



Nova Scotia Provincial Council
Catholic Women's League of Canada
Resolutions Communique # 1
One Heart, One Voice, One Mission
(Together We Serve)

To: Diocesan Counterparts (*For distribution to all parish councils*)
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With a few delays along the way, I begin my journey with this new committee of Resolutions at the Provincial level. This committee embodies the current theme of *One Heart, One Voice, One Mission*, since we as CWL members voice our beliefs as one with issues which affect our daily living. By way of introducing myself, I have been a member of St. Joseph's Parish Council in Kentville for the past 20 years and, have been employed at the Acadia University Library for the past 30 plus years. In 2015 in my council parish, I initiated a resolution concerning mental health and youth and this was directed to the Nova Scotia government for action. It is my firm belief that through the resolutions process within the Catholic Women's League of Canada, members' voices can be heard on the most relevant issues of our society.

This past June at the Provincial Convention, two resolutions were passed. Resolution 2016.01: To Improve Access to Oral Health-Care for Nova Scotia Seniors, which is posted on the website with its accompanying brief and action plan. Councils should strongly encourage members to write letters to the Minister of Health in support. A meeting with the Health Minister has been initiated and a date will be arranged in the new year. The second resolution, Resolution 2016.01: To improve Access to Oral Health-Care for Vulnerable People in Canada was forwarded to the National Council for inclusion at the National Convention. Unfortunately, the resolution was not approved by the Resolutions Committee since it did not meet the criteria for resolutions in the Supplement as well as it should be directed to the provincial Health Department. As a result, at the Fall meeting of the Provincial Council, a committee was convened to review and strengthened the resolution.

At the National Convention in Halifax in August, five resolutions were adopted and the full text may be viewed online on the National website or in the accompanying document entitled Resolutions at a Glance 2016. It is in abbreviated form. These resolutions will be presented to the federal government when a delegation led by the National President, Margaret Ann Jacobs along with her delegation on November 28, 29, 30, 2016. Please keep this delegation in your prayers as members journey safely to Ottawa to take members' resolutions to the appropriate government official.

To assist you in formulating and initiating resolutions in your councils, a Resolution pamphlet is available on the Nova Scotia Provincial website (<http://www.cwl.ns.ca/home>).

As you walk with your sisters in your daily activities and observe a situation which is not satisfactory, ask questions and attempt to find solutions. Some situations may be solved with a little research, but others may include petitioning a level of government, whether municipal, provincial or federal, to make our voices heard and provide the solution. If at any time, you need assistance in the resolutions process, do not hesitate to contact me for assistance.