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The Catholic Women's League of Canada

London Diocesan Council

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'The greatest discovery of all time is that a person can change his future by merely changing his attitude' -Oprah Winfrey.

We held three Fall Regionals where important information was dispersed and discussed. Three workshops were held in the morning and the PowerPoints are posted on our website www.cwllondon.ca They are: Per Capita Fees, Membership Growth, and Nominations/ Elections. I have also included the talking points from the per capita presentation. In the afternoon we discussed the changes in the former standing committees and where they fit in now with the changes. We discovered there was a lot of misunderstanding about the three pillars. I am hoping those that attended will be able to take their knowledge back to their councils and educate others.

In order to have **growth** in your council I strongly urge you to send your members to attend activities outside of their council. The regional days are an example where a lot of ideas, questions and camaraderie can and does happen. I have heard it said after, "I didn't realize that was what the CWL was all about. I really enjoyed myself." I can't stress enough how much good you do for your council by sending some of your members to attend some or all of our convention in April. I hope you are paying for your members to attend the convention. If not, please consider starting doing this. They are already giving their time for the benefit of your council. You may find it easier to get volunteers to want to attend this way. Please don't just do things the way you always did, because the result will be what you already have, and nothing new. You need to invigorate your members and by attending events this can be done.

A recurring theme that I am hearing about is that ladies are not interested in leading as there are so many meetings. You **don't** have to have any certain number of meetings. Please keep your meetings short and interesting. Don't get sidetracked by side conversations.

Some of your councils will be having elections this year and starting the new format. If you have any questions, please reach out to us. We are all very happy to help you out. If we don't know the answer, we will find out for you.

Please remember just as we the CWL are restructuring, our parishes and pastors are as well. Becoming "family of parishes" doesn't happen without a little bit of struggle. Please have patience with your pastors and pray for them. They are learning their way through as well. I have found praying for people or things that I struggle with usually helps. (By changing my attitude)

Advent begins soon, and I wish you all a prayerful Advent and a Blessed Christmas. The invitation to our convention in Sarnia will be sent out in January. Please watch for them.