

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA
MANITOBA PROVINCIAL COUNCIL
VICE- PRESIDENT**



HERE I AM LORD SEND ME!

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TO: DIOCESAN PRESIDENT to be forwarded to councils' parish presidents.
CC: PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE (FOR INFORMATION)
FROM: Lea M. Colbeck, Manitoba Provincial Vice-President

Dear Sisters in the League,

We are back in the swing of monthly meetings and ready to work for the League. As I am sure that most of you know, elections were held at the National Convention in August. Our new National Vice-President is Glenda Carson.

Her first Communique came out September 15. Glenda wrote about the D2L Brightspace. The information that she supplied is worth repeating. Therefore, please find it below:

“What is D2L Brightspace?

Brightspace is an online learning system created by D2L (Desire2Learn), a Canadian company based in Kitchener, Ontario. For the League, D2L Brightspace will be a simple and welcoming online space where members can come together to learn and grow in order to share their gifts and charisms. Think of it as a virtual classroom—members can join from their own home using a computer, tablet or smartphone.

This safe and supportive learning space offers prayer, reflection and practical tools to help the League become a stronger and more connected organization. If members find it helpful, D2L Brightspace has the potential to grow into an ongoing learning resource for members at all levels of the League, covering a large variety of topics.

The D2L working group is a dedicated team of passionate members who have volunteered to take on the immense task of implementing Brightspace. They oversee course development, help participants with registration and facilitate learning experiences.

The first League Brightspace courses began on September 15th, and include:

Core Purpose and Objects of the League

The Joy of Leadership featuring the modules:

Ministries

Leadership in the League

Discovering New Opportunities
Leadership and the Beatitudes

Although registration is now closed for this first offering, the working group is already planning future courses. Please share this initiative with your councils and encourage members to stay tuned to the League's website and social media pages for future opportunities to register. The working group can be reached at cwl.brightspace@gmail.com.

This initiative is a wonderful way to deepen members' understanding of the League, explore new opportunities to actively participate and embrace leadership rooted in gospel values. Let us continue to journey together as women of faith and action, using tools that can help us serve "For God and Canada" with joy and purpose."

The time to renew our League memberships is fast approaching. We must keep in mind the "1" Campaign that was started by our National President Betty Colaneri. Councils have to "Recruit, Retain and Regain" members for the League. As Councils you can come up with various ways to have a membership drive and encourage ladies of the Parish to join. One method that still seems to work is the personal touch of person to person contact. Good luck!

Let us be thankful at this time of year for each and every wonderful day that we have. Also let us look forward to the Advent Season and the birth of Jesus.

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