

Environment Care

To: All Parish Presidents, Communications Chairpersons

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Communication leads to patience. And patience leads to hope. And hope will propel your relationships forward through change and often cause them to thrive in the process. - Allen Hunt

<u>Educate:</u> Now is a time to revisit *Resolution 2002.11 Responsible Internet Use for Children*. This resolution asks members to: Encourage the federal government to continue supporting research and the development of tools to protect children against offensive content on the Internet. Encourage members to educate themselves and their families on safe, wise and responsible Internet use.

I will be posting a link to a video for you to watch on the website, next to my directive and under the "Take Action" tab. The video talks about *the latest addiction-our use of technology*. The video has a lesson for all adults as well as the young adults and children in their lives. This will be easy to share or direct people to view.

Quiz: Canada's protected places

Are you a wilderness whiz or a nature novice? Test your knowledge on how Canada is protecting and conserving our lands and oceans. Go to:

http://geoquiz.canadiangeographic.ca/protectedplaces/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm campaign=cangeo photonews to find out more!

Are you interested in the environment? Does your council or perhaps yourself want to learn more about environmental topics that interest them? If the answer is yes, please go to our website and discover the many links and resources on our "Events" page. These change monthly and are archived. Find something you like, learn more and take action, then pass along the information to others you think will enjoy or appreciate doing the same.

Engage: PHOTO CONTEST AT CONVENTION! We will be having a photo contest at diocesan convention in Windsor. Please bring a copy of an original photograph you have taken that is 4" by 6". Details will be posted on our website: www.cwllondon.ca next to my directive and under the convention tab from the home page. Categories include: Active Outdoors, Iconic Landscapes, Urban Sprawl, Wild Weather, Flora, Fauna, Favourite National or Provincial Park, Lakes and Rivers, Ecosystems and Stewardship in Action. Get out your camera and start to take some pictures to promote stewardship, or look through ones you have already taken. There are prizes to be won and pictures will be shared on our website.

Empower: Convention is coming bringing many to Windsor-Essex. Environmental groups in our area need your help! There are two initiatives you can easily act on.

The first one asks us to help to save a wetland area in Windsor. As we know wetlands act as filters for their ecosystem. The region of Windsor-Essex is prone to flooding already and further loss of wetlands would heighten the problem. Please see the petition to protect 50 acres of land known as the South Cameron Woodlot, once classified as "Provincially Significant Wetland". The decision, made in collaboration with Premier Doug Ford, would strip this land of its protected status and make way for residential development. Please sign and circulate the petition found at: https://www.change.org/p/mayor-drew-dilkens-protect-windsor-wetlands.

Detroit River Canadian Cleanup can be found at: http://detroitriver.ca . Their motto is: Working together to protect, restore and enhance the Detroit River ecosystem. Their RAP co-ordinator is Claire Sanders who will be one of the panelists at convention. Please see the two examples of letters you can send to ensure the good works of this group continue. These will also be posted under the "Take Action" tab on the "Home" page of our website.

Contact:

In order to serve you better, I have created a new email address for communications. Please keep this on file. Email: cwllondoncommunications@gmail.com.

I will link this new email address to the website. I hope to also put in a fillable form directly from the website. Please send any ideas or feedback you have as we strive to serve you the best we can.

I would like to thank everyone for contributing to the Online newsletter and the League Lingo. It is a joy, pleasure and privilege to be able to share in your good works and make sure they are published!

I hope to see you at convention. I am sure you will find our panel discussion on the environment intriguing and inspirational.

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