



## Governor Noem to Appeal District Court Decision in Planned Parenthood v. Noem

By: Dale Bartscher, SDRTL Executive Director

Since 2011 SD Right to Life has been patiently waiting, working and praying for this day to happen. Ultimately, we had hoped the injunction against HB1217 would have been dissolved and the law would have taken effect in South Dakota. However, HB1217 will now be appealed to the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals after having been passed by the SD Legislature in 2011 and signed by then Governor Dennis Daugaard. Sincere appreciation is extended to Leslee Unruh and the Alpha Center of Sioux Falls, along with Harold Cassidy an Attorney at Law, for the hard work and long hours they have put into this case over the years. May God speed the process going forward! The Governor's Press Release on this Decision reads as follows:

PIERRE, S.D. – Following the District Court ruling in Planned Parenthood v. Noem, Governor Kristi Noem announced (August 20, 2021) that the State of South Dakota will appeal the ruling to the United States 8th Circuit Court of Appeals.

“All life is precious. Mothers should have the opportunity to hear all relevant information before they are faced with the ‘choice’ of whether to end their unborn child’s life,” said Governor Kristi Noem. “I look forward to the day when all life – born and unborn – is protected by law. Given that the US Supreme Court will soon decide on the constitutionality of prohibiting abortion before ‘viability,’ we are asking the 8th Circuit to recognize that the people’s legislators should have the ability to pass pro-life laws.”

The District Court had previously enjoined the provision in South Dakota state law requiring that a pregnant woman consult with a pregnancy help center, ensuring that she had all facts available, before deciding whether to abort her unborn child.

Today’s decision by the District Court refused to dissolve the injunction, so the law passed by the people’s representatives is suspended until a final court decision is rendered. In doing so, the Court rejected the will of the people when it comes to protecting unborn life.

The State of South Dakota will appeal to ensure that women considering an abortion have all the facts regarding their unborn child and the potential risks of an abortion procedure.



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## Volunteers and Donors Advance our Mission

*By: Debbie Pease, SDRTL President*



As the fair season is winding down, I want to send a huge shout out to our army of volunteers and donors who make it possible for South Dakota Right to Life to share a positive pro-life message at so many fairs throughout the state. You have helped to award tens of thousands of pro-life prizes and stickers to children and adults who are eager to learn more about the developing child in the womb.

At our booths, we ask things like: when did your heart start beating? when did your fingerprints start developing? and is it true you could suck your thumb before you were born? Then we show the tiny fetal models and pictures that help them understand how wonderfully they have been made from the very beginning. Our prayer is that if someday they are faced with an unplanned pregnancy, they will remember these tiny babies and seek the resources they need to choose life for their child.

I am also incredibly grateful for those who share our pro-life message in the large and small parades across the state. Thousands of bags, stickers, pencils and bracelets bearing pro-life messages have been distributed because of the generosity of our volunteers and donors. You are truly making a difference in the battle to change hearts and minds.

This is not a battle that is going to be over in our lifetime. After fifty years, our country is still as divided as ever on abortion and assisted suicide. We must not grow weary. We must continue this important work, and we must mentor the younger generation to do the same until one day abortion and assisted suicide are not only illegal, but unthinkable.

So, thank you again for your help in furthering our mission to defend human life from conception to natural death. I encourage all our volunteers, and those who want to become volunteers, to join us for our 50th State Convention (more info on page 8). It is a wonderful time to get connected, educated and motivated so you can be even more effective at advocating for life. I hope to see you there.



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# Reject the NEA and side with South Dakota Families

By: Representative Jon Hansen



Editor's Note: Representative Jon Hansen serves as the Vice-President on the SDRTL's Board of Directors

The South Dakota Education Association Teachers Union (the SDEA) is the local affiliate of the National Education Association Teachers Union (the NEA). The SDEA teacher's union forces all of its members to also be members of the NEA teachers union.

