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Alberta Mackenzie Provincial Council



Resolutions Chair
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TO: Diocesan Chairpersons, Diocesan Presidents
CC: Provincial Executive (for information)
CC: National Chairperson of Resolutions (for information)
FROM: Betsy Fletcher Provincial Chairperson of Resolutions

Greetings Everyone:

This communiqué is coming out at a really strange time in our lives. The Novel-Corona virus has had such an impact on our country, some good things some not so good. Out of this pandemic we have seen kindness and compassion as well as loss. We must continue to use safe practices to protect ourselves and others.

Even our CWL activities have been curtailed. We can still write letters though. Please keep on top of last year's resolutions, **2019.01** Canada to Honour Its Commitment to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and **2019.02** Canadian Support for the United Nations *Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons*.

The meeting on February 24th with members of the Legislature went quite well. We shared Resolutions: **2015.01** Establish National Standards & Inter-Provincial/Territorial Protocols for Child Welfare Interventions; **2018.01** Official Recognition of Obesity as a Chronic Disease; **2019.01** In-School Dental Screening in Alberta in Grades K-12; as well as the **Seniors' Advocate Initiative** and found them very receptive to our concerns. We learned that a government document had been prepared regarding the National Standards for Child Interventions (very similar to our resolution 2015.01 Establish National Standards & Provincial/Territorial Protocols for Child Welfare Interventions) but had been stalled. An email has been sent to staff of the Minister of Children's Services asking for clarification and status of this document. They are looking into it and will get back to us.

A communiqué from National Resolutions Chair, Cathy Bouchard, about letter writing has been forwarded at her request to Diocesan Resolutions chairs to be circulated among our membership. It has great guidelines for us to follow. A request was sent out to each provincial resolution's chair to prepare a list of all resolutions prepared over the years in our provinces. The plan is to create a comprehensive list for both the national and provincial chair's files. Each of our diocesan chairs were asked to send a list of all the resolutions prepared by them and to forward that list to this resolution chair. A list will then be created and sent to Cathy Bouchard and a copy kept on file with the province. Thank you to those who have sent their list to me.

It is unfortunate that we cannot gather at meetings and conventions at this time. That being said, please make sure you stay in contact with each other by telephone or email. There is nothing like personal connections to lift the spirits!

Stay well and safe, *Betsy*