

Russian dolls explain LWML–Canada



The Individual Member

I am only one person. What can I do? How important am I? I have a small amount of talent. I can do some things but not all things. I have a small amount of resources — one mite box. I put in my dimes, quarters, loonies — maybe \$5 a month, or even \$10 or \$20, but how will that small amount help reach others for Christ? I offer my prayers with my mites. Please, Lord, use my small offering to bring the Good News to someone who has never heard it. I have personal devotions and study the Bible but I am only one. How can God use me?



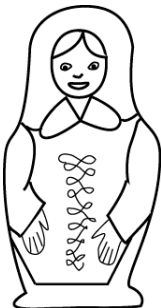
The Society

Here in my own Church I join with a few more individuals in a Society. Together we work in our congregation and community. Here we use everyone's talents and gifts to help each other serve the Lord. Here we join our sisters for Bible study, prayer and fellowship. We grow spiritually and personally. Each month we collect all the mite boxes and dedicate them to the Lord. Now we have more resources to work for the Lord — but we are still small. How can we be much help at all?



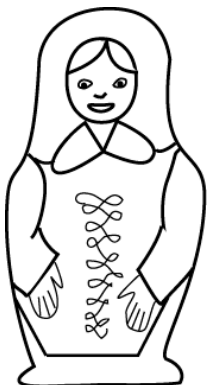
The Zone

Each Society is part of a Zone with several other Societies in their area. Now we are growing! We are part of a growing circle of Christian sisters. We meet new friends at rallies, retreats or renewals. At these events we have many opportunities for fellowship, Bible study and prayer and for using our God-given talent and time to serve God and serve others. Each Society treasurer sends the mites from its members to the Zone treasurer (or District Treasurer depending on the District). See how our mites are growing!



The District

Every Zone is part of a District. In Canada we have five districts. Each Zone treasurer sends the mites from the Zone to the District treasurer. How our mites are growing! At a District convention delegates from each Society select mission projects to support with grants from our mite offerings. The District uses 60% of the mites they receive. Some District funds are used for strengthening the faith and service of members. The total mission goal of all five districts is about \$220,000. Now God can really use us to reach others with His Good news and love.



The National Body

The national part of our organization is made up of five Districts, 31 Zones, 250 Societies and just over 3,000 individuals. Together with our Lord we can make a difference! We have grown spiritually and personally while enjoying fellowship and participating in service to others. LWML–Canada committees use the talents and gifts of members all across Canada to write new resources — Bible studies, devotions, songs and workshops. And what about our mites? The 40% sent from the Districts to the national level provides grants for mission projects selected by delegates from Zones at a national convention. This triennium \$100,000 in mission grants will be sent to help share the Good News in Canada and around the world. Together with the District projects we're sending \$320,000 to spread the Gospel. Wow! How our mites have multiplied from my one little mite box. Together our individual mite offerings have become mighty mites for the Lord's work!