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Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin [Hebrew almah] shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

Isaiah 7:14

From The President's Desk

Dear Summit friend and Journal reader,

May you have a Blessed, Christ-honoring Christmas Season and a wonderful, meaningful, fulfilling—yet challenging New Year.

**Your editor,
David A. Noebel**

Month In Review

Merry Christmas!

Q “Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, ‘Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.’

“So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: ‘Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,’ which is translated, ‘God with us.’

“Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he call His name Jesus.

“Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, ‘Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him.’

“When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.

“So they said to him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet: “But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are not the least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you shall come a Ruler who will shepherd My people Israel.” ’

“Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, ‘Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also.’

“When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

“Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.”

—Matthew 1:18-24, 2:1-12

Q “Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,

God of glory, Lord of love:

Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee.

Opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,

Drive the dark of doubt away;

Giver of immortal gladness,

Fill us with the light of day.”

—Henry van Dyke (1853-1933)

Q “This Jesus of Nazareth, without money and arms, conquered more millions than Alexander, Caesar, Mohammed, and Napoleon; without science and learning, he shed more light on things human and divine than all philosophers and scholars. He spoke such words of life as were never spoken before or since and produced effects which lie beyond the reach of orator or poet, without writing a single line. He set more pens in motion, and furnished them far more sermons, orations, discussions, learned volumes, works of art, and songs or praise, than the whole army of great men of ancient and modern times.”

—Philip Schaff, historian

Q “Dear Dr. Noebel, Your Summit programs are great! About 14 years ago, I enrolled one of my granddaughters in one of them as a graduation gift from high school. Not only was she greatly impressed with subject curricula, but her life has been enriched and stabilized as a result of the training. Thank you, Mrs. L. J., Spring Valley, CA

Q “Our son A. had a wonderful time of discovery at Summit last July! He used his last fifty dollars to buy an armful of books to bring home. He’s excited about what he learned. His father and I are thrilled.

“We picked up a video and books when we brought him to Summit. I first read Mind Siege, and then studied Battle for Truth with pen in hand. The war of ideas in our culture became much more understandable. About ten days ago I testified at a public hearing for new education standards in Minnesota (thank goodness for our new Gov. Pawlenty), arguing that the important controversy be taught along with evolution. I wanted to fire a shot in the battle for truth! There were maybe eight of ‘us’ and about two hundred of ‘them.’

“A.’s school superintendent, Brian S. of Maranatha Christian Academy, is also passionate about worldviews. He was very excited that A. went to Summit, and told him that he expects A. to have an impact on the school this year, perhaps by starting a Worldview Club as well as using his position as a team leader on the school newspaper to speak about issues. A. wants to do something about what he learned, but is stretched as a senior by three AP classes, a lead part in the play, a job, college investigation, and a bit of social life.

“C.S. Lewis has always been my favorite nonfiction writer. Having just read Abolition of Man again, I was struck this time by how significant this material is, though written over fifty years ago! He’s been called one of the foremost authors of the 20th century. Will public school students ever be exposed to his essays? Barring a miracle, no. But his work is not even taught in our Christian school! I’d like to change that. Do you have any advice for me?

“Thank you for impacting our lives. Rather than be silent, we want to take back some territory for God and His kingdom. C. B., Eden Prairie, MN”

Q Note: The 2004 Summit brochures are printed and ready for distribution. Write or call for your brochure and application. Students must be 16 years and older to attend. Write Summit Ministries, PO Box 207, Manitou Springs, CO 80829; call 719-685-9103 or email jen@summit.org. You can also print an application off the web at www.summit.org

Q “Dr. Noebel and staff, Money cannot express the appreciation L. and I have for the ideas you have faithfully planted in the youth of our family. So far you have planted ideas that have consequences in [our 6 children]. They have attended more than once. J. attended the educators workshop there last spring. As a result and the providence of God—she was RECRUITED to teach at Prestonwood in Plano, Texas. Several of the faculty of that school were also taking the Summit course and recommended her for the position as high school Spanish teacher and girls volleyball/basketball coach.

