

# 2018 NCCW Proposed Resolutions

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## Resolution #1

### Mentoring at Risk Youth

- 1 **Purpose:** To encourage and provide mentoring to educate and protect vulnerable youth who may be at risk for
- 2 Human Trafficking
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Human Trafficking is a worldwide issue and a growing problem in the United States;
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Many young persons may not have developed a defense mechanism or have a trusted adult
- 5 interested in them to protect them against the lure of predators; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** The National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) has a presence in most of the dioceses in the
- 7 United States and has a leadership program including a mentoring component and an Anti Human Trafficking
- 8 Project that includes mentoring;
- 9 **RESOLVED, That** NCCW members become familiar with the Anti Human Trafficking Project of the NCCW and
- 10 become informed about the potential risk of human trafficking in their local areas;
- 11 **RESOLVED, That** NCCW affiliates consider implementing a program such as, *"Steps to Mentor At-Risk Youths,"*
- 12 found on the NCCW website, to deter vulnerable youth from being trafficked;
- 13 **RESOLVED, That** NCCW members encourage and participate in youth mentoring programs that build trust and
- 14 establish relationships that reflect our Gospel values.

Submitted by: The 2017-2018 Leadership Commission

## Resolution #2

### Treatment of the Mentally Ill

- 1 **Purpose:** To bring public awareness to the difficulties faced by the mentally ill and their families as they
- 2 maneuver the legal, medical and social systems seeking help
- 3 **WHEREAS,** The general population is undereducated concerning the mentally ill;
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Several mental health facilities have been closed, leaving mentally ill patients with limited access to
- 5 care and safe living space;
- 6 **WHEREAS,** A mentally ill person accused of a minor crime may be placed in the general population in jail and
- 7 some law enforcement agencies may not have officers trained to deal with the mentally ill; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** The National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) lives the Gospel message of love and
- 9 understanding;
- 10 **RESOLVED, That** NCCW members pray for the mental health and well-being of all;
- 11 **RESOLVED, That** NCCW members become informed about the plight of the mentally ill and their families by
- 12 researching and reading books such as *"Crazy : A Father's Search Through America's Mental Health System"* by
- 13 Pete Earley;
- 14 **RESOLVED, That** NCCW members invite speakers from local NAMI groups (National Alliance on Mental Illness,
- 15 [www.NAMI.org](http://www.NAMI.org)) a grassroots advocacy group, or Catholic Charities, or a similar group, that helps families of
- 16 persons affected by mental illness in the United States;
- 17 **RESOLVED, That** NCCW members encourage law enforcement agencies to participate in a Crisis Intervention
- 18 Team (CIT) program, to improve responses to people in crisis.

Submitted by: Diann Nance and members of the Immaculate Conception CCW Book Club

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## Resolution #3

### Building our Future

- 1 **Purpose:** To build the future of the National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) by promoting high school and
- 2 college membership around the country.
- 3 **WHEREAS,** NCCW's Mission states that all Catholic women will be provided spirituality, leadership, and service
- 4 opportunities through membership in the NCCW, it is incumbent upon the NCCW to offer membership to
- 5 young women to ensure their access to the NCCW prayers and programs; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** the NCCW has a program to enroll young women as members through the NCCW high school and
- 7 college membership program;
- 8 **RESOLVED, That** NCCW will support, empower and educate high school and college women to grow their
- 9 spirituality and service and become active leaders in our councils and will encourage member participation in
- 10 the established NCCW high school and college program and using the established protocols;
- 11 **RESOLVED, That** our local councils establish and maintain a link between current members and newly formed
- 12 high school and college affiliates offering the new affiliates encouragement and mentoring.

Submitted by: The 2017-2018 NCCW Education Committee

## Resolution #4

### The Environment

- 1 **Purpose:** Reduce the use of plastic and increase recycling of plastic
- 2 **WHEREAS,** Most of the world has become part of what our Holy Father, Pope Francis calls, "a throwaway
- 3 culture" and in the last 70 years, this throwaway culture has resulted in the replacement of other materials with
- 4 plastic that is either difficult or impossible to degrade in nature;
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Despite efforts to get people to recycle plastics, we now face a crisis of plastic waste in our oceans
- 6 with the addition of nearly 10 million tons per year so as to cause damage to marine life and the creation of
- 7 "plastic soup" at each of the 5 marine gyres in the world as well as unprecedented addition of plastic refuse to
- 8 landfills; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** Less than 50% of the 1 million plastic bottles containing drinking water or sodas bought per minute
- 10 around the world are recycled;
- 11 **RESOLVED, That** the members of the NCCW advocate for reduction in the use of disposable plastic items to
- 12 include drinks bottles and that the members of the NCCW themselves eliminate or reduce their use of
- 13 disposable drinks bottles;
- 14 **RESOLVED, That** the members of the NCCW advocate for an increase in the re-use/recycling of disposable
- 15 plastics;
- 16 **RESOLVED, That** the members of the National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) continue to advocate and
- 17 work for the provision of safe, clean drinking water that is freely available to all persons in all areas of the world;
- 18 **RESOLVED, That** the members of the NCCW unite in prayer so that we may be good stewards for the
- 19 preservation of the environment of the Earth given us by the Creator.

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