



傳統家庭促進會

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傳統家庭促進會參加生命倫理研討會

在2007年2月25日, 傳統家庭促進會(簡稱: 傳家)參加了路加醫療傳道會主辦的生命倫理研討會, 地點在加州的菲利蒙市, 到場者超過二百人, 大會由基督徒醫生和牧者講解華人鮮為談及的問題, 如: *生命何時開始, 臨宗關懷, 墮胎, 安樂死, 器官移植, 幹細胞, 複製人*等問題。譚克成博士的講題是「幹細胞研究的爭論」。王永信牧師為大會終結時作結語和鼓勵。二人也參加了大會的公開論壇, 他們都提議現今教會需留意生命倫理的問題, 並作正確的教導,

若是社會或政府推行破壞生命尊嚴的政策時, 教會應發出反對的聲音。

「傳家」為能參加這研討會而感恩。路加醫療傳道會的網址是: www.lcmmusa.org

在這季度, 譚博士除了參加生命倫理研討會外, 也曾出席六次的教會團契或小組的分享, 作專題演講和分享「傳家」的事



工。此外他也在不同教會作了五次的主日講道, 也曾六次在電視、電台和報章接受訪問。更被邀在美福神學院作客座講授有關創造論與進化論的課程。

「傳家」的網址已加入英文版, 請參閱: www.tfcus.org

「傳家」發言反對同性婚姻

在二月十二日, 明報和KTSF電視台訪問了譚博士, 談論同性婚姻在加州是否可行, 他強調基於道德和法律的原因, 同性婚姻不應成為合法。不論對方如何施壓, 加州選民在2000年已投票通過婚姻

只限一男一女, 其他種類的結合只屬同居, 法律上不是婚姻。

現時美國只有麻省承認同性婚姻為合法, 而 Vermont, Connecticut 和 New



「傳家」發言反對同性婚姻 … (接上第一頁)

Jersey 已讓同性戀者民事事結合，而加州的州政府也將大部份婚姻享有的權利給于同居者，在 Maine 和 Hawaii，同居者也享有承繼權。至於國外，荷蘭、比利時、加拿大、哥倫比亞、西班牙和南非等國都退讓承認同性婚姻合法。

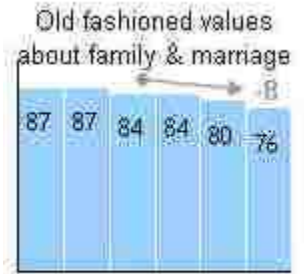
另一方面，美國有一半州的選民已修改憲法，將婚姻限為一男一

女，而在麻省由政府立法部，現正草議將同性婚姻合法化的事，交給選民在 2008 年投票決定。

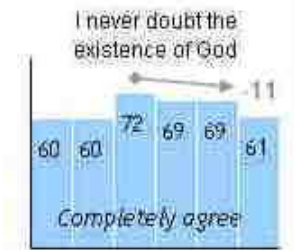
根據近日的民意調查，美國人普遍走向自由化，有父母和子女同住的傳統家庭，已變為小數，現在的單身、單親和同居家庭數目，已成為多數；而相信傳統婚姻和家庭觀念的人也

日漸減少，此外，深信神存在的人數，也在下降。

- 美國人已不可依賴學校來教授道德，因為公校贊成派避孕套、懷孕少女墮胎不需通知家長、同性戀被稱頌、祈禱被禁示、聖經是禁書等政策，似乎教會是唯一公開地教導和保存道德的團體。



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潮流文化影響少女

教育心理學學報在 2006 年刊登一項賓州大學的研究報告說，女孩子從小學到中學在 IQ 測驗中都比男生低一些但在普遍科目的分數都比男生的高。作者 Duckworth 和 Saligman 教授發現原因就在女生的自律較男生優勝，自律包括：能控制憤怒、在堂上留心聽課、先做

功課才玩耍、有耐性完成長而悶的功課、答題前先看懂問題和肯儲蓄。另句話說，女生可以推遲滿足慾望，而男生的集中力較短和較易半途而廢。

- 可是，女孩的優點卻遭流行文化逐漸破壞，美國心理學會最近發表了一詳盡的研究報告說，娛樂界和服裝商人

正竭力地打破女孩子天生的美德，他們不斷向女孩推薦一些行為放蕩的女明星或女歌星的消息，讓她們以為這就是時尚。以往一些屬艷舞女郎才穿的衣服，今天則向四歲的女童推銷。美國心理學會呼籲家長和教會應主動教導子女關於道德的觀念。



