

FALL 2024

NEWSLETTER



ABOUT US

We are a local chapter of The Association for Reformed Political Action (ARPA) Canada, which is a grassroots Christian political advocacy organization.

The mission of ARPA Southern Alberta (ARPA SA) is aligned with that of ARPA Canada “to educate, equip, and encourage Reformed Christians to political action, and to bring a biblical perspective to our civil authorities.”

OUR GOALS

- Create action items and campaigns for local ARPA supporters on issues of concern
- Provide information and support to local elected officials in their difficult task of governing our provinces and nation
- Assist with organizing presentations at local churches and schools in partnership with ARPA Canada and with other organizations/speakers
- Support and encourage local members to participate in provincial and national ARPA conferences
- Increase election awareness through all-candidates forums and encouraging involvement in local campaigns
- Build positive relationships in our community and strive to be a witness to our neighbors

“For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities - all things were created through him and for him.” Colossians 1:16

PAST CAMPAIGNS

- Advertised the *Care Not Kill* campaign on the Lethbridge Water Tower
- Produced and distributed close to 20 large *Care Not Kill* signs for display along rural highways
- Sponsored the ARPA youth convention in Calgary
- Encouraged youth to get involved with the past election by offering prizes, including a trip to Ottawa, to those with the most volunteer hours
- Advertised both the *Care Not Kill* and *There Were Two* campaigns on Lethbridge buses
- Hosted a successful *Signature Event* dessert evening, with Rachael Thomas speaking on Politics 101.
- Advertised the *Let Kids Be* campaign via a large wrapped semi trailer near Nobleford



FUTURE INITIATIVES

1 The ARPA SA has realized the value of consistent messaging. To that end, we are hoping to sponsor a *There Were Two* Bus Ad for an entire year. **The total cost is \$4200; we are hoping to find twelve individuals or businesses who are willing to finance the cost of one month at \$350 each.**

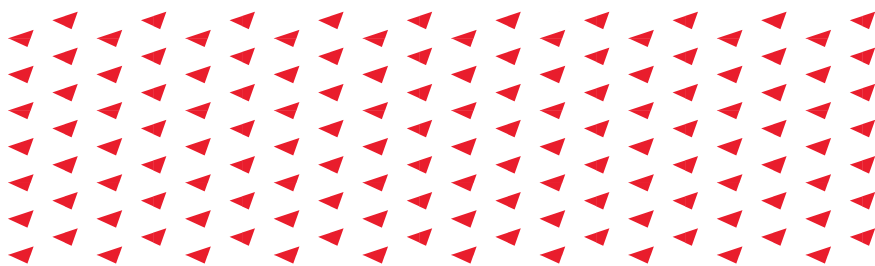
2 Getting involved in elections is an easy and effective way to influence the direction of politics in our nation. The ARPA SA plans to hold Election Challenges for both the upcoming school board elections and municipal elections. **Be ready to get involved and win some great prizes!**

3 Another *Signature Event* is in the works! **We are excited to announce that Rod Taylor, National Leader of the Christian Heritage Party of Canada, will be our guest speaker.** Rod has long understood the importance of men and women standing up for what they believe, standing up for the innocent and the helpless and using their freedom of speech to influence society for good. Join us on Thursday, February 27, 2025 (D.V.) and prepare to be educated, equipped and encouraged for Reformed political action!

GET INVOLVED

Join our meetings! We are a dedicated group of individuals who meet together five times per year. You are welcome to come out to become more educated on the issues and help brainstorm effective ways to get involved.

Become a member and receive our emails! This is a great way to learn about the local projects and needs of the ARPA SA. Email southernab.arpa@gmail.com to register.



“Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth! The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.” Psalm 46:10,11

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Opening Balance <small>(Oct 1, 2023)</small>	\$7,533.97
Income	
Donations	\$2,291.00
Expenses	
Projects	\$3,550.20
Website (annual fee)	\$1,365.00
Bank fees	\$4.50
Total expenses:	<u>\$4,919.70</u>
Closing Balance <small>(Sept 30, 2024)</small>	\$4,905.27

As you can see, most of your donations go to local projects. We rely on supporters like you!

FAREWELL TO ED HOOGERDIJK



As many of you are aware, Ed has stepped back from ARPA to help care for his son, Zach. As Grassroots Director, Ed was a regular visitor to our meetings, always encouraging and supporting us in our local endeavors, and we will miss him! We pray that God may grant Ed and his family peace and comfort on the new path set before them.

“Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.”

Hebrews 12:1b,2

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Memberships

1 Year

\$20.00 Single
\$40.00 Couple

3 Year

\$50.00 Single
\$100.00 Couple

Campaigns

There Were Two

1 Month Advertisement
\$350

General

Election Challenge
Signature Event

- Send a cheque to ARPA SA, PO Box 981, Coaldale AB, T1M 1M8
- E-Transfer to southernab.arpa@gmail.com
- Give donation directly to a board member

*SA ARPA is not a charitable organization and thus cannot provide charitable donation receipts.