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Standing up for family values in society

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A DAY OF PRAYER AND REPENTANCE FOR THE NATION

By John O'Neill

A very powerful, poignant, much needed *Day of Prayer and Repentance for the Nation* event was held at the Emmanuel Centre in Westminster on February 28th. Around 300 people attended, coming from different parts of Britain. Similar events were held in other cities in Britain and in other countries throughout the world.

Two of the main speakers were Dennis Wrigley from the Maranatha Community, and Clifford Hill from C&M Ministries. It was a Christian event but there were a small number of people attending who were from other religions. The morning section of the day was largely devoted to worship and prayer, and the afternoon to repentance and prayer. Different speakers gave presentations throughout the day and we were left in no doubt about the seriousness of the state of our nation and the urgent need for prayer and repentance, and in particular, *action!*

We were informed that the roots of the nation's crisis (credit-crunch) are spiritual, not financial. "We are bankrupt spiritually. Enough is enough!"

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NEWS IN BRIEF

TV: A Bad Influence on Children!

The Association of Teachers and Lecturers has reported that children in reception class, who are aged four and five are increasingly using bad language, being disrespectful to staff and having tantrums when they do not get their own way. The children are re-enacting scenes they have seen on TV according to the T&L Assoc. The number of primary school children suspended because of bad behaviour is increasing. 3,750 children aged 4 and 5 were suspended from school in 2006. 45,500 children aged 2 to 11 were suspended, up from 40,000 the year before. The F-word and similar words are used nearly 90 times in evening viewing in an average week, as well as the ever increasing levels of sex and violence. Channel 4 which broadcasts some of the offensive programmes criticised said, "Channel 4 abides by the Ofcom Broadcasting Code and so the strongest language is not broadcast before the watershed." Some of the offensive programmes are shown before the watershed and there are repeats in digital channels as early as 4pm. Also many children have TV's in their bedrooms. As Ofcom's criteria for evaluating programmes is based on "current standards in society," this in effect means they are operating an "anything goes" policy, and that is why they are so ineffectual. As the government refuses to intervene regarding media standards there is little hope of the urgent action that is needed to protect innocent children from the corrupting and offensive dross that is classified as entertainment. This is why it is so vital and urgent that all decent-minded people make their views known to the relevant organisations about tragic situations such as this, concerning primary school children. When many people do speak out it has been shown that things can change for the better.

Our Broken Society.

The father of Jimmy Mizen the 16 year old boy who lost his life after being attacked by a youth who was a serial offender has spoken of "Britain's culture of anger, selfishness and fear." Mr Mizen appealed for, "a return to old-fashioned values. This was a country of civility, with a sense of safety, fairness and respect." Mr Mizen wants to see the society rebuilt that had created his son's killer. Jimmy was known to be a courteous and polite boy. The number of pupils taken to hospital with stab wounds has risen almost three quarters in the past decade. 22 teenagers were killed in London alone last year. Statistics show that a total of 49,837 people, including 4,510 children, were admitted to hospital

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The following remarks were made by various speakers throughout the day:

