



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

ALBERTA MACKENZIE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL



2014 ANNUAL PROVINCIAL RESOLUTIONS REPORT

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It has been a busy year for Alberta Mackenzie councils following up on the numerous resolutions passed at our provincial convention last year.

Resolution 2014.03 Flavoured Tobacco Products Ban put forth by Edmonton Diocese and approved at the National convention in August 2014 has been followed up with letter writing and other actions to raise awareness of the issues resulting in several provinces enacting legislation to restrict or ban some flavoured tobacco products. Good work ladies!

All diocesan councils have reported their parishes are taking action on passed resolutions through discussions at meeting and letter writing to their political representatives.

Work continues at the provincial level on the resolution put forth regarding restricting the use of Canadian passports for travelers hoping to partake in sexual tourism. We hope to have an acceptable resolution to present to provincial convention and then on to National in Vancouver this summer.

Resolution 2014.04 Income Qualification for AB Dental and Optical Benefits for Single Seniors has been forwarded to the Premier's Office and a meeting has been requested. At writing we have had no word back, but are hopeful that the meeting will happen before convention.

Other resolutions that councils are taking action on are:

Restoration of Health Care for Refugee Claimants

Electronic Cigarettes

*National Standard for Newborn Screening Including Screening for
Severe Combined Immunodeficiency*

*Old Age Security Allowance for Individuals 60 to 64 Years of Age
Regardless of Marital Status*

Human Trafficking

Euthanasia

Councils report that action takes the form of writing letters, researching issues on the internet, and discussion with their various community leaders on how these issues can be overcome.

Members also report that *The Canadian League* magazine is a valuable source of information on the status of resolutions along with the national and local websites.

Councils are also reporting that resolutions are a somewhat daunting task and there is a call for more training.

Some councils within Alberta Mackenzie are following up on the 2013 Provincial Convention Resolution on Lyme disease and the related funding and research occurring in the province. Efforts are underway to educate members on the disease and its impact on individuals.

The resolution put forth on limiting the disclosure of the sex of the fetus before 24 weeks did not reach approval at National level; however, a letter was written by the National President to the Prime Minister expressing these concerns and can be found on the CWL national website.

The resolutions committee is considering two proposed resolutions for the 2015 Provincial Convention and further information will follow at that time.

Respectfully submitted,

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Provincial Resolutions Chair
Alberta Mackenzie CWL

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