

## Archives Communiqué #3

Regina Diocesan CWL Council, August 2020

**To: Regina Diocesan Parish Council Past Presidents**  
**From: Marilyn Schuck, Regina Diocesan Archivist**

How things have changed in the world since my last communiqué in February/20! The CWL world has been affected by all the changes and protocols around meetings with conventions for the 2020 year being cancelled. Fortunately, the diocesan level has been able to meet through Zoom type meetings, but I am worried about what is happening in local councils.

If your council is small, meetings should be possible if members socially distance from one another and follow provincial protocols for small gatherings. At present, indoor gatherings can include up to 30 persons. Adequate hand sanitizers must be provided. Any member who is sick should not attend. Lunch could be served by having one- or two-persons wearing gloves and masks serving the members so multiple people do not touch the food or utensils.

If your council normally has more than 30 people attending meetings, you may have to have a registry system where people phone or email their intention to attend. Remember that it is important for our CWL work to continue as our churches and many in the community need us. Since fund-raising the usual way is not possible, perhaps some councils will come up with innovative ways to raise money or your councils may want to put energy into promoting spiritual practices until the restrictions are no longer necessary.

I hope that many of you were able to register and watch the Summer Speaker Series from National this month. Fran Lucas and Anne Marie Gorman gave us a preview of the work being done by the various working groups on the *Strategic Planning*. Please check the website [cwl.ca](http://cwl.ca) for information on changes that are happening. We are proud to have our diocesan council represented on two of the working groups by Janette Rieger and Linda Maddaford.

There are going to be changes to the Constitution & Bylaws to reflect changes to the standing committees. However, these changes must go through the instructed vote process which will begin next year and, hopefully, there will be a Convention season to vote on them.

According to a memo on July 8, National Past President, Margaret Ann Jacobs, on July 8 clarified some questions that arose from the *Update III to COVID-19 Pandemic Response Deferral of 2020 Convention Business & Extension of Elected Terms of Office*. At the national, provincial, and diocesan levels all existing offices were extended for one year. This amendment to the *C & B* indicates "...the national executive extends all current terms of office (i.e. 2018-2020 and 2019-2021 terms) to three years (i.e. 2018-2-21 and 2019-2022. .." will be voted on at the convention in 2021 because it has to follow the procedure in the *C & B* and in the *National Manual of Policy and Procedure*. After questions emerged concerning the parish level, parish offices were also included. However, some discretion can be exercised here, especially in small

parish councils where the same members hold their offices for more than the two-year term or have a custom of trading positions every two years.

It looks like you will continue to hear from me as your Diocesan Past President until my term ends in 2022.

As we continue our journey in this uncharted territory, let us not be afraid but place all our trust in the Lord.