

## **Report of the Ottawa Regional Women's Committee**

The Sisters of the Ottawa Regional Women's Committee have been very busy for the past few months. We attended the December 6 vigil to honour the women who were murdered at the École Polytechnique massacre in 1989 and to continue the struggle to end violence against women. We distributed pink hat pins to honour the Women's March on Washington and to raise funds for the Ottawa Rape Crisis Centre (ORCC) , and we hosted a small reception after the vigil to give participants a place to network, learn more about the ORCC, and warm up from the cold!

We also participated, along with the other Equity Committees in the Region, in International Human Rights Day on December 10. And we held our Annual General Meeting in November, at which we updated our Terms of Reference and elected our new executive. I would like to thank Christina Lamothe for stepping in as interim Secretary this year, and extend my congratulations to Grace Morgan, Carla Ross, and Louise Sicard on being elected. I look forward to working with each of you for the upcoming year.

Already, plans are underway for the next year's activities. We are looking forward to our annual potluck meeting in January, International Women's Day in March, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Women's March that is being planned across the country. We are looking forward to continuing to collaborate with Equity groups and committees, as well as community partners and others.

In solidarity,

Jennifer Keays  
Chair, Ottawa Regional Women's Committee