, following recent changes that will allow for greater individual access to the Tribunal. The draft policy was quietly buried among other material issued by the CPSO and only came to light one day before the deadline for input on the issue, August 15. Protest from concerned stakeholders pushed the deadline back until September 12, 2008.

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta has recently released a similar draft policy that would require doctors to refer for abortion and birth control, and would prevent them from refusing patients based on sexual orientation. The CPSA is accepting submissions on the draft Standards of Practice until November 3, 2008.

CMA Supports “Minority” of Doctors who Oppose Abortion

The Canadian Medical Association continues to support those doctors who object to abortion on moral and ethical grounds. The chair of the CMA's Ethics Committee, Dr. Bonnie Cham, made the statement during an interview with *The Medical Post*, published Sept. 26.

“The CMA supports the identifiable minority [of doctors] who do not agree with abortion,” Dr. Cham said in response to a question on the number of doctors willing to refer for abortion.

Dr. Cham's assumption that such doctors would be in a “minority” might be challenged by the Abortion Rights Coalition of Canada. In a position paper published in 2005 the ARCC warned of an increasing shortage of doctors willing to perform abortions, estimating that only 20% of obstetricians/gynecologists would carry out the procedure. The ARCC also complained of the “increasing number of medical students [who] are organizing to assert their right to refuse reproductive health care to their patients on the basis of personal beliefs.”

The medical community's growing distaste for abortion, particularly later-term procedures, has been well documented in the UK. Ann Furedi, with the country's top abortion provider the British Pregnancy Advisory Service, noted in 2007 that it was becoming “increasingly difficult” to recruit doctors for abortions.



International Pro-Life Conference Draws 400

More than 400 pro-life supporters gathered in Toronto on October 2-4 to take part in the 2008 International Pro-Life Conference. The schedule included presentations from pro-life workers across the world, as the International Right to Life Federation joined forces with Canada's pro-life community to sponsor the conference. Hosted by Campaign Life Coalition Toronto and co-sponsored by LifeCanada and Campaign Life Coalition National, the 3-day event drew participants from every province.

The international flavour was evident with speakers from the Netherlands, Poland and the UK taking the lead in panel discussions. Lech Kowalewski and Ewa Kowalewska, co-founders of the Polish Federation of Pro-Life Movements, spoke at length on their work with the pro-life movement in Eastern and Central Europe. (Poland has one of the lowest abortion rates in the world after a 1993 ban on the procedure under most circumstances reduced the number of annual abortions to less than 400.) International speakers also included John Smeaton, National Director of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children in the UK, and Bert Dorembos with Cry for Life from the Netherlands.

An excellent presentation by Dr. Sheila Harding, "When doctors decide who will live and who will die," was a highlight for many conference attendees. Dr. Harding is professor and associate dean at the University Of Saskatchewan College Of Medicine. Her presentation explored the modern rejection of the Hippocratic Oath and the resulting breakdown of the doctor-patient relationship in Canada's medical system. She emphasized the increasing obstacles facing medical students who hold pro-life or Christian beliefs and warned her audience not to give too much power to the medical community, "Don't ask us to turn our consciences off."

Morgentaler Handed Order of Canada in Quebec Ceremony

Henry Morgentaler was handed his Order of Canada snowflake in a ceremony held in Quebec City on October 10th, with one day's prior notice to the public. The ceremony was scheduled for Thanksgiving weekend, paralleling the initial announcement of Morgentaler's appointment to the Order on July 1 long weekend. The location was yet another deviation from the usual protocol surrounding appointments to the Order—awards are normally presented in Ottawa.

With no time to organize a demonstration, fifteen pro-lifers gathered to protest at the gate of the Citadelle, the Governor General's residence in Quebec City, including six who had driven half the night from New Brunswick.

"We felt it was important to be here, to stand on guard for our country," said Peter Ryan, executive director of NB Right to Life. "Even if this ceremony symbolizes how Canada has forsaken its unborn children, we wanted to show that pro-lifers have not forgotten them and never will."

Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean presided over the award ceremony. In the GG's website citation released one day before the ceremony, Morgentaler was praised as "a catalyst for change and important debate" and described as someone who has "heightened awareness of women's reproductive health issues" and risked his own safety in efforts to "increase health care options for Canadian women." Nowhere was the word "abortion" mentioned.



BC Pro-Life Leader Hilda Krieg Receives 2008 Mother Teresa Pro-Life Award

Selecting the first recipient of the annual Mother Teresa Pro-Life award was both inspiring and difficult. The LifeCanada office received 19 nominations for individuals from across Canada, all of them heroic workers in the pro-life movement, all of them more than worthy of receiving the award. One nomination, however, stood out for the selection committee: Hilda Krieg of Surrey, British Columbia. In nominating Hilda for the award, BC pro-life activist and political leader Heather Stilwell wrote the following tribute:

Hilda Krieg has been involved in pro-life work for 35 years. She started selling membership to Vancouver General Hospital (while living in Surrey) so that we could elect pro-life directors to the hospital board. She helped found Surrey-Delta Pro-Life, did secretarial duties, and later became the president, a job she has held for many years. She has also been the president of the Pro-Life society of B.C. Every year, Hilda organizes—the Hike for Life, Life Chain, Valentine Dinner Dance, week-long arts & crafts bazaar for the annual fair at one of our shopping malls, busloads of folks to the March for Life, tables for the annual pro-life banquet in Vancouver, recognition teas for other stalwart pro-lifers and letters, letters, letters.

For the past two years Hilda has looked after an autistic boy once a week for the whole day to give his family respite.

The list of children alive today because of her efforts will never be known. It is a blessing to each and every one of them that they crossed paths with this dynamo of pro-life activism. Hilda's life is the epitome of what each and every pro-life activist should be striving to imitate.

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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Invest in the work of creating a culture of life in Canada by advertising on our website at www.lifecanada.org or in our bi-monthly newsletter *LifeCanada News*. Take this great opportunity to build a pro-life network of organizations and businesses across the country and help secure LifeCanada's financial base.

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