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To: All Parish Presidents, Social Justice Pillars
CC: London Diocesan Council, OPC Education and Health, Resolutions and Legislation Chairpersons
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I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples. -St. Teresa of Calcutta

For Your Consideration

Glenda Carson, Social Justice Pillar for National put out a Communique regarding resolutions and their importance the link to which follows. [Glenda's Communique](#)

Resolutions are a very important way we take action in the League and work to make a change. We are called to be trailblazers that make a difference, beginning with our parish councils whose passion to fight for a cause or a concern is brought forth with the hopes of moving through to be passed at the appropriate levels.

All resolutions must be consistent with the policies, mission, core purpose, and values of the League. Do not let this have you back away from creating a resolution. There are a number of resources at your fingertips to guide you. As well you can reach out to valuable life members, those on our Diocesan committee and members in your own councils who have worked successfully on resolutions. Attend resolutions dialogue at conventions and AMMs.

I would like to compile a list of people in our Diocese who are willing to be mentors for Resolutions and/or would like to be part of my Social Justice Pillar Committee-Resolutions.

If you are willing to mentor, please contact me at loncwlsocialjusticepillar@gmail.com, with the Subject Line: Resolutions Mentor

If you would like to join my Social Justice Pillar for Resolutions, please email me at the above email address, Subject Line: Social Justice Pillar Resolutions.

Key points were identified at the National AMM of what challenges may be faced when creating a resolution. Below is a list of those challenges and the resources created to help make the important task easier.

Resolved and Bridging Clauses direct the action and final designation:

-required wording [Resolutions Handbook](#), the [Resolutions Guide](#) and the [Resolutions Workshop](#).
(Resource Manual 618) (Resource Manual 620) (Resource Presentation 833 A&B)

- the focus of your action must be determined and be in line with the appropriate level of government and League. Ex. Federal Government, National

-resources to be consulted if making changes at a federal level a change an aspect of the [Criminal Code](#) or the [Canada Health Act](#), the request must comply with the [Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms](#)

Constructing the Brief and References contains the argument for the resolutions importance, necessity, factual information to support intent.

Is a reference credible? How do I write a brief, cite it? Is there a handy checklist?

The [Resolutions Handbook](#) can help.

Resources in the Handbook

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Use [MLA](#) for citation.

Also, text, spelling and grammar should be to League Standards see the “Style Guide for Publications” the [National Manual of Policy and Procedure](#), pgs. 144-146.

Checklists just make life easier. With all of the items involved in the creation of resolutions, this checklist comes in handy and ensures criteria is met. [National Checklist for Reviewing Resolutions](#)

Please consider creating a resolution. As I said in my Fall Regional presentation, even if you have the idea, there are others who can help you through the process.

It is important to remember if your resolution is for a group of people, for example one for Indigenous people, that you meet with the community to have their voices heard, see if this is something the community wants and make sure your work is authentic.

While there will not be a resolution this year, this allows us time to prepare one or more for 2024-2025. I look forward to hearing from councils soon.

Blessings,
Denise Masse