

Pembroke Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada
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Irene Perault, Resolutions Chair

In her communique of April 26, 2023 Rolande Chernichan, National Resolutions Chairperson. reported that the National have on the CWL website the long-awaited Resolution Workshop under the 800 series (#833). The Resolutions Handbook is found on the CWL website under the 600 series (#618). She says that the workshop aims to guide the development, adoption and review of a resolution with easy-to-follow explanations, examples and directions. The Power Point is a resource for members or councils as an aid to encourage them to add their voices to League advocacy.

During April and May, the provincial chairpersons will receive resolutions that from Diocesan resolutions chairs that have been adopted at their annual conventions.

Once a resolution is received by the Provincial chairs for action it is adopted by the various levels of the League on its way to the intended destination. Please be assured that if the change in name of the originating council is presented for adoption at various levels of the League the intent of the resolution never changes.

Rolande also suggests that to prepare a three-minute statement to present the key points as to why the resolution should be adopted. Chairperson, Rolande Chernichan, reported in her April 11, 2023 memo that "resolutions must remain an agenda item of council meetings. The League depends on councils to be the grassroots initiators of social justice advocacy through resolutions."

Provincial chair of resolutions, Wilma Vanderzwaag, reports that position papers provide guidance and direction for action and advocacy on issues that are critical to the League. Position papers must reflect the tenets of our Catholic faith, keeping in mind the dignity of each human person and also the growth and understanding of social justice.

I have included in your handouts a copy of the dates to remember for resolutions and the communique from Wilma Vanderzwaag, Provincial chair of Resolutions, on What Are position Papers.