*For years there has been a deafening silence from the Christian community. Come together as one and speak with one voice, then the voice of God will be heard in this nation: Psalm 29. God is not absent; he is speaking now. We have compromised the truth, compromising faithfulness. Called to be salt and light and to be overcomers. Rise up, be called! Carry a trumpet sound into the nation! Use the weak to reach the wise. Help us to hear and be obedient. Weep on behalf of the nation. We are in deep trouble! Heal us on behalf of our pride and jealousies. Have mercy on this nation. Forgive us Lord, we have rescinded our responsibilities. We have not spoken out when we should have done. We have given this nation over to other Gods. We are in a time of crisis never seen before in our nation. Isaiah 33: God will be with those who stay with him through thick and thin. Gideon won the victory with only 300 men. Fear of the Lord is the key. We cannot have a foot in the world's kingdom; like a man with a foot on two blocks of ice. God is looking for people who are wholehearted. Understand what sin really is! The Church has not been light in the darkness. Where has the voice of the Church been when Godless legislation was passed and homosexuality passed? Been going on for a long time. Lost the fear of the Lord and been brainwashed by the P.C. liberals. Heb.3: God's ways are so different from the ways of the world. Humanism pervades the world system. Once we deny God anything goes; can do what we like-no ultimate authority. Went on with our western individualism. God is calling us urgently to return to his word. Ark stood for God in the midst of people. John.4: God must send a judgment because the sin is so great. People will head for Beachy Head (suicide) in numbers, or there will be rioting. World system is coming down like a pack of cards. Jesus: "he who does not deny himself and all that he has..." Can only be a genuine disciple with that standard. Make our hearts right and God will use you. God is looking for YES, not maybe, might be. When we say YES, we will hear God's voice. We are the remnants seeking the Lord in this time. Stand and repent for the nation. Awesome responsibility! Clean hands and a pure heart. To be bold is to be at peace. God wants us to be bold and speak out. We have gone so far astray from God's will. A lot of people don't want to go into darkness, but we are called to go there. No one can serve two masters. You cannot serve God and money. 2. Chron.7:14. If people repent...The Lord is broken hearted at what he sees. Repentance means not going home just the same. Lifestyle of 24/7 is what matters, not just church attendance on Sundays. We must stop just being Christians in church. Totalitarian system of lust of fun. Redefine reality for people in society. Align ourselves with God and each other. We must live it out in our areas that we are the people of God-all areas, arts, culture...God is showing us from the top of the mountain what we can see and what we should do. We have been astray in the church for many years. Jeremiah: "If you repent I will restore you." Cease to become converts, become disciples. Various Bible quotes show that if we turn back to God we can save our nation. **NO LONGER BE SILENT WHEN WE SHOULD SPEAK OUT!** This is the movement for the church to be the church that he always wanted it to be. **GOD HAS***

NOT DESERTED US-WE HAVE DESERTED GOD! GOD IS WAITING FOR US TO RISE UP AND DO HIS WILL!

Statistics were shown on a screen highlighting for around 10 minutes the terrible state of our *broken society*. Between each statistic being shown, the words, *JESUS WEPT* were shown on the screen. It was deeply saddening and upsetting to see just how much misery and suffering is being caused in our nation because of the decline of moral and spiritual values. A small number of the statistics shown was as follows: The prison population of 87,000 in 2007 is 82% higher than in 1980. Offences committed by girls aged 12-17 have risen 25% since 2003-04. 4 children in England die every week through abuse or neglect. Three-quarters of families are better off living apart under current financial rules. 1.75 million Children are being raised in single families. 21,000 girls under 18 had an abortion in 2007. 40% increase in number of drink children admitted to hospitals. 50% increase in women drunk and disorderly in past 4 years. In 2007, 17% of school pupils took drugs. "This is the price we have paid for a nation that has turned its back on God. The whirlwind we have sown!"

It was also mentioned how Beverley Hughes the Children's Minister was basically saying to our young people, through some new sexual health initiative, "Take your girlfriend to the Brook Clinic and get kitted out for sex." "A nation is judged by how it treats its children!"

I felt very grateful to have been able to attend such a deeply meaningful and relevant event. It is good and necessary sometimes to hear the truth as it is! Even though it may make us feel a little uncomfortable, we all need to be challenged to come out of our comfort zones.

Repentance is necessary for helping people to find fresh impetus and determination. We purify ourselves by our repentance and can become clearer channels for God to work through.

The sexual revolution, the permissive society and humanistic, liberal legislation on key moral/spiritual issues has been a total disaster for our nation. Let us all pray that we will be able to live up to our calling to be salt and light in the society and to stand in defence of moral and spiritual values whenever some issue arises. For sure God will be with us 100%!

