



Lutheran Women's Missionary League–Canada
7th Convention
Ottawa, Ontario
July 9-12, 2009

THE LEAGUE PLEDGE

In fervent
gratitude for the
Saviour's dying
love and His
blood-bought gift
of redemption,
we dedicate

ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Saviour our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His

redeeming love,
our silver and our
gold to extend
His kingdom, our
will to do His
will, and every
power of our life
to the great task
of bringing the
lost and erring
into eternal
fellowship with
Him.

Rev. Harry Fricke



STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Lutheran Women's Missionary League–Canada is an organization of women

- studying the Gospel of Jesus Christ,
- supporting and encouraging all women of the Church, pastors, and workers in the mission field,
- sharing the Gospel in culturally relevant and age-appropriate ways,
- building up all members of the Church so they daily live their faith and
- confidently share the Good News of Jesus in word and deed with all people in their communities and the world.

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

Thursday, July 9, 2009

- 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. Registration
7:30 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion: Rev. Robert Bugbee, Preacher
Offering #1: LWML–Canada Mission Grants Goal

Friday, July 10, 2009

- 7:00 a.m. Registration
8:25 a.m. Opening Procession
Convention Business
9:00 a.m. Presentation and Adoption of Mission Program
Mission Grants Presentation
10:00 a.m. Keynote Speaker – Dr. David Ludwig
Greetings – LCC President, Rev. Robert Bugbee
Bylaw Amendments Presentation / Adoption of Amendments
1:30 p.m. Bible Study – Rev. Mark Hennig, LWML–Canada Counsellor
2:30 – 3:15 p.m. Interest Sessions – Number 1
3:30 – 4:15 p.m. Interest Sessions – Number 2
Results of ballot for Mission Grants
Offering #2: Haiti Assistance Fund, LCC
6:00 p.m. Dinner
7:30 p.m. Mission Walk – Downtown Ottawa
Young Women’s Program (following Mission Walk)

Saturday, July 11, 2009

- 7:00 a.m. Registration
8:30 a.m. Convention Business
Introduction of Nominees
Offering #3: Lutheran Seminary Guilds
Balloting for selection of Officers
10:00 – 10:45 a.m. Interest Sessions – Number 3
11:00 – 11:45 a.m. Interest Sessions – Number 4
1:30 p.m. Servant Events
2:30 p.m. Bible Study: Rev. William Kramer, LWML–Canada Counsellor
Report of LWML–Canada Image Survey
Results of ballot for selection of Officers
4:00 p.m. LCC Mission Presentation, Mission Executive
6:30 p.m. Dinner; Inspirational Speaker – Elaine Bickel

Sunday, July 12, 2009

- 8:30 a.m. Opening Devotion
Convention Business
Gifts of Love – Litany for gathering of gifts
Resolutions
Invitation to LWML–Canada Convention 2012
Report of Offering #3
Divine Service / Installation of Officers
12:00 noon Adjournment

The Galaxy (Exhibits, LWML–Canada Store, Sperlings Bookstore and CLWR’s Four Corners): open Friday 7:00 – 8:00 a.m.; 12 noon – 1:00 p.m.; 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.; Saturday 7:00 – 8:00 a.m.; 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.; 5:15 – 5:45 p.m.

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CONVENTION STANDING RULES

Bylaws Article VII (Convention)

7.03 Voting Attendees: In addition to those Zone Delegates and Alternate Zone Delegates entitled to attend and vote at a convention, District Presidents and Elected Officers may attend and vote on all resolutions considered at a convention.

7.05 Quorum: A quorum for the transaction of business at any convention shall be thirty (30) voters.

1. The Registration Chairman shall report the number of delegates registered as present with proper credentials and shall make supplementary reports when required as resulting from changes in registration rolls.
2. Delegates must wear their convention identification badges at all sessions and sit in the section reserved for voting members. Upon proper clearance by the Registration Chairman, a member registered as an alternate may be transferred to delegate and will retain that position through the remainder of the convention.
3. Members of member societies of LWML–Canada have privilege of voice. Only members of the voting assembly of the convention may introduce business and vote.
4. When requesting the floor for making motions or for discussion, the speaker must go to a floor microphone and identify herself by name and title or district in order to be recognized.
5. Discussion shall be limited to two (2) minutes per speaker. No one may speak more than twice on a subject unless consent is given by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the voting assembly.
6. A lengthy proposal or motion shall be submitted in resolution form to the Resolutions Committee.
7. An item of business or program which is unfinished at the hour set for recess in the convention program will be resumed at the following meeting or at a time designated by the assembly at the time of interruption.
8. The Recording Secretary shall destroy all ballots immediately following the convention.
9. Distribution of literature of any kind requires permission of the General Council.
10. Announcements shall be handed to pages, who shall deliver them to the Chairman. At the Chairman's discretion, only urgent announcements will be made from the podium. Others will be posted at the message centre.
11. Photographs / videos may be taken during worship and devotional periods only by the convention photographer and/or other photographer(s) approved by the General Council and then only if done in a discreet and non-disruptive manner.
12. Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall be the parliamentary authority. The Parliamentarian interprets rules and advises on parliamentary procedure when asked.
13. Any or all of these rules may be suspended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the voting assembly.

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE-CANADA 7TH CONVENTION-OTTAWA, ONTARIO
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THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2009

1:00 –6:00 p.m.	Registration	Crowne Plaza
7:30 p.m.	CONVENTION CALL TO ORDER Worship Procession Divine Service with Holy Communion Preacher Host Congregation OFFERING #1	Judy Grande, President Crowne Plaza Ballroom Rev. Robert Bugbee, President LCC Christ Risen Lutheran Church LWML-Canada Mission Grants Goal
	Greetings	President East District, LCC

FRIDAY, JULY 10, 2009

7:00 a.m.	Registration Breakfast	
7:00 –8:00 a.m.	The Galaxy open (exhibits and stores)	
8:15 a.m.	Singing	Pianist, Janice Buchner Song Leader, Carolyn McLeod
	Opening LWML-Canada Procession	

FIRST MEETING

8:30 a.m.	CALL TO ORDER Opening Devotion NATIONAL ANTHEM <i>O Canada! Our home and native land!</i> <i>True patriot love in all thy sons command.</i> <i>With glowing hearts we see thee rise,</i> <i>The true north strong and free!</i> <i>From far and wide, O Canada,</i> <i>We stand on guard for thee.</i> <i>God keep our land glorious and free!</i> <i>O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.</i> <i>O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.</i>	<i>Arlene Kish, Vice President</i> Judy Grande, President Christian Growth Committee
	LEAGUE PLEDGE	Manual, inside front cover
	LEAGUE HYMN “Lord Jesus You Have Called Us”	Manual, page 73
	THEME HYMN “Shine, Shine, Shine!”	Author, Donna Hines Manual, page 71
	Welcome	Eloise Schaan, President Laurentian District, LWML-Canada
	Credentials Report	Kim Jones, Registration Chairman
	Proposed Convention Standing Rules	Beth Williams, Parliamentarian Manual, page 5

	Proposed Convention Agenda	Lorraine Cathro, Recording Secretary
	Committee Appointments	Manual page 6 Judy Grande, President Manual, page 11
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes Review • Tellers for Selection of Officers • Tellers for Selection of Mission Grants • Resolutions 	
	Report of Financial Secretary	Gloria Meyer
	Report of Treasurer	Pat Carlson Handout
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of Mission Program • Adoption of Mission Program 	
	Mission Grants Presentation	Ardith Pollex, VP Christian Mission Mission Grants Proposals, Manual, page 21
	Prayer before balloting	Marilyn Witte Christian Mission Committee
	Ballot for Mission Grants	
10:00 a.m.	Keynote Speaker “ <i>Shine Like Stars – In a Culture of Abuse</i> ”	Dr. David Ludwig University professor, Author Licensed Psychologist, Pastor
	Report of Offering #1 Greetings	Rev. Robert Bugbee, President Lutheran Church–Canada
	Credentials Report Bylaw Amendments Presentation Adoption of Bylaw Amendments	Kim Jones, Registration Chairman Linda Fenske, Structure Chairman Manual, page 34
	Prayer Requests Announcements	Rev. William Kramer
12:00 noon	Lunch	
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.	The Galaxy open (exhibits and stores)	
FRIDAY, JULY 9, 2009 – AFTERNOON		
1:15 p.m.	Singing	Pianist, Gloria Meyer Song Leader, Pat Rocheleau
SECOND MEETING		
1:30 P.M.	CALL TO ORDER Bible Study “ <i>Shining As Children of God</i> ”	Helga Danielson, Vice President Judy Grande, President Rev. Mark Hennig, LWML–Canada Pastoral Counsellor
2:30 – 4:00 p.m.	The Galaxy open (exhibits and stores)	
2:30 – 3:15 p.m.	Interest Sessions	Number 1
3:30 – 4:15 p.m.	Interest Sessions	Number 2

4:30 p.m. Report of ballot of Mission Grants Diane Ebert, Chairman
 Tellers for selection of Mission Grants
 Greetings – Concordia Lutheran Mission Society Anne Taylor
 Greetings – Lutheran Laymen's League of Canada Stephen Klinck, Director

OFFERING #2 Haiti Assistance Fund, LCC

Prayer Requests Rev. Mark Hennig
 Announcements

6:00 p.m. Dinner

7:30 p.m. Walk for Missions
 9:00 p.m. Young Women's Reception

SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2009 – MORNING

7:00 a.m. Registration
 Breakfast

7:00 – 8:00 a.m. The Galaxy open (exhibits and stores)
 8:15 a.m. Singing
 Pianist: Arlene Kish
 Song Leader: Pastor William Kramer

THIRD MEETING

8:30 a.m. CALL TO ORDER Ardith Pollex, Vice President
 Opening Devotion Judy Grande, President
 Christian Growth Committee

Report of Offering #2
 Credentials Report Kim Jones, Registration Chairman

Report of the Nominating Committee Linda Horton, Chairman
 Nominations from the floor
 Introduction of Nominees Manual, page 36

OFFERING #3 Seminary Guilds of
 Concordia Lutheran Seminary, Edmonton, Alberta and
 Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary, St. Catharines, Ontario

Prayer before balloting Linda Horton, Chairman
 Balloting for selection of officers

Greetings Janice Wendorf, President
 Lutheran Women's Missionary League
 Prayers Rev. William Kramer
 Announcements

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. The Galaxy open (exhibits and stores)

10:00 – 10:45 a.m. Interest Sessions Number 3
 11:00 – 11:45 a.m. Interest Sessions Number 4

12:00 noon Lunch
1:30 p.m. Servant Events Crowne Plaza Ballroom

FOURTH MEETING

Cheryl Teeter, Vice President
Song Leader: Fran Van Vorst
Pianist: Janice Buchner

2:30 P.M. CALL TO ORDER Judy Grande, President

Bible Study Rev. William Kramer, LWML–Canada Pastoral Counsellor
“*Shine On with the Brightness and Intensity of Christ our Lord*”

LWML–Canada Image Survey Kim Donnelly, Chairman
Report of ballot for officers Ingrid Vickers, Chairman
Tellers for Selection of Officers

LCC Mission Presentation LCC Interim Mission Executive
“*Go and make disciples of all nations*” Dr. Ralph Mayan

Prayer Requests Rev. Mark Hennig
Announcements

5:15 – 5:45 p.m. The Galaxy open (exhibits and stores) Final Time

6:30 p.m. Dinner Elaine Bickel
Inspirational Speaker St. Paul Lutheran School
“*His Shining Children*” Millington, Michigan

SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2009

7:00 a.m. Breakfast

8:15 a.m. Singing Pianist: Gloria Meyer
Song Leader: Pat Rocheleau

FIFTH MEETING

8:30 a.m. CALL TO ORDER *Helga Danielson, Vice President*
Judy Grande, President

Opening Devotion Christian Growth Committee
Credentials Report Kim Jones, Registration Chairman
Business Resolutions Pat Rocheleau, Chairman
Resolutions Committee

Acknowledgments

President’s Report Judy Grande

Gifts of Love Ardith Pollex, Vice President
Christian Mission

Courtesy Resolutions Pat Rocheleau, Chairman
Resolutions Committee
Manual, page 60

Invitation to LWML–Canada Convention 2012

Karen Nerbas, President
ABC District LWML–Canada

Report of Offering #3
Announcements

10:30 a.m. Divine Service
Installation of Officers
12:00 noon Adjournment

Rev. Mark Hennig
LWML–Canada Pastoral Counsellors
Newly elected President

Remember to check out the

LWML–Canada Resource Centre

- **at this convention**

At the LWML–Canada Store in The Galaxy you will find all the latest items for sale along with some more familiar things.

