



From our Executive Director

I am deeply moved by this painting by Corby Eisbacher. It is called *Jump for Joy* and captures the moment when a pregnant Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth, who is pregnant with John the Baptist. The Bible text in Luke 1:41 says that Elizabeth's baby "leaped within her" when Mary called out to greet her.

I can only imagine the fear and uncertainty Mary was feeling. She no doubt knew how her situation as an unwed pregnant teen would look to others. But before the whispers of her pregnancy began circulating, she would have this moment with Elizabeth - a moment where they could be excited about their double-miracle; a barren Elizabeth and a virgin Mary both pregnant!



I often wonder why God would choose a situation that appeared inappropriate to the human eye to usher in the long-awaited Saviour. But God has never been concerned about appearances. The lineage of Jesus is filled with people we would consider inappropriate - a prostitute, an adulterer, a murderer. Yet this is precisely what makes the bigger story of the Bible so beautiful. Time after time it shows us how in spite of our greatest mistakes, God is willing to use us in world-changing ways.

It is why I am so passionate about restoring the value of life in our culture. Whether it's a woman with an unexpected pregnancy or someone approaching the end of life, our culture needs to know that **every life has purpose and possibility**, regardless of appearances.

This Christmas I invite you to be a world-changer and support Life Culture. **Together we can change our culture for life.**

Sincerely,

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Exciting News!

LIFE'S VISION → Life Culture

We are very excited to announce that Life's Vision Manitoba is now Life Culture Canada!

This is a strategic decision that better represents what we are working towards - restoring the value of life in our culture by promoting a holistic life ethic from conception to natural death. We believe changing our name to Life Culture will help us expand our reach, increase our impact, and build momentum, as it clearly communicates what we are working to achieve - becoming a culture that Speaks for Life.

Changing Lives

2021 was an incredible year for Life Culture! From the organizational side, we hired a new Executive Director, moved our office, changed our name, and hired two additional employees. What is even more exciting is the positive impact we are making toward a culture of life! What has been accomplished could not have been done without your support.



-We are so thrilled to have helped many women in challenging circumstances with things like baby supplies, rent, and even a wheelchair! The help we provide meets the practical needs of women, but it also provides hope.

-On the educational side, now that restrictions are easing, we have been able to host two conferences, host in-house support groups, and present the message of life to high school students. It's been very encouraging to meet in person again.

-We are currently developing life-affirming resources for churches. We want to make it easy for churches to access the pro-life material they need to promote a culture of life.

-Angel Baby was launched in October and we are honoured to help women dealing with pregnancy & infant loss. Visit this beautiful website at angelbaby.ca.

-Caregiver support groups are beginning in January to help those caring for loved ones who are ill or dying.

If all this, and more, can be accomplished in one year, imagine what the future holds!



Please support Life Culture with a gift this Christmas!