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for stab wounds between 1996-97 and 2006-07. Such statistics are truly horrifying. Mr Mizen is from the generation that would remember when a Christian ethos was prevalent and people could safely walk the streets and manners, courtesy, respect, modesty and chivalry were virtues that were aspired towards by all levels of society. History shows that no society can survive for long without a strong moral code. Moral and spiritual values have been in constant decline in Britain since the 1950's. The results are: a ten-fold increase in crimes and enormous increases in social problems: we reap as we sow! Let us hope, act and pray so that true values will again become predominant in our society, and decent respectable families such as the Mizen's will not have to bear the suffering of losing a child in such

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Sexual Purity and Marriage as Basis for Peace

By Lynn R. Walsh

This article is from a presentation made at the World Summit for Peace, on January 31st 2009.

I want to give a perspective on why sexual purity and strong marriages are so essential for creating a peaceful world. Borrowing an analogy from a Steven Covey analogy, does anyone know how often a plane goes off course on a typical flight? Ninety-five percent of the time the plane is off course buffeted by winds and currents. How does it arrive to the right place? The pilot knows the destination, so it constantly gets readjustments while keeping the goal clear. Where are we headed? What is happening to our youth, marriages, and families today? Divorce is around 48 percent in the US, but the break-up rate for cohabitation is 85 percent. Forty percent of the children in the US will grow up without their father. Sex is used as a recreational sport. 11 year-olds are giving birth, 90 percent of the most violent criminals in our US prisons never knew their fathers, women choose to have babies by purchasing donor sperm, and anonymous sperm donors are greeted at their door by young children calling them "Daddy." Judges are giving custody to ex-boyfriends instead of biological mothers who want custody. Embryologists are working on creating an embryo with three sources of genes giving the child three biological parents. Same-gendered partners get pregnant from a friend's sperm and then end up fighting over custody. After same-sex marriage was made legal in Canada a male filed to get a marriage license for his 19 wives, infertility clinics are promoting cloning. And how are our children doing? So where are we heading? Do we know what course we are on or are we just buffeted by individual desire, personal pleasure, social trends, and Hollywood? Throughout the world today we find rampant personal re-defining of marriage, family, and parenting. What is God's purpose and design for sex, marriage and families? What is God's course and destination? All world religions point to God's course, and more and more social research is confirming the same. We must make sure we are on the right course to guide us toward the destination we all long and yearn to reach. Males and females are inherently different, obviously reproductively. The sexual unity leads to new life and the continuation of lineage. Social scientists around the world keep finding that children thrive best in every area of their lives when raised by their married biological parents. Isn't that simply what any child will say they want? One man and one woman dedicated to each other and to their children is God's design. Children raised in a secure family, experiencing unconditional love with clear guidance and limits, learn self-control and self-discipline and have within them the authentic motivation to care for and to love others. These individuals are the essential elements of peace building; individuals who from the depth of their heart cannot tolerate war, poverty, or suffering of any member of their family. It is on this basis that we create One Family under God. In order to settle

