



IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO KNOW & SHARE!!!

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NEW INFO FROM 103rd NATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

August, 2023

- 1. New Resolution** adopted at 103rd CWL National Annual Meeting of Members:
Resolution 2023.01 Combating Textile Waste in Canada
<https://www.cwl.ca/2023-01-combating-textile-waste-in-canada/>
- 2. New structure: Faith, Service, Social Justice**
 - Every council moves to the new structure when they hold their next elections.
 - Handbook for these 3 committees is posted on at:
<https://www.cwl.ca/manuals/> (#614: Handbook for Chairpersons of Faith, Service, and Social Justice)
- 3. New structure: Updated officer duties**
 - Handbooks have been updated for officers and are posted at:
<https://www.cwl.ca/manuals/>
#609: Guidelines for Treasurers; #610: Handbook for Vice Presidents;
#611 Handbook for Past-Presidents; #612: Handbook for Secretaries;
#616: Handbook for Presidents; #613: Handbook for Spiritual Advisors
- 4. Communication Protocols:**
 - All communications will be sent through and to Presidents & Secretaries only (this is now a permanent protocol).
 - Presidents and Secretaries will be responsible for sending out all information promptly to chairpersons and members of their councils as needed with cc to intervening levels.
 - Council Presidents are encouraged to share their executive lists with all other presidents.
 - Provincial and Diocesan Officers and chairpersons are encouraged to gather with their counterparts at other levels, either in person or virtually, on a regular basis to exchange ideas, ask questions, and develop strategies.
 - National office will send out national communications to the level to which they are intended on Wednesdays.
 - New guidelines for writing communiqués are being developed.
 - Each Provincial and Diocesan Council will now have an email address posted on the National website for members to communicate directly with the correct level. Members should expect a response to their emails within 3-5 working days.
- 5. Annual Reporting 2023:**
 - **Parish Annual Survey 2023** will be available by direct digital link from **October 15, 2023 until December 15, 2023**.
 - Each council may decide how to complete the survey, as a group at an Executive meeting or it may be completed by the President and/or Secretary.
 - Parish, Diocesan, and Provincial Presidents must still produce a narrative Annual Report summarizing their individual council's achievements and send these up to the next level.
- 6. Unity Outreach Program:**
 - It is hoped that every Diocesan and Parish council will receive a visit from a member of the Provincial Executive to participate in the National Outreach Program by the end of November.
 - As many members as possible should be present to participate – a report will be sent to Provincial and National.

- The National Executive have presented the National Outreach Program to all Provincial councils and the result has been the creation of **3 National Task Forces made up of National Officers, National Chairpersons, and Provincial Presidents:**

- *Communications*
- *Training*
- *Priorities* [ABMK is on this committee]

7. National CWL Website: www.cwl.ca

- The National CWL website has been revamped to address navigational issues and is much more user-friendly: go see!
- Presidents and secretaries are encouraged to promote the use of the website.

8. Mentorship Skills Bank: www.cwl.ca

- A *Mentorship Skills Bank* will be available on the National website.
- This will be a list of all the skills and services that Life Members have to offer from across the country and to which councils will have access (no names or contact information will be visible to protect members' privacy).
- Should a council need to avail itself of any of the skills or services offered, the council's President is invited to put in a request and the mentor will contact them.
- This *Membership Skills Bank* will be updated annually and will fall under the responsibility of the National Vice President.

9. New Guides: www.cwl.ca

- Consult the national website to see the two new guides to hosting CWL Annual Meetings of Members and Conventions at:
<https://www.cwl.ca/manuals/>
 #607: Guide to Hosting Diocesan/Provincial Convention
 #608: Guide to Hosting Annual National Convention

10. New National Executive:

- A new National Executive was elected on August 15, 2023 (Biographies available on www.cwl.ca):

President:	Shari Guinta
Vice President:	Betty Colaneri
Secretary-Treasurer:	Dorothy Johansen
Past-President:	Fran Lucas
Chairperson of Faith:	Rolande Chernichan
Chairperson of Service:	Joline Belliveau
Chairperson of Social Justice:	Glenda Carson
National Spiritual Advisor:	Bishop Wayne Labsinger (Hamilton, Ontario)

Please note, this information and links can and should be shared with members of your council. Another report will follow.