



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

B.C. & YUKON PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

President: Marianna Caldwell



Spiritual Advisor: Rev. T. Tran

National Theme: *Women of Peace & Hope*
Provincial Theme: *Serving with Faith & Joy*

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To: All members of the BC & Yukon Provincial Council
From: Provincial President

Dear League Sisters:

The 63rd Annual BC & Yukon Provincial Convention is being hosted by the Vancouver Archdiocesan Council May 26 – 30, 2010 at St. Monica's Church in Richmond. In response to last year's evaluations, a decision was made to hold this year's convention in a Parish. The Travelodge Hotel chosen for our stay is very reasonable and located within a 5 minute drive to the Church. You will note breakfast has not been included on the registration form as the restaurant attached to the hotel offers reasonably priced breakfasts.

Richmond is connected to Vancouver by several bridges including the new Canada Line. Did you know that the City of Richmond is comprised of several islands in the Fraser River delta and surround by a system of dykes? If you have time, you can enjoy the Asian culture, have lunch on the waterfront, walk along the top of the dykes, visit the Historic fishing village of Steveston or explore any number of shopping malls.

An exciting program of speakers is lined-up. We are most fortunate to have as our keynote speaker, the Most Reverend Michael Miller, Archbishop of Vancouver. Daphne Grey-Grant will give us points on polishing up our writing skills. Fr. Tran, Provincial Spiritual Advisor will present a look into the New Roman Missal. Psychologist, Denis Boyd will be addressing "Communication in a Great Relationship". And it doesn't stop there. We will also try to unlock the door to On-line Membership Reporting for councils that have not yet availed themselves of this valuable and convenient opportunity. There will be an introduction to the Focolare Movement, an international movement, inspired by the gospel.

In celebration of the League's 90th birthday, National President, Danielle McNeil-Hessian has asked each province to represent a different decade at the upcoming National Convention. BC & the Yukon will be representing the years 1940 – 1949. On Friday everyone is invited to come dressed in 40's fashions or bring some memorabilia from that decade. For those too young to remember, these were the war years. There was rationing and because nylons were scarce women painted a line up the back of their leg to simulate stockings. Use your imagination. This will be somewhat like a dress rehearsal for the National convention. Friday night you may even dance to Benny Goodman and sing with the Andrew sisters.

Members are encouraged to apply for Provincial Development Funds established to assist them with travel expenses to a Provincial Convention. The deadline has been extended to April 15th so there is still time to take advantage of this fund.

A big thank you goes to Vinola Aguilera, Convention Chair and her committees who are working hard to make everyone's stay a memorable one. Please encourage your members and spiritual advisors to attend. It's a time to refresh your enthusiasm for the League, renew acquaintances and make new friends. As women of Peace & Hope, we come together to embrace our faith with joy and thanksgiving. I look forward to seeing you in Richmond.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel bless your journey!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "A. Anania", followed by a vertical line.