any conflict peacefully-whether it be between two warring nations, two siblings, or two spouses-what is essential is the capacity for empathy, to get beyond yourself to understand and feel the other's situation. Learning to value others and feel they are as real and sensitive as you are, is really only learned through experiencing it, and the primary place for learning true empathy is in relationships in the home. Why did God create marriage, besides for the procreation and raising of children? The blessing of marriage is God's greatest gift or opportunity to love and be loved. The purpose of our life is to perfect our love. Learning how to love is an ongoing project at the centre of our life. We know love is not a feeling but rather the conscious actions we take for the sake of the well-being or happiness of another. In the process, such actions often transform, even elevate us. Unfortunately, marriage means confinement, cutting off other possibilities out there, as many of our youth protest. Why would God give such limitations, take away our freedom? It is because that very confinement that limits us to only one person creates a haven of emotional safety and depth. In being committed to one person, we are more likely to honestly face our areas of weakness and grow spiritually. It is within the protection of commitment the fragile elements of love can emerge. Marital commitment is the promise of emotional fidelity and sexual exclusivity, which in reality gives us the freedom to experience deep interpersonal connection. However, marital commitment is not just to stick together no matter how dreadful (unless of course, there is abuse). But the commitment also means acceptance of personal responsibility for one's attitudes and actions and dedication to the well-being of the relationship itself. Our highest most authentic self is experienced in getting out of our own perspective to understand and accept others. God created us as beings that at our core are motivated and fulfilled through love. If we understand God's real purpose in marriage, then we might not fight our disappointments and protest with our selfish tendencies as much, realising it is God's Blessing on the course of perfecting our love. Another great challenge within marriage is the differences in gender. Research tells us that happy couples normally have ten irreconcilable differences. Why? We were designed with different powerful hormones influencing our behaviour, likes and dislikes. Also, our brains are hard-wired differently, as can be seen in CAT scans of the brain. We have very different ways of viewing the world and relating to people. We sometimes wonder, was this all a big mistake? Kierkegaard said, "It is good that marriage is for eternity, because it will take a man that long to understand a woman." However, in a marriage of mutual respect, we become open to the other universe represented by our spouse. The husband can understand more about God's feminine qualities, and the wife can understand more about God's masculine qualities. Then as parents, fathers and mothers relate differently to their children. Children benefit the most when they receive the different kinds of complimentary guidance of love from both the father and the mother. Many youth today say they do not want to be married, although they are looking

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Letters and Emails received

John, what an amazing publication Morality Forum Update is. It is really something that we all need to remind us of the war being waged right now. ..It certainly revives me! Thanks for your continuous work. Your efforts are precious. Tim Huish

Dear John, I have just read your latest Morality Forum Update. It is tremendous, terrific! Have all the various moral groups received a copy? Could you please send me some extra copies? Steve Stevens. Founder of CARE

Dear John, Thank you for your letter which I read with interest. Yours, Cherie Blair.

Hi John, I am always absolutely amazed at how much excellent material you find for the Morality Forum Update. I look forward to the next one. Denise Pfeiffer.

Dear Mr. O'Neill, We appreciate receiving your newsletter. Ann Whitaker, Hon. Secretary, Cornwall's Community Standards Association. (Ann very kindly responded to our request for letters regarding offensive Christmas cards. J.O.)

Dear Mr. O'Neill, Thank you very much for your kind and supportive message about my comments about the BBC. I have received so many letters that I am afraid I cannot reply in detail to each of them, but I am enormously grateful to you for your support. Charles Moore. Group Consulting Editor Daily Telegraph



MORALITY FORUM ACTION

Morality Forum activists have been supporting the vital and desperately needed campaign initiated by The Society for The Protection of The Unborn Child to combat the insidious government plan to open sex clinics in every secondary school, and, to refer girls as young as eleven for abortions without informing the parents! In Harrow, Anne Hughes and John O'Neill have distributed leaflets and petition forms to all the religious organisations in their area. The relevant items have also been sent to many religious organisations in other parts of London. John O'Neill received very positive feedback about this issue after speaking in 3 Christian churches in the N. London area. People from the congregations took the leaflets and petition forms and in one church it was stated, "We will order the leaflets and petition forms for the entire congregation," which numbered 140.

John O'Neill had a prolonged conversation on a phone-in on national radio station 5 live. The subject was sex education.

John O'Neill and Finbar Murphy participated in Uxbridge West London on April 25th in the annual *Silent Witness* organised by The Society for The Protection of The Unborn Child, in remembrance of the 7 million babies killed since the abortion act was passed in 1967. There were similar events in 56 other towns and cities in the U.K. This picture shows John O'Neill together with Dr.

Majid Katme. Dr. Katme is a staunch supporter of a number of moral groups, as well as being the Co-ordinator of the SPUC's Muslim division. He is also a member of The Muslim

Council of Britain, and is a spokesman on medical ethics, health and religion, and a broadcaster on international Muslim radio and TV. Dr. Katme is an excellent and very powerful speaker.



