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From the Desk of Dennis Arakaki, Executive Director

Update: Decisions that will affect the Future of Hawaii?

We recently participated in a truly God given and God driven opportunity to be part of an awesome international transformation conference led by visionary church leaders here in Hawaii, from our nation and over fifty countries. It was an inspiration to hear how God will provide a revival and transformation for the body of Christ around the world, in our nation and that it all starts here in

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We humbly ask for your support for **Hawaii Family Forum/Hawaii Catholic Conference** with your financial support to help us unite the body of Christ.

Hawaii! **Praise the Lord!**

That is why we approach the upcoming legislative session with a sense of hope and promise for the future.

Update on HB 444

HB 444 remains alive and poised for passage on the floor of the Senate after it passed on second reading following a surprising floor amendment. If passed by the Senate on third reading after the opening of the 2010 Legislative Session, it would then go back to the House for the House to agree or disagree to the amendments made by the Senate, leading to these probable scenarios:

1) If there is agreement to the amendments then the full House will take a vote to pass the measure which will then be placed before the Governor for a Veto, or passage, either by signing or not signing the Bill;

2) If there is disagreement by the House to the amendments made by the Senate then the leaders of the House and Senate will appoint conference committee members to work on the disagreements. If there is an agreement reached by the conference committee by the end of session, the bill then goes to the Governor's desk for her action to veto or sign in into law. If there is no agreement by the conference committee by the end of session, the bill dies.

We need to be proactive:

Contact House and Senate members, especially from your voting district and ask them their position on HB 444. Please inform them if you are a registered voter of his or her district. Make a respectful request for the legislator to oppose passage of the measure. Remember that regardless of whether they agree with our position or not, we are to demonstrate the love of Christ.

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Issue Update

Why Non-Partisan Voter Registration Drives are Important

Many churches will be conducting voter registration drives in the upcoming months.

As citizens not only of the State of Hawaii, but also the United States of America, no right is more precious than the constitutional right and civic duty we have in selecting our leaders. Yet many of eligible voters in Hawaii, especially Christians, are not even registered to vote.

There was a time in our nation's history when barriers were erected to limit citizen access to the voting booth. Today, after the hard work and sacrifice of so many Americans, all citizens are guaranteed the right to have their voices heard.

Non-partisan voter registration drives are excellent opportunities to educate people about the scriptural mandate reflecting the importance of civic responsibility and active citizenship. Did you know that churches are among the few institutions that can reach groups notably under-registered or under-represented in the political process? Think about it...

In Hawaii, in 2008, only 66% of Hawaii voters actually took the time to vote. That means 34% of the voting population remained silent. ([Click here to view 2008 results](#)). Although that number may seem positive, Hawaii remains one of the lowest states in the nation on voter participation and turnout.

Ask your pastor if you want to help with the registration drive in your church. For more information on how to conduct a voter registration drive in your church, [click here](#).

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Be part of the "I VOTE" Voter Registration, Education and Motivation campaign

1) Phase One: Voter Registration

Unite the Body of Christ to register at least 50,000 new voters committed to vote Christian values. Packets to this effect will be available soon.

2) Phase Two: Voter Education

Attend strategic pastors / leaders meetings and Community Action Network (CAN) workshops hosted by Hawaii Family Forum. Please send an email to info@hawaiiifamilyforum.org for more information.

3) Phase Three: Voter Motivation (Get Out the Vote!)

Assist and encourage registered voters at your church and neighborhood to vote on Election Day or to vote by absentee Ballot.

We need your prayers and financial support to maintain communications with not just the faith community but the general public as well. You can easily donate online by clicking the link to the right (PayPal). We are a 501C3 organization and all donations to HFF are tax deductible.

Please call us if we can be of service to you. We want to provide you with the tools and training to be active citizens for Christ.

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Upcoming Events

Rally for Righteousness For Our Families - January 17, 2010 (Sunday)

Attend the Rally at the State Capitol on **Sunday, January 17th** (1:30 pm – 4:00 pm) to support traditional marriage and other pro-family policies. **Please wear white and not red**, to the rally. Bring your friends and families.

More information on this very important rally will be forthcoming.

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Save the Date: March for Life, January 22, 2010 (Friday)

The annual March for Life will be held at the Hawaii State Capitol on January 22, 2010 (Friday) from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

This year we will be adding the opportunity to purchase a luminary in remembrance of someone who has been touched by abortion. Please mark this date down on your calendars. More information is forthcoming.

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