

Welcome to the Opening Day of the 70th Annual Provincial Convention.

My name is Cathy Bouchard and I am your Provincial President.

“I would like to begin by acknowledging that we are on the traditional lands, referred to as Treaty 6 Territory, and that all the people here are beneficiaries of this peace and friendship treaty. Treaty 6 encompasses the traditional territories of numerous western Canadian First Nations, including Cree, Dene (DEN-Ē), StoneyNakota Sioux, Sauteaux (SO-TO), and Ojibwe (OJEEB-WĒ). We acknowledge the many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for centuries and whose respectful stewardship have enabled us all to enjoy the riches of the Creator’s blessings. Today we wear red to show our support for our military and to recognize the murdered and missing indigenous women.”