

Implementation Committee Update July 2021

The implementation committee can hardly contain its excitement in announcing that a total of five documents will soon be available to members to access and begin to use, courtesy of the social justice working group (Goal 2). Members will find no shortage of practical, educational and insightful resources to help bring to life the core value of social justice. Please keep your eyes on the national Facebook page and website for their release in early fall.

This year, there are two new Goal 2 working groups, both of which focus on the League's roots in advocating for the poor and marginalized. One working group will address developing and delivering advocacy workshops at all levels and accessing experts from other organizations to train members in leading advocacy efforts. The second working group will address examining and improving the process of communication and advocacy with all government levels that will allow for respectful dialogue and constructive feedback by members. When combining these two strategies, one can only imagine the good works that will flow from the success of their work and the use of these resources in parish councils across Canada. The scope will be broad in the sense that the working groups will consider the many ways (as well as acting on adopted resolutions) that are already happening as women advocate for the voiceless in society. Advocacy is simply defined as any action that speaks in favour of, recommends, argues for a cause, supports or defends, or pleads on behalf of others. Christian advocacy seeks to bring justice to those facing violence, poverty and discrimination, and help more of God's children experience life in all its fullness. Engaging in advocacy helps members answer God's call to seek justice and build God's reign on earth today. This principle helps members realize that all His creatures and all creation are worthy of their advocacy efforts. World Vision has a wonderful explanation of advocacy, and members are encouraged to visit this site and read more about the baptismal call to love and act for justice. Visit worldvisionadvocacy.org/2020/02/18/christian-advocacy-5-reasons-christians-should-care-about-advocacy/ to learn more.

Please continue to support the work of the implementation committee and all women in the nine working groups this year through reciting the Prayer for Renewal.

“He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?”
(Micah 6:8)