

What Have the Goal 3 Working Groups Been Up To? Reaching for the Sky

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What new skills have members learned since last March? Did they learn to bake bread, take up gardening or get a puppy? Did they take up a new hobby? (I have started snowshoeing.)

In reflection, the “old” way of living seems so busy. Members rushed from here to there, meeting people in restaurants or travelling to far-flung places. They rarely had the time to sit, to think or to listen to the silence. Have you made time for daily prayer and taken advantage of the plethora of online opportunities to learn about the Christianity that have sprung up recently? Catholics are entering their second Lent of lockdown. How have your routines changed?

The four working groups under Goal 3 have been hard at work and their routines have indeed changed. They have been spending their time and sharing their talents “For God and Canada.” I have been blessed to work with such a generous and talented group of women.

The League is fortunate these members have stepped forward and have been willing to spend their year to make the League a better organization in the future! So what have they been up to?

Working Group 3A: League Misconceptions

This group of women, Mary Hunt, Sylvia Jurys, Karen Rossiter and Laura Wilson have been working hard at gathering and analyzing data to determine the best course of action to address misconceptions about the League. They have analyzed national survey data and brainstormed a list of ways to dispel both cultural and generation misconceptions people might have about the League. In their few remaining months, they will implement a minimum of four courses of action that will emphasize what the League does. Members have historically been reluctant to “toot their own horn,” so this group will find the largest horn available!

Working Group 3B: Encourage Diversity

Victoria Barredo-Oppersthauser, Philiz Goh, Gerda Hazenberg and Hilarion Mitchell have been hard at work throughout the winter! The group has created two Facebook advertisements per month from November-February on generational and cultural diversity. Two advertisements were also made for the winter issue of *The Canadian League* and two for the upcoming spring issue. Those advertisements can be download as posters and postcards from the national website under To Organize, 300 Series: Promotional Material.

Working Group 3C: Toolkits

Pat Crossman, Maureen Fadum, Lauri Friesen and Christine Mason have completed this working group’s first draft of three separate toolkits—one each for faith, service and social justice. These

toolkits are simultaneously meant to be ready-made and adaptable. The intent is for parish councils to be able to utilize each of these toolkits to help them be more informed and help them take action on issues that matter to them.

Working Group 3D: Spiritual Formation

This group needed new members this past fall. Original members Louise Beggs and Theresa Duncan were happy to add three women to the group, Sharon Malec, Con Marks and Marjorie Robinson. The group has designed a PowerPoint presentation to teach members about copyright and help members create their own original prayers and spiritual programs. The group has also written 10 copyright-free prayers and spiritual programs. Both the presentation and the original prayers and spiritual programs will soon be available to parish councils.