你可作什麼：

1. 登記作選民
2. 積極投票
3. 加入「傳統家庭促進會」為會員，瞭解社會問題
4. 對我們發出的行動呼籲作出回應
5. 對本會支持捐助

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網址：www.tfcus.org/book1

TFC AT THE BIOETHICS CONFERENCE

In Feb 25, Dr. Tam attended the Bioethics Conference sponsored by Luke Christian Medical Mission in Fremont, California. More than 200 people attended the conference. They were drawn by the topics that are seldom discussed in churches and communities, such as the following: *when does life begin, terminal patient care, abortion, euthanasia, organ*

transplants, stem cell research, and cloning. Dr. Tam spoke on the controversies surrounding stem cell research. Rev. Thomas Wang called for further study of life-saving medical issues. Both spoke at the panel discussion section, encouraging churches to pay attention to bioethics issues and teach the congregation the proper Christian views. TFC was honored to be

invited to speak along side medical professionals and church leaders.

In this quarter, other than this conference, Dr. Tam also spoke in 6 church groups, 5 radio and TV interviews, gave 5 sermons in various churches, and taught a class entitled *Creation and Evolution* at the America Chinese Evangelical Seminary.



THE POP CULTURE EFFECTS ON GIRLS

The Journal of Educational Psychology published an article in 2006 on why girls consistently score higher in major academic subjects than boys. The authors Duckworth and Saligman of U. of Pennsylvania attributed the cause to the self-discipline of girls. This includes: better control of anger, paying attention in class, choosing and finishing homework over play or other distractions, pa-

tience in finishing long and boring assignments, reading test instructions carefully, and saving money. Girls do better in delay gratification while boys have shorter attention span and give up before a job is finished.

These virtues in girls, however, are severely challenged by pop culture. A report by the American Psychological Association (APA) pointed out that the

media and fashion industries try to lower the moral standard of girls by flooding them with images of promiscuous singers and movie stars. Fashions once worn by sexy show-girls are now marketed to girls as young as 4. These negative influences tend to break down a girl's virtues. The APA calls for parental and church involvement in saving the ethics of America's girls.

To help Sunday School teachers teach the materials from *Church, Stand up as Salt and Light*, an instructional CD has been produced. Church discount price: \$40.00. Order online at: www.tfcus.org

TFC SPOKE OUT ON SAME SEX MARRIAGE

On Feb. 12, Dr. Tam was interviewed by Ming Pao Daily News and KTSF on same sex marriage in California. He asserted that same sex marriage cannot be legalized based on legal and moral grounds. No matter what pressure was applied by gay marriage proponents, marriage of one man and one woman was recognized by

most Californians under the Proposition 22 passed in 2000.

- As of March 2007, Massachusetts is the only state that legalized same-sex marriage, while Vermont, Connecticut and New Jersey granted civil union statutes to gay couples. California's legislatures have given domestic

partners the same benefits as heterosexual marriages. (Cont'd on page 4)



Instructional CD-ROM for *Church, Stand up as Salt and Light*.

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What can you do?

1. Register to vote.
2. Cast your vote wisely on election day.
3. Join TFC membership and get informed.
4. Respond to TFC's call-to-action.
5. Donate to TFC.

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To protect healthy traditional family values through education and action.

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ON SAME-SEX MARRIAGE (CONT'D FROM PAGE 3)

In Maine and Hawaii, gay partners can inherit partner's properties without a will. Civil union is being proposed in New Hampshire, Montana, South Carolina, Rhode Island, New York, New Mexico, and Hawaii. The Netherlands, Belgium, Canada, Columbia, Spain and South Africa have legalized gay marriage.

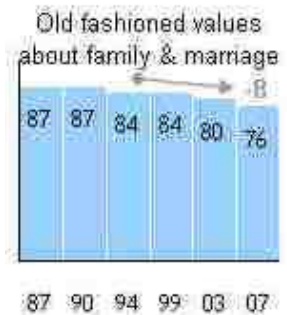
A change of climate, however, is proposed by the legislature in Massachusetts to try to put the same sex marriage into the hands of voters in 2008. Also about half of the states have passed

constitutional amendments to limit marriage as between one man and one woman.

While this war on marriage is being waged, Pew Research Polls have recently shown that Americans are turning more liberal. Traditional families with one father and mother with children have become the minority. The total of single families and domestic partnerships have outgrown traditional families. The number of people who believe in the old-fashioned values about family and marriages are declining; so

are the people who firmly believe in God. With such a change in attitude in the general public, churches have the responsibility to influence the public on moral issues.

Americans cannot rely on public schools to teach morals in the traditional sense. Public schools allow distribution of condoms, help provide abortions for pregnant teens, and celebrate homosexuality, but forbid the teaching of the Bible. Christians are probably the only major group that publicly hold on to traditional family values.



Source: Pew Research Center

