

**The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Alberta Mackenzie Provincial Council**

COMMUNICATIONS - September 2018

Inspired by the Spirit, Women Respond to God's Call



TO: Diocesan Chairpersons of Communications
CC: Provincial Executive (for information)
CC: National Chairperson of Communications (for information)
CC: Webmaster (for information)
FROM: Annette deBoer, ABMK Provincial Chairperson of Communications

Welcome back to all returning Communication Chairs and welcome to any new to the position. I think you will find this to be a rewarding position to hold.

First on the "agenda" is to let you know that the **Alberta Mackenzie Fall Newsletter for 2018 has been completed and is available to view on the Provincial website www.cwl.ab.ca or by asking your Diocesan Communications Chair for a copy.**



As part of our efforts to care for our common home, we do not send out printed copies of the newsletter except to Life Members upon request. If your council requires a printed copy, please contact your Diocesan Communications Chair.

Provincial Council includes information from each standing committee as well as information and photos from Provincial and National Conventions. Diocesan Presidents each report on items of interest in their diocese and special events or other items of interest to our members are shared. Feedback is welcome and can be sent to abmkprovcommunications@gmail.com.

The newly elected National Chairperson of Communications is Doreen Gowans, who is from Kamloops, BC. Her first communique came out on August 24, (so she got right to work after the election!).

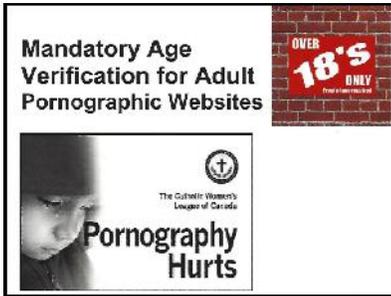
Doreen reminds us to **continue to act on the issue of pornography**. Pornography Hurts postcards and printing instructions are available to download from the National website at www.cwl.ca (under Resources: 100 Series: Crest, Stationery and Other Council Supplies, item #178). She notes that we should be sure to differentiate between child and adult pornography when hosting a workshop or a guest speaker; and recommends the website COMMIT TO KIDS (<http://commit2kids.ca>) as another website that is helping organizations prevent child sexual abuse, sponsored by the Canadian Centre for Child Protection. As well as COMMIT TO KIDS, another good resource is Media Smarts at www.mediasmarts.ca for information on keeping safe on the internet.

National resolutions that Doreen wants to highlight for this standing committee are:

- 2017.02 Mandatory Age Verification Mechanisms for Adult Pornographic Websites**
Action: write letters to the prime minister, the federal minister of justice, and to members of parliament requesting legislation be created to ensure that adult websites verify the age of their users.
- 2004.11 Link Between Violent, Graphic Imagery and Aggressive Behaviour and the Mechanics of Killing**
Action: encourage provincial councils to urge provincial/territorial governments to establish procedures to prohibit the sale and/or rental and/or distribution to minors of videos, movies and games that contain graphic imagery which promotes violence and even killing as an acceptable behaviour.
- 2002.11 Responsible Internet Use for Children**
Action: encourage the federal government to continue supporting research and development of tools to protect children against offensive content on the Internet; and encourage members to educate themselves and their families on safe, wise and responsible internet use.

As part of the Alberta Mackenzie Provincial Council actions on **2017.02 Mandatory Age Verification Mechanisms for Adult Pornographic Websites**, we developed the Over 18 Postcard; all 20,000 postcards that were purchased by the provincial council have been sold but Diocesan or Parish Councils, or the general public can purchase their own cards if they wish. Contact Sister Susan Scott for more information.

ABMK Provincial council also purchased 10 showings of the Over 18 Documentary. Diocesan Councils have or are in the process of organizing viewings of the documentary. Known dates are listed below; please contact your Diocesan President for information on screenings in your diocese. These viewings are NOT just for CWL members; please spread the word and encourage other faith communities and the general public to attend. This is (or should be!) a universal concern that transcends borders.



Screening Schedule

- Oct 24, 2018 St. Michaels, Leduc** (5105-45A Street) at 7p.m.
Contact Shirley Bourque at 780-986-0445
 - Oct 24, 2018 St. Paul, Alberta** (Contact Celine Berlingette at celine.cb@cciwireless.ca for information on time and location)
 - Nov 21, 2018 St. Charles, Edmonton** (17511-112 Street) at 7p.m.
Contact Yvette d'Entremont at 780-457-1523
- Contact your Diocesan CWL President's for information on showings in your areas.**

The postcards purchased by Provincial Council are sold out, but councils are urged to purchase more cards on their own.

For information and assistance on ordering OVER 18 Postcards, please contact: Sister Susan Scott
abmkprovcomlife@gmail.com Phone: 780-968-5543

The National website (www.cwl.ca) is in the process of being updated, so please check back often to see what is new. The Alberta Mackenzie website (www.cwl.ab.ca) has been updated with annual reports, reports from convention, as well as new communiques from the standing committee chairs. Please visit often. Comments or suggestions for improvement can be sent to abmkprovcommunications@gmail.com .

Work is continuing on the strategic planning for the renewal and updating of the League; each parish council should receive a copy of the report that was given out at National Convention in their fall mailing package. A brief description of progress and changes thus far is included in the ABMK Fall Newsletter. More information will be available on the national website as it is updated.

Please make sure that councils, Diocesan and Parish, pass on copies of any changes to their executive roster to the other levels, so we can ensure information is being shared with all.

Media Literacy Week – Coming November 5-9, 2018 has the theme **Fact or Fake: Help the World Stop Misinformation in its Tracks**. Co-sponsored by MediaSmarts and the Canadian Teacher's Federation, you can find out more information at <http://www.medialiteracyweek.ca/>

The new Mission Statement has been approved and can now be used:

Mission Statement

The Catholic Women's League of Canada calls its members to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service.

Let us continue to communicate with our Sisters in the League and all concerned persons through our words, actions, and attitudes.