

**Alberta Mackenzie Provincial CWL Council  
Organization  
Communique #1  
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Greetings Sisters in the League.

*For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another'. [Romans 12:4-5](#)*

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Organization Standing Committee Chair for the Alberta Mackenzie Provincial CWL. I want to welcome the Diocesan Organization Chairpersons that I will have the pleasure of working with as well.

Welcome:	Janet M	Calgary Diocese
	Cheryl B	Edmonton Diocese
	Lucille P	Grouard McLennan
	Paula B	Mackenzie-Fort Smith
	Celine P	St. Paul

Currently, Grouard-McLennan does not have this position filled; however, a huge thank-you to Lucille for helping to cover this position in the interim. I will be praying that someone in their Diocese will allow their name to be nominated in order to be eligible for election for this position. It is so important for us to work for the League and to share the joy of belonging to such a wonderful organization that promotes Catholic teachings, exemplifies Christian ideals in home and family life, protects sanctity of human life, enhances the role of women in the church and society, recognizes human dignity in all people, uphold and defends Christian education and values and helps us to contribute to the understanding and growth of religious freedom, social justice, peace and harmony (*taken from Constitutions & Bylaws*).

In August, I attended the CWL National Convention in Vancouver, with several members from across our province. What a great opportunity for us to meet and get to know each other. The convention was faith-filled, with a lot of good information shared by many and truly a fun time for everyone. I encourage every member to try to attend a National Convention at least once. It will be an event that you will not forget and one that will inspire your work for God and Canada.

#### **Annual Report Forms for Parish Chairpersons**

In the next short while, parish annual report forms will be distributed by the Diocesan officers. This is a time for parish councils chairs to sit down and go over all the activities that your council has been involved in over the past year.

#### **Life Member Nomination**

The life membership nomination and approval procedure has been updated and approved at the national executive pre-convention meeting in August. New forms were generated: Life Member Notice of Nomination for Life Membership, Nomination for Life Membership, Life Member Nominee Questionnaire, and Life Member Checklist for Provincial Council. These changes will become effective May 1, 2016. A substantive change in procedure is to be followed so be prepared to review the materials carefully and keep these on file for reference. Life membership is an honour that entails responsibility and is not intended to be a reward for years of service or as a retirement gift. Please note that nominations for Life Membership only come from the Provincial or the Diocesan level.

### **Development Funds**

I would like to encourage diocesan/provincial councils to plan leadership development for members. Subsidies are available for League development (check the website [www.cwl.ca](http://www.cwl.ca), [Member Bursaries and Council Subsidies](#)). Read and carefully follow the guidelines provided. This is a great way to boost membership by hosting an orientation or development program that would meet the needs of your members. Continue to promote and encourage attendance at League functions, development days, workshops, training days and conventions.

### **Catch the Fire & S'Mores Workshops**

Another valuable tool for promoting the League and increasing our membership is to host a workshop on "Catch the Fire" or "S'Mores". This will give the ladies a comprehensive view of what CWL is all about. The facilitators from across the province are looking forward to being invited by a council to give these presentations.

### **Membership Drive**

A reminder that membership packages for 2016 are scheduled to be distributed by Oct 15<sup>th</sup>. This is the time to encourage ladies in your parish to get their memberships as well as inviting new ladies to come and see what CWL has to offer. Remember that by increasing your membership, your council may be eligible for a "Father Walter Krewski" award based on the information below:

- 1.** The first award will go to the council which has the greatest number of new members in the previous year. (Please note: New members are only those who have never held a C.W.L. membership before)
- 2.** The second award will go to the council which has the greatest overall increase in membership from the previous year
- 3.** The third award will go to the council which has the greatest **percentage** increase in membership in the previous year

I wish all of you, a blessed year, as we work and pray with One Heart, One Voice, and One Mission.

Respectfully submitted,

*June F.*

President Elect, Organization Standing Committee Chair  
ABMK Provincial CWL