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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

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President's Report

The membership numbers this year (see May newsletter) are the best ever, but our LCS bank balance is quite low following the \$28,000 Sky Train station and Transit bus campaign earlier this year. We are hoping to raise more funds this September than last September. **To that end a sponsor sheet is enclosed, to use for the upcoming Walk, Bike or Run for Life.** We hope you are able to participate. The event is always enjoyable, an opportunity to join other members from the Tri-Cities, Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge, and make a difference.



Stephanie Gray Connors

Our Lady of the Assumption parish welcomed Stephanie Gray Connors who spoke to a group of about 200 about MAiD (doctor-assisted suicide) June 26th. She illustrated how compassion and logic can do much to promote a culture of life for the vulnerable members of our society. "Stephanie gave an insightful and practical presentation of the topic helping us appreciate the compassionate and logical side of the debate," commented Father James Hughes, pastor and her former spiritual director.

Stephanie pointed out, for example, that culturally we recognize the wisdom of installing barriers on bridges to keep people from killing themselves, but we have legalized doctor-assisted suicide in care homes. Additionally the elderly, who often feel themselves to be a burden, or possibly fear extreme pain, may agree to MAiD.

Authentic hospice care works to promote the value of life, especially for the elderly, and counsels that most pain can be easily managed.

Father Larry Lynn, the Archdiocese's pro-life chaplain and pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes parish, said he was buoyed by Gray Connors' presentation. Myself, and those who I heard from, completely agree. Look here: <https://bccatholic.ca/authors/terry-o-neill> for Terry O'Neill's coverage of Stephanie.

Yours in Christ and for the dignity of each human life, Richard Whalen

Walk, Bike or Run4Life 2024, Saturday September 21



Our goal this year is to improve on our fundraising total from last year. The location is **Lions Park and PoCo Trail**, same as the last several years. We have booked the shelter again, and while we hope for nice weather, rain will not deter us. We will be there at 8am to begin set-up. If you can be there at 8 a.m., all the better. Registration officially starts at 9 a.m. Please try to be early, but if you



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plan to attend a 9 a.m. Mass first, you are encouraged to register before 10 a.m.

Once with us, present your sponsor sheet and hand in money collected. **It is always best to collect from your sponsors before the event** to avoid having to collect later. If you are not able to, it helps us a lot if you could hand in a cheque for the total and collect any money owed later, to reimburse yourself. We are hoping for lots of young hikers or bikers again this year.

To enter Lions Park drive one block south of Lougheed on Shaughnessy, turn right at Lions Way, then right again to free parking beside the park.

Life Chain 2024, Sunday October 6

If you plan to participate, this North American (and beyond) event is only one hour long. We hope to see you at St. Luke's parish. **Starting time is 11:45 am this year.** There may be two other event locations in the Tri-Cities, one at St. Joseph's Port Moody and the other at All Saints Coquitlam. Participating is an effective way to help restore a Culture of Life. Please mark your calendar. Signs must be respectful and we will provide some approved ones. Lots of parking as the 10:30 morning mass ends. At St. Luke's the parking area is beside the rectory facing Dewdney Trunk.

Canadian euthanasia doctor gushes about how much she enjoys killing people

Monday, July 8, 2024

Canadian euthanasia doctor has killed hundreds.

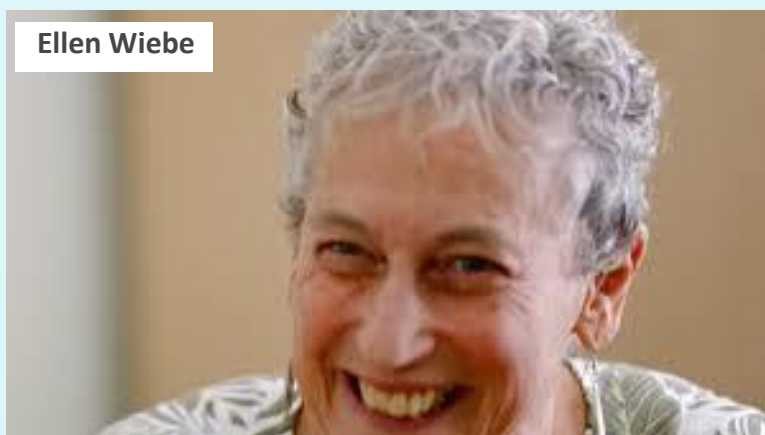
By Alex Schadenberg Executive Director, Euthanasia Prevention Coalition

Sharon Kirkey wrote a pro-euthanasia / pro-Elleen Wiebe article that was published in the National Post on Saturday July 6. Kirkey, who has written many pro-euthanasia articles, **attempts to fix**

the perception of Wiebe after she was seen laughing in the film Better off Dead? by disability activist / actress

***Liz Carr while discussing euthanasia.**

Elmira Tanatarova reported for the Daily Mail on May 15 that many of the viewers of the "Better off Dead?" documentary were uneasy with Wiebe as she giggled when discussing the number of her euthanasia deaths. When asked by Kirkey about the number of euthanasia deaths Wiebe responds: "I know the exact number," the



Ellen Wiebe

Vancouver doctor said, "but I don't want to do that, no. It's become a weird thing, people talking about their numbers, or criticizing people who talk about their numbers."