True Family Values

(compiled by Frank van der Stok,
continued from previous issue)

The Conjugal Realm of Heart

A. The conjugal realm of heart.

1. *A man and a woman who have graduated from the children's realm of heart and brother-sister's realm of heart are ready to enter the conjugal realm of heart.*

- They are capable of receiving love.
- They are capable of relating equally well to all twelve types of people.
- They are capable of self-denial and self-sacrifice for the sake of others. Therefore they are qualified to give absolute love.
- Their love is pure and their hope and vision for the future strong.

2. *Each has become God's temple.*

- Otherwise, God's love cannot be present in their union, and there is no foundation for their love to last.
- They have followed the vertical ethic, being a son and daughter of filial piety, patriotism, saintliness and holiness.
- They have developed their conscience.
- They have the heart to expand their love to the community, nation world and cosmos.
- Jesus said: love your enemy, be like God who sends rain upon the just and unjust.
- Buddhism teaches that ignorance and attachment comes from egoism.

3. *The young man and young women are destined to meet and consummate God's love.*

- As teenagers, around 17, girls become attractive and boys become handsome. The passion arises within them to seek for a partner of love. There is a sense of infinite possibility and boundless enthusiasm.
- This great power is condensed and focused into one person: their eternal life partner of marriage.
- They come together at the center horizontally, and God's love comes down to them vertically. This is a cosmic spark of electricity!

4. *The value of my spouse is equal to that of the entire cosmos.*

- In loving his wife the husband is loving his sister, daughter, mother, grandmother. She in loving her husband is loving her father, brother, son, grandfather. This means that conjugal love includes all the virtues of loyalty, parental heart, compassion, cooperation, and so forth. These virtues are necessary for the perfect marriage.
- In loving his wife he is loving the femininity of God. She in loving her husband is loving the masculinity of God.

• Conjugal love represents the unity of the cosmos. In loving my spouse we become the center of the cosmos. Our love occupies the entire universe, and the universe dances in harmony. Combined, we have the sensibility to inherit the universe and be its stewards in love.

- Their union is the full image of God.
- Their union is God's dwelling place.
- This is the fulfillment of the purpose of creation: the unity of God, man and woman.
- The entire cosmos resonates with and revolves around this central point of true love.
- From that point, they become husband and wife and then become parents as they give birth to children.
- At the same time, God participates as the vertical Parents.
- We should realize the absolute value of having a spouse.

5. *On the foundation of complete selflessness, purity and fidelity, sexual love is good.*

- It is the foundation for God to dwell with us and for us to become one with God and each other.
- It is the place where the miraculous creation of new life takes place.
- It is the place of greatest joy for man, woman and God.
- It demands a greater degree of love, self-sacrifice, devotion and goodness than the celibate state.

6. *The young man and young woman's love should be selfless and pure (as is God's love). It must have God's Blessing. Otherwise, their love will not meet God's love. There will be a clash, a lack of resonance due to the presence of selfish desire and partial commitment.*

- The vertical line of God's love and horizontal line of human love should meet at a 90 degree angle.
- Conjugal love is the foundation of loving God and humankind, and it is the foundation for God to dwell within the family. Therefore we should appreciate the greatness and depth of conjugal love.

7. *The sexual organs are the place of their union, where they meet with God in a tremendous explosion of love.*

- They are the most holy place of the body.
- The sexual organs should be treated as a holy temple and palace of true love. None can enter but the high priest, the spouse. If anyone else enters, the holiness is defiled.
- The male organ belongs to the wife. To let another woman use it is robbery. Likewise the female organ belongs to the husband.
- Thus, the sexual organs are hidden and kept with modesty. (Pornography is a tremendous evil, because it violates the realm of conjugal heart and multiplies this violation to the society level. This defiles the sanctity of the society.)
- The sexual organs' mysterious function is the source of new life.
- There, God's electric love merges with the couple through the forty billion cells of their bodies.