Pick up a copy of the newest catalogue (or check one out online when you get home).

- **in Winnipeg**

Our resource centre staff person, Margaret Klatt, would enjoy hearing from you.

E-mail her at resourcecentre@lutheranwomen.ca or give her a call at 1-888-596-5226.

Download the latest catalogue from www.lutheranwomen.ca or ask Margaret to send you a copy.

Our Special Thanks to...

- ***FaithLife Financial*** for providing a \$2,000 grant for this event and sponsoring our two keynote speakers, Rev. Dr. David Ludwig and Mrs. Elaine Bickel.
- ***CLWR's Four Corners*** for providing the beautiful tote bags
- ***Campbell Douglas***, of Campbell Douglas Keyboards Ltd., for providing the keyboard for use during this event.
- Eileen Vuorinen, Grace Lutheran LWMLC, Oshawa, Ontario for making the convention theme banner.

CONVENTION OFFERINGS

By action of the General Council at its meeting in October 2008, the following were chosen as recipients of the 2009 Convention offerings:

OFFERING NO. 1 – THE LWML–CANADA MISSION GRANT GOAL

OFFERING NO. 2 – HAITI ASSISTANCE THROUGH LCC FUND

Rebuilding and recovery are now underway in Haiti after the devastation of Hurricane Hanna, including the damage of six ministry sites. The Haiti Lutheran Mission Society and other agencies are beginning to see the results of their relief efforts, yet this is a slow process where thousands of Haitians live with only the clothes they were wearing when the flooding began. Continued financial support will help the Lutheran Churches of Haiti rebuild facilities and replace lost and damaged items as well as allow them to provide food and fresh drinking water and generally bring comfort and relief to the people in Haiti.

OFFERING NO. 3 – SEMINARY GUILDS OF CONCORDIA LUTHERAN SEMINARY, EDMONTON, ALBERTA AND CONCORDIA LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, ST. CATHARINES, ONTARIO

The Guilds of Concordia Lutheran Seminary, Edmonton, Alberta and Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary, St. Catharines, Ontario are both devoted to serving and supporting the seminaries and their students, our future pastors. The Guilds provide food and other grocery supplies for students and their families. Christmas and Easter gifts are special extras given to bring a smile to a student's face. Encouragement and support is included for wives and families through hospitality events and wives retreats. The Guilds also support the seminaries with special and ongoing projects for the campus, library, chapel and other areas of student life. The seminary guilds bring blessings to both faculty and students as they provide financial, physical and spiritual support. This offering will be divided between the two seminary guilds.

CONVENTION APPOINTMENTS

Tellers – Mission Grants: Diane Ebert, Ontario, Chairman; Rena Detlefsen, Laurentian; Bev Bloom, Ontario Sonset

Tellers – Election of Officers: Ingrid Vickers, ABC, Chairman; Gail Kaban, Manitoba & Saskatchewan; Eva Becht, Ontario;

Resolutions Committee: Pat Rocheleau, Chairman; Roberta Freitag and Helga Judt, Manitoba & Saskatchewan;

Minutes Review: Linda Schappert, Ontario; Joan Strang, ABC.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

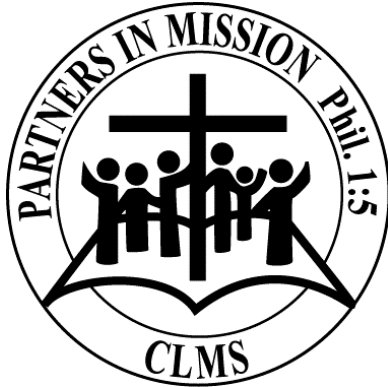
The Galaxy incorporates exhibits, LWML–Canada Store, Sperlings Bookstore and CLWR's Four Corners. Please note the hours of operation on page 3 of Manual. The Galaxy will not be open on Sunday.

Photographs

- Photographs will be taken during convention proceedings for the purpose of convention news-related articles and archives. Such photographs may also be used in brochures and other publications of LWML–Canada based on the permission given on the registration form.
- Time and place of District and other group photos will be listed in the “Daily Star.”

Concordia Lutheran Mission Society

An Auxiliary of Lutheran Church Canada



March 14, 2009

Greetings in Christ to all convention attendees:

As I write this High Prairie is still in the depths of winter – it was -40°C two nights last week, even though it is mid March. If global warming is a reality it has forgotten about Northern Alberta. And as I write a lot of effort is being put into planning for your triennial convention. Constitution changes, proposed projects to present, elections, and business sessions (some fun too I hope!). CLMS has recently just completed the same for our annual meeting. A much smaller scale, but on an annual basis. I was pleased to see the large number of mission projects you are proposing on your website, many of which complement the same work we have and continue to support.

As mission supporting organizations we have many things in common. One of the main things we have in common is all the work is done with volunteers – no paid staff. I am very aware of the huge amount of planning and volunteer hours that go into planning a convention such as yours, and the countless hours spent by your members in support of your ministry at the provincial and local levels. I commend each of you for this personal ministry for Christ and the gospel.

I say with confidence that God will bless your effort and your convention, and He will be there in your decisions and elections as you contribute toward the fulfillment of the great commission.

In Christ our Lord,

Terry Goerz

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People Of Christ With The Message Of Hope

Dear *Shining Stars* of LWML–Canada:

Reading the two theme verses for your convention and then considering the world in which we live: it is not difficult to find in humanity the *crooked and depraved generation*; nor is it difficult to see in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, *the light of the world*; and although I cannot understand the depth of God's love that makes you and me *blameless and pure children of God*, I am eternally grateful for it.

The most challenging part for me and perhaps for you too is *holding out the word of life*. What a challenge, what a privilege God has given to you, to me, and all believers.

At the Lutheran Laymen's League, that is our goal, whether it is through:

- messages from The Lutheran Hour delivered by radio, satellite or inter-net;
- messages of special interest to women on our Woman to Woman program and website;
- resources like our Men's Network that congregations can use in reach and minister to men;
- family-based resources like JCPlayZone, JCParentZone or the workshop Parenting from Me to We;
- issues-oriented booklets in our Project Connect series;
- or hands-on mission projects like By Kids For Kids;

through our Lutheran Hour Ministries we seek to bring Christ (the word of life) to the nations (the crooked and depraved generations) and those nations to Christ's bride, the Church.

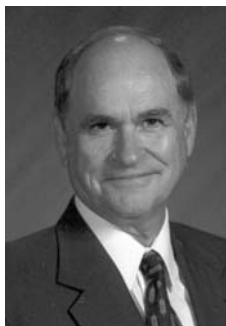
I encourage you to check out our resources on our website www.lll.ca or by contacting us at 1-800-555-6236. Perhaps these resources can help you too, as you *shine like stars* leading others to Christ's righteousness.

I pray God's blessings on you and your work and ask that you would do the same for our efforts, because like you, we are *People of Christ with The Message of Hope!*

Robert (Bob) Felstead
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Lutheran Laymen's League of Canada

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SPEAKERS



Dr. David Ludwig combined a background in both theology and psychology by getting an MDiv from Concordia Seminary in 1965 and a PhD from Washington University in 1966. His creative blending of these two disciplines has spanned over 40 years as a university professor, a licensed psychologist and Lutheran minister. During this time Dr. Ludwig has written seven books and numerous professional articles while speaking internationally on the spiritual growth of relationships within oneself, family, and church.

Central to Dr. Ludwig's thinking is a deep understanding of the organizing spiritual force to life. Relationships organized around shared responsibilities and joy (around a "WE") built on the promise of God's design for humans offer a loving alternative to an increasing "ME-oriented" culture. Dr. Ludwig's popular books and videos offer practical application to developing healthier personal and family relationships, including the insightful concepts of: "Painters and Pointers," "Freeze-dried Mood Particles," and "Parenting as a WE."

Dr. Ludwig and his wife, Kathy, with grants from Wheatridge, Thrivant and various Synodical organizations, have travelled extensively, giving presentations on family relationships. This message of the healing power of WE has been shared with congregations and audiences in the United States, Canada, Brazil, Australia, New Zealand, Indonesia, and England. Dr. Ludwig has developed the **Power of WE Center** at Lenoir-Rhyne College, Hickory, NC. His book and DVD, "*The Power of WE*," can be ordered at its web site: www.thinkwe.com. His latest parenting DVD can be ordered at: www.parentingfamilies.com. Dave and Kathy have been married for 47 years and have three married sons and seven grandchildren.

Dr. Ludwig's books and videos include:

Spirit of Your Marriage (1979)

In Good Spirits (1985)

Renewing the Family Spirit (1989)

The Spirit of your Congregation (1992)

The Spiritual Dimension of Counseling (1996)

The Power of WE (1999)



Mrs. Elaine Bickel, is currently serving as Principal of St. Paul Lutheran School, Millington, Michigan,

Elaine is a nationally known humorous and inspirational speaker.

She is the author of three Bible study books: *Living with Compulsive Behavior*, *Growing as a Christian Mother*, and *Roots and Wings: A Parent's Challenge*, published by CPH. She has written for the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly, Guideposts, and My Devotions. She serves as principal at St. Paul Lutheran School in Millington, and is a member of the Board of Regents of Concordia University, Ann Arbor. Elaine

and her husband, Jim, have two children.

PRESENTERS

Shine Like Stars again: healing past abuse

Dr. David Ludwig

A past abusive situation leaves anxiety and brokenness of spirit. Emotions get stuck and it is difficult for ones spirit to mature. This session will focus on the specific healing process that Christ's presence brings to such brokenness. As your spirit heals, you can "shine like stars again."



Parenting and Grandparenting: a lot like growing healthy crops in fertile Canadian soil

Kathy Ludwig

This interest session will focus on parenting strategies that care for the child's soul (like caring for an acre of land). What kind of crops do you want? A child who is: "concerned for others" or "me-focused?" – "loving" or "demanding?" – "respectful" or "talking back?" An introduction to the new DVD from Lutheran Hour Ministries, "Parenting Families," will be given by Dr. Ludwig.

