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COMMUNIQUE #5

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TO: Parish Treasurers

From: Diana Baines, Diocesan Treasurer

Welcome to the new world. When I wrote my last communique, we were just looking forward to spring and getting out with friends after being stuck in during winter. Little did we know what was about to hit us!

Being in isolation affects us all differently. Many of you are working from home or on the front lines trying to keep up with everything while holding your family together. We love our families, but 24/7 in one house? Many of you in the "Sandwich Generation" are worrying not only about your own household, but also about elderly relatives, whether in their own homes or in care homes. Like me, many of you live alone, I don't know about you, but preparing three meals a day and eating them alone is not fun. When driving through Harvey's and eating a hamburger and fries in the car becomes the highlight of the week, when you start listening to the telemarketer for a bit before you hang up and you seriously consider cleaning out the junk drawers, it's been too long (88 days and counting). Thank heaven we don't pay by the minute for our phone calls or we'd be bankrupt! One positive thing, most of us don't need to buy a new wardrobe for summer, we go out so seldom that one good pair of pants and a couple of tops will do.

With no meetings taking place on any level, we cannot conduct any business. This includes making donations to causes, no matter how worthy. Unless the expenditure was specifically detailed in your approved 2020 budget and there is an obligation to make a payment by a certain date, such as a rental charge, you cannot issue a cheque. Any money you have received for memberships should be forwarded to national office as soon as possible. This is one instance where you can issue a cheque since no vote is required.

I hear many reports of special projects being taken on by councils and friends such as making masks, keeping in touch with members by phone and email, shopping for neighbours and prayer groups that I know we will come through this stronger and more ready to keep the League strong. Looking forward to the day when we can meet again in person

Your sister in the League

Diana Baines

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