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Share the Word: Connection

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Madame Chair

The topic of my report today is about "Connection". The Oxford English Dictionary, defines connection as a "relationship in which a person, thing or idea is linked or associated with something else". We make connections every single day of our life. Some connections are prominent while others are insignificant and some are short lived while others are permanent. We share relationships with our family, our friends, our neighbours and our sisters in the League but most important of all, we share a relationship with God.

My CWL connection with the League started when growing up back home in the Philippines. I had witnessed the commitment of my mother to the League at our local parish council. When a member of Precious Blood council approached me 10 years ago to join the amazing women of the League I agreed without hesitation. Over the years I have met friends whom I consider—as sisters and our families connected and we gave each other support.

My dear sisters in the League, each of us have stories to tell on why we joined the League. I am pretty sure, everyone will agree that sisterhood is one of them. We have strong connections with women in our councils because we have similar ideas and a strong commitment to change. We have made many spiritual connections over the period of the pandemic through prayer sessions novenas and reciting rosaries via zoom.

Connections with our sisters in the League at the Parish level are an important factor in defining our commitment to the League. We share strong beliefs, work on community outreach projects together and support each other whenever there is a need.

An individual sense of connection maybe influenced by many factors, such as similar interests or similar cultural background. But strong relationships develop when you spend time with one another and this happens not suddenly but over a period of time.



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As the Communications Chair, I have encouraged strong communication skills with members especially the elderly and the shut-ins. Most councils organize the ever popular "phone tree committee" to keep in touch and the CWL parish council newsletter which is distributed or mailed to members. We try to stay connected through emails and by acquiring social media apps like Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and WhatsApp.

Connections help shape us and are the base of our beliefs and values. Belonging according to Sociologists is the need for human connection. It defines "who and what" we are and how we fit into the world around us where the Catholic Women's League is an integral part. These connections also enable us to live out our Toronto Diocesan theme – Called to Serve.

My written report can be found on pages 19-20 on the Annual Report Book.  
This concludes my report.

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