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"We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop." Sr. Teresa of Kolkata

JULY's **provincial convention** in Kingston provided plenty of food for thought with talks from Professor Hazel Markwell (Dignity for All), National President, Anne Marie Gorman (Theme Workshop) and Marilyn McLean (Kingston Street Mission). Our diocesan accredited delegates, Shirley Gravel and Bernice Duncan, have submitted reports on these three speakers.

Four **resolutions** were presented and passed as follows:

- ON-19-01 Psychotherapy Pilot Project for Adults
- ON-19-02 Abortion and the Effects on Mental Health
- ON-19-03 Long Term Care Beds in Ontario
- ON-19-04 Canadian Support for the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW)

We were given an update on the **New Strategic Plan** and the time lines. There are many changes coming – BUT they are not here yet and we are being asked to be patient as this plays out over a number of years. This will be discussed at the October Diocesan Executive Meeting in Matheson.

Tara Hurford of **Development and Peace, Caritas** reassured us that none of D&P monies is going to any of the organizations under review. We were reminded that 1% own 50% of all the wealth on the planet and 20% consume 80% of the world's resources.

Elections took place and the following people form the 2019-2021 Provincial Executive:

President: Colleen Perry (Ottawa)

President-Elect: Linda Squarzolo: Organization (Sault Ste. Marie)

1st Vice President: Colleen Martin: Christian Family Life (Thunder Bay)

2nd Vice President: Wilma Vanderzwaag: Resolutions (St. Catharines)

Past President: Anne Madden: Historian (Kingston)
Recording Secretary: Joanne Hough, (Peterborough)
Administrative Assistant: Anna Tremblay (Sault Ste. Marie)
Treasurer: Marie-Theresa Lamphier (London)

Standing Committee Chairpersons:

Anna D'Sousa: Communications (Toronto)
Karen McDonald: Education & Health (Sault Ste. Marie)
Emma Rose Rayburn: Spiritual Development (Alexandria-Cornwall)
Margie Royal: Legislation (Kingston)
Mary Capobianco: Community Life (Toronto)
Life Member Liaison: Jeannie Coleman (Alexandria-Cornwall)

N.B. – COUNCILS ARE ASKED TO PLEASE **DESTROY** ALL NOMINATION FORMS AND RESUMES – this is in line with privacy policies.

For more on the convention, go to the website cwl.on.ca. The reports from the National convention will be on the national website cwl.ca.

Our diocese received a **provincial development fund** grant of \$744 to cover mileage and other costs for those coming to the September 28th **Spiritual Retreat Day** in New Liskeard. We hope that you are promoting this event to your members. We challenge you all to fill up your cars! Don't forget to let Marie Black know that you are coming.

Provincial gives a **Social Justice Award** to a deserving member every year. Nominations must be in to Linda Squarzolo, Organization Chair, by November 30th.

Provincial's theme of 'homelessness' continues under a new title – "**loneliness**"

As SUMMER turns into FALL, we get back on track as our meetings resume. Our diocesan challenge is "**Garbage**" and we will discuss what we have done so far, or plan to do. It can be cleaning up, managing toxic garbage, making less garbage, education/speaker about this issue, etc. C.W.L. members are leaders and we can be instrumental in making a difference in the world as we **lead the way**. Water conservation is another big issue that we have already begun to tackle. Bring your ideas and suggestions for discussion Oct. 19th.

If any of your members receive **special awards** – C.W.L. or other – please send the information to Frances Freeman, Communications Chair, so that she can submit to the provincial newsletter.

Continue to check out the diocesan website www.timminscatholicwomensleague.ca. We hope to be able to send out a reminder whenever something new is added.

Dates to Remember:

Diocesan Spiritual Retreat Day, New Liskeard	Sept. 28, 2019
Provincial Executive Meeting, Toronto	Oct. 3-5, 2019
Diocesan Executive Meeting, Matheson	Oct. 19, 2019
Provincial Executive Meeting, Toronto	Feb. 2020
Diocesan Executive Meeting, Kirkland Lake	Mar. 28, 2020
86 th Diocesan CWL Convention, Englehart	May 1-3, 2020

Our Lady of Good Counsel, pray for us!

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