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London Diocesan Council



To: All Parish Presidents, Past-President/Historians

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### **Directive #5**

I thought I would do something different with this directive and give you something to think about. I saw the article below in a United Church Women's annual report book. It is taken from Than-min, a motivational speaker.

#### The Obstacle

In ancient times, a King and his men placed a boulder on a roadway. He then hid in the bushes and watched to see if anyone would move the boulder out of the way. Some of the king's wealthiest merchants and courtiers passed by and simply walked around it. Many people blamed the King for not keeping the roads clear, but none of them did anything about getting the stone removed.

One day, a peasant came along carrying vegetables. Upon approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and tried to push the stone out of the way. After much pushing and straining, he finally managed to move it. After the peasant went back to pick up his vegetables, he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been. The purse contained many gold coins and a note from the King explaining that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the road.

**Moral of the story** – Every obstacle that we come across gives us an opportunity to improve our circumstances and while the lazy complain, others are creating opportunities through their: kind hearts, generosity, hard work and willingness to get things done.

I think the story can be related to the CWL in that we are the peasant, caring for others, giving of our time and talents and working, through our resolutions, to make changes.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the diocesan convention.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel be with you as you continue to work for God and Canada.

God bless,

Angela