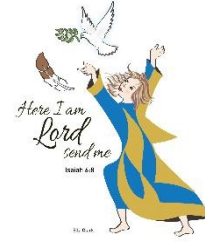




The Catholic Women's League of Canada

London Diocesan Council



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Happy September! Welcome back sisters of the League, this is the month our meeting and activities start again, so it's time to get back to work.

With our national theme, **Here I am Lord, send me**, the theme focus is mental health. This is an incredible crisis in our communities that councils are encouraged to become aware of as it affects families, violence, as well as seniors who may be socially or physically isolated and can lead to job insecurity, spousal abuse, homelessness, and a lot more. Council's resources can be found on the national website. Consider the mini workshop, as mentioned at the convention, provincial subsidies are available to councils who wanted to host a workshop.

Servant leadership = Love.

If you have many qualities, such as: the ability to communicate, ability to listen (listen more than you talk), be visible, be courageous and passionate, inspire and motivate, and influence others' behavior toward the achievement of organizational goal, that's leadership = success.

Catholic Service is intertwined with the corporal work of mercy. Feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, clothing the naked, tending to the sick, visiting the imprisoned and welcoming the stranger. Service should come from the heart. I hope this is the aim of all service – which it is done with love and compassion.

CCC Updates:

Compassionate Community Care is hiring a Program Coordinator for their Connecting with Seniors Project. "**Seniors Calling Service**" is for persons aged 55 + who may be socially or physically isolated and are looking for support, or a friendly person to talk with.

One of the speakers at the National Convention, Leah, shared and expressed that worthiness is rooted in God's invitation: "Whom shall I send"? She answered "Here I am Lord, Send Me". It is not a pretty nor easy journey, but it is the beauty and boldness of our belief that allows us to say "YES" to Jesus.

National Convention was such a wonderful and moving experience, from open to close it was spiritually powerful.

May our Lady of Good Counsel continue to guide us every day.

Lori Alexander