



**NOVA SCOTIA PROVINCIAL COUNCIL
CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA
RESOLUTIONS, COMMUNIQUE #2
CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME**

To: Diocesan Counterparts (For distribution to all parish councils)
From: Liz Doyle, Nova Scotia Provincial Resolution Chairperson
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Copied: Provincial President, Glenda Carson and Executive (FYI)
National Chairperson, Resolutions Cathy Bouchard (FYI)

Dear Sisters in the League,

As September draws to a close, councils have gathered again for another fruitful year of CWL work and hopefully planning to submit a resolution.

Resolutions have and continue to play a significant role within the Catholic Women's League of Canada. At the 99th National Convention a new format for resolutions was introduced whereby "**whereas clauses**" were no longer being presented as part of the resolution. The material that was previously contained in the whereas clauses now are only included in the brief. Therefore, when the resolution comes to the convention floor, it is only the "resolved clause" that is debated and adopted or defeated.

In the recent communique from National Resolution Chair, Cathy Bouchard advised that it is up to the provincial and diocesan councils in each province to determine if they wish to use whereas clauses for resolutions being considered at their level. The Nova Scotia Provincial executive has accepted a motion directing that we as a provincial council would follow the national process of presenting resolutions on the convention floor without the "whereas clauses". This means that any resolutions forwarded to the Nova Scotia provincial council for consideration will need to be in a format that does not contain "whereas" clauses. In keeping with the communique from National Resolution Chair, Cathy Bouchard, the Nova Scotia diocesan councils will determine the format they will accept at their level.

Following, are two resolutions which were passed in August at the 99th National Convention. Consider the "**Action Plan**" on each of these resolutions which is crucial to the success of any resolution.

2019.01 Canada to honour its commitment to the United Nations Convention on the Right of the Child by providing legal protection to children before birth.

2019.02 Canada support for the United Nations Treaty on the prohibition of nuclear weapons to support, sign and ratify the United Nations Treaty on the prohibition of nuclear weapons.

We need to make politicians aware of the concerns in our country, province and city; councils are the one who can make them understand our concerns.

Should councils have a question regarding undertaking a resolution do not hesitate to contact your diocesan resolution chair who will readily be available to assist you.