

SALT & LIGHT

a black and white voice in a grey world of politics

Jesus said: "Ye are the salt of the earth ... Ye are the light of the world ..." (Matthew 5:13-14)

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WELCOME & EDITORIAL

Rev Peter Rahme – Salt & Light Editor

We all know by now that 2009 marks the 200th anniversary of Charles Darwin's birth. But did you know that 2009 also marks:

1. The 250th anniversary of William Wilberforce's birth. 'The Nightingale of the House of Commons' was born on Aug 24, 1759. (He died July 29th, 1833), and
2. The 220th anniversary of William Wilberforce's speech in the House of Commons calling for the slave trade to be abolished (12th May 1789).

According to William Hague MP., 'On 12th May 1789, William Wilberforce's speech in the House of Commons calling for the slave trade to be abolished was one of the most significant moments in the history of the abolition movement. But it is in print, as a book, that it has had its greatest influence. Wilberforce's speech was widely interpreted – even at the time – as a crushing blow to the slave trade. After this speech the trade was stripped of any moral legitimacy in the public mind. Wilberforce delivered what is still regarded as one of the greatest speeches given in the Commons. Various transcriptions in newspapers, pamphlets, anthologies and journals across Britain galvanised public support

for abolition. There was no official record of speeches made to Parliament at the time. As a result, there are around thirty newspaper reports of Wilberforce's long-trailed and eagerly awaited speech. One of the clearest and most emotive was published in a contemporary journal, The Parliamentary Register, 26, 1789 (the first edition of which is available in the British Library). The speech, coming months before the French Revolution, marked the movement of the world, and Britain in particular, into a more recognisably humanitarian era.'

(source

<http://www.memorabletv.com/episodeguides2/12booksthatchangedtheworld.htm>)

It is comforting to know, dearest friends, that the life of William Wilberforce was not in vain, and that his legacy of perseverance continues today in the vital work and faithful ministry that our founding president the Rev Fred Nile and the CDP team are engaged in. Day by day, we **PRESS ON** representing the Christian community everywhere, especially in our New South Wales Parliament

Like Wilberforce, let's **PRESS ON** with the attitude to trust, the desire to build, the will to arise, the mind to work, the spirit to corporate, the strength to persevere and the determination to finish.



BIBLE DEVOTION

Rev Peter Rahme – CDP Deputy President

7 IMPORTANT LIFE-LESSONS FROM THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH

I am doing a great work,... (6:3a).....So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work. (4:6)

Tucked away in the Old Testament and named after its central character, the book of Nehemiah is a leadership manual for laymen. . It is an autobiography of a loyal cupbearer to the king of Persia who rose to be the governor of the people of Judah.

- ◆ This book of Nehemiah is visionary - it is the mission of one ordinary person with an out-of-the-ordinary team of people to complete an extra-ordinary project.
- ◆ This book of Nehemiah is valuable - it is the memoirs of an effective leader and his manuscript on dynamic leadership.
- ◆ This book of Nehemiah is versatile - it is a manual on influence and impact for leaders in all walks of life. It speaks to and connects with the corporate world, the government bodies, the church life and the mission field.

As you follow Nehemiah's progress from his arrival to Jerusalem right thru to his anticipation of success, what stands out is his spirit and attitude towards the work and his skill and ability to coordinate the workers

He placed people in suitable positions. And speaking of people, he didn't see people as a product with a use by date, once expired they're crushed and thrown away. Not at all! He worked with them; he didn't use them for his own purpose, he served together with them.

Even though Nehemiah's spirit and attitude towards the work was exemplary and his skill and ability to coordinate the workers was excellent, yet that was not enough in itself to successfully complete the mission.

The other vital component that this project needed to make it a success, besides the final preparation of this dynamic leader was the faithful participation of the dedicated laity.

In other words, His skill in co-ordination+ Their support and co-operation = success

To put it another way, what's needed is a leader who is able, AS WELL AS, labourers who are available to carry the ball.

They begun ***when*** they came together;
They progressed ***as*** they stayed together; ***and***
They succeeded ***because*** they worked together.

Hand and hand and with one mind (except for the nobles - see 3:5) forty-two separate groups with thirty-eight different names laboured together.

And what amazing results!

*What was an impossible dream for 94 years
became a living reality in just 52 days!*

*What couldn't have been done in nearly a century
was completed successfully in less than eight weeks!*

Q - What actually made the difference?

