

**The Catholic Women's League of Canada  
Manitoba Provincial Council  
Resolutions**

**November 2021**



**Communiqué #7**

***Care for our Common Home***

TO: Diocesan Presidents (for information and forwarding to Parish Councils)  
 Diocesan Chairpersons of Resolutions  
 CC: Provincial Executive (for information)  
 CC: National Chairperson of Resolutions (for information)  
 FROM: Con Marks, Provincial Contact Person for Resolutions  
 ATT:

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November is upon us and we’re getting ready to spend more time indoors during the coming winter. This would be the perfect time to review what your councils have done regarding resolutions and have this information handy when filling out your annual resolutions report. Did you write letters or gather petitions? Have you been thinking about writing a resolution or did you start work on one? Here are a couple of links that will help you:

- Resolutions Guide <https://cwl.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/620-Resolutions-Guide-2020.pdf>
- Resolutions Supplement to the Executive Handbook <https://cwl.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/618-Resolutions-Supplement-to-Executive-Handbook-2020.pdf>

A good site to check out existing resolutions is our Manitoba website: <https://cwlmanitoba.ca> If you go to the Resolutions header you will find a list of active, archived and linked to national website resolutions. Now would be the perfect time to check out the action plans of existing resolutions and see what would work best for your council.

As a reminder, I would appreciate notification of any resolutions that councils are working on by the end of December or the first week of January. Our national chairperson of resolutions has requested this information.

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**September 2021**



**Communiqué #6**

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CC:	Provincial Executive (for information)
CC:	National Chairperson of Resolutions (for information)
FROM:	Con Marks, Provincial Contact Person for Resolutions
ATMT:	2020 List of Archived Resolutions, Save the Date Poster

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Welcome back! September is the time of year that we start to settle down and begin our work on resolutions in earnest. We have had quite the hiatus since April 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic and all the government health restrictions that prevented us from gathering. Our national council informed us that no resolutions were to be brought forth at the 2021 AMM and no new ones were. They did take the opportunity to archive ones that had been fulfilled or were simply too out of date in their language.

Our new national chairperson of resolutions is Rolande Chernichan who suggests:

“Now is also a good time for you and your committee to become reacquainted with the Resolutions Supplement to the Executive Handbook revised in 2020. It is also timely to use and promote the handy document titled Resolutions Guide, developed by the League (available at [cwl.ca/wpcontent/uploads/2020/10/620-Resolutions-Guide-2020.pdf](http://cwl.ca/wpcontent/uploads/2020/10/620-Resolutions-Guide-2020.pdf)). These two documents give members and chairpersons all the information needed to prepare a resolution.”

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Wilma Vanderzwaag, my fellow resolutions chairperson in Ontario so aptly stated:

“The decision was made because of the virtual conventions to not bring resolutions forward until 2022. An essential part of the life of a resolution, is the ability to debate and discuss the resolutions at the conventions and then vote to adopt or not. Instead of seeing this as a setback for any resolutions, councils that have a resolution could use this time to review. Is the wording and resolution concise and to the point? Is the resource material used for the brief up to date and from reputable institutions or organizations? Are the main resources used Canadian? Any resolutions brought to the federal or provincial levels of government need to have Canadian content. These are important points to review to make sure your resolution successfully moves through the various levels of the League.”

Thank you, Wilma, for graciously sharing your Resolutions Directive #8 with your fellow chairpersons.

Our Resolutions & Legislation Workshop will be hosted virtually on November 6, 2021. Save the Date!!! Further information to follow.

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December 2020



Communiqué #5

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CC: Provincial Executive (for information)  
CC: National Chairperson of Resolutions (for information)  
FROM: Con Marks, Provincial Contact Person for Resolutions  
ATMT: Letters from Chantel Devine, Information on Webinar December 3rd

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— Martin Luther King Jr., I Have a Dream: Writings and Speeches That Changed the World*

I have a couple of questions for you...

Want to write a letter?

Have you written your letter to the government regarding Bill C-7 yet? Chantel Devine SK Provincial President has forwarded copies of her letters and has graciously suggested that we use them as our own. They will be attached to this communique. To quote Chantel “Why reinvent the wheel?”. Thank you, Chantel! Letter writing information was attached to communique #4 previously.

Why not attend a webinar?

Alex Schadenberg, Executive Director – Euthanasia Prevention Coalition is hosting a webinar “Why you should be concerned about Bill C-7” on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2 PM. I am attaching his information with this communique. Here is the registration link as you are required to register in advance for the webinar: ([Registration link](#)).

Working on a resolution?

If so, please contact me by December 15<sup>th</sup> to let me know the title and topic. I need to pass this information on to national chairperson Cathy Bouchard. Actually, I would like to add that if you start to work on a resolution at any time during the year please drop me a short note so I can contact you once in a while to find out how you are progressing. As always feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding your resolution or if you need assistance.

How about those annual reports?

Just a reminder that the annual report for resolutions has the following correction to question 22: Please list resolutions written by your parish council in 2020. ~~If none, skip the next two questions.~~ – disregard this. **Do not skip questions 23 & 24.** If you choose to **manually** complete your report it is due to national office

by **December 15<sup>th</sup>** via Canada Post as staff need time to enter your data. The **online** completion date is **January 15<sup>th</sup>**.

I have kept the same quote above as it remains so very fitting. Have a blessed Advent and Christmas!

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June 2020



Communiqué #4

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As all conventions were cancelled this year due to the Coronavirus pandemic any resolutions created will be presented at next years' conventions. Any resolutions that have been created will need to be updated as far as research goes so that you ensure your information is current prior to submission for consideration at any level. That said; you now have much more time available to work on your resolutions!

