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Legislation Chairperson

One Heart, One Voice, One Mission

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"As Women of mercy we cast a light into the darkness around."

(Sister John Mary at 96th Annual CWL National Convention)

Fall has arrived, the Jubilee Year of Mercy ends November 20th and only 64 days until Christmas. Where has the time gone?

The conventions are over. Four resolutions were passed at the provincial convention. Two of these, plus three from other provinces, moved on to be passed at the national convention. Two of these directly relate to the legislation standing committee:

- 2016.04 Amend the *Canada Health Act* to Identify Palliative Care as an Insured Health Service
- 2016.05 Amend the *Canada Health Act* to Include Home Care as an Insured Health Service (ON.16.01).

All resolutions, in their entirety, can be found on the national and provincial websites....
cwl.ca or cwl.on.ca

As legislation chairpersons, we understand that resolutions cannot end with their passing at provincial and national conventions. It is up to all members, at all levels, to carry out the action plans, to take the resolutions to those outside the League, to other concerned citizens and to governments at all levels, to inform them of the issue, and to persuade them to make changes. Simply bringing forth a resolution is not enough. It is up to us to inform, to initiate action and to influence those who can ultimately bring about change. This is how we can 'cast a light into the darkness around us'. This is the primary role of the legislation chairpersons.

A list of members of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario can be found at www.ontla.on.ca/web/members and federal members of parliament can be found at www.parl.gc.ca/parliamentarians. And don't forget your local/municipal governments regarding local issues. Your concerns are their concerns. As they were elected to

represent you, stay in touch with them and work to develop a good working relationship. Keep in mind that we cannot be all things to all people.

The speakers from the national convention were all live streamed, and are available on the national website (cwl.ca).

May our Lady of Good Counsel and Blessed Klara Szczesna continue to guide and inspire us as we work **"All for the Heart of Jesus"**.

Blessings to All

Respectfully Submitted