(from the book "True Family Values" by Wilson and Pak)
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CONDOM CULTURE AMOUNTS TO CHILD ABUSE

by Denise Pfeiffer



As anti-abortion campaigners are threatened with prosecution for telling the truth, our authorities are going to even greater lengths over what amounts to child abuse in terms of the sexualisation of our young people.

If the thought of youngsters simply texting for a morning-after pill makes you shudder, then you will be horrified to learn that the sexualisation of our young is about to get much worse. We could soon see abortion and condom adverts shown during peak-time TV shows as the Advertising Standards Authority considers lifting its ban on abortion agencies advertising through the broadcast media. A new ruling could mean that adverts for condoms might be shown at any time during the day.

Society for the Protection of Unborn Children national director John Smeaton said: "The ASA's proposal threatens to further commercialise the killing of unborn children and would completely disregard the adverse effect of abortion on women's health. Agencies with a financial interest in abortion will be in a position to buy expensive broadcast advertising whereas groups which provide objective information about abortion and its impact on women's health will be unlikely to afford to advertise."

Not only would they be unlikely to afford such advertisements, but it is likely that they won't be allowed to advertise at all. The ASA has a history of banning the shocking yet truthful images of aborted fetuses and similar literature, yet surely, adverts showing the negative side to abortion and promiscuous sex are exactly what we need. The truth is shocking – so why not shock with the truth?

The ASA has already demonstrated a bias against pro-life groups when it attempted to ban advertisements which correctly pointed out that morning-after pills may cause early abortions.

A society which allows decent people to be threatened with imprisonment for moral values is neither decent nor democratic. It is shameful. If the proposed adverts are shown, the disturbing facts relating to abortion should also be aired. Why shouldn't we be shown the horrifying symptoms and side-effects of sexually transmitted infections that are running rife in this country?

Just what is the purpose of advertisements for condoms before the 9pm watershed? Every youngster already knows about condoms through the (now compulsory) sex education lessons at school. Such a move would only serve to sexualise young people yet further, if this is possible, and the resulting promiscuity would lead to more abortions, more sexually transmitted infections and more teenage pregnancies.

What's more, if the adverts are targeted at children and youth, it is likely that some of those who aren't yet sexually active will be made to feel even more alienated in a society that suggests those who are not having sex are in some way inferior. Consideration needs to be made for those youngsters watching television with their peer group and the pressure condom adverts will have in those moments.

We are living through a dangerous era in which all natural boundaries are being rapidly broken down. The sexualisation of our young in schools, via the media and now threatening to come into our homes is tantamount to child abuse, though candy-coated in a flavour well suited to the powerful bodies who pass regulation after regulation that serves to undermine parents and harm our young.

Increasingly, parental control is being curtailed. Parents are already being threatened with prosecution for failing to allow their children to take part in lessons about sex and homosexuality. This week alone, parents of children at a school in Leytonstone have been threatened with prosecution if they remove their children from classes teaching about homosexual history.

Mere children are now able to take their sexual fate into their own hands by texting for the morning-after pill without their parents' knowledge or consent. Adverts promoting condoms and abortion will be the nail in the coffin for those parents who have done everything so far in order to keep their children away from sexualising messages through home education and proper control.

In 2001 pro-life group UK Life League were told by the ASA to stop distributing a leaflet which contained pictures of aborted babies after receiving complaints from just three people. And the complaints were upheld on the basis that the leaflets were likely to cause serious offence.

The sexualisation of our young in schools, via the media and now threatening to come into our homes is tantamount to child abuse. The ASA ruled that society had the right to be protected against advertisements that caused serious offence or distress. Time will only tell whether those offended and distressed by ads promoting condoms and abortion before the watershed will be afforded the same acknowledgement.

The ASA banned another pro-life ad by the League in 2001 because it identified the morning-after pill as abortion-inducing. SPUC in the UK responded to the ban by directly defying the order identifying morning-after pills in this way. And when advertising authorities warned violators could be fined or imprisoned, John Smeaton said he was prepared to go to jail rather than hide the facts.

