

## **Announcement for Year Two Working Group Members**

It is with great joy that the implementation committee announces the selection of the women who will join the 25 women already working on members' behalf. This now brings to 54 the number of women working on the implementation of the strategic plan. Seven working groups have been established in this the second year of the implementation of planning strategically in the League. A short description of each working group and the selected members for each strategy are listed below.

### **Goal 1 Strategic Leadership – to help members grow in faith and develop leadership skills**

This strategy will capitalize on members' willingness to take on short-term leadership responsibilities. The working group will identify criteria for short-term leadership needs and opportunities by researching and developing strategies to attract members for different levels of engagement and short-term commitments. It will develop a list of resources and tools to support this initiative. Joining Lead Lisa Henry (Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption, North Bay, Ontario) are:

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| † Susan Kaller, Candiatic, Quebec     | † Donna Michaels, Brandon, Manitoba |
| † Patricia Martinez, Calgary, Alberta | † Barbara Thuen, Winnipeg, Manitoba |

The fruits of this working group will see an anticipated increase in members who have taken on a lead role in parish councils.

### **Goal 2 Catholic Social Teaching – to focus on Catholic social teaching**

This strategy will “empower members by providing educational opportunities to learn more about Catholic social teaching [CST]” and begin a four-year task to identify and communicate its principles. The working group will generate an extensive list of resources available on educational opportunities to learn about CST. It will also, each year, identify resources already in existence that are specific to two of the seven key principles of CST. Joining Lead Sr. Susan Scott (Parkland Holy Trinity, Spruce Grove, Alberta) are:

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| † Shelley De-Serres, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia | † Linda Maddaford, Yorkton, Saskatchewan      |
| † Belinda Halbach, Beaumont, Alberta        | † Mary Margaret Patterson, Winnipeg, Manitoba |

The fruits of this working group will be the production of two modules per year one for each principle of CST and resources on CST.

### **Goal 3A - League Misconceptions - to focus on outreach and service**

The working group seeks to increase participation of diverse cultural and generational groups by addressing misconceptions about the League. The group will use information about past and present League accomplishments to create an awareness program and publish monthly quizzes. Joining Lead Jacqueline Nogier (Our Lady of the Snows, Snow Lake, Manitoba) are:

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| † Mary Jean Hunt, Edmonton, Alberta            | † Karen Rossiter, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island |
| † Sylvia Jurys, West Kelowna, British Columbia | † Laura Wilson, Anmore, British Columbia              |

The fruits of the working group will be to increase the number of members younger than 35 years of age, to five per cent of the total membership.

### **Goal 3B - Encourage Diversity**

The working group seeks to increase participation of diverse cultural and generational groups by encouraging and creating mechanisms to embrace diverse cultures and ages. The group will research ways to increase diverse cultures and ages within the League and suggest concrete ways to implement those strategies. The group will also bring awareness through social media and *The Canadian League* to show that diversity. Joining Lead Jacqueline Nogier are:

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| † Victoria Barredo-Oppertshauser, Kelowna, British Columbia | † Gerda Hazenberg, Yellowknife, Northwest Territories |
| † Philiz Goh, Toronto, Ontario                              | † Hilarion Mitchell, Brampton, Ontario                |

The fruits of the working group will be to see an increase in cultural diversity to 15 per cent of the membership.

### **Goal 3C - Toolkits**

The working group will strive to increase awareness and opportunities for parish-based, short-term outreach and service projects by creating ready-made, adaptable toolkits for use in parishes. The working group will research available service-based toolkits from comparable faith-based and service-based organizations and then create a model/template for three toolkits (faith, service, social justice). These toolkits will be developed and available for download. Joining Lead Jacqueline Nogier are:

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| † Pat Crossman, Kentville, Nova Scotia    | † Lauri Friesen, Grande Prairie, Alberta            |
| † Peggy Dunne, Oromocto, New Brunswick    | † Christine Mason, 150 Mile House, British Columbia |
| † Maureen Fadum, Surrey, British Columbia |   |

The fruits of the working group will be to have 40 per cent of councils download and use the toolkits once they are available.

### **Goal 3D - Spiritual Formation**

The working group will develop spiritual programs for distribution at all levels as a way to provide opportunities to increase women's spirituality as a core objective. Spiritual programs will be developed using a variety of formats, and will include media-rich and non-media options as well as the small Christian community model of "pray, reflect, act." The group will encourage councils to focus on the spiritual and social aspects. It will review existing League materials, research available copyright-free sources, and will develop/write new spiritual programs for distribution. The group will also develop a workshop to help members write their own spiritual programs. Joining Lead Jacqueline Nogier are:

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| † Louise Beggs, Stittsville, Ontario | † Amber Faganello, St. Paul, Alberta |
| † Theresa Duncan, Calgary, Alberta   | † Judy Montes, Calgary, Alberta      |

The fruits of the working group will be seen with an increased opportunity for spiritual retreats by 25 per cent.

### **Goal 4 Parish Councils - to focus on issues affecting the operation of the Parish Council**

Restructure the existing standing committee structure at the parish level to respect uniqueness of councils. Members of the working group, through internal research, will identify and address issues being experienced in councils. Through research of internal and external organizations, a resource will be produced containing numerous viable options for parish operations. Joining Lead Sharon Ciebin (St. Clare of Assisi, Coquitlam, British Columbia) are:

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| † Glenda Carson, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia | † Philomena Menezes, Scarborough, Ontario    |
| † Diane Miedema, Coaldale, Alberta      | † Janette Rieger, Emerald Park, Saskatchewan |

The fruits of the working group will be an increase in members having taken on a lead role in parish councils.

Members across Canada are asked to pray the CWL *Prayer for Renewal* (found at [cwl.ca/cwl-prayer-for-renewal/](http://cwl.ca/cwl-prayer-for-renewal/)) regularly and often. With the prayerful intercession of all members, the Spirit will guide the groups' deliberations as they undertake the renewal of the League "For God and Canada."