



The Catholic Women's League of Canada
ALBERTA MACKENZIE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

**LEGISLATION STANDING COMMITTEE
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On October 21st we will be voting for our municipal representatives and school board trustees. Please take an active interest in the campaigns and then get out and vote! Once the election is over it is still our duty to take an interest in the decisions and policies set forth by our elected leaders. It is not right to say that they (the elected) should know what we want without clear and continuous communication from the voters, as this will only lead us to frustration. We need to express what we want in writing, e-mails, and phone calls. We need to continually remind our elected what we want in order to ensure that our message is clear. It is also good to let our elected know when they are on the right track as well.

With regards to our governments both federal and provincial, I do not see any activity as yet. For that, we need to have the government "in session." I did see that Private Members Bill C-442 was presented in the 2012 on Lyme's Disease by Elizabeth May, MP for Saanich-Gulf Islands B.C. The bill is currently at First Reading. I have e-mailed the MP for more details on this bill as to why it has not progressed any further. I will let you know what her response is when I receive it.

In November, I plan to attend the PC Leadership convention in Red Deer as a voting delegate. I will be meeting with the various MLAs on the Friday of the convention to discuss various issues that are facing our province and to find out the actions they will be taking. I will send another communiqué to let you know how my meetings went and who I spoke to.

Although we have not been formally asked to address the issue on Euthanasia in our territory nor has it been submitted federally, we must be ever vigilant that this poisonous issue does not get a foothold in our society. We must fight for a better solution. The issue is that these individuals who want to die have lost hope and feel they are a burden on society. We need to find better solutions so that they know they are valued, loved and cared for unconditionally. A great website to keep you up-to-date : <www.epcc.ca> or <www.euthanasiaprevention.on.ca>.

Please see the Christian Family Life Standing Committee communiqué #1 <www.cwl.ab.ca/ChrFamLifeComm1-2013Oct.pdf> for additional information on this subject.

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