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**Legislation Report  
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Madam President,

The Provincial NDP Government recently announced the hiring of Sheree Kwong See as full time Seniors' Advocate beginning September 01, 2016 until the end of 2019. After repeated phone calls and letters to the Minister of Seniors and Housing (Minister Sigurdson) asking if this position would be independent, we received a letter that stating that the advocate would report directly to her. Regarding seniors acts, Minister Sigurdson did state in her letter (May 10, 2016) that "the ministry will also look at different models, including the British Columbia Advocate as an effective example." Clearly, we have still more work to do.

With input from Judy L. and Cathy B. we prepared an update on the status of the Seniors' Advocate Initiative. This was sent out to the Provincial Executive as well as to the five Diocesan Legislation Chairs. The update is intended to be shared with members and their parishioners across the province to let them know that we are still working hard on behalf of seniors. The update has also been submitted to Communications Chair Annette deB. for the Provincial CWL Newsletter.

The provincial convention workshop for the new online annual reporting went well. The members who attended the combined Legislation and Resolutions workshop were very positive with their comments about the president's presentation. They saw the value of this form of reporting, but some were concerned about not being computer literate or not having access to a computer. These fears were countered with the suggestion that this could be a great way to involve some of the younger members of their parish by inviting them to share their computer skills with the CWL.

I have been asked to prepare an information sheet to guide members when they are seeking meetings with the government. This is currently a work in progress. President Cathy B. sent me some information from Manitoba Provincial Council with some excellent tips on how they prepare to meet with the government. I will make sure to include some of this information in my guide.

This concludes my report.

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Standing Committee Chair