A - The following 7 characteristics that they possessed so strongly made the difference!!

1. The attitude to trust

Then I told them of **the hand of my God which was good upon me** ... (2:18a)

Then ... I ... said unto them, **The God of heaven, he will prosper us....** (2:20)

2. The desire to build

And I said unto the king, If it please the king, and if thy servant have found favour in thy sight, that thou wouldest send me unto Judah, unto the city of my fathers' sepulchres, **that I may build it.** (2:5)

3. The will to arise

... And they said, **Let us rise up and build...** (2:18b)

... therefore we his servants **will arise** and build: (2:20b)

Then Eliashib the high priest **rose up** with his brethren the priests, and they built... (3:1a)

4. The mind to work

... for the people had a mind to work. (4:6b)

And it came to pass...that we returned all of us to the wall, every one unto his work. (4:1)

So neither I, nor my brethren, nor my servants, nor the men of the guard which followed me, none of us put off our clothes, saving that every one put them off for washing. (4:23)

5. The spirit to corporate

And **next unto them** repaired Melatiah ..., and **Next unto him** repaired Uzziel,... **Next unto him** also repaired Hananiah ... And **next unto them** repaired Rephaiah And **next unto them** repaired Jedaiah And **next unto him** repaired Hattush (3:7-10)

6. The strength to persevere

So **they strengthened** their hands for this good work. (2:18b)

Yea, also I **continued in the work** of this wall, neither bought we any land: (5:16a)

7. The determination to finish

...when our enemies heard that it was known unto us, and God had brought their counsel to nought, that **we returned all of us to the wall, every one unto his work.** (4:15)

So we laboured...**from the rising of the morning till the stars appeared.** (4:21)

With the Love of Christ

Peter

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Rev Fred Nile MLC - CDP Founder & President

Introduction:

Our State CDP Council agreed on Saturday 14th March, 2009, following the Resolution to expel Rev Moyes, that he be given the Right of Appeal at a Special General Meeting on Saturday 18th April, 2009, in accordance with Christian charity and justice.

Rev Moyes accepted the invitation but indicated he would abuse the opportunity when he stated in his reply "I expect Fred Nile to be present so he can answer some charges against him I will be bringing".

The CDP Officers agreed he should be restricted to his Appeal and not launch another attack on the CDP or Rev Fred Nile.

However, on the day it would have meant taking a "point of order" at the beginning so it was agreed to let him have his say so that he would condemn himself by his own words. This is what happened on Saturday 18th April 2009.

Rev Moyes has now distributed his 18/4/09 Appeal Speech in his "Christian" voice in politics on 20/4/09 illegally using the CDP Email distribution list.

His CVIP on 20/4/09 contains three parts:

1. Expelled for trying to be more Christian and more democratic
2. Why party expulsions end with the party's defeat
3. The cult of Fred Nile

As they contain falsehoods I have no choice but to respond to these falsehoods "For the TRUTH will set you free". John 8:32.

What We Expected From Rev Moyes

As Rev Moyes had requested the Right of Appeal, we had hoped he would have apologised and given reasons why he should not be expelled and remain a Member of the Christian Democratic Party.

However, he completely failed to take advantage of the situation by:

- Failing to apologise for his public, personal attacks on his Party Leader, when he called Rev Nile "a paranoid, friendless old man – a pathetic figure" (SMH 7/9/08). Instead of apologising, Rev Moyes arrogantly repeated his public criticisms, so his expulsion was upheld by the Special General Meeting.
- Failing to apologise for publicly calling the CDP Management Committee members (18/9/09 and 16/4/09) "A Committee Of The Sad, Mad, Senile And Aggressively Ambitious".

I have responded to each of Rev Moyes' accusations.

1. "Expelled For Trying To Be More Christian And More Democratic"

Rev Moyes was NOT expelled for trying to be more Christian and more democratic.

Rev Moyes keeps his word. Following the 2009 CDP Convention Dinner where Rev Moyes and I were the speakers, I said to Rev Moyes following his attack upon myself, our CDP policies and after I had disagreed with him, that I hope all was forgiven and shook his hand. Rev Moyes replied with vehemence and with a Latham-like style "the fight is only just beginning".

1. **Public Attacks.** Rev Moyes was not expelled for having different views from me, as he claims, but for his public attacks on the CDP, the Management Committee, CDP policies and especially myself in his weekly eMags (CVIP). His direction to CDP supporters to stop giving

their financial support was also designed to sabotage the CDP and make it unviable. No political party would tolerate such behaviour that would result in their automatic expulsion.