“Thank you for a lifetime commitment to the true wealth of our nation—our youth. May God’s richest blessings rain upon you and your household. M.D. for the whole tribe here. Sequin, TX”

Q “Dear Dr. Noebel, My name is A. M. and I was at the Summit during Session Three

(2003). I wanted to thank you for Everything you do at the Summit; seen or unseen.

“Thursday (Evangelism) night was one of the most powerful nights that I have ever experienced. From that, I can better understand why, instead of traveling the world and speaking to important people, you choose to spend your summers teaching a bunch of teenagers about how to stay alive and engage a culture that wants to tear them down until they don’t even know what their worldview is, much less how to defend it.

“Thank you for caring about every single student that attends Summit. Your love and care for all of us is evident in everything you do. Thank you for caring for a generation(s) that most adults pass off as hopeless, losers, rude, and unreachable. You have been proving them wrong for 41 years! I respect you and thank you so much for your spirit of humbleness in teaching. Not all of our speakers those two weeks handled criticism or debate as well as you did. I enjoyed Summit immensely, and I am so blessed to have been able to attend. I now look for and can recognize worldviews in conversation, on campus, or in the media. I know what I believe and I know how to better defend it.

“I was really hit with the fact that it is so important to read and to be informed, so I am attempting to read a book every week or so, and to actually read more than the cartoons of my World and Citizen magazines!

“May God bless you for all the self-less work that you do. Sincerely, A.M. Plymouth, MN”

Q “After some controversy over how it was being done, the National Jewish Population Survey has been released to the general satisfaction of earlier critics. The survey finds that the Jewish population of the U.S. is smaller and older than it was at the last survey ten years ago. There are 5.2 million Jews, a drop of 300,000, despite a large wave of immigrants from the former Soviet Union. That is about 1.8 percent of the population. Forty-seven percent of Jews marry non-Jews, and two-thirds of their children are not being raised as Jews. Before 1970, only 13 percent married non-Jews. Moreover, Jews have a lower birth rate than most Americans. There is always the big question of defining who is a Jew. For purposes of the survey, a Jew is someone who says he is Jewish or has at least one Jewish parent or had a Jewish upbringing and has not converted to another monotheistic religion, such as Christianity or Islam. Forty-six percent of adult Jews belong to a synagogue, and of them 39 percent are Reform, 33 percent Conservative, and 21 percent Orthodox. (The rest belong to smaller and generally more liberal groups.) The median age of Jews is forty-two, while for all other Americans it is thirty-five. While 43 percent of Jews who have no Jewish education marry non-Jews, the figure falls to 23 percent of those who go part-time to an afternoon Hebrew school, and to seven percent of those who attend a full-time school or yeshiva. The 22 percent of American Jews who live in the West are, by all measures, much less Jewishly connected.”

—First Things, November 2003, p. 83

Q “Now it seems probable that it’s not a question of whether but of how what used to be the Anglican communion will break up. I doubt if, even twenty years ago, anybody dreamed that the shattering would come over the question of homosexuality. But, as Philip Turner explains in this issue, other shatterings prepared the way. ‘God has once again brought an Easter out of Good Friday,’ declared an exultant V. Gene Robinson after his election as Bishop of New Hampshire was approved by his Episcopal colleagues. It’s not the Second Coming, but another Easter is nothing to sniff at. Robinson, who left his wife and children in order to satisfy his sexual needs, addressed the bishops in solemn assembly thusly: ‘I believe that God gave us the gift of sexuality so that we might express with our bodies the love that’s in our hearts. I just need to tell you that I experience that with my partner. In the time that we have, I can’t go into all the theology around it, but what I can tell you is that in my relationship with my partner, I am able to express the deep love that’s in my heart, and in his unfailing and unquestioning love of me, I experience just a little bit of the kind of never-ending, never-failing love that God has for me. So it’s sacramental for me.’ I just need to tell you that it’s probably just as well that he didn’t go into all the theology around it.”

—First Things, November 2003, p. 82

Q “Bishop Joseph Sprague heads the Northern Illinois Conference of the 8.3 million-member United Methodist Church. He has, according to those who follow these matters, denied the deity of Christ, the bodily resurrection, the virgin birth, and the atonement. The conference, meeting in June, expressed its deep concern. In fact, it expressed many concerns. What were described as ‘prophetic’ resolutions endorsed boycotts of Tyson’s chickens, Kraft macaroni and cheese, and supported the territorial demands of the Palestinians, the land mines treaty, the forswearing of military forces to combat global warming, and gay and lesbian relationships as an ‘expression of God’s love.’ The resolution on the last item urged clergy and Sunday School teachers to ‘tell it to our children.’ The concerns about Bishop Sprague were not overlooked. A resolution was resoundingly approved supporting his ministry. Among United Methodist conferences, Northern Illinois is contending for the lead in membership decline. From mainline to oldline to sideline to oblivion.”

—First Things, November 2003, p. 90

Q “Marian E. Crowe of the University of Notre Dame writes to say that we need not speculate about what Hilaire Belloc might say about the Catholic infidelity scandals. She thinks he said it in his little book, *How the Reformation Happened*. Not all the parallels are fair or accurate, but Belloc’s advice on how the Church should have responded to the Protestant challenge in the sixteenth century is, I think, suggestive for our admittedly different circumstances and is by no means limited to the present round of scandals. ‘Obviously the perfect thing to do in such cases—if there were no conditions of matter, time,

and space, if most men were intelligent, pure in motive and heroic, instead of being, as most men are, stupid, corrupt, and cowardly—would be to perform what the Catholic Church herself calls Penance. Obviously the attack upon the Catholic Church would have no success if all the officials thereof in the early sixteenth century had themselves come forward in a body denouncing their own guilt; the pluralities, the lay appropriations, the shame of their worldly lives, the gross scandals of impurity, the oppression of the poor, the exaggeration of mechanical aids to religion, the occasional use of fraud in it, the widespread use of extortion in clerical dues and rents, the chicanery of clerical courts. If the very many church officials who were guilty of evil living had beaten their breasts, repented, and turned anchorite; if the many who were swollen with riches had abandoned them and given them to the poor; if such of the cultured Renaissance prelates as had come to ridicule the Mysteries had suddenly felt the wrath of God—then all would have righted. So fruitful is repentance. But men do not act thus after long habit. It is only after they have felt the consequence of wrongdoing, and often not then, that they admit reality. Repentance, which should precede chastisement, is commonly its consequence.”

—First Things, November 2003, p. 88

Q “I am aggressively looking for a Sr. pastor position where people desire to hear exposition style preaching and want to grow spiritually in depth regarding the knowledge of the Lord. I have extensive experience in church administration operations, people relational skills, and team building, visionary leadership, a strong work ethic and passion for evangelism.” Any church board or search committee interested, please email lowmans1213@cs.com for direct contact! Otherwise send your information to Summit Ministries and we will forward it.

Q “Young women who are drafted into the Israeli military will be barred from most combat duties because of a medical study that has determined they are after all, the weaker sex.

□ “The finding comes at a time when the army already is stretched thin. Several hundred reserve soldiers were called up yesterday to serve in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip because of rising violence and fears of a new wave of Palestinian suicide bombings.

“The Medical study, carried out by the army medical corps, found that women safely can carry 40 percent of their body weight compared with 55 percent for men.

“The fact that military-age women weigh 33 pounds less than men on average makes the average disparity in what they can lift more than 44 pounds.

“The study also determined that men could be trained on marches of up to 55 miles, but that marches of more than 32 miles were too arduous for women.

“The study, carried out at the request of the General Staff, found that the amount of oxygen-

carrying hemoglobin in women's blood was more than 10 percent lower than in men's blood, limiting their ability to undertake extended physical efforts.

“Given these limitations, the army doctors recommended that the army bar women from service in front-line infantry units.

