

Resolutions Communiqué – #1 – August 2017

To: CWL Parish Resolutions Chairpersons

From: Janette Rieger, Regina Diocesan CWL Resolutions Chairperson

Hello, I am your Resolutions Chairperson for the next 2 years. I have been a CWL member since 1996. My home parish is St. Joseph's in Balgonie. I live in Emerald Park, about 10 km east of Regina. My husband, Bill, and I recently celebrated our 35th wedding anniversary. We have 5 children – 4 boys, and a daughter who is married. I am also the Diocesan 1st Vice-President. I am the past-Chairperson of the Regina Regional CWL Council and served for 4 years as the Recording and Corresponding Secretary for the Saskatchewan Provincial CWL Council.

I recently attended the National Convention in Charlottetown, PEI. It was, as usual, a very good convention. It had a good balance of spiritual development, information, and CWL business. The provincial and chairpersons' reports are always interesting and provide ideas to use at, or adapt for, your own councils. National Resolutions Chairperson Joan Bona informed the delegates that 8 resolutions were submitted for consideration at this year's convention. Four were accepted to be presented at the floor during the convention, 2 were returned to the originating Provincial Council for further work, and 2 were forwarded to other National Chairpersons for action.

There were 4 resolutions presented and passed at this year's convention. They are:

- 2017.01 Full Implementation of the Supreme Court Decision in R. v. Gladue for Indigenous Offenders
- 2017.02 Mandatory Age Verification Mechanisms for Adult Pornographic Websites
- 2017.03 Zero-Rated Status Under the Goods and Services Tax Provisions of the Excise Tax Act for Child Safety Products
- 2017.04 Protection from Coercion of Conscience for Healthcare Professionals

They can be found on the National CWL website at <https://www.cwl.ca/2017-resolutions/>

It is now our challenge for the next year to take action on these resolutions. Consider printing one of these for each of your council meetings. Discuss and share with your council so they are informed of the resolutions. Read the Action Plan (which is part of each resolution) as a group and decide if there is anything that you as a council, or as individual members, can do. Actions include, but are not limited to: writing letters to our politicians, hosting guest speakers on the topics, keeping your council informed of government decisions, and personal research on the resolutions.

Please check the provincial CWL website at <http://www.cwlsk.ca/pages/peaceandhope.html>. In Provincial CWL Resolutions Chairperson Susan Melchiorre's July 2017 communiqué, there is a checklist for writing a resolution. If your council is planning to write a resolution, please contact me as soon as possible as Diocesan Council needs to be made aware of these, plus we also need to keep Provincial Council informed of any impending resolutions.

Even if your council is not planning to write a resolution, use the current and past resolutions to promote social justice issues that affect all Canadians. It is only by the work of the CWL parish councils that these resolutions have life, otherwise they are just words on paper.