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***"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future."***

Jeremiah 29:11

Greetings to all past presidents and welcome to a new year of CWL. With this wonderful weather extending our summer into October, getting into our regular fall routine has been a bit of a challenge this year, but I, for one, am not complaining!

If you are new to this position or just finishing, I thank you for being here as this position clearly reflects your love and commitment to the League. As Past President, we play an integral role in the structure of the League. We can now relax a bit and take a back seat, being ever vigilant that we don't become *that* back seat driver. Rather, be the one who trusts in the abilities of your new driver, willingly offering navigational advice when asked, as she embarks on a journey of her own.

It was a great privilege to attend both the provincial and national conventions this summer. A highlight was the Town Hall Gathering that took place at National in Charlottetown. Members from across Canada participated online with members assembled at the convention. We discussed how the League is planning strategically to initiate change as we near completion of our first century as a National Organization, check at [www.cwl.cnf.io](http://www.cwl.cnf.io) and you will see all the questions and ideas, that very likely reflect your own, that led our discussions. We are on an exciting journey, one in which we are all invited to take part, as we head into our second century with renewed vigor and vitality.

This may be an election year for many of you. I urge you to follow the League protocol for election procedure. You will be amazed at how this can bring about positive change among your members. I am more than willing to answer any questions you may have about this procedure so please, do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted.