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To: Diocesan Resolutions Chairpersons
From: Wilma Vanderzwaag, Ontario Provincial Council Resolutions Chair
cc: Diocesan Presidents, Ontario Provincial Council Executive, National Resolutions Committee Chairperson

*Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord,
knowing that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.*

1 Corinthians 15:58

It's September already and time to start our routines again. I am honoured to have been elected once more to the Ontario Provincial Council. Our Provincial President, Colleen Perry, has gifted me with the Resolutions Chair. This is one chair that I fully confess I am not knowledgeable on, but with the help of our Lord, I look forward to the challenges of this position. This is my third term on the provincial council. At the present time I am working 3 days a week and will be retiring in January 2020.

I will be reviewing past directives and guidelines over the next two months to get more acquainted with the timelines/duties under this position. I welcome any input or suggestions from each of you. Please forward to me any directives or reports that you create. If you have a success story, please share it. Together we can all grow and learn.

I would like to acknowledge and thank my predecessor, Colleen Martin for the outstanding job she did with this chair. The whole process of the resolutions at the Ontario Provincial Convention in Kingston went so smoothly. There were 3 resolutions that were passed at the provincial convention that stay in our province as they pertain to health issues, which are a provincial matter.

One resolution was gifted to our National Council. The National Council introduced a new process for resolutions at the National Convention in Calgary, Alberta. Here are some of the highlights of the new process. At the resolutions dialogue, members received only the "resolved clauses" and briefs to focus on. Members then reviewed the resolution, keeping in mind the following questions:

- 1) Is this an issue for the League?
- 2) Is this resolution timely/emergent?

Whereas clauses were not presented as part of the resolution. Any recommendations were given to the resolutions committee at the resolutions dialogue rather than on the convention floor and worked on by the committee. Any issue/input on the resolution was to be timely or urgent or spoke to the concerns of the membership.

The National Resolutions Chair, Cathy Bouchard also reminded us that once a resolution is gifted to the National Council, it becomes their resolution to adopt and act upon. In keeping with these guidelines, I have attached only the 3 resolutions with the action plans to share with members. The resolutions with briefs are on the provincial website, cwl.on.ca if you wish to review the information in the briefs as well.

In reviewing the list of Diocesan Council Resolution Chairs, I was heartened to see that only 2 dioceses do not have this chair filled. Let us pray for a member to come forward and be appointed so that we have a full slate of resolution chairs. I look forward to working with each of you, and hope that during my term, each diocese will feel compelled to create a resolution. We can make a difference and we do!

Blessings and hugs,

Wilma



Start with an idea/issue!