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Attachments: #1 Convention Tasks, #2 Annual Report Memo Fall 2022 Final
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Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

Romans 12:12

Dear sisters in the League,

Advent is coming to an end, and Christmas will soon be here. This letter is long overdue and I have a few things I'd like to share as 2022 comes to a close.

In case you missed it...

Saturday, October 22nd, we hosted the Fall President's Meeting for the Archdiocese of Kingston CWL at St. Paul the Apostle parish hall. With nearly 40 sisters and our Diocesan Spiritual Advisor making the trip, it was a well attended day. The different venue and format seemed to be appreciated by all.

Father Stéphane started us off with a reflection from Sister Miriam James called 'Our Baptismal Identity'. The business included passing our proposed 2023 budget, oral reports from our officers, a walkthrough of our revamped website and reviewing upcoming events and projects. There was time for discussion on 'Eliminating Misconceptions About the League'. It was wonderful to be together again, in person, and remember why we love being CWL members.

On November 19th, we held our annual Development Day simultaneously in 4 locations. The topic was 'Reconnect. Where Do We Go from Here?'. The number of attendees was less than we hoped due to some nasty weather but those who braved the roads were not disappointed. We discussed some common council issues, recent changes in the executive structure and how to recognize council work as a call to ministry. We spoke about the importance of leadership and how to encourage opportunities for non-executive members.

For those who missed the session, we will be offering a virtual repeat performance on Saturday, January 7th from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. To register and receive Zoom link send an email to kingstoncwlrc@gmail.com to confirm your attendance. Consider gathering a few sisters together to participate, especially inviting members who do not have access to a computer.

The presentation as well as the speaker notes are also available now on our website under resources if you wish to review locally with your council.

101st Kingston Diocesan Convention

The date and venue have been confirmed! Our 101st Diocesan Convention will be held at the Quality Inn and Conference Centre, 33 Benson St in Kingston on April 29 and 30, 2023. Mark your calendar!

As mentioned at the President's Fall meeting, I have not had a parish council volunteer to host the 2023 convention. I discussed this with the Diocesan officers and we agreed that at this time, councils main concern is getting back to their new normal and it would be unfair to ask any council to take this on alone.

So, for 2023 only, your Kingston Diocesan Officers will host the 2023 convention. I will however be asking parish councils to take on a task from the list (attachment #1), such as Decorations, Prayer Room, Living Rosary, Transportation, Hospitality, etc. Many hands make light work. Please pray on this and discuss with your council where you might help. Maybe think of partnering with a neighbouring council. Let me know soon as I will call an initial planning meeting in January to kick things off. This convention belongs to us all; let's make it one to remember.

The Canadian League Magazine

There has been some confusion around whether The Canadian League magazine would be going completely online. The National Executive Secretary, Amanda McCormick, confirmed to me that this is a false rumour. There are no immediate plans by the National Executive to stop printing the magazine. The schedule currently has two 'printed and mailed' copies and one 'on-line only' copy per year. Happy reading!

Revised Documents from National

National has advised us that another proposed amendment to the Constitution & Bylaws along with the voting forms have now been mailed to council presidents at all levels. Please watch for them. If you have not received these documents by January 8th, you are encouraged to contact national office at (204) 927-2310 or via email to info@cwI.ca

Please note that many documents have been updated as well as new resources created and are now available for download from www.cwI.ca under To Organize > 600 Manuals series.

Revised Documents	New Resources
603 - Ceremonies Handbook	610 – Vice Presidents Handbook
604 – Constitution & Bylaws	614 – Handbook for Chairpersons
609 – Guidelines for Treasurers	636 - Guide to Simplifying Meetings
611 – Past President Handbook	637 – Toolkit for Service
612 – Handbook for Secretaries	639 – Toolkit for Social Justice
613 – Spiritual Advisors Handbook	640 – Toolkit for Faith
615 – National Manual of Policy and Procedure	
618 – Resolutions Handbook	

Be sure you and your executive are familiar with the revised information, especially if you are now under the new structure.

Check out #636 A guide to Simplifying Meeting and Reporting Processes – yet another deliverable from the Strategic Plan Reorganization working group.

Annual Report

Gentle reminder, the deadline for submitting your valuable input to the National Annual Survey is January 15th, 2023 via online. If you were planning to submit paper by mail, the deadline has now passed but your diocesan officers are willing and available to assist you to submitting your answers to the online questionnaire.

It is really quite simple to answer the questions on line. All executive members use the same form and so you must remind everyone to save but do not submit the survey until everyone has completed their part. It is recommended that you either gather as a group and input the answers, or print a copy and have one person input your responses. Once the survey is submitted, it is gone! So print a copy for your records also before you submit. Attachment #2 is the original memo from National sent out in the Fall.

Revamped Diocesan Website

Check it out! Our Diocesan website: www.kingston.cwl.on.ca has been fully redesigned thanks to our talented webmaster Annette Meadows.

You will find all the latest information around our diocesan council, as well as some newer features like a Calendar under 'What's Going On?' and a place to submit a prayer request under the 'Prayer Corner'. Be sure to submit articles and pictures of your council celebrations or posters of your up coming events to kingston.cwl@gmail.com. We will share them with everyone under 'What's Going On?' section. We have added a section under 'Resources' called Parish Council Elections with all the newest information you'll need for member discernment and holding an election.

Be sure to provide us your feedback and suggestions on our efforts.

In conclusion

There will be plenty of opportunities to 'Reconnect' in 2023. The President's Winter meeting is planned for February 11th, an 'in person' spiritual retreat is scheduled for March 25th and our 101st Convention is at the end of April. The 76th Annual Provincial Convention is in Cornwall July 9 to 12. Given the proximity this year and especially if you've never had the opportunity to participate in a provincial convention, tentatively slot that in your calendar.

Wishing you and your families all the special blessings that come to us this time of year.

Merry Christmas dear sisters,

Lynne

