

**Members of the League of Women Voters
Are Invited to Attend the
62nd Meeting of the *Commission on the Status of Women* (CSW62)
at the United Nations in New York
March 12-23, 2018**

The Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) is the principle global intergovernmental body exclusively devoted to promoting women's rights, documenting the reality of women's lives throughout the world, and shaping global standards on gender equality and the empowerment of women.

During the Commission's annual two-week session at UN headquarters in New York, representatives of UN Member States, civil society organizations and UN entities gather to discuss progress and gaps in the implementation of the 1995 Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, the key global policy document on gender equality, as well as contributing to the follow up to the 2030 agenda for Sustainable Development so as to accelerate the realization of gender equality and the empowerment of women.

The CSW arranges the work of the sessions around priority and review themes. The themes for CSW62 are:

- **Priority theme:**

Challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls;

- **Review theme:**

Participation in and access of women to the media, and information and communications technologies and their impact on and use as an instrument for the advancement and empowerment of women (agreed conclusions of the forty-seventh session).

The League of Women Voters of the United States has been an active participant in the Commission on the Status of Women meetings since its inception in 1946; presenting and commenting at Commission meetings, sponsoring panels and events, and having League members involved and in attendance.

NGO CSW, New York, sponsors the NGOCSW *Forum* of events and panels focused on the priority and review themes, advocacy trainings, briefings on CSW discussions and draft outcome documents and opportunities to attend regional caucuses.

Pre-registration for LWV UN Delegates:

The League can register up to 20 members to attend Commission meetings and events in the UN. Most events are free. Attendees are responsible for transportation, accommodations and meals. If you are interested in attending CSW62, please notify Suzanne Stassevitch, LWVUS UN Deputy Observer, smstass@mac.com as soon as possible.