The SDEA teacher's union needs to take a stand, either with the radical leftists who control the NEA teachers union and the philosophies they promote, or with South Dakota parents who don't want their kids indoctrinated with far left ideology in our schools.

A few years ago, I sponsored and passed a legislative resolution denouncing the NEA teacher's union for taking an official position in support of abortion. The NEA teacher's union stated—in its officially adopted position—that, “the NEA vigorously opposes all attacks on the right to choose and stands on the fundamental right to abortion under *Roe v. Wade*.” Is that the message that the SDEA teacher's union wants their member teachers to be teaching your kids in school?

Now, the NEA teacher's union has taken an official position in support of Critical Race Theory. Critical Race Theory rejects Martin Luther King Jr's dream that his “four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.” Instead, Critical Race Theory teaches your young child that he or she is an intrinsic oppressor of minorities and systemically racist. Is that the message that the SDEA teacher's union wants their member teachers to be teaching your kids in school?

For the SDEA teacher's union, in the words of Ronald Reagan, this is a time for choosing. Will the SDEA teacher's union continue to side with the radical leftists in the NEA? Will the SDEA teacher's union continue to affiliate with, support, and fund the NEA which officially supports abortion and Critical Race Theory? Will the SDEA teacher's union continue to force its members to be a part of the radical NEA?

Or, will the SDEA teacher's union denounce the radical positions of the NEA and side with South Dakota parents so that parents know that when they send their child to school in our state that they receive a proper education rather than indoctrination?

To me, the answer is easy, reject the NEA and side with South Dakota families. How will the SDEA teacher's union answer?

# 2021 National Right to Life Convention

By: Valerie Johnson, NRTL Delegate

After missing a year, it was so good to see so many friendly and familiar faces again who join together to help restore the right to life in society and law. This is just a little overview of the 50th National Right to Life Convention, June 24, 25, and 26 in Herndon, Virginia. Recordings of the sessions are available online at [NRLconventions.com](http://NRLconventions.com). This year, I think we appreciated seeing each other's faces so much more - especially some people who had been locked down in their states. Our attendance was down considerably, and it was one day shorter than usual, but it was a wonderful and encouraging event! Each year, I wish more people would attend these conventions, and I am so grateful the recordings are available at [NRLconventions.com](http://NRLconventions.com).

Our SDRTL Executive Director Dale Bartscher and our Board Secretary Beth Spitzer were able to attend the NRLC Board meeting and Convention - such a blessing! Thursday evening began with "Viable, The Truth in One Act," a play about a wound which time will not heal. Each time I see this play, I experience it a little differently. Friday started with a prayer breakfast. Although NRLC is not affiliated specifically with any religious organization, there are many within NRLC who are religious.

The general session questioning, "Is this case the first step to overturning Roe?" answered some questions about the Dobbs case which will be heard by the Supreme Court. The day continued with workshops and ended with a final general session featuring Patricia Sandoval and during which the winner of the NRLC video contest was announced - check it out at [NRLconvention.com](http://NRLconvention.com). Saturday morning started off with our general session, "There's No Such Thing as 'Just a Little' Euthanasia." National Right to Life and our affiliates definitely take a position against euthanasia - or whatever the newest term for euthanasia might be. There is a good durable power of attorney form called "Will to Live" the pro-life alternative to a living will. This good durable power of attorney form is available at [nrlc.org](http://nrlc.org). Workshops continued Saturday morning, a general session "counteracting the abortion pill one life at a time." and workshops continued through the afternoon.

Between workshops and sessions, we had coffee breaks and a chance to visit with other state affiliates, numerous pro-life information booths, and vendors. Running alongside the adult convention, there is also a National Teens for Life Convention and a NRL Teen Oratory Contest. One of the most informative sessions at the teen convention is given by our NRLC Western Regional Director Brian Johnston, "Understanding the Why of Right to Life." His book, "Evil Twins - Roe & Doe, how the Supreme Court unleashed medical killing" is available online and in print and gets to the heart of understanding the 'why.' Our closing banquet, a great reminder that voting pro-life is important, featured US Senator Tom Cotton from Arkansas. Next year, join us in Atlanta, Georgia! Stay tuned for more details this winter - registration opens up in January 2022!