“They also are to be barred from tank crews, where each member must be capable of carrying out the loader's duties if needed. That task could require lifting dozens of shells and inserting them into the gun breech during battle.

“Artillery units, as well as tasks with combat engineers dealing with heavy equipment, would be closed to women for similar reasons.

“The findings will complicate the job of military planners, who are faced with growing concerns about political violence in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

“Yesterday, three Israeli soldiers were killed and a fourth was wounded when Palestinian gunmen attacked a foot patrol near the West Bank village of Ein Yabrud, east of Ramallah.

“A government official said yesterday that 10 battalions of reserve soldiers would be called up to fill gaps resulting from cuts in defense spending. A military source had told Reuters news agency that only five battalions would be needed.

“Asked about the call-up, Israeli army spokeswoman Ruth Yaron told Israeli radio: “We are facing another wave of terror.

“Unfortunately, due to budget cuts... when we currently face a wave of alerts and attacks, we are forced to recruit reserve troops on too-short notice,” she said.

“Chief Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat criticized the decision.

“ ‘These actions are consistent with the daily escalation by the Israeli army,’ he told Reuters. ‘It's an indication that the Israeli government will continue their aggression, incursions and curfews, and this won't lead us anywhere.’

“The doctors and physiologists who conducted the medical study said there were no objections to women serving in light infantry units along peacetime borders, in anti-aircraft missile units or as radar operators in intelligence units, where they have proved themselves on numerous occasions.

“Nor did the medical team recommend barring women from serving as air force pilots or navigators, as a few are doing, or as naval officers.

“Women serve extensively as instructors in training camps, but they are not assigned to combat units unless they volunteer for them and qualify. Women are drafted at age 18 for two years and men for three.”

—Washington Times, October 20, 2003, p.1

Q “Those who continue to deny America is in the throes of a culture war and that secularists are taking aim against Christianity and its values are either not reading and watching the news or are in major denial.

“Look at the recent headlines alone.

- The Supreme Court has decided to review the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruling outlawing ‘under God’ from the Pledge of Allegiance.
- The high court has also agreed to review a case involving the constitutionality of the Child Online Protection Act, a measure designed to restrict Internet pornography.
- A taxpayer-funded charter school in California that will stress values-oriented teaching about animal rights has been approved.
- A California church group upset with the promotion of a ‘Traditional Marriage Week’ has called for a ‘Marriage Equality Week’ to promote same-sex ‘marriage.’
- A highly decorated army general, Jerry Boykin, is castigated as a Holy Warrior because he had the audacity openly to declare his faith in the God of the Bible.
- And Terry Schiavo fights for her life as competing forces square off as to whether her ‘plug should be pulled.’

“The Pledge case illustrates that certain groups in our society want to treat Christianity and references to the Christian God as a contagious disease, an unborn virus. If not contained within the four walls of our private homes, it will infect the population with an incurable affliction.

“Those of you who think the Judge Roy Moore Ten Commandments flap in Alabama was some isolated sideshow are woefully misguided. Those of you who think courageous

Christians like Judge Moore are the ones picking this fight by waiving the Bible in our faces apparently aren't aware of the city by city, county by county, state by state crusade the American Civil Liberties Union is on to eradicate Ten Commandments displays from all public buildings.

“This secularist obsession to achieve a strict separation of church and state is not only not mandated by the Constitution, it is at war with the Constitution's very designs about religious freedom. In the name of promoting religious liberty, the enemies of Christianity are using the First Amendment Establishment Clause as a weapon to suppress Christian religious freedom.

“No student is being forced to say the Pledge, much less the words ‘under God.’ This isn't a case of the government imposing Christian values on vulnerable children. This is not about separation, but about a small intolerant minority forcing its will on a heretofore passive and noncombative majority.