2. Rev Moyes claims the **CDP is "extremist and racist"**. The truth is the CDP is a multi racial party with Aboriginal, Egyptian, Arabic, Chinese, Korean members and candidates. So this claim that CDP is racist is false, because we work closely with ethnic communities such as Korean and Assyrian (Iraq).
3. **Position of Leadership**. Rev Moyes claims he will never accept any position of leadership within the Party yet constantly attacks my leadership and frequently calls for my resignation.
4. The CDP Management Committee agreed that Rev Elwyn Sheppard, as CDP State Secretary, would read the reasons for Rev Moyes' expulsion and that Rev Andrew Green, as CDP State Chaplain, would be Chairman of the Special General Meeting. I was happy to participate and answer questions but it was agreed this was Rev Moyes' Appeal meeting so **I was not to participate**.
5. **Meeting Delay**. Rev Moyes is critical of the delay in proceedings. Unfortunately, the soundman, who was to record the meeting, arrived late and apologised because of traffic delays.
6. **Procedure**. The Special General Meeting procedure included a Question Time after Rev Moyes concluded his Appeal. During the Question Time members were allowed to ask questions. Various questions were asked, including "was he a Mason?" These were NOT the reason for his expulsion. No one charged Rev Moyes with divination or witchcraft. This is an indication of his confused thinking.
7. **Staff Complaints**. Rev Moyes had written to the President complaining I had harassed his staff and so he requested a new office or an office partition. I requested the President have the Clerk investigate his false allegation, which Rev Moyes staff said was NOT true.
8. **Appeal Speech**. Rev Moyes has reprinted his written Speech in his 20/4/09 CVIP which he had read and distributed at the Special General Meeting on 18/4/09. It contains a number of allegations.
9. Rev Moyes claims he had **no opportunity to put policy or procedural matters on the agenda** for the Management Committee and State Council. At every meeting, as Chairman, I included Rev Moyes on the printed Agenda for his report to raise any issues, which he chose to raise. I have always given the Biblical basis for our CDP policies.
10. Rev Moyes claims **I have defamed him** but he knows I have only responded to his weekly attacks, which can be proved by checking the dates.
11. Rev Moyes falsely claims "**I reject the views of all Church Councils, denominational leaders of all major denominations**".
I work closely with all denominations, except the Uniting Church in Australia because of its modernist beliefs. It is impossible for the CDP to represent all Church views, which differ from one another.
I have supportive, personal relations with the leaders of the Anglican Church, Catholic Church, Presbyterian Church, Baptist Church, Congregational Church, Coptic Church etc.
12. I am unashamedly a **Bible believing conservative evangelical Christian** who believes the Apostles Creed. Our CDP represents individual Christians and never claims to be the voice of denominations.

2. "Denial Of Our Claim To Be Democratic"

Our CDP is a democratic party.

I made the comment "I make the policy" in response to Rev Moyes demand that he should make the CDP policy. I meant I make the policy for making the CDP Policies by appointing a National CDP Policy Committee convened by Gerard Goiran (WA CDP Director). This Committee updates our policies, especially the Islamic policies. I was not going to allow him to dictate CDP policies. We are democratic because when Rev Moyes claimed our members opposed our Muslim/Islamic

Immigration policy, we conducted a national survey of CDP members. This survey showed our members supported our Muslim/Islamic policy on immigration etc.

Our CDP members expect me, as spokesman, to urgently state our policy on current issues in line with our official National CDP Policy Document and National CDP Charter. Rev Moyes often does this himself in his media releases.

Rev Moyes was not expelled for having different views, but for attacking the CDP publicly.

3. "Deny Fundamental Human Rights"

Rev Moyes was not expelled because he dissents, but for his public attacks which demonstrated disloyalty. He was NOT expelled because of financial issues or legal issues but because of his weekly public attacks on the CDP Management Committee and myself.

4. "Deny Fundamental Aspect Of Leadership"

Except for one person who acted as a divisive agent for Rev Moyes, no staff, Members of the Management Committee or State Council have been expelled. Staff have resigned at different times for different reasons as happens in any organisation.

Rev Moyes claims "Fred Nile cannot work with any Parliamentary colleague". He refers to Marie Bignold who came to me and we were reconciled. John Bradford did not fulfil his promise to move from Queensland to NSW so he could not be elected to the NSW Upper House. I have excellent relationships with Liberal, National Party and ALP Members of Parliament.

