



The Catholic Women's League of Canada
ALBERTA MACKENZIE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

**Alberta Mackenzie Social Justice Standing Chair's Oral Report
Convention 2023 Edmonton**

Madam President,

This past year has been a whirlwind of learning for me since accepting the appointment as Social Justice Chair. I have joined the Alberta March for Life Board as CWL Representative.

I have sent out memos and communiques. Thank you to Calgary Diocese who have brought forward **Resolution 2022.01 Enact Federal Legislation to Reduce Food Loss and Waste** which was passed at National Convention in August. A Communique was sent out in March introducing a short version of an action plan for this Resolution.

The 3 Pillars have met through Zoom to establish our roles and how we can best serve and work together. Faith and Social Justice are planning to prepare suggested letters to our government regarding euthanasia which is not something we believe the government should be legislating on, as it is a personal matter of conscience and infringes on religious beliefs and matters of social justice for ALL individuals.

I have participated and received my Certificates for the 4 Seasons of Reconciliation – Special Campaign 2022 and WE can Do Better! Domestic Violence in Canada online courses as well as attending meetings and convention.

I am happy to introduce the ladies who were so gracious in accepting my invitation to form a Resolutions Committee. From Calgary Diocese, Dorothy Boras and Diane Miedema and in Edmonton Diocese, Sharon Ryan. These ladies bring a fount of knowledge, ideas and enthusiasm to our meetings. Their help has made my position and transition into Social Justice / Resolutions much smoother. I encourage all Social Justice chairs to form a committee that helps you, encourages you, inspires you and helps them become involved in aspects regarding social justice for all people which is our duty as Catholic Women.

My goal this coming year is to continue to work with the Resolution Committee to bring Resolution awareness to our councils, to possibly have an online Resolutions workshop and to work on any Resolutions that may come to Provincial Council.

I would like to encourage the ladies in our councils to accept the position of Social Justice Chair. Do not let it overwhelm or frighten you. There are many resources available online through the Diocesan,

Provincial and National Websites. All we need to do is take advantage of the information the ladies have put together for our use.

This concludes my report,
Denise Blackstock, ABMK Social Justice Standing Committee Chair