

## **Adopted Resolutions 2014**

### **RESOLUTION 1**

#### **AN ENHANCED CANADA PENSION PLAN**

Proposed by: CFUW Burlington

**RESOLVED**, That CFUW urge the federal, provincial and territorial governments to create additional CPP/QPP policies compensating those whose pension contributions are reduced because of withdrawal from the workforce for child rearing and/or care giving of the elderly, seriously ill or family members with disabilities.

### **RESOLUTION 2**

#### **CULTURE OF PEACE**

Proposed by: CFUW International Relations Committee

**RESOLVED**; That the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) urge the Government of Canada to continue strengthening policies and programs that further support a culture of peace by:

1. Including non-violent conflict prevention, conflict resolution, peace negotiations and reconstruction with full and equal participation of women; and
2. Respecting Canada's international commitments to human rights instruments, gender equality and social justice by assisting people to cope resiliently with cultural, political, environmental and other social transformations.

**RESOLVED**; That CFUW urge the Government of Canada to give specific support for a culture of peace by including, but not limited to:

1. Signing the UN Arms Trade Treaty
2. Monitoring the global small arms trade
3. Ensuring humanitarian needs take precedence over political and economic objectives; and
4. Re-instating a program of peace and security training in the tradition of the Pearson Peacekeeping Centre for military, police and civilians.

### **RESOLUTION 3**

#### **Preservation of Democracy: Increasing Voter Turnout**

Proposed by: CFUW Southport

**RESOLVED**, That the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) and its member Clubs initiate, engage in and promote activities and programs to educate all Canadians about the importance of participating in our democratic system of government and to exercise our right and our responsibility to vote in all elections.

### **RESOLUTION 4**

#### **Promoting Plain Language**

Proposed by: CFUW Saugeen

**RESOLVED**, That Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) urge all levels of government in Canada to implement existing policy and sustain programs that advocate the use of Plain Language; and

**RESOLVED**, That CFUW urge all levels of government in Canada to apply their Plain Language policies in:

1. Public information released by government departments and agencies
2. Legal documents, business and consumer contracts for the general public
3. Medical reports intended for patients
4. Education-related communication intended for parents, guardians and students
5. Labeling of food and health products for consumers

### **RESOLUTION 5 (EMERGENCY RESOLUTION 1)**

#### **Preservation of Canada's Documentary and Scientific Heritage**

Proposed by: CFUW Nelson

**RESOLVED**, That the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) urge the Government of Canada to restore and maintain Canada's documentary heritage and make it available to Canadians; and take action to:

1. Re-instate, restore and preserve the collections of the Public Library and Archives Canada (LAC), and of research documents and collections at federal government-supported research and scientific institutes and departmental libraries; and
2. Ensure adequate funding for their maintenance

## **RESOLUTION 6 (EMERGENCY RESOLUTION 2)**

### **Fair Elections for Canada**

Proposed by: CFUW Nelson

**RESOLVED**, That the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) urge the Government of Canada to redraft election reforms for federal elections, based on full consultations with opposition parties, non-partisan experts, Elections Canada, and the public in a timely manner; and

**RESOLVED**, That CFUW urge the Government of Canada to ensure that Canada's electoral system guarantees fairness and impartiality in voting and encourages more voter participation by:

1. Confirming that Elections Canada has the authority to appoint all election workers; to encourage Canadians to vote; and to provide information about voting procedures
2. Accepting the Voter Information Card provided by Elections Canada as proof of identity at the ballot box, and allow vouching to establish a voter's address
3. Requiring all parties to declare and account for all funds received from both first-time and repeat donors that are spent on campaign spending and campaign-like activities, including monies collected before and during the election period;
4. Imposing and enforcing limits and disclosures on donations and loans to political parties;
5. Clarifying the relationship between the Chief Electoral Officer, Commissioner of Canada Elections, and the Director of Public Prosecutions; ensuring that these officials are nominated and approved by all parties; and are required to disclose the results of their investigations and their rulings; and
6. Restoring the per-vote annual democratic basic funding system.

## **RESOLUTION 7 (EMERGENCY RESOLUTION 3)**

### **A Motion to rescind the 1985 Coquitlam, B.C. Pension resolution**

Proposed by: CFUW Guelph

**RESOLVED.** That the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) 1985 Coquitlam (British Columbia) resolution titled: "Pensions":

*CFUW, 1985*

*CFUW Coquitlam (British Columbia)*

*RESOLVED, That the Canadian Federation of University Women urge the Government of Canada to:*

- 1. Change taxation laws, to allow married taxpayers to file a joint return with their spouses, splitting both incomes so that each of the two individuals reports as earnings one-half of the combined income; and*
- 2. Change Canada Pension Plan laws, to allow homemaking spouses to make contributions on the basis of their one-half of the combined income being considered "earned income"*

be rescinded.