One can only wonder how many facts will be omitted from the proposed adverts. Cigarette packets now have to display a prominent notice saying that they can kill. Are adverts promoting condoms going to tell viewers that their effectiveness is limited and that they offer little protection at all against some of the most common sexually transmitted infections? Are they

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WAIT UK

Community Fair @ Westminster Academy

Harrow Road on the 13th March 2009

By George Ostapko



This event was organized by Voluntary Action Westminster with the aim of showcasing all voluntary and community organisations in the Borough of Westminster, and what they do.

The WAIT staff had set up a stall amongst 57 other groups. Many people, including Karen Buck, MP for Westminster North, had approached it to view the WAIT leaflets and posters, and learn more about the WAIT activities.

The day was spent meeting people from within the building, and I spent much of my time simply handing out the WAIT leaflets to everyone I met, and encouraging them, especially the younger members of the public, to stay and watch the WAIT performance later on. After the performance, I came across a group of 6 teenage girls who wanted to learn more about WAIT, and possibly become members themselves and so I guided them to the WAIT stall to meet the team. Annette Ormond wrote down their email addresses, promising to forward further information and joining instructions onto them.

Uncle Marshall introduced Priya and Jude to Smita Bora, who is the Principal of the Westminster Academy. She had made a determined effort to watch the WAIT performance at 6pm even though she had planned to leave at around 4:30pm, after a long working day. She and many others who watched the WAIT performance were very impressed, and said that they would like to collaborate with us.

The WAIT performance which consisted of the "Red & White" dance (which depicts the unity of two opposing groups) also concluded this very successful event.

WAIT Training in Switzerland

by Marshall de Souza

After much deliberation over what would be the best dates to fly over to Switzerland to offer training to the WAIT members there, the UK team finally decided on the weekend of the 3rd - 5th April. This was agreed

by Aunty Goya, who plus three other Swiss youth, had already received WAIT training last summer in the Czech Republic.

Trainers Jude, Rifuku and Stephie, accompanied by Uncle Marshall, made this trip after several requests from Aunty Goya, to help train 14 WAIT members in Zurich. Sadly, Priya had to miss out this time on account of having the dreaded Chicken Pox!! The programme which started on the Saturday morning with an overview of the work of WAIT UK by Uncle Marshall, included a number of dance sessions (Break dance as well as the Rose dance) and the sketch; there was time to go over the WAIT rules and have testimonies from the UK youth; and everyone saw the "HIV Stories" DVD. Uncle Marshall and the UK youth met with the WAIT parents, who were able to see their children try out their first WAIT performance! On the Sunday, we received a short talk on "The Purity of Love" by Roger Fankhauser; did a little more training after which the UK group embarked on a tour of Zurich, led by the charming Andrea! Follow-



ing lunch, there was a WAIT performance in front of a large Swiss community. The final session in the afternoon was a

reflection and discussion regarding the future of WAIT in Switzerland, led by Uncle Marshall.

This was a swift, but victorious training in Switzerland! Well done Swiss WAIT members; well done UK trainers. Our sincere thanks to Aunty Goya and everyone who helped to make this trip a truly memorable one! We enjoyed this precious time with you all, and look forward to supporting WAIT Switzerland from now on.

WAIT also performed recently at the 25th anniversary of **Harrow Interfaith**.