If your council is not intending to create a resolution then perhaps you could consider a letter writing campaign. We have two resolutions from 2019 that could use your support:

- [2019.01](#) Canada to Honour its Commitment to the United Nations *Convention on the Rights of the Child* Christian Family Life
- [2019.02](#) Canadian Support for the United Nations *Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons* Legislation

To see the full resolution please click on the blue underlined link for each. I am attaching a letter that was sent to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau in January from Canadians for a Nuclear Weapons Convention (CNWC). This letter urges our federal government “to make nuclear arms control and disarmament a national priority”.

To check other resolutions follow this link to the national website <https://cwl.ca/resolutions-by-year/>

Perhaps you would prefer to write a letter to our provincial government. Here is the link to the Manitoba website <https://cwlmanitoba.ca/active-resolutions/> Resolutions adopted at national also have a link to that website. Any resolution not destined for national will have a disclaimer when you open it up that warns you not to address your letter to the federal level. I will also attach letter writing suggestions and guidelines from our national chairperson of resolutions to this communiqué.

Currently all gatherings of large groups are cancelled per provincial government policy. As such, there will not be a resolutions and legislation workshop in the fall. Should there be further developments, I will send any and all information to your councils.

***Colossians 3:23***

***23 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters***

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**February 2020**



**Communiqué #3**

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Since annual reports are now finished for both parish and diocesan councils I expect work is being done on resolutions for consideration at diocesan and provincial conventions. As there have been a number of changes in the way resolutions are to be done it is important to use the revised Resolutions Supplement to the Executive Handbook when preparing them.

Per National Chairperson of Resolutions Cathy Bouchard, “Two of the most important changes have to do with the format for resolutions and with using the Modern Language Association (MLA) 8 process for citing works.” “The next changes come in Guidelines for Resolutions Chairpersons at the national level consistent with the process used this past year. **Councils are asked to share their topics with the next level for assistance and to share the work if similar topics are being considered by other councils.**”

The revision clarifies when a council can act on the resolution. “Action on resolutions of a national nature is to be carried out only after adopted at the national convention by the national executive. Action on a resolution can be carried out at the provincial level after a letter of disposition has been received from the national resolutions committee even if the resolution is not accepted by the national executive,” provided that the resolution is directed to the provincial level, “and the resolution aligns with League positions.” This means the bridging clauses are in the resolution.”

Here are links to aid you in your search for information and clarification:

<https://www.cwl.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/606-Executive-Handbook-2014.pdf>

<https://cwl.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/618-Resolutions-Supplement-to-Executive-Handbook-2019.pdf>

<https://cwl.ca/communique-6-resolutions/>

<https://cwl.ca/communique-7-resolutions/>

I would ask that resolution chairpersons and/or council presidents please notify their diocesan and provincial resolutions chairpersons if they are intending to submit a resolution for consideration well in advance of convention.

A resolution workshop will held October 24, 2020 in Winnipeg. We have been asked to provide a workshop in the Keewatin-The Pas Diocese...date to be decided.

As always remember...

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**November 2019**



**Communiqué #2**

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National council voted in favour of dropping whereas clauses at all levels of the League. They will need to be incorporated into the brief when preparing a resolution. This will actually make the brief much clearer. As per the norm, the brief ultimately supports the resolution.

The new format focuses on the League's position of the resolution. When reviewing a resolution you need to ask if the resolution is an issue for the League and is it timely or emergent. The emphasis on the League's position solidifies the League's stance as the League addresses our concerns as Catholic women for the greater good of others. Our resolutions give voice to those who cannot speak for themselves. In this manner we have the ability to influence our governing bodies and others.

Once a resolution has passed at the level it targeted; municipal, provincial or national, we need to support it further by enacting the action plans in a manner that suits our councils. If letter writing is suggested, start a campaign or encourage your members to contact their government officials personally. If education is desired, invite a knowledgeable speaker to your meeting or host a general interest night at your parish and invite your parish family and community. Conversely, a member can volunteer to do further research on the topic of the resolution and make a presentation to your council at a meeting. Perhaps someone who has a special interest in the topic can make a point of following governmental developments and keep members informed. These are but a few suggestions, feel free to develop your own.

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**August 2019**



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As I write this it is rather brisk outside. Change is in the air. Change is coming to the Catholic Women’s League! I hope that some members who attended one of the three resolutions workshops held in the previous term have been inspired to try their hands at writing a resolution. As we do not have a resolutions chairperson for provincial council, I offered to be the contact person and President Janet Brunger accepted. Things will be done by committee until a chairperson is appointed.

A new format was trialled at the national convention whereby whereas clauses were only included in the brief. Currently this is under review. As things stand, the Resolutions Supplement still contains the following instructions: “The standard format for all resolutions is: WHEREAS, The ....; and WHEREAS, There ....; and WHEREAS, It ....; therefore, be it RESOLVED, That the members of...; and be it further RESOLVED, That ....” For the time being, please continue using the format that is in the Resolutions Supplement.

Two resolutions were adopted by national council:

- Resolution 2019.01 Canada to Honour its Commitment to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child urges the federal government “to honour its legal commitment to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child by providing legal protection to children before birth.”
- Resolution 2019.02 Canadian Support for the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons urges the federal government “to support, sign and ratify the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

There will be a Resolutions and Legislation Workshop on Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. See attached save the date poster. We will tweak the resolutions process a bit to help with transition to new formatting *if change is instituted* but still use the existing format as per the Resolutions Supplement. Hope to see you there!

Should you require assistance with resolutions or simply have a question regarding them, do not hesitate to contact your respective diocesan resolutions chairperson or me on provincial council.