

Since its beginning in 2007, many people have invested their time, energy, and finances in ARPA Canada. We are so thankful that we have been able to continue with our mission to educate, equip, and encourage Reformed Christians for effective political action and to bring a distinctly biblical perspective to our courts and legislatures.

By God's grace, ARPA Canada has become a well-respected voice in Parliament, provincial legislatures, and the courts. We are also the primary means through which tens of thousands of Canadian Christians are mobilized to shine their lights and speak up for what is just and right.

The timing of ARPA's growth has been providential, as the need for faithful and organized political and legal action continues to grow in our increasingly secular society. Below is a sampling of the work we are involved in, and the impact your donations have on our ability to pursue our mission.

# IN THE COURTS

ARPA has intervened in over 20 key court proceedings to defend religious freedom, protect freedom of speech, oppose euthanasia, uphold laws against prostitution, preserve Christian education and parental rights, and protect the independence of the church.

- >> In 2024, ARPA won a legal challenge against a City of St. Catharines bylaw banning "graphic images," which they defined as any image of a pre-born child.
- >> In 2023, ARPA won a court challenge against the City of Hamilton after they refused to post a We Need a Law campaign ad on city transit.
- In 2023, ARPA argued before a B.C. court that churches have the authority to discipline members and to maintain confidential records of their deliberations in doing so.
- >> In 2023, ARPA intervened in Ontario's highest court in a criminal hate speech matter.
- >> In 2023, ARPA intervened in defense of Canada's prohibition on purchasing sexual services.

- >>> In 2022-2023, ARPA intervened in several constitutional challenges brought by various churches about legal restrictions on worship gatherings. ARPA's submissions led to explicit judicial recognition of the independent sphere of church authority.
- >> In 2019, ARPA intervened at the B.C. Court of Appeal regarding a father forbidden from speaking with his daughter about her gender transition. ARPA's intervention helped to achieve a major scaling down of the censorship order against the father.

# IN THE LEGISLATURES

We work closely with MPs, MLAs, and MPPs to introduce and build support for new laws related to pre-born human rights, euthanasia, pornography, palliative care, and gender.

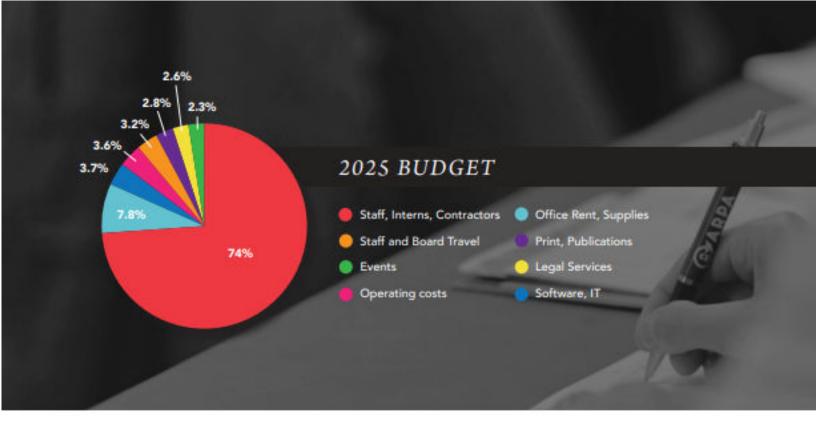
- >> We have been able to work with various MPs and MPPs to introduce bills such as Bill C-233, which sought to ban sex-selective abortion, Bill C-314, which aimed to reverse the expansion of euthanasia for those with mental illness, and Bill C-270, the SISE Act on pornography.
- >> Government officials and their staff regularly come to us for advice and assistance, including inviting us to craft questions for them to ask in the legislature to keep the conversation going on key issues.
- >> We regularly publish and update policy reports with solid research and share them freely with all MPs and MLAs.
- >> While celebrating Alberta's new bills protecting kids from transgender ideology, we submitted feedback for improvement on one of the bills, which resulted in changes before it was finalized.
- >> We take the lead on coalition work, bringing together diverse groups that share our perspective on a particular issue, in order to strengthen our impact.

## AMONG THE PUBLIC

- >> In October 2024, we coordinated a display of 50,000 pink flags in a Burlington, ON park to raise awareness on the issue of sex selective abortion.
- >> Let Kids Be bus ads in London, ON have garnered media attention and resulted in a flood of orders for action items calling for a stop to medical transitions for minors.
- Defend Girls bus ads from the We Need a Law campaign went up in Calgary, AB starting conversations and bringing attention to the issue of abortion.
- >> Tens of thousands of flyers were distributed in communities across Canada on the issues of abortion, euthanasia, and gender transitions.

## THROUGH OUR GRASSROOTS

- >> Our annual Youth Conferences reach hundreds of Reformed youth each year, encouraging thoughtful and accessible political engagement for all ages.
- >> The Hats of Hope campaign engages supporters young and old in knitting hats to bring attention to the issue of abortion.



- >> We oversee and assist about 30 ARPA chapters and school clubs in local communities. The Leaderboards program encourages and rewards action.
- >> Through our newsletters, social media, website, weekly update videos, conferences, books, and more, we equip thousands of Canadians for ongoing faithful participation in the public square.

# A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Our commitment to our supporters who stand behind this work is that we will steadfastly pursue our mission while carefully stewarding the financial resources that you donate to us. Serving as executive director has allowed me to see firsthand the incredible generosity our supporters display in entrusting finances to us as we work to advance the mission of ARPA Canada. It is humbling and inspiring all at once!

Please consider financially supporting the mission of ARPA Canada to help it continue. Donations can be mailed to the address below or made online at arpacanada.ca/donate.

In all our work we seek to be honest, patient, and hopeful, knowing the battle is the Lord's (1 Sam 17:47, 2 Chronicles 20:15, LD 10).

On behalf of the ARPA team, thank you for giving us the privilege of doing this work.

## Sincerely,

Mike Schouten, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MIKE@ARPACANADA.CA | 778-321-2457

Staff, Interns, Contractors	\$1,443,000
Staff and Board Travel	\$63,000
Events	\$45,000
Operating costs (insurance, consulting, and other)	\$70,000
Office (Rent, supplies)	\$151,850
Print, Publications, Ads	\$55,000
Legal Services	\$51,000
Software, IT	\$73,000
Total	\$1,951,850



# LOOKING FORWARD >>>

# MARITIMES EXPANSION

With new additions to our grassroots team, we are looking forward to presentations and growing relationships in Eastern Canada, an area that has been seeking direction and support from us for a number of years.

#### FEDERAL ELECTION

From commentary and calls to action, we are preparing for involvement in and beyond the next federal election, with specific policy goals we hope to advance under a new government.

## PROVINCIAL LAWS

Our Law & Policy team continues to look for ways to promote good provincial laws, particularly laws improving euthanasia safeguards and protecting vulnerable kids from transgender ideology.

# IMPROVED LEGAL CAPACITY

We have the blessing of having Joel Persaud doing his articling with ARPA Canada as he wraps up his law degree. We look forward to his continued contributions.

## **FOCUSED CAMPAIGNS**

Our Care Not Kill, Let Kids Be, and We Need a Law campaigns continue bringing focused attention to the issues of euthanasia, gender transitions, and abortion.

#### EVENTS

Connecting with our supporters in person continues to be a priority for ARPA Canada. We will be doing focused grassroots speaking engagements across the country, running God & Government Youth in Ottawa in 2025, and hosting our popular annual Youth Conferences in the fall.