God's blessings of growth in Nicaragua

Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Mayan

From Somotillo in the North to Granada and Rivas in the south, the Gospel is being proclaimed to the Nicaraguan people. It's even spilling over into Honduras and Costa Rica. And wherever that Gospel is being proclaimed, we witness God's blessing: a new church is established; new missions are begun and more lives touched by the grace and love of God. Dr. and Mrs. Mayan will share these stories and others as they report on the Nicaraguan mission. Dr. Mayan spent the first three months of this year in the country assisting the new church as she assumes more responsibility for her own mission and ministry. Linda joined him there for part of that time and shared in the mission work. She also presented a gift from LWMLC to the graduating deaconesses.

Welcoming our intercultural neighbours

Rev. Josh Hollman

Want to build relationships with your neighbours from other cultures and religions, but don't know where to start? We will explore specific ways of welcoming our intercultural neighbours as friends through the hospitality of Jesus.

Nicaragua Servant Event

Marilyn Witte & Team

In November 2008, 14 women from all over Canada took up the challenge to participate in a servant event in Nicaragua organized by LWML-Canada. The purpose was to encourage the women in the new Lutheran church in Nicaragua. The event was an unforgettable mission experience. We were women on a mission and God was with us every step of the way. Experiences the women had as they presented seven seminars to seven different churches throughout Nicaragua will be shown by PowerPoint.

Bringing Children to the Worship Service

Rev. Mark Danielson

Many parishes are experiencing a decline in the number of children coming to the worship service. This session will look at some reasons this is occurring and suggest some steps to take to help reverse this trend. One problem to be examined is the view of many children is that the worship service is an uncomfortable, passive experience rather than an opportunity for worship and praise. One of the main thrusts of this session will be to look at how we can involve children in the worship service in a more meaningful way. Practical suggestions and materials for the congregation, the pastor and parents will be shared.

Wills, Estates and Gift Planning

Allen Schellenberg, author of the “God’s Gift–Your Legacy” column in *Tapestry* magazine, will speak on behalf of Lutheran Foundation Canada. Have you realized all that you can do for those you leave behind? There is much to consider as we lovingly care for our immediate family, but also for our church family. A Christian Estate Plan goes far beyond simply having a will, as there are many other arrangements that should be considered.

Allen Schellenberg



Reaching Muslim friends – woman to woman

As "understanding" is a very important part of "friendship" we will start with learning about the religious faith and practices of our Muslim neighbours, as well as their teachings about Jesus and Christians. How can we use this understanding to bridge our differences and reach out to find common ground in the knowledge that we all are children of a loving God?

Mary Helen Miller



Money matters

Statistics show that money is the #1 cause of marital conflict. Where does the money go? Why is there never enough? Credit cards: the good, the bad and the ugly. Learn how to make informed financial decisions, find your hidden wealth and eliminate the money fear factor, managing the resources that God has provided to fulfill your needs and His purpose.

FaithLife Financial: Anne Bruce

Q & A with the President

Do you have questions and concerns about the future of LWML–Canada? Do you wonder what direction we’re going and if we’ll lose things that are important to you? Do you want to be part of the planning for the future? Discussion can lead to a clearer understanding of our mission and focus; of new proposals and ideas put forth by LWML–Canada General Council.

Judy Grande

Women online

Facebook. MySpace. Digg. Twitter. A whole new vocabulary and communication style is developing as the Internet becomes focused on building relationships through social media. This is a whole new mission field. How can this fit into the mission of LWML–Canada—as an organization and as individual members? God’s story of salvation is about His relationship with us through Christ Jesus. Discover new ways of telling others of that saving relationship using the latest online tools.

Dr. Ian Adnams and Marion Hollinger

Joy of the teenage years

Elaine Bickel

Reaching out with the Gospel in Ukraine

Oleg Schewtschenko from Dnepropetrovsk, Ukraine, who is currently completing his studies at Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary, St. Catharines, Ontario, will share his story and the story of how God is using the Lutheran Church in Ukraine in reaching out with the Gospel. He will also give an update on new developments he learned on his visit, with Rev. Bugbee, to Lutheran churches in Ukraine.

Oleg Schewtschenko

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE–CANADA

REVENUE REPORT

For the Triennium ending March 31, 2009

REVENUE	ACTUAL	BUDGET
	Apr 1/06-Mar 31/09	Apr 1/06-Mar 31/09
Growing in Faith		
Sale of LWMLC Resources	\$30,070.18	\$71,500.00
Putting Faith into Action		
Designated for Mission Grants	4,694.28	3,000.00
Mites from Districts	175,836.67	200,000.00
Memorial/Honour gifts	10,850.05	8,000.00
Mission & Service Endowment	10,698.25	
Interest – Mission & Service Fund	1,596.99	
Interest – Seminary Scholarship Fund	1,320.00	2,000.00
15 th Anniversary offerings	6,746.60	
Mission Walk at convention	13,617.84	5,000.00
Convention offerings	10,934.69	8,000.00
Convention – Ingathering	50.00	
Encouraging one another in Faith		
Advertising income – <i>Tapestry</i>	13,256.77	15,000.00
Subscription income – <i>Tapestry</i>	63,322.74	73,475.00
Working Together in Faith		
GST Rebate	6,689.15	6,750.00
Donations	2.25	2,000.00
'06 Convention refund	3,500.00	3,500.00
'06 Convention surplus	2,745.62	
Miscellaneous	3,020.84	3,000.00
Refund of travel re 06 convention	4,068.26	
Deposits – Nicaragua trip	2,786.00	
	\$365,807.18	\$401,225.00
TOTAL		

Analysis of Accounts

Mites – Donations	4,694.28
Mites – Districts	
Alberta–British Columbia	69,700.58
Ontario	46,613.07
Laurentian	9,499.79
Manitoba & Saskatchewan	44,495.12
Ontario Sonset	5,528.11
TOTAL – DISTRICTS	\$175,836.67
Memorial/Honour	\$10,850.05

Prepared by: Gloria Meyer, Financial Secretary, LWML–Canada March 31, 2009

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE–CANADA

EXPENSE REPORT

For the Triennium ending March 31, 2009

	ACTUAL	BUDGET
	Apr 1/06-Mar 31/09	Apr 1/06-Mar 31/09
Growing in Faith		
Christian Growth		
Christian Growth Committee	\$2,213.59	\$3,400.00
Cost of Resources & Supplies, RC	8,396.73	40,000.00
Seminar	1,475.81	4,000.00
Putting Faith into Action		
Christian Mission		
Mission Grants	99,500.00	100,000.00
Christian Mission	1,232.54	4,400.00
Seminary Scholarship Fund	1,523.98	2,000.00
Memorial/Honour gifts	15,894.68	8,000.00
Convention offerings	7,118.43	8,000.00
Encouraging one another in Faith		
Communication		
Communication Committee	5,859.43	8,200.00
PR Director	5,514.67	7,000.00
Tapestry		
Production & Shipping	68,245.15	83,800.00
Editorial Staff	991.17	4,550.00
Member Development		
Member Development Committee	470.16	3,400.00
Working Together in Faith		
Bylaws Committee	487.91	1,500.00
Legal and Financial Review	4,023.54	3,500.00
Executive Expenses	13,064.97	15,000.00
General Council Meetings	40,521.70	40,000.00
Intercommittee Meeting	23,837.71	20,000.00
Convention		
Convention Advance*	12,000.00	2,000.00
Convention 2009 Hotel Advance*		1,500.00
Convention Travel*	4,068.26	
Resource Centre Administration	16,859.75	31,500.00
Resource Centre Equipment	134.20	500.00
GST (50%)	4,047.80	6,750.00
Bank Charges	154.00	225.00
Sundry	1,178.14	2,000.00
Tapestry Refunds	422.00	
Nicaragua Trip	2,786.00	
15 th Anniversary to Districts	1,686.65	
*Convention repays these amounts		
TOTAL	\$343,708.97	\$401,225.00

Prepared by: Patricia Carlson, Treasurer, LWML–Canada March 31, 2009

**LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE–CANADA
FINANCIAL POSITION
March 31, 2009**

Bank	\$ 26,444.15	Designated Funds	\$ 5,653.62
1) Memorial Fund Investment	\$12,678.99	Investments 1 & 2	\$44,347.11
2) Mission & Service Fund	\$31,668.12	General Funds	\$20,790.53
Total	\$70,791.26	Total	\$70,791.26

Change in Cash Position

Previous balance, April 1, 2006	\$4,345.94	
Deposits April 1, 2006 to March 31, 2009	365,807.18	
Expenses April 1, 2006 to March 31, 2009	\$343,708.97	
Bank Balance March 31, 2009		\$26,444.15
Less:		
Designated Funds		
Memorial/Honour gifts	\$3,895.37	
Mission & Service Endowment	\$1,758.25	
		\$5,653.62
General Funds		\$20,790.53

Prepared by: Patricia Carlson, Treasurer, LWML–Canada March 31, 2009

www.lutheranwomen.ca

Our LWML–Canada website is a window into the organization.
Filled with resources and information it has something for women of any age.

Check it out and tell someone else about it. Mention specific items that might interest that particular person. Here are some of the things you will find.

General information about LWML–Canada

The latest convention information

LWML–Canada Sunday information to download and use

Everything you need to know about mission grants:

- guidelines for submitting
- information about current grants and
 - a list of those paid

Devotions (print or audio)

News

Mission Service ideas

Information about Tapestry and how to subscribe

Writing guidelines for Tapestry

Current and archived editions of Get Connected!
Information about leadership and mentoring
A catalogue of all the LWML–Canada resources

www.shinelikestars.ca

At the time of preparing this manual this site was still under construction.
This web address will be on the back of T-shirts during the walk for missions.
Handouts will talk about Jesus making us stars and the site will build on that.
This site will be used in other ways after the convention to share the Gospel message.

