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To: Council Presidents, Council Resolution Standing Committee Chairs
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Cc: Diocesan Officers, Committee members

Dear Sisters in the League,

In this directive, I first want to wish everyone a Happy New Year and hope that this coming year is a happy and blessed one for each and every one of you.

In my first directive my goal was to try demystifying resolutions by explaining the important role they have and what a tool they can be for us to try and affect change in our society. I wish to continue this theme by pointing out a few of the many resources that are available to us as we research our resolution topics.

Once you have an idea for a resolution, check the National and Provincial CWL websites for a list of previous resolutions to make sure that you are not duplicating efforts. A resolution cannot be presented on the same topic twice, so your resolution will have to be sufficiently different from any others already submitted. Depending on your resolution and whether it will be directed municipally, provincially, or federally, Service Canada and Service Ontario are great starting points to look at what the government has in place surrounding your topic. The website address for Service Ontario is: www.ontario.ca and for Service Canada is: www.canada.ca; however, there are usually local offices you can visit, if you don't have computer access.

The Hansard website (available for both Ontario and Canada) shows all the parliamentary proceedings which you can follow if your resolution topic is being actively debated in Parliament. Both websites also have archives that you can search for debates concerning your topic. The Hansard Canada website is: www.ourcommons.ca and for Ontario: www.ontla.on.ca. These websites are excellent for finding information on your resolution.

Other places for information include your local libraries, non-governmental organizations, and educational institutions.

Remember the Catholic Women's League has a voice! Don't be afraid of asking questions of me and/or my fellow Executive members, Life Members, your members of parliament, local organizations. One caution I want to point out, however, is once you have a topic, try to maintain focus on it. It is very easy to become distracted and perhaps deterred by the amount of information available. Keep your question/resolution firmly in sight to avoid getting sidetracked.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns or comments that you may have. With God's help, I will do my best to assist you in any way I can. My email address is: valee999@rogers.com

Yours in Christ,

Vicki Lee