

The Catholic Women's League of Canada



Antigonish Diocesan Council

Here I am Lord, send me!

TO: Parish Council CWL Social Justice Chairs
FROM: Diocesan Social Justice Chair Denise Forgeron
DATE: October 19, 2024
SUBJECT: Actions to Support 2024 National CWL Resolutions
MEMO: # 2 (2024-2026)
CC: Parish Council Presidents, Diocesan Officers, Life Members, Provincial Secretary (for distribution to provincial counterpart)

Sisters in the League:

There are many options to support the three new 2024 national CWL resolutions. I have made a postcard for the federal government for the first two resolutions to begin our actions. You can do something for each meeting. Please copy the postcards in this package onto cardstock paper (sometimes at the dollar store). The postcards are addressed to the federal government so they do not require a stamp. You can add your comments. Add your name and contact information so you can receive a response. Count how many are sent from your council or parish (get others to sign and you will put in mailbox) and then ask them to inform you when they get a response so you can record the information in your annual report. Maybe you will choose to write a letter.

The national council of The Catholic Women's League of Canada in the 104th national annual meeting of members passed resolution **2024.01 Increase Supported Housing for Individuals Experiencing Homelessness with Mental Health and Mental Illness Issues**. The resolution urges the federal government to increase funding for and promote more supported housing models for individuals experiencing homelessness with mental health and mental illness issues. One of the action plans is to **write letters to the prime minister**, minister of health and **minister of housing, infrastructure and communities** to increase funding for and the promotion of alternative housing models, such as community-based supported housing models.

The national council of The Catholic Women's League of Canada in the 104th national annual meeting of members also passed resolution **2024.02 National Universal Pharmacare Program to Include Coverage for Drugs Prescribed for Mental Illness**. The national council urges the federal government, in the implementation of a national universal pharmacare program, to include coverage for drugs prescribed for mental illness. One of the action plans is to **write letters to the prime minister and minister of health** with copies to local members of parliament, encouraging them to support this resolution.

Read more on both resolutions at <https://www.cwl.ca/resolutions/>

Your sister in the League,
Denise Forgeron