

the last magazines were the best ever. I believe the website is used more often and with more interest, especially with new additions such as standing committee reports, the Call to Action page for important issues, and spotlights. Remember that the website is for everyone. You are welcome to download any document you want.

When members relocate or pass away, please notify national office. It is very costly when magazines are returned by Canada Post, as postage must then be paid twice. After you have read your copy, if you don't plan to keep it, leave your magazine for someone else to pick up. We get new members that way!

Please take note of the article by Alberta Mackenzie Provincial Education and Health Chairperson Fran Lucas on immediate translation for the hard of hearing – CART (Communication Access Real-Time Translation) at my display table. Edmonton Archdiocesan Council has been using this system for two years to assist the hearing impaired.

Stone Soup to Kindle the CWL Spirit will be published later than originally thought. This means you can still send your stories to Manitoba Provincial Resolutions Chairperson Faith Anderson or to national office. We hope in the near future to compile a list of those who have submitted stories.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve in communications!

on its resolutions and described the action that was currently being taken by the government on each one. He encouraged us to call on all League members to write letters to their members of parliament to help get legislation passed. Throughout our meeting, he was open, friendly, attentive and informative.

In our meeting with the attorney general we were assured that the government would be working toward implementing stiffer penalties for operators of crystal methamphetamine laboratories. There is no question that the meetings with the federal government were productive, important and enlightening. We were listened to with respect. A special note of appreciation to Life Member Anida Simurda for making it happen.

I am pleased to report that we received 17 resolutions. Of these 17 resolutions, the national executive decided that six would come to the floor of this convention, six were forwarded for action, and five were not accepted. One was an existing resolution, one needed more information, two had already been dealt with by the government and one focused on a review which the government has not yet slated.

Much time, as well as careful and prayerful consideration, was given to each and every resolution received. These are gifts from the provincial councils and are treated with respect.

On Sunday afternoon the resolutions dialogue session was attended by over 400 members. It was wonderful seeing so many members taking the opportunity to examine the resolutions to be presented at the convention and to prepare amendments if they considered them necessary.

I would like to thank the members of the resolutions committee and especially Joleene Kemp of Ontario and Peggy Roche of Newfoundland and Labrador, who have been working tirelessly for the past five days.

What a journey it has been serving as your national resolutions chairperson. Thank you to my *companions on the journey*. What an honour! It was a delight to have conducted resolutions workshops. Very many titles develop when you get a room full of members brainstorming together. I urge councils at all levels to hold resolutions workshops. As we have seen, resolutions make a difference to so many people around the world. Resolutions on the death penalty and on the trafficking of children were both passed unanimously at the WUCWO General Assembly. Taking action at an international level indeed! Remember – resolutions are crucial and are an act of love.

There is no question that members will not sit on the sidelines in the fight for justice. As you all recall the song, "They will know we are Christians by our love." Well, our song could be, "They'll know we have love by our resolutions!"

RESOLUTIONS



Dr. Rayleen De Luca

Pope Benedict XVI entitled his first encyclical letter *God is Love* and stressed that the church is deeply concerned in the promotion of justice. The Holy Father must be pleased with the good works of the League. Through resolutions, our love of God and neighbour is clearly demonstrated. Indeed these are exciting times – and resolutions are where it's at!

Congratulations to those councils who were able to meet with their local governments. Presenting League resolutions to Prime Minister Stephen Harper was an awesome feat. For the first time in 32 years, the League delegation to the federal government met with Canada's top official...and we certainly got a lot of press.

The prime minister personally commended the League