

It is hard to believe that summer is almost over; the days are growing shorter and soon the trees will be arrayed in fall's vibrant, flaming colours. I returned home last Thursday with a renewed sense of purpose, after attending the national convention in Saskatoon. The days were filled with inspiring spiritual programs, workshops, excellent speakers, fun activities and renewing friendships with sisters from across the country.

Resolutions

The resolution dialogue was held on August 11th in the afternoon. More than 100 delegates attended the session to review 3 proposed resolutions. Lively discussions ensued at each table and some amendments were proposed. It is inspiring to see the resolutions process at work and to be part of the making of League policy. The resolutions were brought forward on Wednesday, August 15th and all 3 resolutions passed, with some amendments. One of them came from our own province and was gifted by the Vancouver Diocese; it originated in All Saints parish in Coquitlam. Laura Wilson, the author, was on hand to speak in support of her resolution. It was passed unanimously to become part of League policy. What a proud moment for Laura and for the other ladies whose resolutions were passed.

- **Resolution 2024.01: Increase Supported Housing for Individuals Experiencing Homelessness with Mental Health and Mental Illness Issues**
- **Resolution 2024.02: National Universal Pharmacare Program to Include Prescription Drug Coverage for People Experiencing Mental Illness**
- **Resolution 2024.03 Grant the Canadian Ombudsperson for Responsible Enterprise Legal Authority to Investigate Environmental and Human Rights Abuses**

Each of these resolutions addresses very timely issues affecting Canadians today. The first one came from Manitoba, the second from Quebec and 2024.03 was from our own province of BC. Please check the website for the updated copies of the new resolutions and encourage your members to follow up on the proposed action plans.

Euthanasia Prevention Coalition Webinar

On August 30th @ 2PM EST, EPC will be hosting a webinar entitled: *The Rise of Euthanasia in Canada: From Exceptional to Routine*. The webinar will feature Alex Schadenberg, Rebecca Vachon and Alexander Raikin. Rebecca Vachon is the Health Program Director with Cardus and Alexander Raikin is a visiting Fellow in Bioethics at the Ethics and Public Policy Center. Cardus published Raikin's research report on the rapid rise of euthanasia in Canada on August 7th. The EPC Blog noted that the panel will discuss this report and will "look at the increase in the number of euthanasia deaths, how the law doesn't reflect the law's original intent, the lack of oversight of the law, and the lack of effective reporting of the law." There will be time for questions and answers after the discussion. You can review the report by reviewing the following link:

<https://www.cardus.ca/research/health/reports/from-exceptional-to-routine/>

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlscOiorzsuHtFVuQgyGc6mnc7LHHCDrBDb#/registration>

You can register for the webinar at the second noted link. It should be a very informative and eye-opening session.

September 30th

National Truth and Reconciliation Day, or Orange Shirt Day is celebrated on September 30th. This is a day to reflect on the generational trauma experienced by survivors and families of survivors of the residential school system in Canada. A wonderful way to educate ourselves on the historical and current relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada is to participate in the Kairos Blanke Exercise. Its focus is to raise awareness, foster empathy and encourage understanding. Some councils have arranged for a presentation in their parish. Why not arrange for a presentation to your parish council and invite non-CWL parishioners to attend.

For other important dates during the year, please download the calendar of Social Justice events from the strategic planning resources on the national website. Some upcoming days you may wish to mark are:

September 21st, the United Nations International Day of Peace and National Day of Prayer for Christians in the Holy Land

Month of October is Respect Life Month.

"If you join a fight for social justice you may win or lose, but just by being part of the struggle, you win, and your life will be better for it..." Howard Zinn

Blessings, Angelina Stiglich