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News From Around PA

A federal judge has rejected the argument of the Mennonite owners of **Conestoga Wood Specialties Corp.** that new health care requirements that they pay for employees' contraceptive services violate their free speech and religion rights.

Philadelphia's pension board voted unanimously to ask all gun manufacturers, distributors and retailers with whom it has invested city pension money to adopt a set of eight "Sandy Hook Principles" designed to reduce gun violence. If they don't comply, the city will dump their investments.

The Pennsylvania Student Equality Coalition is a youth-led grassroots organization consisting of LGBT and ally high-school and college leaders." The coalition will host the 2013 Pennsylvania

Youth Action Conference from Feb. 1-3 at the University of Pittsburgh.

News from National Scene

Jason King, chair of the theology department at Saint Vincent's College in Latrobe, reveals some startling statistics: the best estimates indicate that 77 percent of Americans view pornography at least once a month; 75-77 percent of males have downloaded porn in their lives; 33 percent of all Americans believe that pornography use is okay.

The **Obama administration** is appealing a judge's order temporarily blocking the government from forcing Tyndale House Publishers to provide its employees with certain contraceptives under the new healthcare law.

Americans United for Separation of Church and State has threatened to sue West Point declaring invocations before events are unconstitutional and coerce cadets to participate in and endorse religion.

Rep. Phil Roe (R-Tenn.) reintroduced his bill to repeal the Independent

Payment Advisory Board - death panels. Allyson Schwartz (D-PA) is again co-sponsoring the bill.

President Barack Obama violated the Constitution when he bypassed the Senate to fill vacancies on a labor relations panel, a federal appeals court panel ruled recently. The administration is expected to appeal the case to the US Supreme Court.

Defense Secretary Leon Panetta said on January 24th that whether they are male or female "everyone is entitled to a chance" to become a combat soldier in a military that will now adopt "gender neutral" standards. AFA of PA encourages Christians, through education, to become involved in pro-family issues in their community, state and the nation. We are a non-profit organization that is totally dependent upon financial gifts from our supporters. You can give online here <http://afaofpa.org/donate/>

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