



The Catholic Women's League of Canada
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

Dear Sisters in the League,

Advent is upon us. Now is the time when we prepare with hope, peace, joy and love for the coming of the Lord. Christmas will be very different for many of us this year with Covid-19 restrictions in place. We will miss celebrating with our family and friends, but we follow the guidelines because we have love for our fellow humans.

One way we can show our love for our fellow humans is by writing to your MP to ask for a pause in the passing of Bill C-7. This bill will come forward again for a reading in mid-December. It's not too late to write. You will find sample letters on our website: cwl.ab.ca. You can also call your MP. A provincial committee was struck to work on this and letters have been sent on behalf of our provincial councils to the Prime Minister, The Minister of Justice and the Minister of Health. You can go to the Government of Canada website and find the wording of Bill C-7. Look for "LEGISinfo" and you should find it there.

As you know, Alberta Mackenzie council has been working on getting Alberta an **Independent Seniors' Advocate**. A private members bill in Ontario is asking for the same thing. In light of what has been happening in all of our provinces with inadequate care (for various reasons) during this time of Covid-19 as well as in the past, it is good to know that other provinces are seeing the need for a Seniors' Advocate. It appears that we need and advocate more than ever. We will continue to work on this issue with the Alberta government. It will be brought forward again when we meet with the Alberta Government in the New Year.

Now is also a good time to make sure you are working on current resolution action plans. Letters can be written, phone calls and visits made to your MLAs or MPs.

A new guide for resolutions has been created. Please make copies for your files and distribute it to your diocesan councils. This is a very useful tool for preparing resolutions. If any of your councils had prepared a resolution for the 2020 conventions that did not happen, please ask them to make sure they are ready for presentation in

2021. Now is the time to make sure they are still relevant and that the briefs are as strong as they can be.

A chart of resolutions archived by National Office for 2020 is also available. Share this list with your councils. Once resolutions are archived, a council can write a new resolution on the topic. They can be updated and re-written to be relevant today.

Please remember to comply with all Covid-19 restrictions, wear a mask and wash your hands often and social distance!

Merry Christmas and Blessings to you all!

Betsy

<http://www.cwl.ab.ca/Resolutions%20Guide-revisedJuly2020.pdf>

<http://www.cwl.ab.ca/2020%20Archived%20Resolutions.pdf>

[http://www.cwl.ab.ca/Assisted Suicide Sample letter](http://www.cwl.ab.ca/Assisted%20Suicide%20Sample%20letter)

[http://www.cwl.ab.ca/index.php/committees/27-resolutions/Sample Letter Template](http://www.cwl.ab.ca/index.php/committees/27-resolutions/Sample%20Letter%20Template)