## “MyPillow” Once Again Supports Our State SDRTL Convention

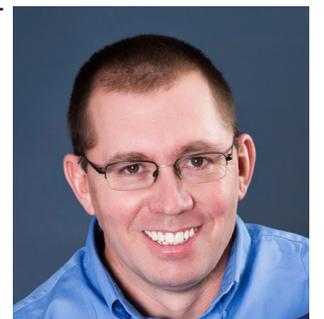


of these pillows. Doors to our 'Exhibit Hall' will open at 6:00 pm.

Register **TODAY** for our SDRTL State Convention at:  
[www.sdRightToLife.org](http://www.sdRightToLife.org)

## SDRTL Proudly Welcomes Doug Post To Their Board of Directors

Doug Post grew up in rural Brookings County, graduated from SDSU, and now owns a small farm raising dairy and beef cattle with his wife, Ginger and five children, Steph, Zach, Jacob, Kaden and Tory. He has been active in Volga Christian School, Volga Christian Reformed Church and served as a state Representative for Legislative District 7.



Doug will serve SDRTL as a Region-Three Director representing the city of Brookings and the surrounding area.

# 2021 Humanitarian of the Year Award: Lisa Ulmer



Lisa Ulmer is SDRTL's 2021 Humanitarian of the Year and will be honored at the SDRTL's Convention on Saturday, October 2.

Lisa lives in Hartford, SD, with her husband and best friend, Randy. They have two sons, a daughter (-in-law), and two granddaughters. They are members of St. George Parish and Hartford-Humboldt Right to Life.

Lisa is happily retired and feels so blessed to have their family close by (in Sioux Falls). She enjoys music, playing guitar and piano, family get-togethers, tea parties, dress-up, and puzzles, coffee with friends, and laughing till she cries.

Lisa writes, "My commitment to the sanctity of human life began at the age of 8, when Roe v. Wade became the law of the land and mom sat me down and asked me to wear 'this bracelet' until the law was reversed. She explained abortion to me the same year that I was ironing out the details about Christmas. While only a small child at the time, looking at that bracelet on my arm for

the next two years, I was reminded of the injustice of abortion and that God - alone - is 'The Alpha and The Omega'. As it says in Galatians, "Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time, we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up" (Gal 6:9). He gives us grace ... that synergy that makes our "sum" greater than our "parts." Because we are His, we are never alone on this journey."

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## SDRTL Youth at Convention