5. "Fred Nile's Self Importance And Intellect"

Everyone knows my favourite Bible passage is 1 Corinthians 1:27 "But God has chosen the world's foolish persons (Fred Nile) to put to shame the learned (Rev Moyes) and the weak people in the world (Fred Nile) to shame the strong (Rev Moyes). God has chosen the world's insignificant and despised people and nobodies (Fred Nile) in order to bring to nothing those who have pride in themselves (like Rev Moyes), so that nobody may boast in the presence of God".

Rev Moyes, knows his claims re never discussing are totally false.

6. "Leader Cannot Face Being Questioned"

When Rev Moyes was first nominated (by myself) to fill the vacant CDP Seat following Elaine Nile who resigned because of ill health, we had regular discussions, shared Speeches on Bills etc. After Rev Moyes' threat in 2007 to split the CDP over his nomination for President, our personal relations broke down, as I no longer trusted him.

I use my Bible for preparing sermons etc at home. I use my Parliamentary Office for Parliamentary Bills etc. I agree to briefing by Government Members and request they also brief Rev Moyes, as I do not speak for him on how he will vote.

7. "End Of CDP As A Political Party"

1. Rev Moyes used blackmail by threatening to join the Family First if was expelled. This threat did cause some members to abstain from the vote or vote against the expulsion. Particularly he

threatened to run as a candidate in 2011 when his term expires which would possibly divide the vote.

2. Rev Moyes sought to embarrass Rev Dr Ross Clifford during his Speech by publicly questioning him, as he sought to intimidate him.
3. If Rev Moyes had any honour he would now resign his CDP Seat by writing to the Governor of NSW, which is the correct procedure. We would then nominate Rev Clifford at a Joint Sitting of Parliament to take Rev Moyes' place in the CDP Seat.
4. It is amazing that Rev Moyes keeps attacking me over the age issue when he threatens to stand again in 2011 when he will be 73 years of age.
5. Rev Moyes is paranoid over the formation of the Australian Christian Nation Association (Inc), which he states will become a Political Party. This is a complete figment of Rev Moyes' vivid imagination.
6. Rev Moyes has compared me with Robert Mugabe and Marcus Einfield as he jealously seeks to destroy my credibility and reputation.
7. I am committed to ensure the CDP does continue in its role to bring glory to God and to continue to serve the Head of our Party, the Lord Jesus Christ.
8. Rev Moyes can only remain an Independent, not a "Christian Democrat" or a Christian Democratic Party Member.
9. Rev Moyes has criticised the Fred Nile School of Politics, which was commenced by the CDP, not by me. The aim is to develop a Christian World view based on the Word of God.

8. "Crossbench Comment – The Cult Of Fred Nile"

Rev Moyes concluded his CVIP Email of 20/4/09 with a jealous attack on the imaginary cult of Fred Nile, which was complete news to me.

1. **"Deviates From Biblical Truth"**. This is another unchristian attempt to damage my credibility and reputation. He completely misrepresents the views of the NSW Council of Churches of which I am an Executive Committee member. My Christian views are completely orthodox, based on the inspired Word of God.
2. **"Fred Nile personality cult"**. I reject completely Rev Moyes' accusations of a "Fred Nile cult". I do not apologise for giving Almighty God the glory for my election and re election against massive opposition for over 28 years. I have never claimed to be "God's anointed" or "God's chosen one". I am simply God's faithful servant.
3. **"Excessive Control Over Members"**. I have willingly decentralised leadership in the CDP when I could have retained all authority. I drafted the CDP Constitution which established an elected NSW CDP Management Committee of fifteen members, each with responsibility for an area of activity, eg membership, prayer, finances etc. I then established a NSW CDP State Council with delegates from each State Electorate and their branches. Rev Moyes continues to state falsehoods claiming no single lead candidate is still involved in CDP – the late Dr Kevin Hume, Gary Raymond, Ross Clifford, Paul Green etc remained involved in CDP. Our CDP Council regularly discusses the Bills and issues before Parliament and requests me to take up issues. Rev Moyes has tabled his demand that I resign from Parliament at meetings that were convened to deal with his attacks on CDP and myself. Rev Moyes never moved a Motion at the CDP Management Committee or CDP State Council when he was given the opportunity, by myself, to raise any issue he wished to discuss. It is insulting for Rev Moyes to describe our loyal CDP members as *"Cult Members"* Or *"Sect Members"*.
4. **"One Simple Explanation"**. Rev Moyes has created this concept which is a figment of his imagination. No one has claimed Islam is to blame for all our social and moral problems.
5. CDP Members Are **"Socially Disadvantaged, Poorly Educated With No Social Skills"**. Rev Moyes reveals his pride and ego by this description of our CDP members and supporters. I am proud that CDP is not an elitist, silver-tailed party, but has many working class members from the Western suburbs of Sydney. I have always encouraged discussion and questions and never