"Hundreds is good," she said. About 430 as of May 2022 alone, as she then testified before a special parliamentary committee on medical assistance in dying, or MAID.



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When asked about laughing on camera during the filming of *Better off Dead?* Kirkey writes: Wiebe can seem “oddly cheerful” when discussing MAID, viewers of the BBC documentary remarked.



Liz Carr

She grinned at peculiar moments during an interview with *National Post*, laughing as she described how, when getting final consent on the day of death, “I come in and say, ‘Are you sure this is what you want to do today?’”

Laughter can be a response to emotionally uncomfortable situations, like talking about death, said Helen Long, CEO of Dying with Dignity Canada. “You suddenly realize what you’re in the middle of discussing.”

“Laughing often is just part of my personality,” Wiebe told *National Post*. I personally speak cheerfully about my work with the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition but I’m not killing people.

In response to her clients Kirkey reports Wiebe as stating:

“It’s hard to even be in the same room as somebody who’s suffering so severely,” Wiebe told the *Post*. “But then, of course, you know, I get to end that suffering, which is good.”

Wiebe misses the point. She is not ending suffering or even caring for the sufferer, she is killing the person.



Trudo Lemmens

Trudo Lemmens is bothered by the pseudo-spiritual language that euthanasia doctors apply to MAiD deaths. Kirkey reports: But others like Trudo Lemmens are troubled by the small number of providers dominating the practice and the “pseudo-spiritual language” some use to describe doctor-administered death.

“When MAID was legalized, it was framed as a practice that was exceptionally required to ease the dying process or give some control at the end of life,” Lemmens, a University of Toronto professor of law and ethics, wrote in an email.

Christopher Lyon, whose father died by MAiD in Victoria BC also responds to Kirkey: Others like Christopher Lyon, a Canadian social scientist at the University of York in the U.K. have remarked that pleasure from euthanasia is deeply disquieting, “because death is usually a deeply painful or difficult moment for the patients and their loved ones.”

Lyon’s 77-year-old father died by MAID in a Victoria hospital room in 2021, over the family’s objections. (Wiebe was not the provider.) His father had bouts of depression and suicidal thinking, but was approved for MAID nonetheless. Lyon wonders what draws some providers to MAID “and what happens to a person when killing becomes a daily or weekly event.”

“Some providers have counts in the hundreds — this isn’t normal, for any occupation,” he said. “Even members of the military at war do not typically kill that frequently. I think that’s a question that we’ve not really ever asked.” Kirkey responds to criticisms of Wiebe by interviewing Dr James Downer, who was a founding doctor of the Physicians Advisory Council for Dying with Dignity. Downer who is introduced as a Ottawa palliative care and critical care specialist reportedly states:



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“It’s absolutely not a celebration of the act of ending someone’s life. It’s a reflection of the intense emotional bond you form with families and patients.”

Kirkey also obtains a comment from Helen Long, the CEO of Dying with Dignity who said: She’s also “warm and funny,” blunt and straightforward, a straight shooter with a determined streak,

Wiebe when asked about natural death reportedly states:

“I know what the ends are like, and I’m not interested in that,” she told National Post. MAID means people can “skip out when you’re still you,” she said.

Wiebe expects that the law will expand to include children and the incompetent. Kirkey writes:

She fully anticipates that MAID will be extended to mature minors. “I’ve always been assuming for eight years that a 17-year-old with terminal cancer is going to say, ‘I have the right,’ and of course any judge in the country will say, ‘Yes, you do.’”

She also expects some form of advance requests for MAID in cases of dementia, which would allow a person to make a written request for euthanasia that could be honoured later, even if they lose their capacity to make medical decisions for themselves. Support for advance requests is strong, according to polls. But if someone is unable to express how they’re feeling, who decides if they are suffering unbearably — and what if they changed their minds? MAID doctors may be asked to “provide” for someone they have not met before, and with whom they will not be able to communicate, Wiebe said.

“That’s going to be hard for us as providers,” she said.

“This will be a new challenge. And I’m up for challenges.”

Much of this interview confirms the concerns that Trudo Lemmens has that there are a few insiders that are controlling the euthanasia practise and narrative in Canada.

Clearly this article is designed to improve the perception of Wiebe after the “Better off Dead?” film shows a crass and scary nature to Wiebe.

But, it doesn’t matter where you stand on the issue, or on politics, Carr portrayed Wiebe for who she is in “Better off Dead?” Carr wasn’t staging the interview, and she wasn’t using interviews with people who oppose euthanasia to make Wiebe look bad.

[Euthanasia Prevention Coalition Euthanasia Prevention Coalition: Canadian euthanasia doctor has killed hundreds. \(alexschadenberg.blogspot.com\)](http://alexschadenberg.blogspot.com)

***Liz Carr:** [Liz Carr: 'I was told I wouldn't live to be old – and I believed it' - Big Issue](#)

Mark Your Calendar

1. Saturday September 21 **Walk, Bike or Hike for Life**
2. Sunday October 6 **Life Chain**
3. Saturday November 16 **Annual General Meeting** at St. Clare of Assisi. Guest speaker to be announced
4. February 2025 Next **Membership Drive**