“If the secularists were truly sincere about their affinity for the phantom principle of ‘separation of church and state,’ they would have seizures over the government-funded California charter school imposing its values on schoolchildren. They would object to the education establishment's emphasis on social engineering over academic achievement. They would go berserk over the schools' speech and conduct codes disguised as anti-bullying and anti-harassment policies. They would be outraged over the ‘comprehensive’ sex-education curriculum being foisted on many of our schoolchildren.

“No, you won't hear from the secularists on those issues. They reserve their ire for Christians, such as Gen. Boykin, who has dared to disclose his Christian faith while holding an important position in the Defense Department.

“Christianity, to the secularists, is a disqualifying attribute for public office. And if Christians somehow slip through the screening obstacles, they must keep their Christian beliefs strictly to themselves. Ask John Ashcroft, Rick Santorum, William Pryor, David Hager, Jerry Thacker and the countless other Christian appointees and officials whose public service has been opposed by those who believe Christians shouldn't be allowed to participate in government or the political process.

“The secularists also reserve their energy and passion for promoting such high-minded ideals as the open unfettered dissemination of Internet pornography. The ACLU is apparently concerned that any efforts to protect the innocence of our children from the oppressive bombardment of Internet smut is merely the first step on that slippery slope that will eventually lead to the evaporation of our liberties.

“You see, what we must realize is that these secular civil libertarians cloaked in freedom costumes are often the most insidious opponents of freedom and traditional values in our

culture. They can talk freedom until they're blue in the face, but it is not freedom they champion, but a certain worldview – to the exclusion of biblical Christianity.”

—David Limbaugh, Washington Times, October 20, 2003, p.A21

Q “A friend of mine, given to a satirical view of the world to avoid giving in to cynicism as he surveys the disintegrating culture, once wrote that the final solution lies in amending the Constitution. He calls it the Stupid People’s Amendment: ‘No Employer shall make any inquiry into any job applicant’s race, sex, religion, training, record, competence or skill.’ These ‘simple, forthright 18 words, uncluttered with ambiguity,’ he said, ‘would once and for all cleanse every ‘ism from the land.’ ”

“Life is busy imitating art on some of our finest (or at least our most expensive) campuses, where parents of students are paying a lot of money for second-rate courses taught by out-of-touch professors hired over the last three decades. Fully tenured, of course, they show not even a passing concern for competence or skill. You could say they teach ‘Stupid People’s Studies.’ ”

“And that’s the good news. What’s worse is that at many elite universities students are taught by postdoctoral lecturers and graduate-student teaching assistants, who share the same prejudices, but who have only a quarter of the formal education of the tenured professors and are paid at 25 percent of a tenured professor’s salary. They’re generally less equipped for teaching than junior-college instructors.

“In a scathing indictment of this state of unacknowledged misery, Victor Davis Hanson, a scholar at the Hoover Institution and professor of classics at California State University at Fresno, notes the dumping down of the humanities in favor of ‘Ethnics Studies,’ ‘Women’s Studies,’ ‘Environmental Studies’ and ‘Peace Studies.’ In the National Review, he tells how the University of California at Santa Barbara, for example, offers 62 courses in Chicano Studies, with titles such as Methodology of the Oppressed; Barrio Popular Culture; Body, Culture, and Power; Chicano Political Organizing and De-Colonizing Cyber-Cinema.

“The politicization on the campus is from the left, naturally, and it deprives young minds of the pleasure of reading the grand narratives in the Great Books, and cheats them of learning how to question without political prejudice. These students never learn to experience the complexities in a universe different—historically, politically and poetically—from the one they inhabit. They’re shocked and repulsed when they hear phrases such as the ‘evil empire’ or ‘axis of evil’ because they don’t understand the nature of evil. (‘Dr. Faustus?’ Who was he, but another greedy, lustful white male?)

“The campus culture that pushes a post-modern relativism that denies universal truths will inevitably adhere to dogmatic ‘truths’ of political correctness. The search for real solutions in

the real world is shunned for the comfort of the virtual oasis, free of anything tougher than dealing with the deadline for a term paper or getting a paper accepted for publication in an academic journal that no one would dream of reading.”

