**Resolutions & Legislation Chair’s Report**

**Midwinter Meeting**

**Feb 3, 2018**

Madam President;

This has been a year of learning as I attempt to work on this convenorship. There are many issues that should be addressed. We can only pick those that most affect us and our Christian values.

Of the four resolutions passed at National Convention in August, two fell under Legislation.

**2017.03** Zero-Rated Status Under the Goods and Services Tax Provisions of the *Excise Tax Act* for Child Safety Products

**2017.04** Protection from Coercion of Conscience for Healthcare Professionals

Sample letters have been prepared and are included in the Parish Presidents’ packages. When writing letters to any resolution, make it as personal as you can. Example “My grandchildren” or “I am a senior” or “My parents/children are disables”. Your individual letters count. They are read. Please take the time to write to the Prime Minister or MLA and make a difference!

On the Resolutions & Legislation Display Board there is a letter about Justin Trudeau who not only admires China; he is now emulating its intolerance. Please read and copy the website for your use. Trudeau is telling Canadians – if you agree with the Supreme Court of Canada you are “not in lie with where we are as a government and quite frankly where we are as a society”. To me this is deeply troubling! Remember, we still live in Canada, not China.

We have received a resolution to be presented at Diocesan Convention. The Resolutions Review Committee will be meeting to go over the submission and make ready for presentation.

Communiques have been received from the ABMK Legislation Chair. That report is also on the Display Board with websites to follow as you wish. One interesting report has to do with “Seniors Advocate‘. It is a 52 page document so you may not want to copy if but what interests me is the appointment of Dr. Sheree Kwang See on September 1, 2016. The Alberta office of the Seniors Advocate was established as an office separate from the office of the Alberta Health Advocates. So, good news for seniors who need to be heard.

Another Bill 24, An act to Support Gay-Straight Alliances has been passed on December 15, 2017. A news release says the Supreme Court of Canada has rules that government may not interfere with parental rights to make all decisions for their children between the ages of 13 and 18 unless potential harm to the child can be proven.

Alberta Bill 26, An Act to Control and Regulate Cannabis passed November 30, 2017. Please read the report.

This concludes my report.

Are there any questions?

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