

The Land Rests **Implementation Committee Update—December 2021**

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Only a small percentage of the population has a direct connection to the land, yet the seasons still control so many things in society and in Canadians' lives. For example, teachers still have July and August off for holidays. Historically, students would have needed these months off to help on the family farm, but that is not the case for many students now. Most of the country (and world) also changes time every spring and fall so that people can make the most of the daylight even though electricity is something that Canadians enjoy.

The Goal 3 working groups have continued working hard throughout the fall and into the start of winter weather. The initial preparations and learning have ended, and all four groups are well into the gathering of information stage of their action plans. This month, the implementation committee is highlighting two of the four groups working on Goal 3 strategies.

The actively engage working group has been gathering information about members who are new to the League and members who are homebound. They have accessed diocesan annual reports and learned what councils across the country are doing to help these two types of members. In addition, the group is preparing to host some focus group meetings to learn what the League can do to help new and homebound members become more involved and engaged.



The increase connectedness working group is looking to create tools and resources to help parish and diocesan councils maintain a connectedness between meetings. The group has conducted online research, accessed national annual reports and found best practices for maintaining connectedness. Its final goal is to create tools to help parish and diocesan council executives to increase connectedness among members and parish council members to stay connected with each other.

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In all His wisdom, God created the seasons so the land and all that resides on it can rest and rejuvenate. The four Goal 3 working groups are also taking a rest during the season of Advent. They are taking a step back from their critical League work to have a bit more time for prayer and remembering the reason why they are working so hard. The implementation committee is grateful for the hardworking members of all working groups striving to create change in the organization, so that when the new springtime arrives, the land and the League will awaken and thrive.