

**The Catholic Women's League of Canada  
Alberta Mackenzie Provincial Council**

**COMMUNITY LIFE**

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**Inspired By the Spirit  
Women Respond to God's Call**

We begin another CWL year with a new theme reminding us to respond to God's call. This beginning is a prime opportunity to review our duties not only as chairpersons of the community life standing committee but as members of The Catholic Women's League.

Duties of the Community Life Standing Committee:

- dignity and rights of persons
- social and economic justice
- refugees, immigration and citizenship
- Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace
- developing countries

As Catholic women and members of the League, we are continually asked to respond to God's call. As we contemplate our duties, we can ask ourselves – what have we done in this past year?

Now is the time to review the resolutions under community life that were adopted at the national convention. Have we responded to the member action plans? How many letters were sent? Did we learn more by inviting guest speakers on various issues? What have we done?

Have we responded to Pope Francis' Encyclical "Laudato Si"? Simple acts of recycle; viewing websites such as [www.greenspiritv.com](http://www.greenspiritv.com) giving us an opportunity for great discussion on small ways we can care for the creation God has given us in trust. As a suggestion, it might be an idea for councils to view the speaking notes and power point slides from the talk given at WUCWO by Rita Janes, Past President of Newfoundland-Labrador Provincial Catholic Women's League Council. This can be found on the national CWL website: [www.cwl.ca](http://www.cwl.ca) Also, Education and Health and Community Life chairpersons could present a combined project on the environment.

Community Life <http://cwl.ca/resolutions/by-position/>

- [2016.01 Equal Access to Permanent Resident Status, an Amendment to the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act](#)
- [2013.01](#) > Building Relationships and Partnerships with Canada's Indigenous Peoples]
- [2011.02](#) > Children of Missing and Murdered Aboriginal Women
- [2010.01](#) > Chrysotile Asbestos
- [2009.01](#) > Exit Strategies for Prostituted Persons
- [2007.02](#) > Global Accountability for Canadian Registered Mining Companies
- [2005.06](#) > Developing Countries and Water [share with EH]
- [2005.03](#) > Protection of Farmers' Rights to Save Seed
- [2005.02](#) > The Children of Mothers in Prison
- [2003.01](#) > Affordable Housing for Low-Income Canadians
- [2002.03](#) > Accessibility of the Workplace for Persons with Disabilities

- [2002.02](#) > Anti-Bullying Programs
- [2001.03](#) > Hunger in Canada
- [2000.08](#) > Sweatshops
- [1999.02](#) > Childhood Abuse in Institutions
- [1999.01](#) > Elder Abuse/Assault Awareness
- [1997.09](#) > Restorative Justice Programs for Young Offenders
- [1993.05](#) > Canadian Immigration Policy to Protect Women at Risk of Gender-Related Persecution
- [1987.04](#) > Affirmative Action
- [1985.12](#) > Northern Renewable Resources
- [1978.06](#) > Know Your Candidate for Office
- [1972.24](#) > Alternate Forms of Punishment

As you see above, Community Life committee resolutions still active, still needing attention.

We ask ourselves .....What have we done? Better yet --- What can we do?

Happy New Year and May we continually be inspired by the Spirit!