



# Moving On

How You and I Can Continue Standing Up for the Unborn

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Dear Friends,

My year with Justice For All has come to a close. When I sent out my first letter explaining that I wanted to devote my first year out of college to pro-life mission work, I wasn't entirely sure what to expect, but I knew that God was leading me here at least for this season. I'm so glad he did, because this internship has been just about the best thing I could imagine doing with this year in between school and marriage. I can think of no better environment in which to receive an education on pro-life ministry and the issues surrounding abortion, and no better environment in which to consistently help make a difference for the unborn and their parents.



My final conversation at a large JFA outreach this year was with Brittany (left), who had been part of a pro-choice protest against our exhibit, and her friend Conner (center). As the conversation ended, Connor's words to me were, "Thank you for showing compassion."

This year I have been steeped in some of the best pro-life arguments and outreach strategies in the country. I have grown and been stretched further than I thought possible in my ability to speak about abortion, both publicly and in close, personal dialogue. I have been mentored by those more experienced than myself, and learned to mentor others. I have even learned practical elements of ministry like event management, support-raising, and developing training and outreach material. I've struggled with deep questions about humanity, ethics, science, and theology. My heart has been broken and encouraged in cycles by encounters with people from every imaginable worldview and background. I have been to churches, schools, and homes all over the country and discovered over and over again that everyone needs to be loved as one of God's image bearers. And I have learned to do my best to love them by listening, engaging, and sharing the truth.

Throughout this adventure, I have been deeply grateful for the way you have partnered with me through your financial support, prayers, and encouragement. I could never have devoted this kind of time and energy to protecting the unborn without your help.

I have the greatest respect for people who choose to pursue long-term, full-time pro-life work. There is a deep need for that. But I am convinced that that is not my main vocation at this time. First, geography makes it impossible for me to continue working with JFA, as my fast-approaching married life will begin based in Pennsylvania due to my fiancé's school and occupation as an associate pastor committed to a local church. In addition, I recognize that I am now equipped to take the sort of pro-life education Justice For All offers and pass it on to people who would otherwise not have the opportunity to receive it. JFA is growing, but it can only train in so many places. My long-term goal is to make connections throughout my new area, train up church members, and help instill the new group of churches I will be involved in with a renewed passion to protect the unborn. Finally, through a series of influences, I



I am going to deeply miss working with these and other JFA staff and volunteers! This community has been an incredible blessing to me, and I hope to continue my involvement with them at some level throughout this next season of life.

have been strongly reminded of my passion for the arts, especially music. At this time I do not believe I can steward my musical talents and desire to serve others through music efficiently while working in pro-life ministry full-time. My plan is to begin teaching piano at least part-time while serving the church's pro-life ministry on the side.

By the time you receive this, I will have moved on to this next phase of life. Though I am deeply saddened to leave the JFA community that has been such a blessing, I am excited to take what I have learned and use it to care for and reach new groups of people.

This is my final newsletter as a JFA staff member, but both you and I have opportunities to continue our partnership with JFA. It is my hope to join JFA as a guest speaker and mentor at a training event about once a year. To help with expenses for such trips, JFA will be leaving my support account open so that you can help make my continued involvement possible if you wish.

I have appreciated getting to connect each of you with JFA, and just as I am hoping to continue my involvement with them, I'd love for you to stay connected with them as well! For those of you who have financially supported or considered supporting my work, please consider supporting my ability to join future Justice For All events, supporting our organization's general fund, or transferring your support to another JFA missionary (see sidebar about the staff member I'd love to have you transfer support to). Please take a moment to use the form at [www.jfaweb.org/Holly-Meath-Form](http://www.jfaweb.org/Holly-Meath-Form) to let JFA know how you'd like to stay involved in JFA's mission.

Blessings,

*Holly V. Meath*

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#### Meet CK Wisner!

CK has been volunteering with Justice For All for years and is raising support to work full-time for at least the next two years. She'll be taking over many of my responsibilities beginning this month. She is a dear friend, excellent mentor, and has an outstanding ability to show love to both volunteers and people she encounters during outreach. Please consider transferring your support to her if you would like to personally support another JFA missionary!

#### A Note from JFA's Director of Training

"Full of surprises." That's what many of our staff have said about Holly. Over the past year we've watched with delight as energetic, industrious Holly Meath has surprised us again and again. She walked onto the stage during one of her first JFA seminars as an intern and had all of us electrified with her poise, stage presence, and her precision as a speaker. She walked a small group through the interactive exercises with perfect confidence, even though on the inside, her introverted personality was trying to find its balance. We watched Holly grow in her ability to interact with anyone on campus, fearlessly creating dialogue even with angry men towering over her diminutive frame. We watched her master most of the speaking sections in a six-hour seminar, including a new version of our opening presentation that she learned in just one week. She served behind the scenes creating itineraries and finding housing for our staff. Our Director of Operations, Paul Kulas, remarked to me that he once checked in on her progress, expecting to find the housing and itinerary only partially completed because he hadn't had a chance to check in with her about it previously. Holly reported that everything was ready to go with days to spare.

You can see why we're going to miss Holly. She was an integral part of helping JFA train 470 people over the past year through our Seat Work and Feet Work training program. We're excited about her next season of life, and we're excited to see that she's both interested in using her JFA training to teach others in her hometown and interested in serving as a trainer during future trips with JFA. If you've been giving to support Holly's work with JFA, we are so grateful! Please consider continuing to give to JFA and to pray for JFA. We look forward to keeping connected with you!

-Stephen Wagner, Director of Training



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