By: *Kassidy Peters, SDRTL Youth Outreach Coordinator*

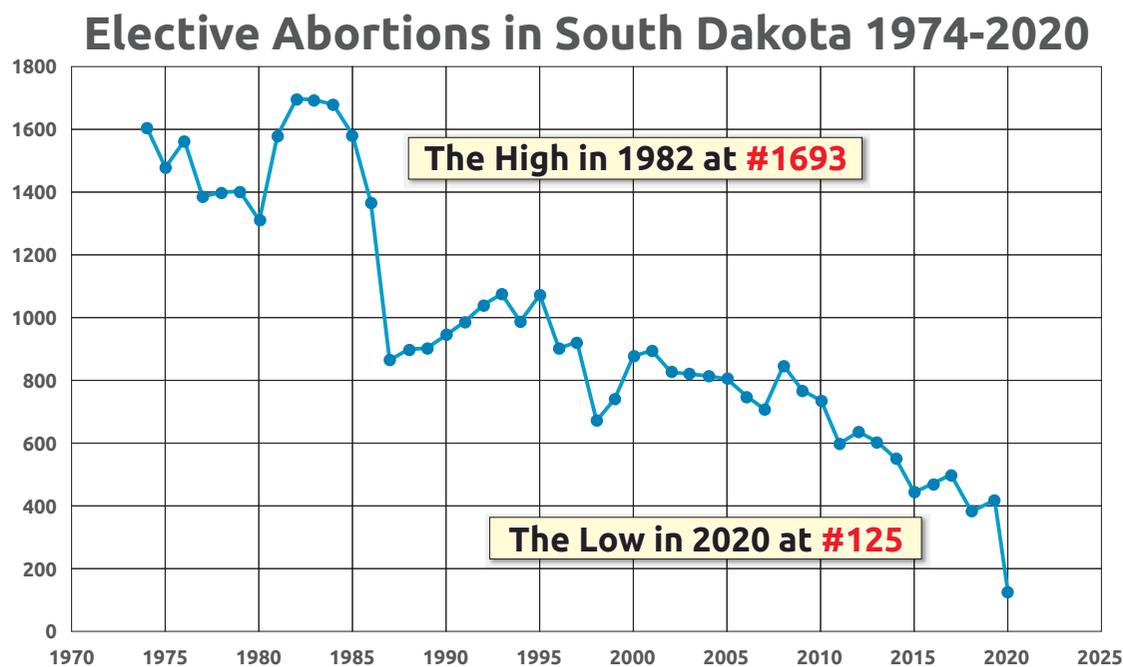


Once again, I am excited to be leading the SDRTL Youth Convention this year. This will be my third year and I believe we will have the biggest turnout yet. I look forward to this every year as I see the impact the convention has on our youth. It's so encouraging to see them engage and learn so they can go out and make an impact among those around them. Please send your 7th - 12 Graders and have them invite their

friends. Not only will we learn, we will have fun doing it!

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## Data compiled from South Dakota Department of Health's Annual Reports on Induced Abortions



# UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept. 10:** Rapid City Area RTL “Golf Tournament” (Rapid City, 7:00 am)  
**Sept. 10:** SDRTL’s Booth at the Meade County GOP Lincoln Day Dinner (Sturgis, 5:30 pm)  
**Sept. 11:** Walk To End Alzheimer’s (Memorial Park Band Shell, Rapid City, 10:00 am)  
**Sept. 11:** SDRTL’s Booth at the Penn. County GOP LDD (Rapid City, 5:30 pm)  
**Sept. 17:** Black Hills Pregnancy Center’s Fall Dinner (Piedmont, 6:15 pm)  
**Sept. 18:** National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children  
**Oct. 1-2:** SDRTL STATE CONVENTION (Sioux Falls First Church, Friday at 7:00 pm, Saturday at 9:00 am)  
**Oct. 3:** “Life Chain” (Sioux Falls, 2:00 - 3:00 pm)  
**Oct. 14:** Bella Pregnancy Center’s “Gala for Life Dinner” (Spearfish, 6:30 pm)  
**Oct. 16:** SDRTL’s Booth at the Lutherans For Life Conference (Sioux Falls)  
**Oct. 18-19:** Family Heritage Alliance’s “Stand Events” (Sioux Falls, Rapid City)  
**November:** National Adoption Month!  
**Nov. 30:** South Dakota “Day of Giving” (Please remember SDRTL)  
**Jan. 11 - Mar. 10, 2022:** SDRTL’S Lobbying during the SD Legislative Session  
**Jan. 30, 2022:** SDRTL’s - ‘Walk for Life’ - 12:00 noon and ‘Hour of Reflection’ - 2:00 pm (State Capitol, Pierre)



## 2021 Essay Contest



### Topic: Why are YOU pro-life?

\$\$\$ prizes for TOP 5 essays in each division!

1st	\$300
2nd	\$250
3rd	\$200
4th	\$150
5th	\$100

Junior division: grades 7 - 9  
Senior division: grades 10 - 12

Essays will be judged on:

- Originality
- Content
- Accuracy

Essays must be 300 - 500 words & must be emailed by Nov. 1, 2021.  
Email entries to: [dpeace84@yahoo.com](mailto:dpeace84@yahoo.com)

Deadline: November 1, 2021  
Accepting entries now!