LITANY FOR PROPOSED MISSION GRANTS

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord – LSB # 497

**Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord, with all Your graces now out-poured
On each believer's mind and heart Your fervent love to them impart.
Lord, by the brightness of Your light In holy faith Your Church unite;
From every land and every tongue this to Your praise, O Lord, our God be sung:
Alleluia, alleluia!**

Holy Spirit, You have called us by the Gospel, bless the mission outreach both at home and abroad so more people will hear of Your love. (Short description of grants 1-5)

**Come holy Light, guide divine, now cause the Word of life to shine.
Teach us to know our God a-right and call Him Father with delight.
From every error keep us free; Let none but Christ our master be
That we in living faith abide, In Him, our Lord, with all our might confide.
Alleluia, alleluia!**

Holy Spirit, You have enlightened us with Your gifts of grace, bless and keep us faithful and active in our commitment to share Your Word. (Short description of grants 6-10)

**Come, holy Fire, comfort true, grant us the will Your work to do
And in Your service to abide; let trials turn us not aside.
Lord, by Your pow'r prepare each heart, and to our weakness strength impart
That bravely here we may contend, Through life and death to You, our Lord, ascend.
Alleluia, alleluia!**

Holy Spirit, gather and unite disciples of all nations to look to the cross of Christ and His resurrection, for forgiveness of sins and eternal life. Bless all schools and churches where your Word is taught in truth and purity. (Short description of grants 11-16)

Lord, bless and guide the delegates as they select mission grants to support with their mites and prayers in this new triennium. In Jesus' Holy Name, Amen

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MISSION GRANT PROPOSALS

1. **Busing costs for Zion Lutheran School, Surrey, B. C.** **\$20,000**
Zion Lutheran School was established as a mission outreach to the community. The congregation has now stepped out in faith and begun providing transportation for students who have attended neighbouring Faith Lutheran Preschool and wish to continue their Christian education at Zion Lutheran School, which includes classes up to Grade 9. These children come from a multicultural community, have limited income, and no other means of transportation. This grant will assist with the cost of maintenance, insurance, and driver's salary.
2. **Addiction Recovery Centre in the Kootenays (A.R.K.)** **\$10,000**
This centre, in a rented facility, offers a safe drop-in centre for people with an addiction to receive counselling from a Christian perspective. Through Christian means, this centre will help people suffering from disabling addictions achieve spiritual freedom through a strong personal relationship with Christ. Its goal is that each client will be healed of his or her addiction and be able to return to functioning in mainstream society. The personnel of this centre are volunteers. The non-salaried executive director is a recovered addict with experience of helping others. Rev. Harold Haberstock of Creston, B.C. is president of the board of directors. He has been with this ministry since it started. Their hope is to establish a residential program in the future. This grant will help with the cost of rent, heat, light, phone, renovations, and supplies for counselling.
3. **Costa Rica mission outreach** **\$35,000**
God continues to open doors for the proclamation of the Gospel. Rev. Pedro Quintero has been serving here as a missionary for a few years. He has started two mission congregations. God has also provided His church with a new worker, Eduardo Retana, who is presently preparing to become a pastor of the Iglesia Luterana Sinodo de Nicaragua (ILSN). Lutheran Church–Canada desires to continue the outreach in Costa Rica. This grant will help support these two missionaries.
4. **Retreat program for Nicaraguan pastors, deaconesses and their families** **\$7,500**
God has richly blessed Iglesia Luterana Sinodo de Nicaragua with faithful pastors and deaconesses who love the Lord and desire to communicate the Gospel with others. Since many, if not all, have not grown up within the church they struggle with what it means to be a pastor, or pastor's wife, a deaconess or spouse of a deaconess. This has led to an assortment of unrealistic expectations creating tension and difficulties in family life. Retreats which centre on this topic will assist not only the church workers as they relate with their families, but will provide them with tools to assist others in their congregations. This grant will assist with the cost of holding several retreats during the next triennium.
5. **Sewing School support in Chinandega, Nicaragua** **\$12,000**
The sewing school has now moved to the Mission Centre, Chinandega, where daily devotions occur before the lessons begin. Since the program was started by Lynn Woods in 2004, it has grown and more than 100 students have graduated and received the skills to sew. These skills enable them to apply for a sewing position at one of the local factories or to establish their own home business. This school not only provides an education and skills for the women to support their families, it also is a channel for the Gospel to be proclaimed. This grant will provide support for the next triennium.
6. **Thai Women Evangelists** **\$6,000**
In this country the cultural norm is for women to associate and teach other women and children about the Saviour Jesus Christ. Two women in Southern Thailand work under the supervision of the local missionary visiting in the homes of women and children. Aporn and Sukunya also travel to remote villages with the Gospel. The financial support for these two workers simply covers their transportation

and a small monthly stipend for preparing the lessons they teach. This grant will help support these women as they bring the hope and encouragement of the Gospel to many of the poorest people in the Phang-Na district.

7. **Dnepropetrovsk, Ukraine, mission supplies** **\$6,000**
Alexey Navrosky, a graduate from Concordia Lutheran Seminary, Edmonton has served as our missionary in Dnepropetrovsk since September 2005. He built on the work of Rev. Roland Syens, our former missionary to Ukraine. God has blessed his service and enabled a new Lutheran congregation to come into existence. In the village of Zaria, near Dnepro, Missionary Navrotsky conducts several Bible studies for students and adults. This grant will provide a fund for the purchase and/or printing of Bibles, Bible study material and other devotional materials to enhance his mission work.
8. **First Nations ladies retreat at Grace, Port Alberni, B.C.** **\$5,000**
First Nations women from several communities have a desire to meet together for spiritual growth through Bible study and fellowship. Grace LWMLC would like to organize a weekend retreat at Camp Homewood on Quadra Island in the fall of 2009 for approximately twenty First Nations women. Of the \$5,000, \$1,000 would be used to cover the cost of the presenter, the Bible study and leadership training materials and the balance would help to sponsor the First Nations women who attend the retreat. High costs of travel for some of the women would include driving, flying, ferry, or water taxi. This grant will cover 50% of the cost for the retreat.
9. **Furniture for Concordia Seminary, Odessa, Ukraine** **\$15,000**
In 1997 Lutheran Church–Canada asked the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Ukraine what LCC could do to help. The response was to provide theological training for their lay pastors. That led to the opening of Concordia Seminary in Odessa. Rev. Norman Threinen has served as director of this program and many professors and pastors have taught six-week courses. Ten years ago there was one pastor; today there are sixteen. In 2002 need arose for a more adequate facility for training future pastors, deaconesses and Sunday School teachers. It is hoped that this building will be completed in 2009 or 2010. This grant will assist with the purchase of furniture and equipment for the classrooms and dormitory.
10. **Interim Mission Opportunity Fund** **\$35,000**
Many times unforeseen mission opportunities occur which could not have been planned for nor predicted when mission grant proposals are made and selected. These newly-emerged outreach opportunities, which may occur at any time during the triennium, would be lost without some financial assistance. On your behalf, LWML–Canada General Council prayerfully considers each request for funds that are presented or approved by synodical or district mission executives. Requests must meet the general guidelines of LWML–Canada mission grants and the Policy for Mission Opportunity Fund grants. This grant will provide immediate financial support for new missions at home and abroad.
11. **Intercultural mission expansion in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA)** **\$25,000**
The Greater Toronto Area (GTA) is the largest metropolitan area in Canada with 20% of the total Canadian population. Fifty percent of those living in the GTA are first-generation immigrants. This then is one of our mission fields at home. A variety of volunteer, part-time and full-time workers are needed. East District LCC and English District LCMS are working together with a goal to support and develop six intercultural congregations by 2012. Presently the East District is supporting the work of two lay missionaries, and one pastor who is serving as a District Intercultural Missionary. This grant will help send workers into this local harvest field.
12. **Outreach at the 2010 Vancouver Olympics** **\$3,000**
The 2010 Olympic Games (Feb 12-28) and the Paralympic Games (March 12-21) will be held near Vancouver, B.C. This will provide ABC District members an opportunity to share God's Gospel with people from around the world. A local committee of pastors and lay people from the Vancouver and

Fraser Valley Circuit is currently developing an outreach program. This grant will purchase Bibles, DVDs and pamphlets, and will assist with other outreach including some possible Internet cafe drop-in centres.

13. **Training of pastors for ministry in the *Pastors with Alternative Training* program** **\$9,000**
There is a need for trained pastors and missionaries to reach the different ethnic-speaking immigrants in our country. Many of these men are already serving within their Lutheran community along with working at a secular job to support their families. Each worker, with a unique situation, hopes to have more training. The PAT (Pastors with Alternative Training) program at Concordia Lutheran Seminary, Edmonton, will provide courses taught by local pastors. This grant will provide a small honourarium to these mentor/pastors and would help purchase a “basic” library for three PAT candidates.
14. **Training of Deaf leaders as pastor/deaconess** **\$15,000**
The Deaf community remains a relatively un-evangelized group and there is a growing need to train Deaf leaders. The Deaf leaders in LCC say that 98% of all Deaf people in North America do not believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. Two lay leaders from Trinity (Deaf) Vancouver are currently enrolled in the Deaf Institute of Theology (DIT) program at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri, to become a Lutheran pastor and deaconess. The cost of one of 15 required pastoral courses is USD\$900. The deaconess track has fewer required courses. This grant will assist in preparing workers to minister to the Deaf.
15. **Mission bus for La Ronge Lutheran Fellowship, Northern Saskatchewan** **\$18,000**
La Ronge Lutheran Fellowship is an active, vibrant congregation serving a community, of 74% are aboriginal people of Cree ancestry. The pastor conducts Bible studies twice monthly in a village 30 km away. These people would attend Sunday worship if transportation were available. During the summer VBS average attendance is 50-75, mostly unchurched, children who could attend Sunday school in the cold winter months if a bus was available. There is no public transportation and most of these people have no car. The youth group meets weekly on Fridays. The volunteer youth worker has identified a need for transportation. A bus would make it possible to pick up youth from the reserve which is 15 km away. It would also enable the youth to attend gatherings in Saskatoon and Regina.
16. **Evangelistic training for students at CLTS, St. Catharines, Ontario** **\$5,000**
The evangelism course taught to all Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary students includes a hands-on experience in witnessing and mission work. Last year, students, accompanied by a seminary professor, travelled to an area where the East District hoped to start a mission. They conducted a door-to-door survey and checked the demographics of the community. A fellowship evening was preceded by advertising inviting the public. Working and praying along with the local pastor and nearby congregation members, the students explored the possibilities of starting another mission congregation. Similar evangelistic training is envisioned annually 2010-2012. The LCC East District also contributes to this evangelistic outreach.

MISSION GRANTS RESOLUTIONS

1. Busing costs for Zion Lutheran School, Surrey, B.C.

\$20,000

WHEREAS, Zion Lutheran School was established in 1959 to carry out the command of our God to help children and families grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ. *“I have no greater joy than to hear My children are walking in the truth.” (John 3:4);* and

WHEREAS, the Lord is opening doors of a mission opportunity in our midst and in working together with Faith Lutheran Church Sowing Seeds Pre-School, Surrey, B.C. *“I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.” (John 14:6);*

WHEREAS, Faith Lutheran Pre-School would like to be a feeder school for Zion Lutheran School so children from this diverse multicultural community can be nurtured and strengthened at Zion Lutheran School. *“Train a child in the way he should go; and when he is old he will not turn from it.” (Proverbs 22:16);*

WHEREAS, many of these families are new immigrants or are new Canadian citizens and have limited income and no means of transportation to school; *“I was glad when they said unto me; let us go into the house of the Lord.” (Psalm 122:1);*

WHEREAS, Zion Lutheran School sees this as a growing mission field; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Lutheran Women's Missionary League–Canada, assembled in Convention in Ottawa, Ontario, in July 2009, adopt as a mission grant the allocation of \$20,000 to help support the operating expenses of a school bus.

2. Addictions Recovery Centre in the Kootenays (A.R.K.)

\$10,000

WHEREAS, members of the LWMLC of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Creston, B.C. felt a special call to pray for, encourage support, and become instrumental in providing a Christian recovery facility in the British Columbia Kootenays; and

WHEREAS, Wagner Hills Farms, Langley, B.C., under the executive directorship of Lutheran lay leader Helmut Boehm, has been a faithful partner in assisting development of this concept of ministry for the region; and

WHEREAS, the Society for Addictions Recovery Centre in Kootenays has received B.C. society status in 2004, formed a board of directors, and received charitable status with Revenue Canada in 2006; and is working toward owning property to develop a residential program; and

WHEREAS, the current board of directors opened the A.R.K. Drop-In Centre in Creston, B.C. on March 16, 2008, renting a facility which was once a Lutheran church, and has begun an outreach in a safe, Christian environment to those suffering from addiction, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Lutheran Women's Missionary League–Canada, assembled in Convention in Ottawa, Ontario, in July 2009, adopt as a mission grant the allocation of \$10,000 toward the cost of maintaining a Christian drop-in centre, continuing to work toward developing a Christian residential program in addictions recovery in the British Columbia Kootenays.

