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To: Parish Council Chairpersons of Legislation
CC: Parish Council Presidents, Diocesan Presidents, Provincial Presidents and Life Members
From: Janet McLean, National Chairperson of Legislation
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Greetings to all parish council chairpersons of legislation,

As I write this, we are still 19 days away from the federal election. However, by the time you read this, the new federal government will be in place and most, if not all, ministers will be appointed. This is the perfect time for us to encourage members to act on the two resolutions adopted at the 95th annual national convention this past summer that fall under the legislation standing committee: Resolution 2015.04 Invoke Section 33 of the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* in the Case of Carter v. Canada, and Resolution 2015.05 Reinstatement of the Mandatory Long-Form Census.

Copies of these resolutions can be found in the latest edition of *The Canadian League* or on the national website. As part of the action plans, both resolutions call for letters to be written to the prime minister and various federal ministers. The names of the new ministers for the different federal government portfolios can be found on the parliamentary website (www.parl.gc.ca). Let us make an impression on the new government and show them the League means business! Bring some extra paper, envelopes and pens to your next parish council meeting and allow some time during the meeting to write letters to the government on these two resolutions. Remember, no stamps are needed for letters to government ministers in Ottawa. Many of us seldom write letters anymore, as sending an e-mail has become so common. Because of this, when a government minister receives a handwritten letter, she (or he) definitely takes notice. So let us write those letters.

Janet McLean
National Chairperson of Legislation