

# Life Compass Society



**"We acknowledge, respect and promote the dignity and right to life of everyone, from conception to their natural death, a right that comes from God."**

## President's Report

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Dear supporters of Life Compass Society, our 8<sup>th</sup> annual Hike, Bike or Run4Life fundraiser was quite a success. We raised close to \$10 000. Fr. Larry Lynn, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes parish, raised about \$1000. He addressed and gave a prayerful send-off for us participants.



Fr. Larry inspired participants at Lions Park Sept. 2023

St. Clare of Assisi parishioners, encouraged by Pat Chin, held a friendly competition between the CWL and the Knights of Columbus. Other notables included Marguerite (Assumption parish), Mel and Loan Greencorn (St. Luke parish) and Terry O'Neill (St. Joseph parish). There were about sixty participants including lots of young people.



8<sup>th</sup> Annual September Fundraiser at Lions Park Port Coquitlam 2023

Partly because of the fundraising success we are able to secure a Skytrain stations and transit bus ad campaign for mid-January 2024. The ads are different than previously and made available to us through our Life Canada connection.

Another recent issue is connected to Canada's dispute with tech giant Meta (Facebook). Since June our

Facebook page has been stripped of much of the American content, and we have been unable to boost most of our pro-life posts. Facebook, it seems, is not above censoring what they would consider to be "anti-choice" materials.

With the current climate, in Canada and abroad, I'm looking forward to the peace of the Christmas season.

All the best to you and your loved ones,

In Christ, and for every human life,

Richard Whalen (president)



## Talitha Koum Society and LCS's Annual General Meeting

On Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, Remembrance Day, we were treated to an informative and heart-warming account of the **incredibly successful recovery organization** named Talitha Koum. Terry O'Neill, a well-known former Coquitlam councilor and longtime journalist, introduced his wife Mary, retired Principal of Dr. Charles Best Secondary, with almost four decades of experience as a Coquitlam educator.



Mary O'Neill and Terri, a mother, who has experience conversion, recovery, and healing,

Mary explained that TK currently operates with two residential houses, both in Coquitlam, each with room for 9 women, and their children. And they are hoping to raise funding to add a third home. That would raise the potential to helping almost two dozen women in various stages of recovery from addiction.



Remembrance Day 2023. St. Luke Parish Centre

Mary explained that the organization was started by a woman addict. While in prison she had a religious experience of deep peace on being prayed for by a prison chaplain. Starr Peardon, after leaving prison, was helped by a priest who gave her \$10 000 so she could rent the first recovery home. She chose the name Talitha Koum, Aramaic for "little girl, rise up" from the gospel of Mark.

Mary's guest speaker, Terri, a former addict, completed the 12-step recovery program and went on

to help at TK for several years. Her honest and inspiring testimony touched our hearts and perfectly encapsulated "loving our clients back to life", TK's motto. By the grace of God and the love of many people, TK, founded 23 years ago, will help many more women recover, and will continue teach them some life skills to help sustain their recovery, and offer the kind of love that we all need in life. More information is here [Talitha Koum Society - Recovery for Women in Coquitlam, BC](#)

The TK presentation was followed by our Life Compass Society AGM. The executive for 2023 are as last year: me as president, Pat Chin, vice president, Lynn Whalen is financial secretary and Elizabeth Loch is recording secretary. As usual several reports, including the financial report, were distributed. If you would like to have a copy, please call (604-465-7376), or email me ([richardwhalen980@gmail.com](mailto:richardwhalen980@gmail.com)).

**Please support our fundraising sponsors.** These businesses are all in Maple Ridge: Pappa Leo's Pizza, Mainland Cartridge, Pyrgos Taverna Greek Restaurant, Home Restaurant, and Ricky's Country Restaurant.







