

The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Alberta Mackenzie Provincial Council
Legislation Communiqué # 1
October 01, 2016

A new CWL year has begun. Welcome back everyone!

Elections

The Federal election will take place on October 19, 2015. Members are urged to follow the various campaign platforms and vote according to their own values. Even if we don't agree with everything our local candidates, or even the party leaders are saying, we have a responsibility to vote. Vote for the candidate who comes closest to your particular values. If you know of someone who may not vote because they have no transportation to the polls, offer them a ride.

Currently in Alberta, the Provincial government is not in session, so there is little action for us to follow. A committee to review royalties in the energy sector has been established and we await the findings of this committee.

Resolutions

At the 95th Annual CWL National Convention in Vancouver this past August five resolutions were passed. Two of these resolutions fall under this standing committee: **Resolution 2015.04: Invoke Section 33 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms in the Case of Carter v Canada** and **Resolution 2015.05: Reinstatement of the Mandatory Long-Form Census**. Action called for on these resolutions is writing letters to the prime minister, other federal ministers and members of parliament regarding both of these issues. Right now, with election campaigning in full swing, is a good time to contact the candidates in your constituencies and ask them about their positions on these two resolutions.

Supreme Court of Canada Decision

Janet M, our National Legislation Chair had the following in her communiqué:
"Because of the Supreme Court of Canada's decision in the Carter v. Canada case, which declared certain sections of the Criminal Code of Canada to have no force and effect as they pertain to assisted dying, the government has established a Consultation Committee on Legislative Options on Assisted Dying. Its task is to engage Canadians on this issue. While members support life from conception to natural death, this is an opportunity to have input into legislation that may be enacted to meet the requirements of this decision. All members must be encouraged to take part in this consultation process which can be done on the committee's website at: www.ep-ce.ca/en." There are two articles which I found in the *Edmonton Journal* regarding what is going on in Quebec regarding Assisted Dying. They were written by Sharon Kirkey of the National Post and can be found at:

<http://news.nationalpost.com/health/quebec-doctors-to-get-standard-euthanasia-kits>

Please vote!

Betsy F.