



Canada Family Action Coalition

Together for a better Canada

September 12, 2003

Dear Co-labourer in Christ,

As you are aware, our federal government, under the leadership of Prime Minister Jean Chretien, has decided to try and redefine marriage to include same-sex couples. It is unclear exactly when the vote will be taken in the House of Commons but the Prime Minister has stated that there will be a vote by our Members of Parliament. Right now the proposed change to the definition of marriage is before the Supreme Court of Canada.

Our Premier, Bernard Lord and Members of the Legislative Assembly are responsible for New Brunswick's Marriage Act and adoption of children. If marriage is redefined by our federal government then adoption of children by same-sex couples becomes automatic unless changes are made to New Brunswick's Adoption laws.

Also, within the New Brunswick Marriage Act, our Premier and elected Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) have the authority to issue marriage licenses to qualified couples, restrict unqualified couples, permit clergy to perform ceremonies, et cetera.

We are planning "A Call to Stand" for the protection of marriage on October 18, 2003 (flyer attached). Please ask your congregation to participate. We must continue to stand for what God has ordained as marriage - "one man and one woman to the exclusion of all others" - the best model for raising and nurturing children. The family is the bedrock of society. It is the foundational institution for freedom, for faith and for family.

What a privilege to live in a country that permits and even asks for the involvement of her citizens! What a blessing to have the opportunity to STAND as a witness. Many Canadians still believe in our Constitution which states that we "recognize the supremacy of God and the rule of law".

It has been said that we cannot legislate morality. If that is true, then why are we legislating immorality? The Christian church has a precious history in our country. Because of the influences of Christian people, we have medicare, public education, judicial systems and social assistance for those in need. We realize that none of these programs is perfect, but the principles of fairness, justice and equality of the individual have their roots in Christianity.

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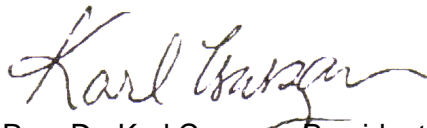
Can we count on you to encourage your people to participate? Will you stand with us to show our politicians that they are taking our country in a direction that we do not want? Join us in asking God to change the direction of our country. Democracy means government by the people. Are we, the people, prepared to engage in this debate? If not now, then when?

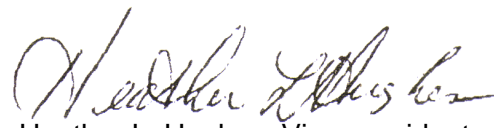
You may want to bring buses or vans to transport your people to the Assembly/Rally to help with parking congestion.

Please consider making a donation to "CFAC Fredericton Chapter" to help with the costs of this Assembly/Rally, ie. printing, postage, advertising, etc. A sign up sheet is also enclosed.

Please note that St. Paul's United Church, corner of George St. and York St., has opened their doors on Saturday, October 18, 2003 after the Assembly/Rally for a time of prayer for our nation beginning at 2 p.m. You are invited to join us.

Sincerely in Christian service,


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