sought blind obedience. The aims of the Australian Christian Nation Association are available on request from the Secretary – 9388 8403/0410 877 143.

6. **"Far Right Ideology"**. Since its inception the CDP has always been in conflict with the pagan Green "watermelon" Party, which Rev Moyes often praises and supports in the Upper House votes. The Green Party and former Australia Party's humanistic, socialist anti Christian policies showed me the need for a strong firm Christian party.
7. **"Leave A Cult"**. Rev Moyes claims people are frightened to resign from CDP, which is another ridiculous comment. John Phillips was manipulated and wrongly used by Rev Moyes to cause division and confusion. His leaving had nothing to do with any alleged harassment charges.

Rev Moyes is an expert in legal threats to silence CDP leaders who question his actions. I can supply the names of people he has threatened with legal action.

Rev Moyes' comment about staff resignations is also based on falsehoods (refer reply to Crikey.com allegations of a CDP Coup).

Rev Moyes is confused over the CDP Party name – Christian Democratic Party (Fred Nile group). "Fred Nile group" is never used on its own and often is not included in our CDP publicity.

Our Public Relations company recommended we use my name to increase our identification and votes, which is why Rev Moyes, like the Greens, will try, unsuccessfully, to destroy my credibility and reputation.

In 2008 Rev Moyes indicated to our CDP Management Committee that he was considering resigning from the Upper House in September, 2009, when he is due to get his substantial Parliamentary pension.

Rev Moyes cannot legally use the name "Christian Democrat".

Rev Moyes claims I am President and Chairman of every Committee, which is another falsehood.

Conclusion:

As I sadly read Rev Moyes' broadside against me I began wondering whether he was looking into a mirror.

I am sure those of you who have read his very personal attacks over his last two eMags (16/4/09 and 20/4/09) will realise it was impossible for Rev Moyes to remain in the Christian Democratic Party.

Rev Moyes' attacks have such venom and cruelty it is hard to believe they are the comments of a true Christian.

We can only pray that Almighty God will heal Rev Moyes mind, set him free from his narcissistic spirit and lead him to resign, so he can leave us in peace, and he can make a new beginning in another area of service.

I sincerely regret my personal invitation to Rev Moyes to be our candidate for the Upper House, as senior Church leaders warned me this would happen – that Rev Moyes would never be number 2 by the nature of his personality.

Finally, I feel like Mordecai in the book of Esther, as he faced the scheming attacks of Haman. However, the Lord vindicated Mordecai and gave him a great victory (Esther 6:6-11). May the Lord

God give the Christian Democratic Party a great victory as it develops and grows even stronger with new members and supporters.

Rev Hon Fred Nile MLC
(National/NSW President)

PS. To be fully informed of all future CDP plans and legislation, please ensure you [unsubscribe from CVIP](#) and instead subscribe to [the official CDP news service](#).

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OFFICE UPDATE

Rev Peter Rahme – Acting State Manager

1. 'Fireproof Your Marriage' Campaign We thank God that our 'Fireproof Your Marriage' campaign continues to make the high positive impact it was designed for. It was our privilege to serve local Churches @ Albion Park, Thornleigh, Ingleburn, Yagoona and Riverwood .We appreciated the opportunity to partner with these wonderful churches and others for the cause of Christ. We are also working with our great friends in the Korean and Spanish communities. I have bookings in Pannania, Belfield & Cronulla To book a screening call me on **1300 667 975** or **(02) 9746 5817** or email me at editor@saltandlight.org.au

