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CANADIAN PLANNED PARENTHOOD ISSUES ANNUAL REPORT PRO-ABORTION GROUP ENJOYED MODEST GROWTH IN 2004-2005 FISCAL YEAR

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A “national network that takes leadership in advancing sexual and reproductive health and rights in Canada and abroad...” This is how the Planned Parenthood Federation of Canada (PPFC) describes itself in its *Annual Report* for 2004-2005. The group seeks to accomplish its goals in four ways: public education and awareness, support for the delivery of programs and services, advocacy, and international projects and liaison with the International Planned Parenthood Federation,” with which PPFC is affiliated.

An Introduction



“Partners in crime”:
Capperauld & Cohen

Linda Capperauld, PPFC’s executive director, and Andrea Cohen, its president, wrote about how proud they are of the group’s 40 year history of “promoting reproductive health as a fundamental human right.” They provided an overview of activities over the past four decades:

We supported the legalization of contraception and the decriminalization of abortion in Canada in the late 1960’s [sic]. We have worked for many years internationally to assist developing countries to increase access to family planning and reproductive health services. And we have always been there to help Canadians make informed choices about their sexual and reproductive health

The pro-abortion leaders were sure to offer reasons why the group should continue to exist and is worthy of support:

[A]s times change, we are faced with new issues and challenges. People are still denied access to sexual and reproductive health education and services because of their age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, geography, cost and anti-choice beliefs. Planned Parenthood recognizes that one of the basic human rights for all individuals throughout life must include healthy sexuality, its diversity of expression and reproductive choice.

New Name. Same Deadly Agenda

PPFC has decided to change the group’s name. Capperauld said “Planned Parenthood” distorts the group’s message and

services. “A lot of young people thought they would only turn to us if they were ready to start having children,” she told the *Globe and Mail*. “They didn’t see that we had a much broader focus and broader range of services.” But STOPP International’s Jim Sedlak wrote to congratulate LDI for forcing the name change. He said that by exposing PPFC’s agenda, the name “Planned Parenthood” became tarnished—synonymous with death and anti-family goals. Of course, many organizations, including STOPP, have been involved in doing so.

PPFC’s new name, the Canadian Federation for Sexual Health (CFSH), was not well received by everyone in the federation. Some affiliates have decided to keep the Planned Parenthood name. Hazelle Palmer of the group’s Toronto, Ontario affiliate, criticized the new name as too broad. “This change, from our perspective, may open up a wider perspective and may shift the priorities of the organization.” Palmer conceded that the name “Planned Parenthood” does have “a certain stigma in some communities” but the Toronto affiliate would prefer to try changing public perception.

Capperauld may not realize that the name “Planned Parenthood” had intentionally been chosen because it is ambiguous. Initially founded in the United States as the Birth Control Federation of America, it was later determined that the “Planned Parenthood” name would open many more doors. The name change was precipitated by events taking place in Europe in the 1930s and 1940s. But those were different times and a misleading name may no longer be necessary.

Capperauld and Cohen addressed the name change controversy in the introduction of the *Annual Report*:

As we move forward to meet this challenge, we are adopting a new name to more accurately reflect our mission and to speak to new generations. By changing our name from Planned Parenthood Federation of Canada to the *Canadian Federation for Sexual Health*, we are ensuring that the great work we do will be more accessible to the people who need our services.

Our focus will remain the same, but with our new name, we will be able to be a stronger champion for the sexual health



and reproductive choices of all Canadians. We will move ahead and expand the work we have been doing for 40 years, in new ways.

In truth, the new name is much more accurate and actually relates to the group's work. Let's face it; "Planned Parenthood" never helped anyone plan parenthood. On the contrary, Planned Parenthood helps people prevent it.

Finances

PPFC continued to increase its revenue in 2004-2005. More than half of its funding comes from the rabidly pro-abortion Canadian government.

FINANCES AT A GLANCE			
P.P.F.C. 2003-2004 & 2004-2005			
	<u>2003-2004</u>	<u>2004-2005</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Revenue	\$1,998,022	\$2,259,787	11.58
Total Expenditures	\$2,192,260	\$2,333,840	6.07
Income*	<u>2003-2004</u>	<u>2004-2005</u>	
CIDA**	29	34	
Public Health Agency of Canada	24	17	
Private Contributions	27	26	
Gifts In-Kind	17	16	
Other	4	7	
Expenses*	<u>2003-2004</u>	<u>2004-2005</u>	
National Programs	43	44	
International Programs	37	32	
Resource Development (Fund-Raising)	10	7	
Administration	12	15	

* percentage of total rounded to the nearest whole number
 ** Canadian International Development Agency; part of the Canadian government

International Meddling

PPFC has continued to interfere in the internal affairs of foreign countries. Over the past year it has started new projects in Belize, Brazil and Jamaica that are designed to "work with local partners and young people to encourage their healthy development through programs that are participatory, rights-based, culturally sensitive and locally driven." PPFC also started a program in Pakistan that it calls "a behaviour change communication strategy for improved sexual and reproductive health with adolescents, service providers and community members..."

In Mexico, PPFC provided "management training" to the staff of *Ombigos al Sol*, a "youth-driven radio program that addresses adolescent sexual and reproductive health." PPFA has also become involved in Asia.

Domestic Disturbance

In Canada, PPFC continued its collaboration with the Canadian Health Network (CHN). With CHN support, PPFC held the third annual Sexual and Reproductive Health Day (see related story, "Event Endorsed," November-December 2005 edition of *The Caleb Report*). In April, PPFC participated in Canada's Day of Action for Choice (CDAC).



Marching to justify sin: Capperaulb (left) hoists a PPFC banner behind Morgentaler. (Why do we suspect that Capperaulb got behind the vile abortionist to get this photo and he had no idea she was there?)

There is no better way to "celebrate" CDAC than establishing a scholarship in the name of a notorious abortionist. The "Dr. Henry Morgentaler Future Choice Scholarship" program will give \$1,000 to fourth-year medical students based on their "elective course selection cycle" (in other words, on the likelihood the student will commit abortions after graduation). If nothing else, the award will certainly serve to encourage medical students to commit the deadly act.

The rhetoric used by PPFC to describe its condom distribution program is intriguing:

Finally, with the support of Ansell Canada, PPFC continued the condom distribution program with PPFC affiliates, which provides 23 affiliate members with condoms and lubricant, to be used for educational purposes.

Yes, the condoms and lubricant were to be used for "educational purposes."

Like any Planned Parenthood entity, PPFC focused a lot of its attention on youth. Its What Will It Take Youth Project was established to determine what would be necessary to convince young Canadians to get involved in advocacy work at the national level. The group also expanded its Youth Education About Health in the North program, which focuses its work on Nunavut.



Nunavut is a beautiful region located in Canada's Arctic North.

The Future

While PPFC does not commit abortions it does provide referrals. It is just a matter of time before the group jumps into the lucrative abortion market.

PPFC could change its name once a week and it will not do the group any good as pro-family activists will quickly adapt. They key is in persistently exposing its dangerous agenda; in pointing out that the name change is intended to trick the general public into thinking this is a different group. PPFC has merely traded sheep's clothing for that of a goat, but the wolf is still inside.

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