



Association for Reformed Political Action (ARPA) Canada: March – 2016

Quick Updates:

- ◆ ARPA is coming to Alberta from April 11-15. Stay tuned to arpacanada.ca/events for more details
- ◆ Early bird pricing for God & Government ends March 18. Register online arpacanada.ca/gg2016
- ◆ The Booties for Babies campaign is in full swing! Reminder: all baby booties must be sent to our office by May 2 (earlier is great too). Email info@ARPACanada.ca for more information
- ◆ People are still speaking up about the Legal Leaders for Diversity campaign that opposes the TWU law school. Read about the United Christian Business Leaders of Canada initiative at arpacanada.ca/UCBLOC
- ◆ The national and many provincial Marches for Life will be happening May 12, 2016 – plan now to attend

God & Government

This May, delegates from across Canada will come to Ottawa for ARPA Canada's biennial God & Government event. You are invited to join us for 2 full days of training, equipping, strategizing and lobbying. You will also have opportunity to tour Parliament and the Supreme Court, attend question period and sit in on various parliamentary committee meetings. In previous years, this was only open to those who were active members of a local ARPA chapter. The invitation to attend is now extended to all members of Reformed churches.

The early bird price is available until March 18 and includes the 2 day conference, an evening banquet with Dr. Rev. Joe Boot and most meals and hotel accommodations in downtown Ottawa – with the option of adding a 3rd night stay and participation in the Reformed Pro-Life Prayer Service and National March for Life. Thanks to very generous sponsors, the prices are very low!

Conference only (May 9-11) - \$200 **OR** Conference and March for Life (May 9-12) - \$250

Prices do increase after March 18, so we encourage you to register early. This conference is open to Reformed Christians who successfully complete the simple application process. Email us at info@ARPACanada.ca if you are interested in attending.

Electoral Reform

As part of their election promises the Liberal Party of Canada said "We are committed to ensuring that 2015 will be the last federal election conducted under the first-past-the-post voting system."

Since the election, the Liberal Government has set up a committee to assess the options for a new voting system. It seems the Liberal government is leaning towards a preferential ballot system.

The Opposition has challenged the government on this issue, arguing that the government is using the new electoral system for political gain and are using the power of a majority government to advance a position which should require a referendum. After all, Canadians have been using a first-past-the-post system since Confederation.

At this point, it is clear that to change the electoral system in Canada a referendum should be a minimum requirement. A referendum would require the general public to vote in all the provinces and territories on any new system and must get a large majority in order to pass.

Take action:

- Read the full article at arpacanada.ca/reform to learn more
- Write a letter to your MP about this issue
- Talk to people in your community to raise awareness

Ready, set, ACTION!

Send a SimpleMail (the WeNeedALaw.ca version of EasyMail) in support of the Molly Matters campaign to your MP. Read the next page for more information.

Cassie & Molly's Law

MP Cathay Wagantall, along with Jeff Durham and the Molly Matters Campaign, have been working tirelessly to bring about a law that would amend the Criminal Code of Canada. Jeff is the father of Molly, a girl who was killed when she was still in her mother's womb. Molly and her mother, Cassandra, were killed in December 2014 but – although a suspect has been charged – there has only been one murder charge laid, that for Cassandra. Molly's death goes unacknowledged, even though she was only weeks away from being born.

The good news is, there has been some excellent progress in Parliament concerning pre-born children in Canada. On February 23, Saskatchewan MP Cathay Wagantall introduced Bill C-225 in the House of Commons. This bill, titled the ***Protection of Pregnant Women and their Preborn Children Act*** (the short title is ***Cassie and Molly's Law***), will create a new offence for violent criminals who knowingly injure or cause the death of a pre-born child while committing a criminal offence against a pregnant woman.

The first step for Cassie and Molly's Law is that it needs to be approved for debate in the House of Commons. Our SimpleMail program on the WeNeedALaw.ca website includes 3 letters on this issue and they can be accessed at simple.arpacanada.ca. It is necessary to speak up and ask your MP to vote in favour for this common-sense bill to become law. Once approved, the bill will likely be debated mid to late April. Please keep Mrs. Wagantall and Jeff Durham (Jeff is the father of Molly) in your thoughts and prayers that these efforts may prove fruitful and that we may see this law passed in the coming months! You can learn more about this at mollymatters.org.

You can also print a copy of the Molly Matters petition from the WeNeedALaw.ca website. Collect as many signatures as possible and mail it to the address that can be found on the bottom of the form. Each of these forms is brought into the House of Commons and when all those sitting in the House see how many signatures have been collected, it will be hard for them to deny the issue and ignore the thousands of Canadians who are willing to speak up.

Sign up to receive our emails

Our printable e-luminary newsletter is a great way for us to update people who may not have email or who prefer printed newsletters. Did you know that you could be missing out on a lot of news? We do our best to keep you updated with this monthly printable, but there is so much more that happens than can fit on one piece of paper.

Both ARPA Canada and WeNeedALaw.ca send separate email newsletters on a regular basis. From time to time, ARPA Canada also sends action alerts that deal with time-sensitive and region-specific issues.

If you would like to be added to our contact list(s), or need to update your contact information, please email info@ARPACanada.ca with your name, email address and your city and province. Thank you for taking action on these important issues. And if you prefer to keep updated with the printable, that's okay too!

Praise & Prayer

Everything we do is to be done to the honour and glory of God. We encourage you to join us in prayer as we carry out our mission.

PRAISE:

- For the introduction of Cassie and Molly's Law last month!
- For the way the Booties for Babies campaign has introduced many new people to the work of ARPA and provided people an opportunity to get involved.

PRAYER:

- That Parliament may seize the opportunity they have to prohibit euthanasia while they have the opportunity.
- That the Alberta government may reverse its guidelines imposed on all schools, and allow Christian parents and schools to set up safe schools according to Biblical standards.

I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world. ~ John 16:33 ~

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