2. 'The Voyage that Shook the World' Premiere We are pleased to report that the national premiere of 'The Voyage that Shook the World' hosted by The Rev Fred Nile on Wednesday April 1, between 12-2pm at our Christian Worldview monthly forum at the NSW Parliament house Theatre was enthusiastically received.. The brilliant documentary respectfully but effectively contrasts the fiction and human reasoning of the theory of evolution with the facts and divine revelation of the truth of creation .The excellent presentation leaves the viewer with no doubt that MAN – the pivotal figure of God's handiwork is a person created with power and wisdom not a product evolved over time by chance..I highly recommend it. The film will be released in the cinemas around May/ June. You can check www.thevoyage.tv for updates

3. Christian Worldview The 'Christian Worldview' monthly forum, an initiative of the Christian Democratic Party, aims to equip, empower and encourage the CDP members and supporters to be Salt and Light in our world. Hosted by CDP Founding President, the Rev Hon Fred Nile MLC, and led by CDP Deputy President, Pastor Peter Rahme, the meeting is held in the NSW Parliament House on the first Wednesday of the month between 12 noon-2pm

The schedule for the year is:

Feb- 'Fireproof' Movie Premiere

March -Dr Mark Harwood -CMI

April -'The Voyage that Shook the World' -Movie Premiere

May- Israel-Where Heaven Meets Earth -Pastor Gregory and Mrs Judith Willis

June - The Australian Christian Heritage Centre –Graham McDonald

July - Expelled , No Intelligence Allowed - Movie Premiere

August - Rev Dr Kenneth Meshoe MP - Member of the South African Federal Parliament, and President of the African Christian Democratic Party, (Please note a change of Day It is on Friday 7th not Wednesday 5th)

Sept - The Better Hour -Celebrating William Wilberforce 200th anniversary - Movie Premiere

Oct- John Anderson Former Deputy Prime Minister (TBC)

Nov -John Howard - Former Prime Minister or Andrew Scipione - NSW Police Commissioner ,(TBC)

Dec.-Christmas Large Scale Celebration

To book, call Judy Russell on 9230 2478 or email me at editor@saltandlight.org.au

4. Fred Nile School Of Politics The purpose of the FNSOP is to “equip and empower Christian men and women for Australian political leadership at local, state and, federal level”. With your help we will train Australia's future Christian political leaders in a systematic manner. The FNSOP' Monday night classes is open to all the CDP family and friends, especially candidates, coordinators and campaign personnel. Term 2 will resume on May 4 To register call me on **1300 667 975** or **(02) 9746 5817** or email me at editor@saltandlight.org.au

5. Annual CDP Dinner at NSW Parliament House, Tuesday 12th May We are excited about our upcoming CDP annual dinner. This will be held on Tuesday May 12 between 6.30-9.30 at the Parliament House dining room. The cost is \$65 pp .Our special guest speaker The-Rev Dr Ross Clifford speaking on the subject CDP - Party Of Hope . Please note that seats are limited and booking is essential. To book, call Judy Russell on 9230 2478 or email me at editor@saltandlight.org.au

6. National Day of Thanksgiving We want to encourage all of our readers to celebrate the National Day of Thanksgiving by serving your community. This year the NDOT falls on Saturday May 30. I've designed a NDOT certificate, which you are welcome to download free from our **Salt & Light** website (www.saltandlight.org.au). If you would prefer to receive your paper copy by mail, please send me A4 envelop with \$1.10 stamp to **9 Exeter Rd Homebush West NSW 2140** and I'll mail you a copy the next day.

7. CDP Annual Conference - I am pleased to advise you that Rev Kenneth Meshoe MP, Member of the South African Federal Parliament, and President of the African Christian Democratic Party, has accepted Rev Nile's invitation to be guest speaker at our 2009 National CDP Convention This year we booked the Merroo Centre #1 (not the big one #2)-It is much more suitable for us .We have it all for ourselves. Please note its on **Friday July 31 -Sun Aug 2** . We have an excellent line up of speakers.

I'm still looking for more volunteers including office administration, computer IT, etc.

For more details and/or If you like to be part of the CDP office team of 2009 email me on editor@saltandlight.org.au or call me on **(02) 9144 4568** or **(02) 9746 5817**

With the love of Christ
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BRANCH NEWS

The next NSW CDP Council Meeting – Sat May 9;@ 9 Exeter Rd Homebush West The dates for the rest of the year are; June 13; July 11; Aug 8; Sept 12; Oct 10; Nov 14; Dec 12 –Christmas

KIAMA BRANCH – Lesley Kadwell (President) The Kiama Branch meets bi-monthly on the last Monday of June, August, October starting 7:30pm at John & Lesley Kadwell's, 8 Moona Ave, Kiama Downs. Dates for the rest of 2009 are 27 Apr; 29 Jun; 31 Aug & 26 Oct. For more details contact Max Cracknell 4237 7186

HORNSBY BRANCH The Hornsby Branch meets 7.30pm on the first Tuesday of every Even month except December 2009, at the Mount Colah Community Centre Pierre Close Mount Colah.

