A Year-end Message from Judith Maxwell

Friday, December 24, 2004

Dear Friends,

We at CPRN have much to celebrate this holiday season. Ten years ago this month, CPRN was born – in a modest office here in Ottawa with a staff of five and two willing part-time Network Directors. Today, we have four thriving Networks, each with several programs, a staff of 28 and over 5,000 friends like you tuning into e-networks every week.

As we begin our tenth anniversary year, we are thinking seriously about how to make the second decade as memorable as the first. It won't surprise you to learn that we like to celebrate by bringing Canadians together to explore policy ideas. So, one of our immediate goals is to engage young adults (aged 18 to 25) in a conversation about the kind of country they want Canada to be. And there will be much more in the celebrations, all of which will be shared with you via *e-network* messages.

On your behalf, I want to thank the dozens of organizations (public and private) and individuals which have helped to finance our activities over the past 10 years as well as the resilient staff, associates, and alumni who continue to make the ideas and the conversations flow.

And, just as important, I want to wish each of you a happy holiday season. I pray you will have a chance to celebrate your blessing and take a break during the next two weeks. May the New Year bring health and well-being to you all.

Sincerely,

Judith

P.S. Special thanks to those special friends who responded to last week's request for gifts in support of our commitment to provide all our results to the public. We are delighted by your generosity. Your tax receipt is on its way.