

Environment Care

To: All Parish Presidents

CC: London Diocesan Council; OPC President

From: Rebecca McCarrell, President

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Directive # 3

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: Ecclesiastes 3:1

Thank you to everyone who attended our Fall Regional meetings! We have had a time of fellowship, a time of fun, and a time of learning! Kelly Franklin from Farmtown is a dynamic speaker and her work dedicated to the young girls and their families affected by Human Trafficking takes her around the world.

EDUCATE: The strategic planning, next steps was presented at all 3 Fall Regional meetings. The information was met with agreement, and also with hesitation. I look forward to sharing the implementation stage with you soon.

ENGAGE: Farmtown is looking to raise monies to expand their work. The 1-9-99 program has started and it would be wonderful if each council would consider donating \$25 towards their work. I am #1...meaning, I will personally donate \$25...I am picking 9 of our group to be my 9 – they will be the 7 regions, and 2 more. This will make 10 donating \$25 each...totaling \$250. These 10 need to find 10 more to donate. And, hopefully that will keep going. Farmtown is looking to raise \$25,000 for the Corridor Campaign taking place in July on all En Routes of the 400 series highways...these are the highways that every trafficked person is taken down. They are forced to work in the En Routes. July is the month that many young girls (and boys) are trafficked. Community Life Chairperson, Mary Ann Horne-White will be providing you with more information.

EMPOWER: Annual reports are ready to be filled out through the survey style once again! What a wonderful way to tout all the good works you are doing. Embrace the on-line surveys! They are easy to complete. Communications Chairperson, Denise Masse has put a survey on our website hoping you will fill it out so that she can better serve your needs…check it out!

Save the date: 99th Annual Convention will be held in Windsor April 29, 30 and May 1, 2019! Watch for more information in January!

From my home to yours, wishing each of you a journey of anticipation through the wonderful season of Advent, and a most joyous Christmas welcoming Jesus into your homes with family and friends.

Blessings to all, Rebecca