



**The Catholic Women's League of Canada  
Newfoundland and Labrador Provincial Council  
Resolutions and Legislation  
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**Centered on Faith and Justice**

**TO: Parish Chairpersons of Resolutions and Legislation or Parish Presidents  
Provincial Table Officers and Life Members (for information)  
National Resolutions and Legislation Chairpersons (for information)**

**FROM: Margaret Fitzpatrick  
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**Enclosures:**

**Resolution – 2011.4 Caffeine in Energy Drinks  
The Canadian Ministry (current)  
Personal Letter Writing Guide**

**Introduction:**

As I am new to this standing committee, I am finding that there is a lot to learn and much that can be done. As a former teacher of primary students and mother of five, now young adults, (John and I celebrated our fortieth anniversary in July), I am aware that there are many issues of concern – in our spiritual lives, in health, education, family and community life, even in communications – all areas of life encompassed by League standing committees. I have been a League member for 15 years, serving as parish president for three terms and am currently past president and chairperson of resolutions and legislation.

## Resolutions for 2011

Anne-Marie Gorman, National Chairperson of Resolutions has informed us that four resolutions were adopted by delegates at the National Convention.

2011.01	Prohibition of Practices re: Human Reproductive Material
2011.02	Children of Missing and Murdered Aboriginal Women
2011.03	National Organ and Tissue Transplantation Registry
2011.04	Caffeine in Energy Drinks

These resolutions will be published in the Fall issue of the League magazine with suggested action plans for members and will be presented by members of the National Executive to members of the Federal Government in November.

### Resolution 2011.4 Caffeine in Energy Drinks:

Congratulations to Lidwina, Rita, Agnes and Kay on the development of Resolution 2011.4 Caffeine in Energy Drinks. It started out as an idea – a concern – and was discussed and researched from the parish level to national. I was fortunate to attend the meeting in the final preparation of this resolution and was amazed by the careful planning and attention to detail. No doubt, it was due to their diligence and the excellent presentation by Rita that it passed unanimously at the National Convention.

A copy of this resolution is attached with a plan of action for members, **HOWEVER**, on October 6<sup>th</sup>; Health Canada issued a press release announcing new measures that will provide consumers with more information on energy drinks. We will wait to hear more before proceeding with the action plan.

### Letter Writing

Letter writing by councils and members is a most important action in following up on adopted resolutions. It is suggested that you write, depending on the issue:

- To government
  - Federal: prime minister, cabinet minister, member of parliament, senator
  - Provincial: premier, cabinet minister, member of the legislature
  - Municipal: mayor, councilor
- Other persons in authority: church, business, school system, professions and organizations

Individual letters written on personal stationary are most effective. When a letter is written and copies sent to other ministers, count each one. When parish councils are completing annual reports, include the number of letters written in support of the resolutions adopted at previous conventions. With over 95 000 members, we can make a difference.

An excellent guide for writing letters can be obtained from the ***Personal Letter Writing Guide – Easy steps to WRITING LETTERS THAT COUNT***. This can be downloaded for free from [www.cwl.ca](http://www.cwl.ca), go to Resources and choose Resource List. Click on Personal Letter Writing Guide and print it.

A copy is attached for those who do not have access to a computer.

## Writing Resolutions

Do you have an issue or concern which you feel strongly about?

Listen to radio, TV, read newspapers, search the internet for articles relating to the issue and keep members informed (you may want to keep a file of information, relating to topics of interest). Discuss your concerns in your councils – a few members may want to do some research on the subject. Then decide what action you think that is necessary. This would go in the “be it Resolved” clause and the reasons for the action in the “Whereas” clauses. You can then formulate your resolution.

When writing a resolution – word the resolved clauses first and the the whereas clauses next.

The standard form for all resolutions:

WHEREAS, The.....and

WHEREAS, There.....and

WHEREAS, It.....therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the members of.....and be it further

RESOLVED, That.....

You may find formulating a resolution interesting, rewarding and even fun!

If you have a resolution or an idea that you think might be important or any questions please contact me – we are always there to help!

Some of the reasons we write resolutions are:

- To educate CWL members
- To influence authority
- To bring about changes
- As a means of taking sides when necessary in the struggle for justice

Happy Resolutions Writing!

## For Your Information

Canadian retailers say that they are committed to accurate scanner practicing. There is a Scanner Price Accuracy Voluntary Code, adopted by various retailers, among them: Shoppers Drug Mart, WalMart Canada Corp., Best Buy/Future Shop, Sobeys Inc., Lawtons Drug Store, The Home Depot and Toys R Us.

Retailers adopting the Code must abide by certain policies. For example:

### The Item Free Scanner Policy

Retailers will implement an Item Free Scanner Policy as follows:

On a claim being presented by the customer, where the scanned price of a product at checkout is higher than the price displayed in the store or than advertised by the store, the lower price will be honored, and

- (a) if the correct price of the product is \$10 or less, the retailer will give the product to the customer free of charge; or
- (b) if the correct price of the product is higher than \$10, the retailer will give the customer a discount of \$10 off the corrected price.

There are rules pertaining to this Free Scanner Policy. For more information and a list of retailers, visit [www.retailcouncil.org/advocacy/national/issues/cp](http://www.retailcouncil.org/advocacy/national/issues/cp)

### **Do You Have a Will?**

Provided for your consideration is a link to an article from The Globe and Mail re: problems that can occur if one does not have a legal will.

"A legal will is worth the time and money" at [http://www.theglobeandmail.com/globe-investor/personal-finance/household-finances/a-legal-will-is-worth-the-time-and-money/article2153661/?service=email&utm\\_source=Shared+Article+Sent+to+User&utm\\_medium=E-mail%3A+Newsletters+%2F+E-Blasts+%2F+etc.&utm\\_content=2153661&utm\\_campaign=Shared+Web+Article+Links](http://www.theglobeandmail.com/globe-investor/personal-finance/household-finances/a-legal-will-is-worth-the-time-and-money/article2153661/?service=email&utm_source=Shared+Article+Sent+to+User&utm_medium=E-mail%3A+Newsletters+%2F+E-Blasts+%2F+etc.&utm_content=2153661&utm_campaign=Shared+Web+Article+Links).

### **Legislation**

What is legislation?

- The enacting of laws
- Taking a stand

Why get involved in legislation?

- To become informed and prepared to defend Christian values
- To affect change to better our country

What can we do?

- Pray
- Write letters to MPs or MLAs
- Monitor and study legislation in progress or needing change
- Monitor newspapers and other media
- Become informed on relevant issues in our communities, province and country

To keep informed of current happenings in government, go to

- [www.gov.nl.ca](http://www.gov.nl.ca)
- [www.canada.gc.ca](http://www.canada.gc.ca)
- [www.parl.gc.ca/legisinfo/index.asp](http://www.parl.gc.ca/legisinfo/index.asp)

Provincially, with the newly elected government, a listing of cabinet appointments will be forwarded when available.

Thank-you to Agnes Ebbs for her help and guidance and to my daughter for her technical assistance.

*Speak out, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy. Proverbs 31:9*

May Our Lady of Good Council guide us and the Holy Spirit inspire us in our work for God and Canada.

Sincerely,  
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