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2026 Annual Benefit Dinner

**May 14, 2026**

**Kalamazoo First  
Assembly of God Church**  
Portage, MI



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Doors Open at 5:30 p.m.  
Dinner & Program at 6:30 p.m.

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### Prof. William Wagner

*special guest speaker*

Professor William Wagner currently serves as President and Chairman of Salt & Light Global as well as President of the Great Lakes Justice Center (GLJC). He holds the academic rank of Distinguished Professor Emeritus. Professor Wagner is an internationally recognized expert in constitutional law and good governance. He and the GLJC authored an amicus curiae brief on behalf of Right to Life of Michigan calling for the overturn of Roe v. Wade in a 2019 case before the U.S. Supreme Court. He also authored written testimony, evidence, and briefs in such forums as the Swedish Supreme Court, the U.S. Congress, and the U.K. Parliament. He has further addressed many executive, legislative, parliamentary, and judicial audiences throughout the world, and presented at various diplomatic forums including the U.N. Human Rights Council in Geneva.

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## What News! Democrat State Rep leaves party for Jesus!

(adapted from variety of news sources)

On March 2, Detroit state representative Karen Whitsett announced that she will not seek re-election and will not run for public office again, citing a faith-based decision rooted in her commitment to Jesus Christ. In a statement to *The Michigan Chronicle*, Whitsett said, “This is not a political calculation—it’s a spiritual decision,” and added that she would support leaders “committed to improving lives and strengthening families based on God’s word.”

Whitsett has been criticized by Democrats after breaking with the party more than once over abortion, alternative COVID-19 treatments, and paid leave and sick time. She even met with President Trump at the White House during the pandemic, further alienating her from fellow Democrats. During the December, 2024 lame duck session (before Republicans would take control of the House in January, 2025), Democrats tried to push through radical legislation. Rep. Whitsett joined Republicans in denying Dems a quorum, thus preventing them from passing those bills in the waning days of the year.

It is reported that Whitsett had been absent for 86 percent of House votes. The liberal press and fellow Dems have called this absenteeism, Rather, it is probably more related to her crisis of confidence as a Democrat no longer willing to comply with policies that contradicted her faith. Democrats celebrated Whitsett’s announcement she wouldn’t run for office in the future. “Good riddance,” said Michigan Democratic Party Chair Curtis Hertel. While her soon departure from politics is good news for Dems since they will now be able to fill her seat with a more reliable, solidly pro-abortion lawmaker, it’s also better news for the Kingdom of God. It’s a rare sight when a politician gives up the trappings of power for God’s higher power and His glory.

In a YouTube video titled “I won’t sell my soul,” Whitsett states, “I have compromised my relationship with Jesus for too long. I’ve been trying to please man while grieving the Spirit.” A fellow Republican legislator had approached her telling her that while she was elected to represent her district she was not sent here to sell your soul. She has referred to abortion as black-on-black crime, a not too subtle observation that the abortion industry targets the black community far more than any other ethnic or racial group.

Welcome back Karen. We applaud your courage and your commitment to God. His Word is true: “For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul.” Mark 8:36

### Legislative Update from Right to Life of Michigan

House Bills 5201-5203 were introduced on November 4, 2025. The bills amend the public health code and require the Michigan Dept. of Health & Human Services to publish an annual report on abortion statistics and provide criminal penalties for releasing private patient information. These bills would restore laws the state had for over four decades that required reporting on the number and type of abortions, as well as abortion complications. Women have a right to know accurate information about the procedure they are considering undergoing or medicine they are considering taking. This begins with data that demonstrates associated safety or risk. The former laws

were repealed by radical pro-abortion lawmakers in the previous session, ending decades of oversight and transparency despite a 38 percent spike in reported abortion complications in the final 2023 report. The bills were voted out of House committee with a 9-3 vote (with 5 members absent) on December 10, 2025, along party lines. RLM provided testimony in support of these bills. No date has been set for final House debate and vote on this bill.

NOTE: These bills face an uncertain future in the state senate given that pro-abortion lawmakers hold a slight majority. And our very pro-abortion governor, Gretchen Whitmer, would most likely veto these commonsense laws to protect women.

## TX senate candidate James Talarico thinks God is pro-choice

In the last few weeks, videos have surfaced on the internet featuring Texas senatorial candidate James Talarico making some rather bizarre statements about God, the Bible, or biblical concepts. Two remarks stand out for this discussion.

