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Madame Chair

As I look back to April 2022...Now it is not uncommon that just the word resolutions can be intimidating to some and trust me I was very intimidated.

I started to experience self-doubt and started questioning myself...will I be able to fill this role? I enjoyed attending resolutions dialogues at various levels in the league but was never actually involved in the writing and research of a resolution. How was I supposed not only generate an interest in resolutions, or help members who wanted to write a resolution?

It is through our actions and deep commitment that we respond to God's will in faith and love. It is not what discipleship is all about?

My thirst for knowledge, CWL passion and living my Baptismal commitment and Christian responsibilities, I placed my trust in our heavenly Father and guided by the Holy Spirit my resolutions journey began. I knew of His presence and love as I journeyed into the deep waters far and way beyond my comfort zone and as my self-doubts and challenges started to diminish. It is through members' works on addressing issues and injustices that helps us all to live our baptismal call. Tomorrow is the feast day of St. Marie of the Incarnation, the first woman missionary to come to Canada. St. Marie left her homeland, family and young son behind as she carried out her missionary work and put justice into practice.

Teamwork and strong faith and desire to serve the Lord was very vital to my journey, as resolutions were presented, reviewed and amended with councils and various committees.

In the annual reports councils reported that the resolutions chair position was always a difficult one to fill or to generate an overall interest in



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resolutions. Yet councils worked together as a team to fill the void and continue in their advocacy for justice for all! During my term, the TDC was gifted with two resolutions.

I am very grateful to have had the opportunity to work with so many gifted and talented members of the executive and beyond as we continued our journey "For God and Canada". The support, guidance and encouragement received from our Leader and mentors helped me not only to succeed in my ministry/role but played an important part in both my spiritual growth and personal development.

It has been a great privilege and honour to have served on this executive for these past two years and as your resolutions chair. The rewards are endless and something that I will always cherish.

Perhaps you too are hesitant to take on a leadership role or to step out of your comfort zone. We all have gifts and talents to share, be not afraid and most important remember you are not alone, simply respond, "Here I am Lord, send me".

My written report can be found on pages 27 & 28 in the "On-line Annual Report Book".

God bless.

Madame Chair this concludes my report



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