Life Chain 2023 St. Luke's



St. Joseph Port Moody 2023

## Life Chain October 2023

This year St. Luke's participants held their demonstration from noon to 1 pm. The parish chose to start early to attract more people. Our attendance was about 50 people, a little better than last year. The encouraging thing is that a couple of people from the Maple Ridge Alliance Church and the Christian Reformed Church, our next-door neighbour churches, joined us.

We hope to invite both churches to boost our 2024 numbers and foster inter-Christian relations. St. Joseph Port Moody (below) also had another successful Life Chain.

## Membership Drive 2023

We are very happy that our numbers of paid-up people continue to increase. This is not the case in all parishes, but thanks to St. Clare of Assisi and St. Luke's and St. Pat's, overall numbers are up from 262 last year to 296 this year. Most parishes stayed about the same or dropped slightly this year.

## Looking Ahead

1. Look for our **Skytrain station posters, and transit bus ads beginning mid-January 2024.** The posters will be similar to that shown, but with a QR code and **not on a billboard.** We will



have three other versions as well. The posters will be up on the following Skytrain stations: Metrotown, New Westminster, Columbia, Brentwood, Production Way, Lougheed, Lafarge and Burquitlam. There will be 2 posters per station, for 4 weeks running. The buses will be Tri-Cities to Maple Ridge

2. **Our 2024 membership drives at the parishes: February and March**
3. **Forty Days for Life** : starts Ash Wednesday **Feb.14.**
4. **Blooms into Rooms:** **March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024**
5. **March for Life Victoria:** **Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup> 2024**
6. **Eighth Annual Walk, Bike or Run for Life,** Saturday **September 7, 2024,** at Lions Park, on the PoCo Trail,
7. **Annual Life Chain,** Sunday **October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024**



Thursday, October 26, 2023

## Canada's euthanasia programme flirting with eugenics.

Alex Schadenberg

*Executive Director, Euthanasia Prevention Coalition*

Kevin Yuill Associate Professor of History at the University of Sunderland, England, who recently visited Canada, wrote:

"A few weeks ago, I accidentally toured one of the awful tent cities in Vancouver, Canada. At the corner of Main Street and Hastings Avenue, homeless drug addicts spread their few possessions out on blankets and cover the pavement for blocks on end. It is only a short distance from the restaurants and attractions of this fairly affluent city and is easy to stray into"....

"So long as they are not violent, homeless addicts are generally ignored across the city. Vancouverites, in that polite Canadian way, accept their presence and do what they can to be kind. Nonetheless, everyone I met spoke about the 'crisis' of addicts in Vancouver, where drugs have effectively been [decriminalised](#)"....

Now, the Canadian authorities seem to have come up with [a novel, frightening solution to the crisis](#): euthanasia.

Yuill explains:

..."those suffering from mental illnesses – with no physical ailments necessary – [will also be eligible for MAID](#). That includes people with substance-use disorders."

Last week, a framework for assessing people with substance-use disorders for MAID was discussed at the annual conference for the Canadian Society of Addiction Medicine in British Columbia. Dr David Martell (ironically a winner of the [Family Physician of the Year award](#)) was one of the most vocal supporters of expanding MAID to drug addicts. Dr Martell [declared](#) that 'it's not fair to exclude people from eligibility purely because their mental disorder might either partly or in full be a substance-use disorder. It has to do with treating people equally.'

Yuill provides a history lesson on eugenics:

For instance, in the first few years of the 20th century, Dr Ella K Dearborn cheerfully [called for](#) 'euthanasia for the incurably ill, insane, criminals and degenerates'. Similarly, in 1906, sociologist L Graham Crozier agreed with her medical compatriot: 'I would personally rather administer chloroform to the poor, starving children of New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and other American cities, than to see them living as they must in squalor and misery.'

In an echo of today's advocates for legalised assisted dying, Dr Dearborn once thundered: 'Do not let sentiment or superstition retard the wheels of worldwide progress.' In Canada, this so-called progress shows no sign of stopping.

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