3. Costa Rica mission outreach

\$35,000

WHEREAS, God has and continues to provide opportunities for the proclamation of the Gospel in Costa Rica; and

WHEREAS, God has provided to His church Pastor Pedro Adolfo Quintero to serve as a missionary in Costa Rica and permitted His proclamation to bear fruit; and

WHEREAS, God has now provided to His church a new worker, Eduardo Retana, who is presently preparing to become a pastor of Iglesia Luterana Sinodo de Nicaragua (ILSN) and will be called to begin work in a new mission area of Costa Rica in 2009; and

WHEREAS, Lutheran Church–Canada through its Committee for Missions and Social Ministry Services in cooperation with ILSN is most desirous of continuing this mission project for funding outside the core mission budget of the Synod; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Lutheran Women's Missionary League–Canada, assembled in Convention in Ottawa, Ontario, in July 2009, adopt as a mission grant the allocation of \$35,000 to the support of these two missionaries for a two-year period.

4. Retreat program for pastors, deaconesses and their families

\$7,500

WHEREAS, God has blessed the new synod, Iglesia Luterana Sinodo de Nicaragua, with pastors and deaconesses who have a heart for the Gospel and a love for people; and

WHEREAS, these pastors and deaconesses and their families have the privilege of modelling the faith both within the community of believers and to the world in word and deed and in their family relationships; and

WHEREAS, these servants of Christ, not growing up in the Christian faith, have not had the privilege of seeing Christian family life modelled for them; and

WHEREAS, Lutheran Church–Canada through its committee for Missions and Social Ministry Services recognizes the need to assist these servants of Christ in developing healthy Christian family relationships; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Lutheran Women's Missionary League–Canada, assembled in Convention in Ottawa, Ontario, in July 2009, adopt as a mission grant the allocation of \$7,500 to support the holding of several family retreats for pastors, deaconesses and their families during the next triennium.

5. Sewing School support in Chinandega, Nicaragua

\$12,000

WHEREAS, God has opened doors for the proclamation of the Gospel in Nicaragua through a variety of social ministry projects; and

WHEREAS, the mission in Nicaragua has found that the Sewing School Program not only enables women to receive an education and skills that enable them to support their family, but also to be the arena for the communication of the Gospel; and

WHEREAS, the mission in Nicaragua has now moved the school to the Mission Centre so that a greater emphasis can be placed upon using the school as a channel for Gospel proclamation; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Lutheran Women's Missionary League–Canada, assembled in Convention in Ottawa, Ontario, in July 2009, adopt as a mission grant the allocation of \$12,000 to continue to provide support for the Sewing School program for the next triennium.

6. Thai Women Evangelists \$6,000

WHEREAS, God continues to open doors for the proclamation of the Gospel in Phang Na District of Thailand; and

WHEREAS, God has provided to His church the services of two women who have a heart for the Gospel and the gifts necessary to reach out to women within their communities and to share the Gospel with their children; and

WHEREAS, Lutheran Church–Canada through its Committee for Missions and Social Ministry Services has designated this mission project for funding outside the core mission budget of the Synod; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Lutheran Women's Missionary League–Canada, assembled in Convention in Ottawa, Ontario, in July 2009, adopt as a mission grant the allocation of \$6,000 which will cover the support of the Thai Evangelists for a two-year period.

7. Dnepropetrovsk, Ukraine, mission supplies \$6,000

WHEREAS, God continues to open doors for the proclamation of the Gospel in Dnepropetrovsk; and

WHEREAS, through the ministry of Missionary Alexey Navrotsky, God has enabled a new Lutheran congregation to be established in Dnepropetrovsk; and

WHEREAS, Missionary Alexey Navrotsky has expanded his outreach to include the village of Zaria; and

WHEREAS, the missionary expressed the need for a variety of mission supplies which range from tracts and Bibles to Bible study materials and other devotional literature for children and adults as well as the ability to have materials prepared and printed for use in his work; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Lutheran Women's Missionary League–Canada, assembled in Convention in Ottawa, Ontario, in July 2009, adopt as a mission grant the allocation of \$6,000 dollars to be used over the next triennium for the purchase and/or printing of these mission supplies.

8. First Nations ladies retreat at Grace, Port Alberni, B.C. \$5,000

WHEREAS, the Lord is opening doors of mission opportunity in First Nations communities; and

WHEREAS, Kathy Bender, outreach worker with First Nations people in Coastal B.C. has reported that First Nations women from several communities have indicated a desire to have a time away from the community to dig into spiritual matters, gain strength in fellowship with other Christian women and have some leadership mentoring to be better witnesses for Christ in their communities; and

WHEREAS, bringing together First Nations women from coastal communities in B.C. would give them an opportunity to meet with other Christian women and make connections so they could support and encourage each other when they return home and strive to be Christian leaders in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the women of Grace LWMLC in Port Alberni have caught the vision and would like to organize a weekend retreat at Camp Homewood on Quadra Island in the fall of 2009; and

WHEREAS, First Nations women would need to be sponsored as travel from remote First Nations communities is expensive; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Lutheran Women's Missionary League–Canada, assembled in Convention in Ottawa, Ontario, in July 2009, adopt as a mission grant the allocation of \$5,000 toward the sponsorship of twenty First Nations women to attend the retreat and for the cost of the Bible studies and leadership training material.

9. Furniture for Concordia Seminary, Odessa, Ukraine \$15,000

WHEREAS, Canadian professors have volunteered their time and energies to assist Lutherans in Ukraine by providing a program of theological education over the past ten years; and

WHEREAS, God has richly blessed these efforts, despite the extremely primitive physical circumstances under which they have occurred, so that they now have grown from one pastor ten years ago to sixteen pastors; and

WHEREAS, the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches has worked and prayed for the past five years to build a more adequate facility within which to train its future pastors as well as to provide training for deaconesses and Sunday school teachers; and

WHEREAS, the cost of labour and materials have risen sharply in Ukraine so that the overall cost of the planned facility has greatly exceeded original estimates; and

WHEREAS, assistance to provide classroom and dormitory furniture and equipment is badly needed to make the facility functional for instructional purposes; and

WHEREAS, God has blessed us with the financial means to assist our sisters and brothers in Ukraine (2 Cor. 8:11) as they seek to train men to bring the Gospel to their countrymen; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Lutheran Women's Missionary League–Canada, assembled in Convention in Ottawa, Ontario, in July 2009, adopt as a mission grant the allocation of \$15,000 for classroom and dormitory furniture and equipment for Concordia Seminary, Odessa, Ukraine.

10. Interim Mission Opportunity Fund \$35,000

WHEREAS, God has given His church the responsibility to communicate His Good News by every appropriate means in every nation, at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS, God gives opportunities to share the Gospel according to His time and not ours, and sometimes as a surprise to us; and

WHEREAS, from time to time the Lord presents new opportunities for mission which go beyond current synodical and district budgets; and

WHEREAS, the availability of immediate funding, at least on an interim basis, can make the difference in being able to pursue these opportunities; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Lutheran Women's Missionary League–Canada, assembled in Convention in Ottawa, Ontario, in July 2009, adopt as a mission grant the allocation of \$35,000 for an Interim Mission Opportunity Fund.

11. Intercultural mission expansion in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) \$25,000

WHEREAS, the Greater Toronto Area is the largest metropolitan area in Canada, home to 20% of our population; and

WHEREAS, over 50% of those living there are first-generation immigrants; and

WHEREAS, the East District has entered a strategic mission partnership with the English District, LCMS, with a vision of developing six intercultural congregations by 2012; and

WHEREAS, a variety of volunteer, part-time and full-time workers will need to be involved; and

WHEREAS, major financial support has been pledged by the districts; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Lutheran Women's Missionary League–Canada, assembled in Convention in Ottawa, Ontario, in July 2009, adopt as a mission grant the allocation of \$25,000 to assist in support of the Greater Toronto Area Mission Strategy.

12. Outreach at the 2010 Vancouver Olympics \$3,000

WHEREAS, the 2010 Olympic Games (February 12-28) and Paralympic Games (March 12-21) will be held in Vancouver, B.C.; and

WHEREAS, the Olympic Games will provide us with the opportunity to share God's Gospel with people from around the world; and

WHEREAS, the resources needed far surpass the local circuit's resources; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Lutheran Women's Missionary League–Canada, assembled in Convention in Ottawa, Ontario, in July 2009, adopt as a mission grant the allocation of \$3,000 for the purpose of purchasing Bibles, DVDs, pamphlets and other related expenses.

13. Training for ministry in the *Pastors with Alternative Training* program \$9,000

WHEREAS, there continues to be a shortage of pastors and trained missionaries in Canada; and

WHEREAS, there are occasions when an individual cannot move his family and attend one of Lutheran Church–Canada's seminaries, or his inability to work in the English language hinders his opportunities for a seminary education; and

WHEREAS, Lutheran Church–Canada established a *Pastors with Alternative Training* (PAT) program to address these challenges; and

WHEREAS, there are men currently enrolled in the program and there will be more men received into the PAT program; and

WHEREAS, there are a number of costs associated with this program (e.g. honourarium for instructors – pastor/mentors, books – a basic library); therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Lutheran Women's Missionary League–Canada, assembled in Convention in Ottawa, Ontario, in July 2009, adopt as a mission grant the allocation of \$9,000 to the *Pastors Alternative Training* program for the honourarium to the mentors and the purchase of a basic library for the students.

14. Training of two Deaf leaders for ministry to the Deaf \$15,000

WHEREAS, our Lord ministered to the Deaf (Matthew 11:5, Mark 7:37); and

WHEREAS, Lutheran Church–Canada (and The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod) has a long history of reaching out to the Deaf community in Canada and the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Deaf community remains relatively unevangelized and there is a growing need to train Deaf leaders to serve as pastors and deaconesses; and

WHEREAS, some LCC Lutheran Deaf leaders are enrolled or are enrolling in the Deaf Institute of Theology (DIT) program at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri, so they can become Lutheran pastors or deaconesses; and

WHEREAS, the cost for these courses (pastoral track) is USD\$900 per course and there are 15 courses, and a similar cost with fewer courses is required for the deaconess track; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Lutheran Women's Missionary League–Canada, assembled in Convention in Ottawa, Ontario, in July 2009, adopt as a mission grant the allocation of \$15,000 toward the cost of training Deaf leaders as pastors and/or deaconesses.

15. Mission bus for Northern Saskatchewan \$18,000

WHEREAS, La Ronge Lutheran Fellowship has an active ministry to the aboriginal peoples in the communities of La Ronge, Air Ronge and Sucker River; and

WHEREAS, these areas are a significant distance from the La Ronge Lutheran Church building, (Air Ronge is 5 km, Far Reserve is 15 km and Sucker River is 30 km); and

WHEREAS, many of these aboriginal families do not have personal vehicles; and

WHEREAS, there is no public transportation system, very expensive taxi rides are the only alternative for travel; and

WHEREAS, there is a great need to provide transportation, from the outlying communities and Lac La Ronge Indian Band Reserve areas to church services, Sunday school, Bible studies, VBS and youth group activities; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Lutheran Women's Missionary League–Canada, assembled in Convention in Ottawa, Ontario, in July 2009, adopt as a mission grant the allocation of \$18,000 to purchase a small, reliable, used bus to transport people to Sunday worship services and ministry outreach activities.

