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**Legislation**

***Inspired by the Spirit, Women Respond to God's Call***

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***"A rock placed in the right spot could change the course of the river."***

Author unknown

We must live our family values, putting our words into action. As we begin a new year let us reflect on how we, as women of action, have improved the lives of others. We can do this by challenging our politicians to include core family values in their decision making. One way we do this is by presenting resolutions.

Ontario has an election coming up in June. Now is a good time to find out who your candidates are in your area and think of issues important to you. Then ask questions.

National Chairperson Nancy Simms advised of an item of good news:

"On November 8, 2017, the House of Commons Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights reversed the course of the government's efforts to repeal section 176 of the Criminal Code by voting to retain the provision (with amendments). Section 176 prohibits activity that obstructs or interferes with religious officials seeking to perform their religious duties. Bill C-51 will no longer attempt to remove protections in law for clergy and worship services."

National Chairperson of Legislation Nancy Simms has an interesting article on Mental Illness and Legislation on page 13 of the winter League magazine.

Homelessness is such a huge issue in Canada and around the world that our Ontario Provincial Council has created a project for all CWL councils in Ontario to take an initiative and do something for the homeless.

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Respectfully submitted.