Find additional information, including rules, at [www.sdrighttolife.org](http://www.sdrighttolife.org)  
Questions? Call Debbie at 605-929-4933

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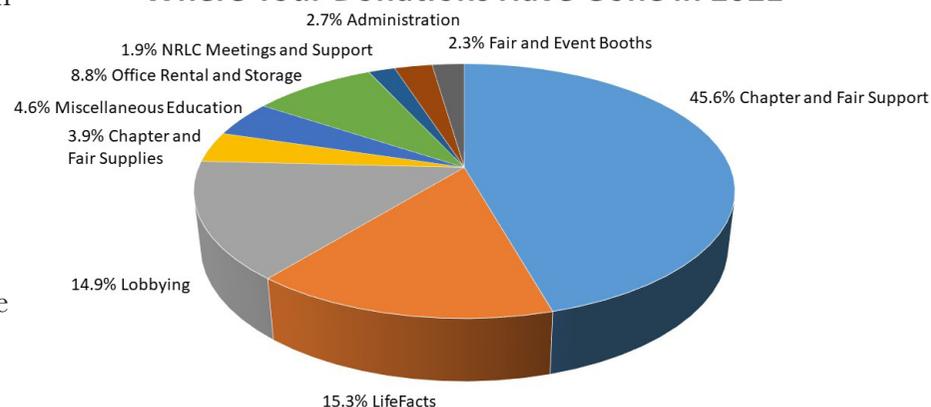
# Where Your Donations are Going

By: Spencer Cody, SDRTL Treasurer

As we make our way through the latter half of 2021, let us take a look at how South Dakota Right to Life has ensured that every contribution received is stretched as far as it possibly can be toward our mission, and we hope that you will partner or continue to partner with us as a sustaining member in 2021. Sustaining monthly memberships are extremely important in keeping our pro-life work going throughout the entire year. You could say South Dakota Right to Life's pro-life advocacy has many seasons of outreach varying from advocacy in our seat of government in Pierre at the beginning of the year progressing to advocacy in your hometown at local fairs and events later in the summer with a diversity of outreach at the chapter level in between.

Unfortunately, having that presence and ensuring that the voiceless will always be heard in South Dakota does not come without expense. So far in 2021, roughly 46% of your donations have gone toward providing staff in support of chapters, pro-life outreach, and coordinating booths and exhibits at fairs and other events. Lobbying for pro-life legislation each session in Pierre has taken up another 14.9% of our budget. The LifeFacts that you receive goes to more than 16,000 households and makes up more than 15% of this year's budget. A remaining 4.6% of donations are spent on miscellaneous education outreach. Only 2.7% of your donations are being spent on administration of membership mailings, postage, and office supplies. Every dollar that you donate gets fully utilized in the most meaningful and impactful way possible. Thank you so much for supporting South Dakota Right to Life!

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# 50th Annual South Dakota Right to Life Convention ~ A Celebration of Life Weekend ~



Hosted by Sioux Falls Area Right to Life  
Sioux Falls First Church 6300 W. 41st St. Sioux Falls, SD

## Friday, October 1st

Open and Free to the Public: 6:00 pm - Doors Open  
6:00 pm - Social and Exhibit Hall Browsing; 7:00 – 8:30 pm - Welcome and Program

## Saturday, October 2nd

Open to the Registered Public: 8:00 am - Doors Open  
8:00 am - Registration, Refreshments, Exhibit Browsing; 9:00 am – 4:30 pm - General Session, Lunch Provided  
Breakout Sessions for Middle and High School Students

## Sunday, October 3rd

2:00 – 3:00 PM – 41st Street 'Life Chain'

## Nationally Acclaimed Speakers



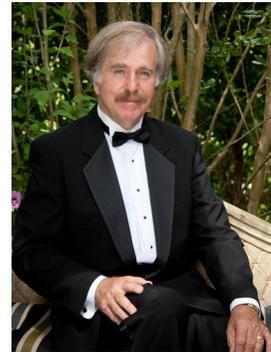
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