16. Evangelistic training of seminary students through practical work **\$5,000**

WHEREAS, Lutheran Church–Canada has identified itself strongly as a mission church; and

WHEREAS, it is vital that her pastors be well-prepared, experienced and motivated in evangelism and mission work; and

WHEREAS, LCC's mission congregations benefit from the energy, labour and enthusiasm of visiting seminary students; and

WHEREAS, Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary, St. Catharines, Ontario, successfully piloted a mission experience for her students in New Brunswick in 2007; and

WHEREAS, CLTS intends to make such practical mission trips a regular feature of the required Evangelism course, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Lutheran Women's Missionary League–Canada, assembled in Convention in Ottawa, Ontario, in July 2009, adopt as a mission grant the allocation of \$5,000 for the Evangelism course's mission trip.

PROGRESS REPORT – 2006–2009 MISSION GRANTS

SEWING CENTRE, NICARAGUA

Amount - \$10,000 Paid – March 2008 Completed

The Sewing Centre is located right behind the Mission Centre in Chinandega. The program started in 2004 and has graduated over 100 women who are trained to obtain employment to provide food and clothing for their families. This social ministry also includes daily devotions and provides opportunity for the women to grow in their faith. Our LWML–Canada-sponsored Nicaragua Servant Event Team had an opportunity to visit the Centre. They reported that currently 35 people attend two classes. The Sewing Centre uses both treadle and electric sewing machines. The Sewing Centre would like to take orders for making clerical shirts for pastors and other liturgical vestments.

MISSIONARY TO COSTA RICA

Amount - \$10,000 Paid – March 2008 Completed

Many Nicaraguans go to Costa Rica to find employment. Some trained deaconesses had moved to Costa Rica and begun holding Bible studies. The Holy Spirit moved a group of believers to request that a pastor be sent to start a mission. Rev. Pedro Adolfo Quintero Lainez was born in Nicaragua and was trained and ordained by LCC in Nicaragua. Without knowing where the financial support would come, walking by faith, Lutheran Church–Canada and the Nicaragua Mision Cristiana called Rev. Pedro with his wife, Fatima to serve in Heredia, Costa Rica. The couple has been blessed with two children. Recently Rev. Lainez has settled into a community called Alajuelita. Here, in a rented facility, the small community of believers gathers each week for worship and Bible study. This mission grant was very helpful in supporting the work in this country. It has blossomed so that the people have now requested that a second mission helper come.

MATERNITY WARD EQUIPMENT, TANZANIA LUTHERAN HOSPITAL

Amount - \$4,000 Paid – January 2007 Completed

Tanzania is a country situated between Kenya and Mozambique. With a population of 40 million, it is a country with approximately three million Lutherans. The Tanzanian bishop of the Lutheran church gifted the church with funds to build a hospital in the rural town of Mitisi. The people recently dedicated the hospital. It has a new well to provide fresh water, and a generator for electricity is on site. But, the maternity ward of the hospital needed equipment. This mission grant, selected at the 2006 convention, has provided the shipment of more than just hospital equipment. A large container with all sorts of good used medical equipment from wheelchairs to bed trays, from needles to bandages and suction equipment was packed with “soft items” such as layettes, quilts, gowns, and receiving blankets, etc. Many LWMLC societies sent "soft items" for this packing to the warehouse of *Canadian Food for the Hungry International* in Saskatoon. According to a report from Eunice Famme, the container reached Tanzania. We pray that the women who receive care at the hospital will have been touched by the saving Gospel. Rev. Dr. Karl Keller took other pastors from LCC to Tanzania in May 2007 to teach at the School of Evangelism. They also took with them a thousand copies of the New Testament and Psalms in Swahili. Rev. Keller is preparing to visit Tanzania again in May 2009.

MISSIONARY SUPPORT - THAILAND

Amount - \$10,000 Paid – March 2008 Completed

The Christian faith is best communicated to people in Thailand by Thai people and not by foreigners. Pastor Suchart Chujit of Takuapa Sahatay Lutheran Church has been called to be a missionary by LCC. He works in the Phang-nga province. This is the southern part of Thailand which was hit by the tsunami in 2004. He is assigned to four congregations. He works to meet the spiritual needs of the people and to proclaim the Gospel in a land where 98% of the 60 million people are Buddhists or animists. This mission grant was requested by the LCC Board of Missions and Social Ministry. Dr. Leonard Harms served as LCC mission executive from 1991-2006. He is now executive director of Luther Institute Southeast Asia and lives in Bangkok, Thailand where he supervises the theological education program. The goal is training more native pastors to serve in God's Kingdom.

INTERIM MISSION OPPORTUNITY FUND

Amount - \$30,00 Paid – \$29,500 - March 2009 Balance \$500

(A separate listing of the mission opportunities that presented themselves during the 2006-2009 triennium will follow these completed mission grants.)

SHIPPING COSTS FOR MEDICAL MISSIONS

Amount - \$10,000 Paid – September 2008 Completed

The medical mission effort began in New Hamburg, Ontario by Dolores Klassen in 1957. It later became an official committee of the Ontario District LWMLC, with Klassen as its chairman. Donations of vitamins, antibiotics, anti-inflammatory medications, bandaids, rolled bandages, and layettes are sent to the shipping depots at Grace, Kitchener and St. John's Clifford, Ontario. Later, gauze 4x4's, sheets, rubber gloves and soap were added to the list of items sent to hospitals and missionaries around the world. In one year approximately 130 parcels are shipped to Bible translators and church workers in Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Mozambique, Nicaragua, and Thailand. The shipping costs are expensive but the joy and satisfaction of caring for the needy and suffering keeps this mission outreach viable. LWMLC members thank you for your support.

MISSIONARY TO MATAGALPA, NICARAGUA

Amount - \$10,000 Paid – January 2009 Completed

After graduation from the Lutheran Seminary in Nicaragua, Rev. Hector Morales and his deaconess wife, Cristina Lopez, have worked in Matagalpa as called missionaries of Lutheran Church–Canada. They have been reaching out to new communities in the surrounding area. By the power of the Holy Spirit, a new

mission congregation has begun in Jinatego. Pastor Morales is very active with the youth and took a group of teenagers to the first youth gathering in Chinandega in April 2008.

MISSION CENTRE, NICARAGUA

Amount - \$5,000 Paid – August 2006 Completed

Our mission grant provided funds for needed furnishings and equipment for the Mission Centre. This new building is located in Chinandega where Lutheran Church –Canada began its mission work in 1997. It was here that Pastor Sandor Arguello and his family were sent from Canada as missionary to preach the Word. God has greatly blessed the work and today the Mission Centre is the hub of the new sister church, Iglesia Luterana Sinodo de Nicaragua (ILSN). It houses the education of new pastors and deaconesses; is used as retreat and conference centre; provides office rooms and is used to house mission teams who come to work on a variety of projects.

VAN FOR UKRAINE

Amount - \$5,000 Paid – May 2007 Completed

LWML–Canada joined with Concordia Lutheran Mission Society (CLMS) to purchase an eight-passenger van for mission outreach in the Ukraine. This is the approach that Pastor Viktor Gorst and members of his congregation in Krasnoperekopsk use to spread the Gospel. With the van, they can travel to a nearby community and bring items of clothing and other humanitarian aid and get to know the people there. Meeting every other week, they sing hymns and pray and the pastor preaches the Word of God. Often the Holy Spirit leads the people to eventually form a new congregation. Pastor Gorst and his congregation are thankful to have a van to provide transportation. The van is also being used by two other missionary pastors in the area: Pastors Alexander Brodt and Eugene Frank.

ASSISTED FUNDING FOR PAT PROGRAM (Pastors with Alternate Training)

Amount - \$6,000 Paid – October 2008 Completed

Dr. Glenn Schaeffer, supervisor of the PAT program at Edmonton's Concordia Lutheran Seminary, requested the funds. Two students have enrolled for training in their local community. One is serving the Sudanese community at Grace, Edmonton; the other is working with the Oromo people in Winnipeg. The grant money will assist them in purchasing the basic books: A Self-Study Bible; an analytical concordance; the *Book of Concord; What Luther Says* (3 volumes); an Old and New Testament Bible commentary set; the LSB Pastoral Care Companion; and a good Bible dictionary. This basic library costs approximately \$800 - \$900. The local teachers or mentors were given an honourarium for teaching – about \$2,000 per student.

INTERIM MISSION OPPORTUNITY FUND DISBURSEMENTS (as of March 2009)

Servant Event Liaison Officer and office equipment in Nicaragua \$3,500

This request was for office equipment needed as a result of hiring a staff member to coordinate the visiting volunteer mission teams from abroad. The money paid for a computer, internet service, desk, chair and telephone. The staff member makes local arrangements for mission teams and meets them at the airport, also serving as translator. Roberto Carlos was hired for this position. He helped our LWMLC servant event team with their workshops in seven different locations. Many other servant mission teams have visited and worked in Nicaragua over the past 10 years.

Producing outreach materials for the LCC National Open House \$5,000

Mr. Ian Adnams requested funds to cover the cost of creating and publishing invitations and placing on the Internet appropriate materials for congregations to use in the Lutheran Open House, September 2007.

Direct mail campaign for outreach in South East Calgary **\$5,000**

Publicity and communication are vital in opening a new mission. District Evangelist for South Calgary, Rev. Jay Holdner, and a small group of Lutherans at Cross Pointe Mission were hopeful that the invitations to worship at the 2007 Christmas Eve Service and weekly worship service at Chaparral Elementary School would reach 15,000-20,000 people in that area. This fund made it possible to alert the community to their presence and ministry.

Expanding the Lutheran mission in the Maritimes **\$750**

Concordia Theological Seminary Students, from St. Catharines, Ontario, planned a trip to St. John's, New Brunswick to canvass the neighbourhood and conduct an Open House using the DVD presentation, "The Story of Jesus for Children." Working with Rev. Milette from Moncton, N.B. and their seminary professor, Dr. W. Mundt, the four seminary students spent four days in St. John's.

Support for vicarage of Peter Gatluak to serve Sudanese immigrants **\$1,750**

Peter Gatluak has been called to assist the Nuer-speaking communities integrate into local LCC congregations. With the help of this grant, he spent his 2008 vicarage promoting intercultural ministry and mission outreach in the Greater Toronto/Hamilton area.

Youth ministry project in Nicaragua **\$4,000**

A team of Canadian youth leaders went to Nicaragua to work side by side with youth leaders of the new Nicaraguan Lutheran church. The Canadian leaders demonstrated how to plan a youth gathering and assisted the Nicaraguan leaders in carrying one out. The grant assisted with the cost of meals and housing for 100 youth attending a weekend youth retreat in April 2008.

LCC intercultural mission and ministry conference **\$2,000**

Approximately 40 pastors and church workers attended this conference in Toronto, April 7-9, 2008. A similar conference was held in Richmond, BC in 2006. The presenters discussed the developments since the previous conference and planned for the future. Time was spent in prayer, worship and small group discussions. The participants had an opportunity to visit the intercultural mission work done in Toronto.

