



**Ontario Provincial Council of  
The Catholic Women's League of Canada  
Community Life Standing Committee**  
**GO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

**CATHOLIC  
and LIVING IT!**

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To: Diocesan Community Life Chairpersons  
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cc: Provincial Executive, Diocesan Presidents, National Community Life  
Chairperson, Provincial Community Life Sub-Committee

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**"There are many ways that members can be *Catholic[s]* and *Living It!*  
and as the League prayer indicates, 'share with others at home and  
abroad, the good things You have given us.'"**

*(National Chairperson's Communiqué #16 - February 13, 2023)*

**The Republic of Türkiye and Syria**

In Communiqué #16, National Community Life Chairperson Faith Anderson highlights the urgent need for support following the devastating earthquake in Türkiye and Syria and she provides a list of six organizations providing support. Please share the important information contained in Faith's communiqué: <https://cwl.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/20230213-Communiqué-Life-Communiqué-16-final.pdf>

Members or councils wishing to contribute to the recovery efforts are reminded to 'vet' and research the organizations that they choose to support.

**Human Trafficking: *I'm Worth It Now (IWIN)***

Faith Anderson brought this initiative to our attention. IWIN is a registered charity co-founded by a Catholic Women's League parish council in Calgary and a police detective working with survivors of human trafficking. Their main goals are to assist trafficking survivors who have entered an exit program by providing backpacks with essential items, and raise awareness about the crime of human trafficking in Canada.

If members want more information about IWIN or to book a presentation via Zoom or in person, we can email [iwincalgary@gmail.com](mailto:iwincalgary@gmail.com) or visit <https://www.iwininitiative.ca/>. Members can also follow IWIN on social media @iwin\_initiative (Instagram) and facebook.com/iwincalgary (Facebook).

I visited the IWIN website and read about their amazing work. It is heartwarming to read about how a seed planted by the Holy Spirit prompted one woman of faith to *go make a difference*.

## **Development and Peace—Caritas Canada**

The League's partnership with D&P is highlighted in their latest newsletter found at: <https://www.devp.org/en/blog/a-strong-and-old-bond/> ... we encourage members to read this article published on February 9, 2023 entitled "**A strong and old bond**".



In her Communiqué #17, National Community Life Chairperson Faith Anderson mentions Pope Francis' historic visit to Canada in 2022 and the opportunity it has given the League to "... reflect on the role of its relationships with Indigenous women."

Faith advised that an *ad hoc* committee of national officers and Indigenous members has been formed to help deepen our relationships with Indigenous Catholic women.

*"The committee wishes to gather information from members at large so it can recommend the necessary supports and resources to ensure Indigenous members are equally valued, respected, nurtured and able to fully participate in all League activities and projects, and to encourage them to take on leadership roles."*

*(Community Life Communiqué #17 – February 14, 2023)*

Therefore, League members are encouraged to **complete a survey by March 31<sup>st</sup>**. The survey can be accessed at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CWLIIndigenousSurvey>.

Kindly assist any member(s) who may not have access to a computer so that they, too, may complete this important survey. I know that we will help each other since that is what we do as sisters in the League!

Lots of love,

*Karen*