HUNTER BRANCH For information please contact Milton on 0410 027 593 or Jim on 4952 9651 Hope to see you there - God Bless you all

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INTER STATE

CDP (WA) - By State Director Gerard Goiran

Fremantle by-election - May 16th- Urgent action required

Due to the retirement of current MLA for Fremantle, Jim McGinty, a by-election has been called for the WA seat of Fremantle. The election will take place on Saturday 16th May, at the same time as the referendum on daylight saving. **Julie Hollett** will be standing for CDP at this by-election. Julie already stood for Fremantle at the last state election in September 2008. You can read more about Julie's motivation to stand for the Christian party on her website. A by-election offers a good opportunity for the CDP to promote the importance of Christian values in politics. The Fremantle electorate is typically a Labor and Greens stronghold. The Liberal party has decided not to run a candidate. There are 11 candidates on the ballot paper. Some of these will give their preference to the Greens. It is important to show our support to Julie. CDP will give preferences to candidates who are pro-life and will defend Christian values. Julie would love to hear from any CDP supporter who could help distributing pamphlets before the election and who could help on polling day. You can offer your help by contacting Julie on 0413 787 048 or her campaign manager, Paul Connelly, on 0414 247 286 or email them. We estimate the cost of this election for the CDP at approximately \$3,000 (which we will recoup if we poll over the 4% primary votes). Donations towards this election are very much appreciated. We are thankful to Julie and her team for their willingness to fly the Christian flag at this election and we pray for unity of support from all those who acknowledge the importance of Christian values in the Fremantle electorate: **VOTE 1: Julie Hollett**

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KAREN'S KORNER

by Karen Goderie (Pender)

Pray for God to raise up intercessors , particularly to pray for the party at this time. (For those interested in making a special commitment email me at karenpender@optusnet.com.au)(Romans 8:38) Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

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FWN EDITION

MAY ISSUE

The 'Family World News' is a monthly Christian newspaper edited by Rev Fred Nile. Now in its 15th year of publishing, FWN's mission is to keep you informed of how Government and politics affect you and your family. Annual Subscription @ \$36.00 incl.GST. Special Concession @ \$30.00 Incl. GST (Pastors, Ministers).To subscribe, please send your name, address & credit card details FWN GPO Box 1566 Sydney 1005.

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HOT TOPICS

MISS CALIFORNIA'S CHRISTIAN WITNESS - By Pastor Jonathan Falwell

In most Christians' lives we face times when unforeseen challenges serve to test our capacity (and our willingness) to step into the proverbial fire of standing up for our faith. These moments actually

serve to define who we are: bold followers of Christ or faint-hearted individuals who retreat from conflict. Carrie Prejean, the California representative in this year's Miss USA competition in Las Vegas, was faced with one of these situations recently when she was asked before a national television audience to voice her perspective on same-sex marriage.

In a now famous statement, Carrie replied, in part, "I do believe that marriage should be between a man and a woman; no offense to anybody out there. But that's how I was raised and I believe that it should be between a man and a woman."

As a result of this assertion which reflects her Christian faith, Carrie has been bitterly assailed by critics, most prominently by homosexual activist and blogger Perez Hilton, who posed the question. (It should be noted that Carrie is a student at San Diego Christian College so it is interesting, to say the least, that Mr. Hilton would target Carrie to answer the pointed query. But we know that God works in strange ways.)

On Wednesday, my brother Jerry Jr., the chancellor at Liberty University, introduced Carrie to our student body during a convocation service. She told students that the unexpected event has opened more doors than she ever dreamed possible to speak about her faith in Jesus Christ.

"This has given me an opportunity to proclaim my faith with millions of people," she told a cheering Liberty University audience. She said that when Mr. Hilton's question was posed, she immediately knew that she had come to a spiritual crossroads. "I knew right there that I was either going to please man or please God. And I knew there was no choice," she told our convocation audience.

Then she reminded students that the Christian life is often full of challenges. "You're going to be persecuted, you're going to be made fun of and you're going to be called names. But when you are given an opportunity to stand up for Christ, do it," Carrie said with a radiant smile. "We deeply appreciate what you did," my brother told her.