Funding Nicaraguan women's programs **\$4,000**

This fund is being established from which deaconesses of the ILSN (Iglesia Luterana Sinodo de Nicaragua), with the approval of the Nicaraguan synodical president, can purchase Bible studies, and other teaching aids in Spanish for their work with women and children. Future donations earmarked for the "Women's Programs in Nicaragua" fund can be sent to the Lutheran Church-Canada's Winnipeg office. The LWML-Canada-organized servant event team, which visited Nicaragua in November 2008, were impressed with the enthusiasm and dedication of the deaconesses. Local congregational women are eager to learn about Jesus but they have very minimal resources.

Missionary to the Southern Sudanese, Hamilton, ON. **\$3,500**

Peter Gatluak a Sudanese Lutheran (CLTS graduate) recently completed his vicarage and will serve Sudanese immigrants and draw them into fellowship at Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Hamilton. The doctrinal teachings of this Southern Sudanese group mesh with Lutheran teachings. Peter has been meeting with these immigrants and has connections to many Sudanese people in Mississauga, Windsor, Ottawa, Kitchener, and beyond Ontario's borders. He will build bridges to our Church with their community and bring them the Gospel.

Mission Grant # 5: Interim Mission Opportunity Fund \$30,000

Total funds spent from the Interim Missionary Opportunity Fund \$29,500

Balance of funds remaining \$500

The Mission Opportunity Fund was completed as all requests that met the criteria were honoured.

PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENTS
Lutheran Women’s Missionary League–Canada Inc.

Being a Bylaw to amend Bylaw No. 1/95 of Lutheran Women’s Missionary League–Canada Inc.

Be it enacted as a Bylaw of Lutheran Women’s Missionary League–Canada Inc. that Bylaw No. 1/95, as amended by Bylaw No. 1/2003 and Bylaw No. 1/2006 be further amended as follows:

<u>Article</u>	<u>Current Bylaw</u>	<u>Proposed Amendment</u>
	<i>To clarify when and how voters will be notified regarding Convention business</i>	
7.2 (b)	Any Convention resolution proposed to be considered by the Convention shall be published in the Summer issue of Tapestry.	Any Convention business requiring a vote shall be published in a business bulletin which shall be forwarded to all member societies by mail or email and will be posted on the League website on or before April 01 of the year in which the Convention is held.
	<i>To facilitate a committee name change</i>	
7.15	The Convention Site Committee shall, prior to each Convention, make a recommendation to the Executive for the location of the next Convention. The recommendation should be based upon a rotation of convention sites through the Districts.	The Convention Liaison Committee shall, prior to each Convention, make a recommendation to the Executive for the location of the next Convention. The recommendation should be based upon a rotation of convention sites through the Districts.
9.5	President. The President shall: (f) Convention Site Committee	President. The President shall: (f) Convention Liaison Committee
9.12	Treasurer. The Treasurer shall: (f) be responsible for the preparation of the work program, with the assistance of the Financial Secretary	Treasurer. The Treasurer shall: (f) be responsible for the preparation of the mission program, with the assistance of the Financial Secretary. (f. 1) administer the Gifts for Growth Fund.
	<i>To facilitate a Committee name change.</i>	
11.2	Special Committees. The following special committees shall be established by the Executive: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Structure Committee - Nominating Committee - Convention Site Committee - Finance Committee - Resolutions Committee <p>The above committees with the exception of the Nominating Committee will be accountable to the President.</p>	Special Committees. The following special committees shall be established by the Executive: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Structure Committee - Nominating Committee - Convention Liaison Committee - Finance Committee - Resolutions Committee <p>The above committees with the exception of the Nominating Committee will be accountable to the President.</p>

Adoption of point from 11.6 (e)

11.4 **The Member Development Committee,.....**

The Member Development Committee,.....

(f 1.) advise and encourage women who are communicant members of the Church of creative and new opportunities for Christian service in the Church, the community and the world.

Removal of point 11.6 (e) to 11.4 (g)

11.6 (e) advise and encourage women of LCC of creative and new opportunities for Christian service in the Church, the community and the world;

(e) deleted.

Add responsibility of Resource Centre

11.7 **The Communication Committee,...**

The Communication Committee.....

(g) be responsible for the Resource Centre.

To clarify how voters will be notified regarding the slate of nominees for office.

11.9 (b) cause such report to be published in Tapestry prior to such Convention.

(b) cause such report to be published in the convention business bulletin.

To facilitate a committee name change, clarify number on committee and add a duty.

11.10 **The Convention Site Committee,** consisting of the Convention Site Liaison and two (2) or more members of the General Council and a Councillor, shall

The Convention Liaison Committee, consisting of two (2) or more members, shall

(d) review and update the Convention Planning Guide

Change of Committee name, Bylaws to Structure.

11.12 The Resolution Committee shall.....
(e) submit accepted resolutions pertaining to bylaws to the Bylaws Committee

The Resolution Committee shall.....
(e) submit accepted resolutions pertaining to bylaws to the Structure Committee

Delete current point 11.19(c):

11.19 **Public Relations Director.....**

Public Relations Director.....

(c) administration of the office (Resource Centre); and

(c) production and marketing of all LWML–Canada materials and products of the League.

(d) production and marketing of all LWML–Canada materials and products,

This By-Law shall come into force at the conclusion of the meeting of the General Council at which it is passed.

APPROVED by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of those Voters present and voting at a convention held on the 10th day of July 2009 at which notice of such resolution was provided to delegates.

PASSED by the affirmative vote of the Councillors present at a meeting of the General Council held on the 12th day of July 2009.

AS WITNESS the Seal of the League this 12th day of July 2009.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League–Canada, Inc.

President

Recording Secretary

NOMINEES

PRESIDENT

JUDITH GRANDE, Regina, Saskatchewan has served...

Society: President, Christian Growth Chairman, retreat leader, Bible study leader

Zone: Christian Growth Committee, Chairman of District Convention Host Committee

District: President, Vice-President, Parliamentarian, Christian Growth Committee, Mission Service Committee, Regional VP Minnesota North District

National: President, Vice-President for Mission Inspiration, Bylaws Committee Chairman, Task Force Chairman, Convention Bible study leader, author of Bible studies and articles for *Tapestry*.

Church: Bible study leader, VBS, Sunday school and confirmation teacher, Chairman of Evangelism, Stewardship and Education Committees.

Mission Statement: As a redeemed child of God to strive to serve Him with joy, to faithfully tell of His marvellous works and to bring honour and glory to His Holy name. My mission statement comes from Hebrews 13:20-21. If it is God's will for me to serve as president of LWML–Canada, I trust He will give me the gifts, the strength and the wisdom to complete the task.

ARLENE KISH, Bruno, Saskatchewan has served...

Society: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Christian Growth Chairman

Zone: Christian Growth Chairman, Communication Pr Chairman, Vice-President

District: Treasurer, Vice-President Mission Education, Parliamentarian

National: Vice-President Member Development, Mission Education committee member, Nominating Committee Chairman

Church/Community: Sunday school teacher, organist, treasurer and member of Board of Stewardship. With education in accounting (CMA), Arlene works as an accountant/computer consultant.

Mission Statement: I get excited serving the Lord in the many opportunities of His Church. He has granted me many gifts in this life. I am excited to use them in serving the LWML–Canada membership. My mission is that all women of LCC are encouraged and inspired by the mission opportunities in LWML–Canada.

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VICE-PRESIDENT, CHRISTIAN GROWTH

JOYCE HEINBUCH, Rocky Mountain House, Alberta has served...

Society: President, Secretary, Christian Growth

Zone: President, Christian Growth, Public Relations (PR)

District: Recording Secretary

National: Christian Growth Committee member

Church/Community: Sunday school superintendent, VBS assistant superintendent, choir, Discipleship committee. Presently Administrative Assistant (Rocky Christian School), Tim Horton’s, Creative Children’s Daycare, church secretary, taking various computer courses, have taken childcare courses.

Mission Statement: I feel that, after serving on the Christian Growth Committee, I could be of assistance in this area. I enjoy working with others to help spread God’s Word to others. Helping others to know how to worship and praise the Lord.

VICE PRESIDENT, MEMBER DEVELOPMENT

ARLENE KISH, Bruno, Saskatchewan has served...

Society: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Christian Growth Chairman

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VICE PRESIDENT, CHRISTIAN MISSION

No Nominee

VICE PRESIDENT, COMMUNICATION

No Nominee

RECORDING SECRETARY

ANNA GRUBER, Hanover, Ontario has served...

Society: President, Christian Growth Chairman for Our Savior Women’s Guild in Toronto President for First St. Matthew LWMLC

Zone: President, Vice-President and Christian Growth assistant

District: President, Secretary, Vice-President Mission Inspiration, Vice-President Mission Education
National: Presently none.

Church/Community: In Toronto served as church secretary and held position on church council at Our Savior, Sunday school superintendent, choir, helped with Lutheran Open House. Community positions: office clerk, school bus driver. Anna now enjoys retirement.

Mission Statement: “I have been active in LWML–Canada for a number of years and feel that this is an area where I would feel comfortable serving. I am computer literate and have experience as District Secretary. I have read the guidelines for the recording secretary as printed in the Procedures Manual and am aware of the duties of the office. When asked to let my name stand for this position I took several days and prayed for direction. I then talked it over with my husband Wilhelm to assure myself that this was the right decision. He assured me of his support. I am confident that the Lord will be with me guiding and directing if I am elected to this position.”

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

GLORIA MEYER, Virgil, Ontario has served...

Society: Currently Vice-President for LWMLC Society at Christ Lutheran, St. Catharines, Ontario; previously President and Secretary for LWMLC Society at Trinity, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario.

Zone: Treasurer

District: Treasurer

National: Currently the Financial Secretary. Gloria has also served on the Nominating Committee.

Church/Community: Gloria has been a part-time organist for 30 years and presently is a member of the Gospel quartet “A Joyful Noise.” She has taught Sunday school and been youth leader. Has served as congregational treasurer.

In the community she has been a self-employed bookkeeper for several years, canvassed for the Kidney Foundation and served as the treasurer and member-at-large for the Virgil School Parent Council. She also shares her talents as a quilting instructor.

Mission Statement: I have been so blessed in my life. God has given me talents that I have used to His glory, both in music and being a steward of His monetary gifts. I would like to continue, God willing, by serving another term as Financial Secretary for LWML–Canada.

RACHEL KUHL, Kanata, Ontario has served...

Society: President

Zone: Treasurer

District: Young Woman Chairman, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor and presently Financial Secretary.

National: Presently Treasurer for the LWML–Canada 2009 Convention Committee

Church/Community: Sunday school financial secretary, develops and produces Sunday bulletins, participant of the Altar Guild and assists in the counting of Sunday offerings. In the community Rachel worked as a biology research lab assistant and she now enjoys being a homemaker.

Mission Statement: “I believe very strongly in the work of LWML–Canada with both its in-reach and out-reach aspects. I have enjoyed serving as a financial officer in other capacities and have reached a point in my life where I have the time and freedom to take on a position such as this. I look forward to serving as Financial Secretary for LWML–Canada if God is willing.”