—Suzanne Fields, Washington Times, October 20, 2003, p. A23

Q “Imagine for a moment that you are a radical leftist with a singular agenda: destroy the fabric of American society. If you could pick a group that has been instilling civic values and virtues in young males for nearly a hundred years target, one champion of the ideals, morals and principles this nation embodies, who would you pick?

“If you said the Boy Scouts of America you would be dead on the mark. For more than a decade, the left has worked to wear down the Boy Scouts. The spearhead of this effort has been the American Civil Liberties Union. The ACLU has attacked the Scouts in California, Illinois and New Jersey, just to name the states that had particularly high profile cases. To its credit, Boy Scouts of America has stood firm in this firestorm.

“Now the Boy Scouts are under attack in Connecticut, and I’m asking for your immediate help to fight back. Boy Scouts of America has asked our legal arm, the Individual Rights Foundation, to come to their defense and stop the state of Connecticut’s attempt to discriminate against them. I immediately said, ‘Yes.’ My friend, we cannot let them down.

“Since 1911 Scouts have accepted members on the basis of this oath:

“ ‘On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and country and to obey the Scout Law: To help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.’

“Given the state of our culture today—the lack of fathers in homes; the disturbing rise in teenage delinquency; the dangerous environment that haunts far too many of our schools—you might think everyone would champion what the Scouts seek to do... shape and guide young boys into citizens and leaders of our nation.

“Yet the radical left is doing everything it can to destroy the Scouts, and now the battleground is in Connecticut. Here is the essence of the case and what the Individual Rights Foundation is going to do:

“Connecticut says the Scouts’ oath discriminates against homosexuals, thus the state can’t put the Scouts in their annual fundraising campaign – a campaign that has included the Scouts for more than 30 years. Does this sound familiar?

“When the Scouts were under attack in California the reasons were twofold: in one case

adults who were atheists wanted their boys to be allowed into the Scouts without taking the oath. They claimed the oath violated their civil rights. In another case, an openly gay man demanded to be a Scout leader. In Illinois, the left sought to ban Scouts from holding meetings on military bases or public schools. And in New Jersey, again, an openly homosexual man wanted to serve as a den leader.

“Of course, the common thread through these battles is the American Civil Liberties Union. Each time their lawyers use a slightly different tactic. They know the financial resources involved in fighting legal battle after legal battle. The Boy Scouts are non-profit. Most packs work hard to raise funds to pay for supplies or summer camps. The Boy Scouts certainly don’t have an annual litigation budget of more than \$65 million— but the ACLU does. Ultimately each courtroom battle is the left’s attempt to wear the Scouts down, mentally, emotionally and financially, to make the Scouts abandon their time honored traditions of respect for God and country.

“The U.S. District Court in Connecticut issued a summary ruling that the Scouts were violating that state’s Gay Rights law. But Connecticut is using this law to discriminate against the Boy Scouts, to pressure them into changing their criteria for membership!

“The Constitution says we have a God-given right to associate with whomever we please. You and I cannot be forced into joining an organization we don’t believe in, nor do we have the right to demand an organization change to meet our desires.”

—David Horowitz, Frontpagemagazine.com, October 28, 2003

Q “Patricia Ireland, a prominent women’s rights advocate, has been dismissed after six months as chief executive of the YWCA of the U.S.A.

“ ‘We have the deepest admiration for Ms. Ireland’s dedication to women’s issues and social justice, but the YWCA has proved to be the wrong platform for her to advocate for these issues,’ board Chairwoman Audrey Peebles said in a press release.

“Ms. Ireland, a former president of the National Organization for Women, was named YWCA’s chief executive in April. At the time she said she planned to bring new energy into the 145-year-old organization, increasing its national prominence and political activism.

“A spokesman for the YWCA did not immediately return a phone call Monday night about the dismissal Thursday, first reported in this week’s Newsweek magazine.

“Dorris Daniel-Parkes has been named interim director by the National Coordinating Board of the YWCA, the organization said.”

