



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

MEMO

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FROM: Fran Lucas, national president
TO: Parish council president
CC: Diocesan presidents, provincial presidents and life members (on request)

My warmest wishes to each and every council president as you resume your League service. Across Canada, summer was beautiful, and hopefully it was a time for enjoying your surroundings with family and friends in God's creation. I hope that each of you had a good break. Members love the League and service within it such that we sometimes forget to take a break—a time for ourselves. But make that time, as balance is essential in order to do our best work.

This parish mailing is filled with information for action from the national officers that needs to be shared now with your executive members. One such example is the newly adopted *Resolution 2022.01 Enact Federal Legislation to Address Food Loss and Waste*. The Spotlight section on the national website under the tab To Inform has a lot of information about the annual national convention in August in Kelowna. The presentation by Honorary Life Member Barbara Dowding on “Accompaniment” is on the website as well.

With the adoption of all proposed amendments at convention (except the proposed amendment to change the patroness), you will be guiding your council through change whenever your next election takes place. Becoming familiar now with those changes is very important. Please reach out to your diocesan president to answer any questions or ask for any assistance you may require. In December, every council will receive a copy of the new *Constitution & Bylaws* reflecting the recent amendments.

It was exciting to inform members at convention of the World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations (WUCWO) General Assembly taking place in Assisi, Italy, May 14-20, 2023. Please check the WUCWO website (wucwo.org) for further details, including the exciting opportunity of an audience with Pope Francis for those attending. Councils may find benefit from subscribing to WUCWO's *Women's Voice* magazine to be kept aware of international happenings. A national officer has an article in nearly every issue.

Work generated by the strategic plan has resulted in many new resources that can be found on the national website. Council executives will benefit from being familiar with these and using them to ensure a strong and informed council. The result will certainly be a catalyst to continue to express the theme of *Catholic and Living It!*

May Our Lady of Good Counsel guide our work always.

Fran