

Alberta Mackenzie CWL Provincial Council
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Oral Report

Madame President:

In the year 2018 Alberta Mackenzie's membership was 9,406. Although our overall numbers are dwindling many individual councils reported growth. In the annual reports it was mentioned that some of these "growth councils" embraced the "Three Cup of Tea" philosophy and were seeing a difference in numbers as well as a concern for their sisters.

To see the overall success from the Organizational Chairs perspective check out page 14 in the Annual Report. Book. One very serious concern is the lack of participation of our councils in the reporting process. Because of this we do not have a complete picture of CWL in our province. It is recommended that the Provincial Council address this concern with the diocesan presidents.

There was a major challenge this year in getting the per capita fees in on time. Councils are encouraged to do this as soon as possible following their membership drive.

There has been a down turn in the number of submissions both for the Walter Krewski Membership Awards as well as the Elsie Yanik award. For the upcoming year the councils will be encouraged to look at the criteria for these awards as they do reflect our relationships with each other. When our councils are strong so are our parishes.

Planning Strategically is becoming the focus of more council as information comes from the National Council.

Three Cups of Tea is still as relevant today as it was when first introduced. The questions for all of us are, "Have we had that cup of tea with our sister? Have we moved past the first sip from the first cup to building friendships with our sisters? Is our council stronger because we are now getting to know each other on a personal level? As we strive to grow we must remember that numbers are important but not nearly as important are the faces that belong to them. In those faces we should see the face of God. Our relationships and effecting change should always be rooted in our God with the support of Our Lady of Good Counsel.

This concludes my report

