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Alberta Mackenzie Provincial Council

**EDUCATION & HEALTH**



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*One Heart, One Voice, One Mission*

TO: Diocesan Chairpersons of Education and Health  
CC: Provincial Executive (for information)  
CC: National Chairperson of Education and Health (for information)

FROM: Linda V, Provincial Chairperson of Education and Health  
ATTN: Webmaster

The Alberta bishops have commented on the Alberta Government's release of its report, *Guidelines for Best Practices: Creating Learning Environments that Respect Diverse Sexual Orientations, Gender Identities and Gender Expressions* <<http://education.alberta.ca/media/1626737/91383-attachment-1-guidelines-final.pdf>>.

See Calgary **Bishop F. Henry's response** (Jan13/16) here:

<<http://www.calgarydiocese.ca/messages-from-the-bishop/1367-pastoral-letter.html>>

Bishop Henry has made a request to the Catholic Women's League, Calgary diocese, to write letters to the Minister of Education in support of Catholic Schools and inclusive communities. There will be discussion at the provincial level with regards to this issue. Please watch for directives from the provincial executive.

In the meantime, you do not have to wait to write a letter in solidarity with Catholic educators and supporters all over Alberta. In the words of Bishop Henry, "give this request some prayerful attention."

See St. Paul **Bishop P. Terrio's response** here:

<<http://www.dioceseofstpaul.ca/images/Pastoralletters/AlbertaEducationsGuidelines-1.pdf>>

See Grouard-McLennan **Archbishop G. Pettipas' response** here:

<[http://caedm.ca/Portals/0/pastoral%20scene/2016-01-20\\_ABPetipias-EggenGuidelines.pdf](http://caedm.ca/Portals/0/pastoral%20scene/2016-01-20_ABPetipias-EggenGuidelines.pdf)>

See Edmonton **Archbishop R. Smith's response** here:

<[http://caedm.ca/Portals/0/documents/archbishops%20office/ABSmithStatementOnBestPracticesGuidelines\\_Jan16.pdf](http://caedm.ca/Portals/0/documents/archbishops%20office/ABSmithStatementOnBestPracticesGuidelines_Jan16.pdf)>

See **Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association response** (Jan19/16) here:

<<http://www.acsta.ab.ca/news/2016/1/19/guidelines-for-best-practices-creating-learning-environments-that-respect-diverse-sexual-orientations-gender-identities-and-gender-expressions>>

**Regarding David Eggen's "Guidelines for Best Practices: Creating Learning Environments that Respect Diverse Sexual Orientations, Gender Identities and Gender Expressions"**, the CWL provincial website has been updated with a letter to AB Education Minister, with a cover letter for CWL members.

These are posted on the home page, <http://www.cwl.ab.ca/> and under the President's communiques, <http://www.cwl.ab.ca/CouncilInformation.html#President>

Feel free to advise your councils and members.

**Canadian Medical Association Demand a Plan:** Write letters to your MPs and MLAs in support of seniors. **Make your voice heard by writing a letter to the Prime Minister and your Member of Parliament (MP)!**

During the election campaign, DemandAPlan supporters sent more than 40,000 letters to candidates across the country. As a result, our call for a national seniors strategy was heard and you should be very proud of the role you played. Thank you!

[http://www.demandaplan.ca/write\\_to\\_the\\_pm?](http://www.demandaplan.ca/write_to_the_pm?utm_campaign=letter_camp_3&utm_medium=email&utm_source=canadianmedicalassociation)

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One particular course that is being taught this semester is "Theory and Praxis in Catholic School Administration" by Michael Marien. This course is an in-depth study of specific topics in and approaches to Catholic school administration and leadership. Examples may include: Gospel-based leadership and supervision; school law and Catholic schools; interactive relationship of school/family/parish/diocese; social justice issues facing Catholic schools; peace education; strategic planning; ecumenical dialogue and practice. The required reading includes Timothy Cook's two books: *Architects of Catholic Culture* and *Charism and Culture: Cultivating Catholic Identity in Catholic Schools*.

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Please send questions and or issues for discussion to Education & Health Chair, Linda V at <[abmprovedhealth@gmail.com](mailto:abmprovedhealth@gmail.com)>.