

LEGISLATION COMMUNIQUE #1

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As chairperson of the Regina Diocesan Legislation committee I wish to share with you the four 2017 resolutions which have been voted for action at the national CWL annual meeting. As well the national chairperson, Nancy Simms has an excellent report in the Spring 2017 magazine of previous resolutions that continue to require action from each member. Let's not let her down.

No. 1. – 2017 Resolution submitted by: Community Life Ontario Provincial Council
Resolution 2017.01 Full Implementation of the Supreme Court Decision in R. v. Gladue for Indigenous Offenders

No. 2. – 2017 Resolution submitted by Communications B.C. & Yukon Provincial Council
Resolution 2017.02 Mandatory Age Verification Mechanisms for Adult Pornographic Websites

No. 3. – 2017 Resolution submitted by: Legislation Ontario Provincial Council
Resolution 2017.03 Zero-Rated Status Under the Goods and Services Tax Provisions of the Excise Tax Act for Child Safety Products

No. 4, - 2017 Resolution submitted by: Legislation B.C. & Yukon Provincial Council
Resolution 2017.04 Protection from Coercion of Conscience for Healthcare Professionals

In addition, the CWL of Canada has six very important active resolutions, from 2016 and beyond, under the legislation standing committee which require action from each council. All these concerns must never be forgotten.

These six very important resolutions requiring action, adopted at the (2016 to 1997) annual national conventions, listed in Nancy Simms' Legislation Spring 2017 report in 'The Canadian League' are:

No. 1. – Resolution 2016.04 Amend the Canada Health Act to identify Palliative Care as an Insured Health Service.

No. 2. - Resolution 2016.05 Amend the Canada Health Act to include Home Care as an Insured Health Service.

No. 3. – Resolution 2014.05 Old Age security Allowance for Individuals 60 to 64 Years of Age Regardless of Marital Status.

No. 4. – Resolution 2006.05 GST Exemption on Funeral Services.

No. 5. - Resolution 2004.06 National Strategy for Suicide Prevention urges the federal government to

- develop and implement a national suicide prevention strategy
- create a central federal agency to address suicide prevention through a public awareness multi-media campaign
- allocate federal funds for research projects, information dissemination and training of professionals and caregivers, and
- assist provinces, territories and communities to increase their capacity to develop, implement and evaluate suicide prevention programs.

No. 6. - Resolution 1997.10 Amendment to the Canadian Human Rights Act and the Interpretation Act to Recognize the Child as a Human Being from Conception.