



RESOLUTIONS & LEGISLATION

One Heart, One Voice, One Mission, Palliative and Hospice Care.

To: Parish Council Resolutions and Legislation Chairpersons
Provincial Executive of Resolution
National Chairperson of Legislation

From: Peggy Roche, Newfoundland and Labrador Provincial Chairperson

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Communiqué 7

Greeting

Once again, we are in *daylight savings time*. The clocks are turned back and we are enjoying a wonderful fall in all God's glory of rich colours, crisp air and gentle breeze. Soon we will be celebrating the Holy Season of Advent as we prepare for Christmas, celebrating the birth of the Christ Child. I wish you and your families a very spiritual Advent and a wonderful Christmas!

At the National Convention this year the election for the National CWL Table Officers was held. Joan Bona was elected National Chairperson of Resolutions and Nancy Simms was elected as National Chairperson of Legislation.

The following five Resolutions were adopted:

Resolutions

Community Life: Resolution 2016.01, Equal Access to Permanent Resident Status, an Amendment to the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act*

Education & Health: Resolution 2016.02, *Eating Well With Canada's Food Guide*.

As well as: Resolution 2016.03, Warning Labels on Food and Drug Products for all Inactive Substances and Additives.

Of the five resolutions adopted at the 2016 national convention two fall under Legislation:

Resolutions 2016.04, Amend the *Canada Health Act* to Identify Palliative Care as an Insured Health Service.

As well: Resolution 2016.05, Amend the *Canada Health Act* to Include Home Care as an Insured Health Service.

Legislation

Excerpt from Communiqué #01 – Nancy Simms, National Chairperson –Legislation

“Resolution 2016.04 Amend the *Canada Health Act* to Identify Palliative Care as an Insured Health Service requires members to write to the prime minister, federal minister of health and members of parliament (MPs) urging them to identify palliative care as an insured health service covered under the *Canada Health Act* and to develop a national strategy for uniform standards and delivery of palliative care as defined by the World Health Organization. Members should also write to their premier, provincial/territorial ministers of health and Members of Legislative Assemblies to urge them to provide

palliative care as an insured service covered under provincial/territorial health acts. We need to continue to educate members and the community at large on the importance of high quality palliative care.

Resolution 2016.05 Amend the *Canada Health Act* to Include Home Care as an Insured Health Service requires members to write to the prime minister, federal minister of health and MPs urging them to include home care in the *Canada Health Act*. Councils are also encouraged to initiate a petition regarding this issue, support local hospices, coordinate assistance to disabled and elderly, and study the Parliamentary Committee on Palliative and Compassionate Care report *Not to be Forgotten, Care of Vulnerable Canadian* and publications from Catholic Organization for Life and Family that deal with vulnerable people.“

Resolutions Action Plans

Please follow the action plans attached to the resolutions and remember to invite others from our communities, congregation, or from other walks of life, to assist us in attaining our goals through letter writing, signing petitions, and by drawing on their individual expertise when we are looking for speakers to make a presentation or for their advice on the various topics addressed.

Nancy also included the following in her Communiqué;

“A National Day of Action for Palliative Care

May 4, 2017 will once again be a day within the League to focus on hospice and palliative care. There will be more opportunities at that time to take further action on the above resolutions. More information will soon follow.

Palliative Care Petition

As an update to the palliative care petitions to the federal government distributed by my predecessor, Janet McLean, over 23,000 signatures were collected and will be presented in the House of Commons this fall.”

I have received an introductory Communiqué #01 from Joan Bona – National Chairperson of Resolutions, also featuring 2016 Resolutions, Joan encourages us to keep posted for plans of the national executive delegation’s annual visit to Ottawa in 2016.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 709-437-6193 or e-mail pegasus@nl.rogers.com

Together we will work with *One Heart, One Voice and One Mission: Palliative and Hospice Care*.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel Guide Us on Our Faith Journey Together.