

# **Report of the Regional Committee of the Francophone Women of the NCR (CRFF) - PSAC**

**Period: April 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup> 2015**

**Presented by: Sandrine Oka – CRFF President**

- The priorities of CRFF are:
  - ✓ The Women's World March (WWM) 2015 in Trois-Rivières, Quebec
  - ✓ The Campaign to combat violence against women
  - ✓ Recruitment and
- Other business areas include: Bill C-4 and other austerity bills, reproductive rights, and the National Daycare Campaign.

## **April & May 2015:**

- The committee met in April and May 2015.
- We debriefed on our International Women's Day activity: information booth for International Women's Day at Place du Centre at Portage, at which we distributed a committee leaflet inviting women to attend our meetings, the PSAC booklet "PSAC works for women", IWD posters and buttons, info on the national childcare campaign and other literature. We engaged women in conversations and some signed up to receive information or attend future committee meetings. This was a success and the committee will organize more information booths throughout the year. And sisters reported on community activities that they participated in.
- We discussed the Women's World March (WWM) 2015 (theme: "Liberate our bodies, our Land and our territories!") and preparations towards it. The CRFF sits on the regional organizing committee and we have allocated a sum of money from our annual budget to rent a bus that will enable PSAC members and community women who could not otherwise afford it to fully participate in the march.
- We decided to invite Sister Blanche Roy, a former PSAC Regional Representative who is actively involved in the community at a future meeting.
- We brainstormed ideas for activities and guest speakers.
- Sister Isabelle Crisafi presented a summary of the all-president conference she attended with her component (SEIC-Québec), and its work on women's issues.

## **June-August 2015:**

- The CRFF did not meet this summer. The sisters were busy with the PSAC Triennial Convention, summer vacations, activities for the 19<sup>th</sup> of each month, and mobilization to encourage members to vote.
- The president (Sandrine Oka) participated in the June 11<sup>th</sup> conference call of the Council of Regional Women's Committees. Topics of discussion included: the triennial convention, National Child Care Campaign, the Women's World March (WWM) 2015, December 6 activities, and PSAC publications.

**Coming soon:**

- The Women's World March (WWM) 2015 in Trois-Rivières, Quebec, October 17.
- Information tables
- Special Guests

