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Dear ACL Supporter,

My name is Wendy Francis and I recently commenced as ACL's Queensland State Director. My husband Peter is Senior Pastor at City Tabernacle Baptist Church in Brisbane. We have been married 31 years and have three married children and ten grandchildren. My professional background is in management at Griffith University and Queensland Baptists. Can I take this opportunity to thank Peter Earle for his work with ACL over many years.



Wendy Francis
Queensland State Director

The start to our year has been tumultuous, altering the landscape in more ways than just physical. In the midst of tragedy, the churches around our state have shone. Premier Anna Bligh, referring to the church, spoke of it as having provided "safe havens" for many victims of the disaster. I spoke with one of her advisors and the Deputy Premier, Paul Lucas, both of whom said that the church had been "brilliant". The church truly were the "hands of Christ": housing flood victims, providing countless meals, donating money and goods, fundraising and opening their homes to strangers. It is through this kind of service that the presence of God with us is made visible. The hope generated by the response of Christian people is palpable and should encourage each one of us who are part of the Body of Christ.

Meanwhile there are issues that continue to be of concern that we need your support and help. The national advocacy group GetUp has funded billboards and TV ads aimed at decriminalising abortion (making it legal for any reason until birth). Federally, the Greens are pressuring the Gillard Government to renege on its election promise to uphold marriage between a man and a woman.

I'm currently in the process of preparing submissions to two Federal inquiries dealing with classification and media regulation.

Supporters are integral to the work of ACL. Would you consider joining an "Alert Team" where I can call on you to respond to issues and write to your MP? Or would you like to be a part of a Prayer Support Team? Or is your Church interested in hearing about the work of ACL? Please contact me for information.

I'll be at the following churches to talk about the work of ACL. I would love to meet you if you can make it.

Sunday 20th February	5.15pm	Coolum Beach Baptist Church
Saturday 26th February	7.30am	Uniting Church Ladies Breakfast, Palm Lakes, Bethania
Sunday 27th February	9.30am	Albion Baptist Church, Brisbane
Sunday 27th March	9.30am	Dalby Baptist Church, Dalby
Sunday 3rd April	8.15am	Trinity Uniting Church, Wellington Point
Sunday 3rd April	9.45am	Thorneside Uniting Church

Shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the Word of LIFE!

Thank-you for your support,

Wendy Francis
ACL Queensland Director

