



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

MEMO

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TO: Provincial Presidents
THROUGH: Provincial Presidents and Secretaries
CC: National Executive
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It has been a very busy fall, and the whole year has been extremely active, with new items being considered and several new ideas and protocols put into place.

It is important for training and League development to take place. Provincial and diocesan councils should be planning and offering this training and education to councils at all levels. There are many resources available on the national [website](#). This type of training should be a part of the operational plan for provincial and diocesan executives.

I invite all councils to review the national [resolutions](#) adopted at the 2024 convention, consider the action plans, and make members aware of the issues discussed in those resolutions. National Chairperson of Social Justice Glenda Carson and office staff are working to obtain visits with the federal government in February 2025.

Membership is very much on my mind, and I hope it is on everyone's mind as we travel into the New Year. It is imperative that membership is maintained and new members recruited. National Vice-President Betty Colaneri has issued communiqués on recruitment and has created the "1" Campaign to "Recruit, Retain and Regain." I urge all councils to issue information and support for membership.

National Chairperson of Faith Rolande Chernichan has issued communiqués throughout the year and has designed and offered all members webinars and information on various spiritual items.

National Chairperson of Service Joline Belliveau has issued communiqués on palliative care as well as mental health issues and resources. This is in line with the national theme's concentration on mental health. All councils are urged to promote awareness about these issues.

The League is planning for the upcoming annual national convention in Toronto, Ontario, August 10–13, 2025. Please promote the national convention and encourage your diocesan counterparts to do the same. The World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations ([WUCWO](#)) will host the North American Regional Conference on Sunday, August 10th, just before the League's convention. It would be a unique opportunity for members to experience the work of WUCWO and the League's participation in it. The regional vice-president of North America is Honorary Life Member Barb Dowding (2014–2016). Information about the convention will be in the spring issue of *The Canadian League*.