As I consider Carrie's testimony, I cannot help but ponder a situation that took place in the sixth century B.C. The Book of Daniel, chapter three, tells us of three men—Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-Nego—who refused to bow down to a gold statue of King Nebuchadnezzar. As a penalty, all three were condemned to be cast into a raging furnace. But they remained undaunted. "Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king" (verse 17, NKJV). And as they were tossed into that blazing oven, the men were unharmed even as those around them perished. And as the king looked into that furnace he could see the astonishing image of God standing with the three men in the midst of the fire.

My friends, we face many fires and tests in life. But just as God stood with His servants in the killer furnace of King Nebuchadnezzar, He will stand with you. As Christians, we must remain true to the Savior who is always true to us. I'm thankful to Carrie Prejean for reminding Christians everywhere that God will never forsake those who know Him as Savior.

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Baptist statement on Camden Islamic school court challenge

The Baptist Union of NSW affirms the right of Camden community leaders to express their informed opinion on the proposed Islamic school in Camden and on the Quranic Society which is supporting the development application.

Baptists are committed to living in harmony with people of all faiths and no faith. We are also committed to maintaining a free and democratic society in which no particular religion exercises undue power and influence over another.

We are therefore concerned at the community unrest generated by the Quranic Society's activities in Camden and by allegations that a dangerous political ideology may be driving development plans. If the allegations can be substantiated then the Camden Christian leaders are correct in opposing the development application.

Australians absolutely oppose all form of seditious activity. No politician or community leader would want to be associated with decisions that could lead to a religious-based legal system overriding or operating in conjunction with Australian law.

An overwhelming majority of Arabic Australians are loyal and peace-loving citizens, and many are Christian. The concerns raised over the development application are not based on racial prejudice but on political ideology which would seek to radically transform Australian society, restrict democratic freedoms, and privilege one religion over all others. These community concerns ought to be taken seriously by all sectors of society.

While it is true that Jewish, Christian and Muslim believers are "people of the book," the Judeo-Christian tradition springs from the Old and New Testaments of the Holy Bible whereas the Muslim religion does not. The three faiths each claim Abraham as an exemplar or patriarch, but several core doctrines of these faiths are mutually exclusive. We have lived with this reality for centuries.

The Baptist Union of NSW acknowledges the place of multifaith dialogue and encourages warm personal relations between members of all religious groups. Baptists support freedom and mutual respect in matters of religion. We do not want to see these Australian values eroded by stealth.

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COMING EVENTS

ACNA PUBLIC FORUM - AT EPPING BAPTIST CHURCH

1-5 RAY ROAD (CNR CARLINGFORD ROAD), EPPING

(CLOSE TO EPPING RAILWAY STATION)

SATURDAY 16 MAY 2009, 2.00-4.00 PM

Pastor Andrew Green -Topic: 'Our Next Generation'

Rev David Bakhsh Topic: 'Islamic Militancy and Western Capitulation'

\$10 includes afternoon tea/coffee and biscuits

SPONSORED BY THE AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN NATION ASSOCIATION INCRegistration: 1.30 pm

Please book early for catering purposes - Thank you.

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The National Curriculum

You're invited To a conference for primary & Secondary Teachers Saturday 16 May
Chester Hill North Public School - Campbell Hill Rd Chester Hill
Keynote Speaker Professor Barry McGraw

It is very rarely that Christians have such a great opportunity to speak into our National School Curriculum. It would be good for many Christian teachers and Educators to be at this event and demonstrate our desire to play a part of the education process of the children of Australia.
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YOUR SAY

*Thanks Peter, Christ is risen. The fact is the fact.
God bless you as you continue your blessed ministry to the saints and for Fred to the glory of God.
Pressing on,
Greg B*

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Thanks for the greeting dear brother.....Have a blessed week.
John M*

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Dear Rev. Nile and CDP friends,
Thank you for your email and well researched and written articles.
I thank God for your presence in our nation. May our Lord continue to guide and bless you.
Wishing you and Elaine a happy and holy Easter.
Blessings to you both,
Diana*

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.....I want to thank you for sending the updates in the past.
They have been informative and, mostly, encouraging.
Yours sincerely,
Walter A*

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Hi Peter
Its wonderful to hear your good news. I listen to your CD everyday. God bless you.
Noelle C*



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