



# The Catholic Women's League of Canada

## MEMO

**DATE:** April 11, 2023  
**FROM:** Faith Anderson, national chairperson of community life  
**TO:** Parish chairpersons of community life  
**THROUGH:** Parish presidents and secretaries  
**CC:** Diocesan and provincial presidents and secretaries and life members  
(on request)  
**ENCL:** Deepening Relationships with Indigenous Catholic Women Survey  
Kindness Rock Project poster

### **Deepening Relationships with Indigenous Catholic Women**

Per my February 14<sup>th</sup> communiqué, “To give life to ‘Deepening Relationships with Indigenous Catholic Women’ and, in particular, the League’s Indigenous members, an *ad hoc* committee was struck consisting of national officers and Indigenous members. The committee wishes to gather information from members at large so it can recommend the necessary supports and resources to ensure Indigenous members are equally valued, respected, nurtured and able to fully participate in all League activities and projects, and to encourage them to take on leadership roles.”

As a follow-up to the communiqué, a hard copy of the survey is enclosed. Please ensure those members who cannot complete the survey electronically take advantage of this opportunity to provide their input and comments. The survey is brief and is not burdensome to complete. Provide support to those members who may need help. In order to receive the information in a timely manner, members are asked to complete the survey no later than **May 15<sup>th</sup>**. Parish councils may collect the surveys and send them in bulk, or members can send the survey individually. Please send completed surveys to The Catholic Women’s League of Canada, C-702 Scotland Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3M 1X5.

With the help of members, the League can give life to Pope Francis’ historic 2022 visit and his theme of *Walking Together* as members reflect on their relationships with Indigenous women.

### **Moose Hide Campaign**

The campaign began more than 10 years ago. Since then, thousands of communities and organizations across the country have held events and joined the annual Moose Hide Campaign Day ceremony and fast, which will be held on May 11<sup>th</sup> this year. Moose hide symbolizes taking a stand against violence and undoing the effects of residential schools. For complete information and to order moose hide pins, visit [moosehidecampaign.ca/](http://moosehidecampaign.ca/).

## **Red Sand Project**

The Red Sand Project, created by Molly Gochman, is a participatory artwork that “uses sidewalk interventions and earthwork installations to create opportunities for people to question, connect and take action against vulnerabilities that can lead to human trafficking and exploitation.” For more information, visit [redsandproject.org](http://redsandproject.org). This is yet another opportunity for your council to gather as a community and invite women in your parish to participate.

## **Development and Peace—Caritas Canada (D&P): 1% Program (Mary Nordickre)**

For more than 50 years, the League has supported D&P through the 1% Program. Do you and your council participate? What does “1%” mean? It means contributing to the national voluntary fund by giving 1% of the cost of all personal items purchased by members and 1% of funds raised by councils. One per cent is not much—for example, \$200.00 spent on oneself is only \$2.00. But, when 1% comes from all members and councils across Canada, it can mean a lot of support for D&P’s programs and relief work. When collecting and giving the 1%, councils can be very creative. Some councils that do not do much fundraising choose to donate a set amount per member, such as a loonie. For the personal 1%, some councils hold a gathering prayer service where members place their contribution in a jar or offering basket. Also, some members may prefer to donate their 1% through their parish’s Share Lent collection. However you choose to donate, please do so. Check out the 1% Program brochure available from national office or visit [devp.org](http://devp.org) to see the impact donations can have.

## **Catholic Near East Welfare Association and D&P Brochures**

There has been some concern regarding obtaining brochures from national office. There is a restriction of 25 brochures per council to ensure fair distribution. Brochures can be printed from the website; however, members’ printer options may need to be changed to accommodate the documents. To print the brochures: Print → More Settings → Scale → Fit to Page. Choose colour or black and white, then select the double-sided feature if available. Some members may have to feed the paper in again to print double-sided, or they can choose to print both pages.

## **Kindness Rock Project**

Enclosed is a poster with complete information on how your council can participate in the Kindness Rock Project and bring members together in a fun activity. No reports are required; however, photographs are greatly appreciated so they can be shared at the 2023 national annual meeting of members. Councils are encouraged to participate in this project.

May the Risen Christ strengthen your faith and purpose in life as we continue the Easter Season! May Our Lady of Good Counsel continue to guide your members in sharing the good works that the League continues to do “For God and Canada.”