“God is non-binary.” Let that sink in. Talarico is convinced that God somehow is confused about his “gender.” Let’s unpack this. God is a spirit. He does not have a human body. Jesus, the second person of the Trinity, became man. He did have a human body. But Talarico is referring to God in a more Old Testament context. But he is still wrong. When the disciples ask Jesus how to pray, he says, “When you pray say Our Father...who art in heaven.” Jesus identifies God in masculine terms. Both OT and NT agree that God is always referred to in masculine terminology.

“God is pro-choice.” Talarico states that when Mary was visited by the angel in Luke 1 that Gabriel asks her if this (become the mother of Jesus) is something she wants to do...and she says yes, “If it’s God will, let it be done.” Talarico continues, “To me, that is an affirmation in one of our most central stories that creation has to be done with consent. You cannot force someone to create.” Again, Talarico is wrong. In verse 31 Luke writes, “You **will** conceive in your womb” not “you might if you consent.” In verse 35 Luke writes, “The Holy Spirit **will** come upon you” not “the Spirit might come upon you if you consent.” God had already chosen Mary. He already knew that she would “consent” to become the mother of Jesus. It was already predetermined. God was not waiting for her answer...her consent to the plan. She submitted to God’s will with a grateful heart.

This article is not intended to be a theological statement. It merely shows how pro-abortion people who claim to be Christians twist and distort the Bible to fit their pre-conceived political positions on social issues.

### Planned Parenthood Manager Reveals the Three Reasons She Quit

Sarah Terzo, LifeNews.com

Former PP director Annette Lancaster says she didn’t have strong feelings about abortion when she was hired to manage a PP facility. “I never really saw myself as pro-life or pro-choice. I went into it thinking, this is a great management experience. I’ll be the manager of an entire clinic.” But once there, Lancaster was upset by the way abortion workers at PP were trained to pressure women into having abortions. Her bosses expected her to sell many abortions, and reprimanded her when her abortion numbers fell, leading Annette to wonder if PP had an unofficial abortion “quota.” But she gave several reasons why she quit Planned Parenthood. One was an encounter with a patient who asked a disturbing question on the abortion table. “[The patient] grabbed my hand, and looked into my eyes, and asked me, ‘Will God forgive me for this? Do you think God is gonna forgive me for this?’ I knew what I wanted to say. I knew what my heart was saying, but I gave her the typical PP answer that I was

taught, which was to answer her question with a question. And so I said, ‘Do you believe in a forgiving God? Do you think God is going to forgive you for this?’ And I just kind of left her with no answer.”

Lancaster related the tragic story of her cousin’s daughter who had an abortion and suffered fatal complications. “My relative ended up going to an abortion clinic in North Carolina. She was only 16 or 17 years old. Afterwards she said, ‘Something’s not right. I don’t feel well. I’m hemorrhaging more than what I expect.’ She was told, ‘Hemorrhaging is normal. You’re going to have a really heavy period.’ And she was ignored until her mother had to call the ambulance because she was hemorrhaging. She ended up being admitted to the ICU and then passed away because she lost too much blood.” Annette felt “very responsible” for her second cousin’s death: “I thought to myself what are you doing? Someone has actually now died from the process we said was safe.” She was also troubled by the illegal things she saw going on at PP. “They falsified paperwork and documentation. We’re falsifying ultrasounds so that we can perform procedures and make money.” One day, pro-lifers put literature from

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the pro-life group “And Then There Were None”—a ministry that helps abortion workers to leave the industry—all over Lancaster’s car. The group gave her the support she needed to leave PP and find a new job. Lancaster now tells her story to educate people on the practices of Planned Parenthood and the abortion industry.

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KRTL oratory contest winner Faustina Plotz

## Oratory Contest winner announced

On March 28, Kalamazoo Right to Life hosted its annual high school oratory contest. This year’s winner is home-school freshman, Faustina Plotz, from Van Buren County. Pictured here is Faustina receiving her first place certificate and prize money from KRTL vice president Rob Karrer. Well done Faustina! She will be able to give her speech at Kalamazoo RTL’s Focus on Life dinner on May 14 as well as represent Kalamazoo at the state contest later this spring.



Vice President Rob Karrer and Faustina Plotz