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**Resolutions & Legislation Standing Committee**



*Inspired by the Spirit, Women Respond to God's Call*

**COMMUNIQUE #2**

**SEPTEMBER 2017**

**TO:** Parish Resolutions & Legislation Standing Committee Chairpersons  
**From:** Dyann MacDonald, Diocesan Resolutions & Legislation Chairperson

*"In prayer, you encounter God in the soft breeze, in the distress,  
and joy of your neighbor and in the loneliness of your own heart." Henri Nouwen*

As we enjoy the last days of summer, let us reflect on our beginning of another new and vibrant year with our sisters in the League. Welcome to all my sisters in the League.

**CWL RESOLUTIONS:**

Three Resolutions were adopted at the Ontario Provincial Council Convention for 2017:

- ON.17.01 Full Implementation of the Supreme Courts' Gladue Decision (1999)
- ON.17.02 Grant GST Zero-Rated Status to All Child Safety Products
- ON.17.03 Inclusion of Registered Nurses in Provincial Bill-163

For more information or to study these Resolutions, please go to: [www.cwl.on.ca](http://www.cwl.on.ca) under Resolutions Chair.

Four resolutions were adopted at the National Convention for 2017:

- 2017.01 Full Implementation of the Supreme Court Decision in *R. v. Gladue* for Indigenous Offenders
- 2017.02 Mandatory Age Verification Mechanisms for Adult Pornographic Websites
- 2017.03 Zero-Rated Status under the Goods and Services Tax Provisions of the *Excise Tax Act* for Child Safety Products
- 2017.04 Protection from Coercion of Conscience for Healthcare Professionals

Congratulations to Holy Spirit Council for their efforts and hard work in their Resolution on the Gladue Report and Indigenous offenders and to all who carried through Provincially and Nationally. To all, a job well done.

For more information or to read and implement these resolutions: please go to: [www.cwl.ca](http://www.cwl.ca)

**LEGISLATION:**

**Federal Bill:**

As the House of Commons is in summer recess, please refer to the Bills in Communique #1.

Bill C-16: National has sent a letter in support of the CCCB statement on the passing of this Bill regarding transgender issues and a letter has been sent (by National? Or CCCB?) to the Prime Minister expressing concerns that Bill C-16 fails to respect the fundamental rights of freedom of religion and speech of those "having different views" on transgender issues and requests a meeting with the Prime Minister, (who wants a meeting...National or CCCB?) on this issue.

**Provincial Bills:**

As the legislature is in summer recess, please refer to the Bills in Communique #1. Also, please monitor Bill-163 Supporting Ontario First Responders Act 2016, in regards to the inclusion of registered nurses in this Bill. See National Resolution 2017.04.

May God bless you and your families in this wonderful season of Autumn.