



Legislation Standing Committee Directive # 3

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To: Diocesan Legislation Standing Committee Chairpersons

Ontario Provincial Officers, Diocesan Presidents, Most Rev. Bishop Dowd

cc: National Organization Standing Committee Chairperson

Follow up on resolution ON 22.01 Long Term Care:

Reminder to let me know the name of the parishes and the number of letters sent to the Ontario Government referring to Long Term Care. This information is to be collected by Easter. At the Provincial convention the numbers and parishes successful will be recognised the response in changes for Long Term Care is happening slowly but there have been some differences.

Representatives of the National CWL Council paid a three-day visit to Ottawa in mid-February for a series of meetings with parliamentarians and policy advisors to make sure their voices are taken into account when enacting legislation on a number of issues of national interest — from food loss and waste to mental health, and the conscience rights of health-care professionals who wish to opt out of assisted dying services.

Provincial representatives met with policy makers from Ontario Government office of Ministry of Mental health and Addictions to share on the topic of loneliness (ON 22.02) last week. There was great exchange of ideas, those representing the government said that they would report to the Minister.

Next week we meet again, this time with the Provincial Minister of Seniors to share on thoughts and ideas regarding loneliness.

Glenda Carson, national chairperson of legislation wrote that

“Legislation will no longer be a standing committee as councils move forward with elections in 2023 and 2024. The new structure brings many benefits to the struggles the League has an organization. It allows for more flexibility and ease of filling leadership positions and encourages more participation by members overall. However, the move to a less formal leadership position put more responsibility on members collectively to ensure the League remain a strong and active voice in government matters.”

The Social justice, a core pillar of the League must keep the pulse of what is going on and understand what governments at all levels debate, otherwise the League risks falling short as a representative of this powerful organization.

Provincial Bill 70 2023 in passed first reading. An Act to proclaim the month of June as Seniors Month. By proclaiming the month of June as Seniors Month, the Province of Ontario formally recognizes and celebrates the work seniors have done and are doing in our communities. Seniors Month will place a greater significance on the health and well-being of our seniors and will serve as a catalyst to keep our older adults socially connected and engaged in their respective communities. It will also encourage inclusion and promote age-friendly communities.