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for enduring love. Many say they want to try out different partners to see who most suits them. Much of this thinking means having sexual relations outside of marriage. The problem with sexual promiscuity is that it diverges from God's course; it is a misuse of physical love, risking of course AIDS and other sexually-transmitted diseases, leading sometimes to infertility and even death. Premature sexual relations often lead to unwanted pregnancy, immature or ill-prepared parenting and the resulting confusion of unwanted lineage and divided families. Teen suicide and depression are directly related to being emotionally unprepared for sexual relationships. Sexual promiscuity which uses another person for one's self-centred pleasure or as a replacement for love damages one's spiritual sensitivity to others and develops self-centred patterns of infidelity which are often hard to overcome once people get married. Many young adults today that have been active sexually often are jaded about marriage and have given up on having meaningful or committed relationships; they have worn out the magic spiritual bonding of sex that should take place when they finally find the right person to marry. The glue of sexual energy, which often helps young married couples, has lost its adhesion. This is well-founded in social research. We are doing our young people a huge disservice, damaging their chances of experiencing deep and enduring love within marriage, by letting them go so far off course in their pursuit of freedom and love without commitment. "Safe sex" often does not prevent diseases, AIDS, or pregnancy. In fact, adolescents report birth control failing one-third of the time. Even more clear, immature sexual relationships damage the young human heart and become a force in preventing the perfection of love. The further our youth go in an opposite direction from God's course, the more difficult it is for them to find their way back. We must take our roles as mothers, fathers, aunts and uncles in this human family and teach them, listen to them, and understand them. We must teach them principles of marriage education and guide them to have the greatest chance for spiritual growth and fulfilment following God's course of love within marriages and families.

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tragic, appalling circumstances.

Obama: A Tragic Beginning

U.S. President Barack Obama has been strongly criticised by Pro-life groups for his decision to fund abortion worldwide. He has restored funding for the U.N. Population Fund that ran the Chinese forced abortion programme, and is also funding the International Planned Parenthood Federation and the Centre for Reproductive Rights. Both of these organisations have a reputation for aggressively forcing abortion onto unwilling people all over the world. Obama's negotiators at the U.N. have made aggressive pro-abortion and anti-family statements. Opinion research suggests that most Americans oppose Pres. Obama's dropping his predecessor's ban on funding of abortion overseas. John Smeaton the Director of the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child has spoken

of how, "the Obama phenomenon will affect political decision making worldwide. All our lives will be affected; Pro-life people must organise and encourage powerful, peaceful resistance at every level in society. The right to life must be made the top priority at the general elections in every country by all right-minded citizens...The first killings have been ordered by America's new president and we've all got a lot of work to get on with." Time will tell whether or not Barack Obama's presidency is a success. He would not be the first *chosen* person to fail his responsibility. Abortion is not a side issue. From a moral/spiritual perspective it is a top priority. Let us all hope and pray that President Obama can in time have a change of heart about this very serious matter.

SPUC Petition.

The Society for The Protection of the Unborn Child have started a petition to oppose the government's insidious plan to establish school-based health and sex clinics in all secondary schools. Such clinics would give school nurses and advisors a clear remit to refer for abortions without informing parents. The young people are not informed of the serious emotional suffering many of them will experience through having an abortion. There are also two leaflets supporting this very worthy initiative. One leaflet concerns abortion and euthanasia regarding the next general election and the other highlights the issue of opening sex clinics in schools. Instead of opening sex clinics in schools which only deals with the results of promiscuous behaviour, the government should be dealing with the root causes, which is the constant sexualisation of our society by irresponsible media people etc. Campaigners have attacked teenage magazines which contain sexually-explicit material. There have been calls for an independent organisation to monitor the publications which are read by children as young as 11. To order the leaflets and petition forms which will be sent free of charge, contact the SPUC: 3, Whitacre Mews, Stannary Street, London, SE11 4AB. Tel: 02070917091 Email:political@spuc.org. www.spuc.org

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going to have a disclaimer telling viewers that there is actually a much better form of contraception in the form of sexual abstinence?

It has now got to the stage where otherwise law-abiding people are willing to take the law into their own hands in order to save yet another generation from the sexualising tactics of those in power. A society which allows decent people to be threatened with imprisonment for moral values is neither decent nor democratic. It is shameful.

The real need is not to normalise condom use and abortion as an inevitable consequence of modern society, but to normalise keeping sex within a faithful and lifelong marriage. It's quite simple really. The powers that be must know this, so we have to ask why they are doing the exact opposite to what most people would regard as commonsense. If these latest proposals are accepted, we are continuing on a downward spiral into a sexual abyss from which future generations may never escape.

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