TREASURER

LINDA HORTON, Calgary, Alberta has served...

Society: President, Secretary, Treasurer, Food Committee and Nominating Committee at Holy Cross in Saskatoon, Sask. Also chairman of Love Circle in the society.

Zone: President, Vice-President

District: Treasurer, Convention Chairman.

National: Presently Nominating Committee Chairman, Convention Committee member and coordinator for distribution of *Tapestry*.

Church/Community: Served as Sunday school superintendent and teacher, chairman of Outreach Ministry and Fellowship on council, Bible study leader, lay leader for services at senior's home, Lutheran Care hospital visitor, CEF congregational rep with husband, committee member of LCC Central District Board of Education and graduate of Laity Leadership School. Linda served as the Director of Lutheran Day Care/Preschool Inc., Church Administrator Coordinator/ Secretary at Holy Cross in Saskatoon and as office administrator for businesses in the community. She also volunteers for several annual community projects.

Mission Statement: "I consider it an honour and a privilege to let my name stand for election of the position of Treasurer, as through much thought and prayer I believe God is guiding and directing me. Should I be elected, I know God will grant me the wisdom, leadership, patience and understanding of all needed to fulfill the position to Glorify His Name."

IN APPRECIATION

With thanksgiving and praise to God, we remember our outgoing officers and counsellors for faithful service to our Lord and to Lutheran Women's Missionary League-Canada.

Having fulfilled all the responsibilities of their office, they end their terms with this Convention:

Helga Danielson	Vice-President, Christian Growth
Ardith Pollex	Vice-President, Christian Mission
Cheryl Teeter	Vice-President, Communication
Lorraine Cathro	Recording Secretary
Pat Carlson	Treasurer
Reverend Mark Hennig	Pastoral Counsellor
Reverend William Kramer	Pastoral Counsellor

We also acknowledge with appreciation, the willing work of all other elected and appointed officers and committee members who have served the Lord and the League during the 2006-2009 triennium.

"I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in Him in all speech and all knowledge—even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." 1 Corinthians 1:4-9

REPORTS

ELECTED OFFICERS

PRESIDENT...

Judy Grande

At the beginning of each new triennium, the elected and appointed members of LWML–Canada set a strategic plan. Our Bylaws and Mission Statement both tell the purpose of our league and the strategic plan lays out goals and specific tasks to help us fulfill that purpose during the next three years. Our national convention, then, is the time when we evaluate our progress and determine how, and if, our goals were accomplished.

Mission is the main focus of all we do in LWML–Canada and the Vision we set for the 2006-2009 triennium was, *LWML–Canada will, with the help of the Holy Spirit, touch the lives of all women of Lutheran Church–Canada, supporting them as they grow in faith and reach out in mission.* As you read each report in this manual, look for ways that the purpose and vision have been fulfilled by the officers and personnel of LWML–Canada. Consider also how you have carried out the purpose and vision in your society, zone and district – for these goals belong to each of us. Each step of our journey causes us to look back in thanks and praise for all God has enabled us to do. Each step leads us to look forward to how we can grow and serve our God tomorrow with joy.

With your help, through our LWML–Canada survey and through comments and ideas you have shared at conventions, we will be able to plan for the future trusting that God will again guide us in the direction He wants us to go. Together may we be willing to stretch and grow, to listen to one another and work in unity, to remain faithful to our purpose of mission but open to new methods fulfilling that purpose.

The responsibility of the office of the President is to perform the duties of this office faithfully and to follow the direction of members of LWML–Canada under the mandate of the General Council. By the Grace of God and through His power and guidance the following business has been conducted by this officer.

Administration:

- ◆ Prepared agendas and materials and presided at all business meetings of the General Council and Inter-committee session and Convention.
- ◆ Prepared and conducted LWML–Canada business by conference call and email.
- ◆ Recommended and appointed with approval of General Council all LWML–Canada personnel and ad-hoc committees.
- ◆ Kept in regular communication with LWML–Canada committees through conference calls, e-mail and minutes.
- ◆ Responded to all correspondence and phone calls from LWML–Canada members and outside individuals and organizations regarding LWML–Canada business.
- ◆ Reviewed and approved all minutes, documents, articles, resources and communication for both internal and external distribution.
- ◆ Reviewed and recommended amendments and changes for Bylaws and policies.
- ◆ Signed and approved administrative and Mission Grant vouchers.

Communication

- ◆ Prepared and presented (or appointed representative) information and resources on LWML–Canada for vicars from Concordia Lutheran Seminary, Edmonton, Alberta, and Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary, St. Catharines, Ontario – 2007, 2008 and 2009
- ◆ Submitted reports on the business of LWML–Canada to Lutheran Church–Canada Board of Directors as requested.
- ◆ Requested retired pastors to assist with doctrinal review for LWML–Canada resources.

Representation – Brought or sent greetings on your behalf to:

- ◆ Lutheran Women of Australia convention, 2006
- ◆ LWML convention in Souix Falls, South Dakota, 2007
- ◆ Prepared and gave LWML–Canada report to five LWML–Canada district conventions, 2007
- ◆ International Lutheran Laymen’s League conventions, 2007, 2008, 2009
- ◆ Lutheran Women’s Cooperating Committee meetings, 2006, 2007, 2008
- ◆ CALMA – renamed CLAIM – meetings and conference calls, 2006 2007
- ◆ Lutheran Church–Canada convention, 2008
- ◆ Nicaragua deaconesses at graduation, 2006 and 2009

Encouragement

- ◆ Wrote regular and requested articles for *Tapestry*, *Get Connected*, LWML–Canada Updates and Progress Report.
- ◆ Wrote letters of congratulations and best wishes on your behalf to new societies and members; Lutheran Church–Canada church workers, and other church bodies, auxiliaries and organizations in or affiliated with Lutheran Church–Canada.

Thanks

- ◆ To each of you who give your time, your talents and your offerings so that the mission of LWML–Canada can be carried out at home and around the world.
- ◆ For our partnership with Lutheran Church–Canada and the blessing of encouragement and support we receive from our leaders in the church.
- ◆ For our partnership with our missionaries and the joy of being able to support their work with offerings and prayers.
- ◆ To our Almighty and Gracious God and Lord for all the blessings He gives to us daily: forgiveness of sins, gifts for service, strength and wisdom to work for Him through the Church and LWML–Canada.

Now may God continue to guide us so that we accomplish what is pleasing to Him and Shine Like Stars as we hold out the Word of God and turn many to righteousness.

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name, make known His deeds among the peoples, proclaim that His name is exalted.

"Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. Isaiah 12:3-5

Grace and Peace in Christ, Judy

VP, MEMBER DEVELOPMENT...

Arlene Kish

There will be a whole lot of rejoicing going on here at convention this weekend. At a gathering like this, it’s easy to get caught up in the enthusiasm. We share our concerns and joy with each other; we lift our voices together in prayer and praise. As sisters in Christ we share a great love – a love for our God who loves us beyond our comprehension. That’s cause for rejoicing! Someone or something will give you joy at the convention. It may involve many or just a few.

Before you know it, this time together will come to an end. But the memories will go on. Is that all there will be, just memories? Or will I take home some new friendships, a pile of papers to sort through when I get home, a greater understanding of my place in this family of God, a greater zeal, of being *Called to Serve*?

Farewells at conventions are rather bittersweet. We’re anxious to get back to our homes and families and our own beds. Some of us are tired! And yet, we are sad to say good-bye to our sisters in Christ; but it is important to go back; to begin to carry out what we’ve planned and discussed here. Paul’s words are appropriate for us: Rejoice in the Lord always. We rejoice at being here; we rejoice at going home.

Let your gentleness be evident to all. You may go home ready to set the world on its ear. Be patient! Let your gentleness win your sisters at home to new ideas, new ways of doing things, new excitement for Lord’s

work. With thanksgiving present your request to God. Do that right now. Pray, thanking God for these sisters in Christ and request His blessings for new beginnings you plan at home.

The last triennium has been filled with ideas for members to use in their societies. We encouraged a declining membership to request His blessings for new members. The young women of the congregations were encouraged to participate.

Our committee was involved in the *I can't, but with God I can* seminar. What a wonderful tool it has been to encourage members of all ages for renewed enthusiasm in doing God's work through LWMLC societies. I was involved in two of the seminars and all present were filled with uplifting experiences. It was exciting to talk to the many young women in LWMLC. It was interesting to find out your perspective on LWMLC. We have something to learn from you. We touched base with a few seasoned LWMLC members as well, listening to the changes you think could happen, as well the parts you don't want changed. We participated in writing articles for the *Tapestry* and *Get Connected*. Many encouraging ideas were shared with LWMLC members.

We have spent the last few months getting activities in place for the teens, young women, first-time convention attendees; as well as resources for those involved with LWMLC for many years. It will be rewarding to watch the joy and excitement of all of you during this convention.

Take a few moments to reflect on the gifts... Word and Sacrament... that God has given to you, preparing you for this life of servanthood.

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Peter 4:10.

In fervent gratitude for the Saviour's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He hath need of us. We consecrate to our Saviour our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

VP, CHRISTIAN MISSION...

Ardith Pollex

Goals set for the 2006-2009 triennium:

- To encourage our women to use their gifts and talents in service for missions.
- To keep information regarding the mission grants current so we can pray for the missionaries and projects receiving our mites.
- To request and monitor the selection of the 2009-2012 mission grant proposals
- To fulfill the duties at the convention in Ottawa regarding the completed mission grants, the new mission grant proposals, the walk for missions, the servant activities, the ingathering of the Gifts of Love.

The goals set for the 2006-2009 triennium were accomplished as follows:

- Fourteen women were invited to join the LWML-Canada Nicaragua Servant Event Team and share their gifts and abilities with the women at workshops in seven different Nicaraguan congregations. Marilyn Witte, Christian Mission committee member, served as the leader of the team.
- Special prayers were written to be used by our women in Canada to uphold the members of the mission team while they were in Nicaragua.
- Prayers for the mission grants, written on Peace Doves were available for LWML-Canada Sunday in 2007. They were also available on the website.
- Requests for the mission grant funds were paid and our members were informed through *Tapestry* and the website.
- Committee members helped by researching and writing a report on the 10 mission grants for publication in *Tapestry*.

Activities:

- Attended six meetings of the General Council presenting a report on the Mission Servant Event and an update on the payment of mission grants.
- Planned and led the mission grant proposal selection meeting and reported the results to the General Council for ratification.
- Used the Internet to send the Guidelines for Submitting Mission Grants Proposals to the LCC president and his mission executive, to the LCC district presidents and the LWML–Canada district presidents.
- Received 24 mission grant proposals and sent them to the members of the Selection Committee.
- Notified all those who submitted mission grant proposals of acceptance or rejection.
- Prepared and reviewed the articles written by committee members for *Tapestry* and *Get Connected*
- Prepared a convention manual report, a list of mission grant proposals that were also in resolution form as well as a progress report on the completed grants of this triennium.

The Christian Mission committee members are Elfriede Fisher, Beverley Matthews, Trudy Niethammer and Marilyn Witte. I want to thank them for their willingness to:

- Prepare articles about the mission grants for publication.
- Prepare a harvest time “mite” devotion, and Christmas colouring pages for children
- Attend the Mission Grant Proposal Selection meeting.
- Lead the convention Ingathering Litany, having helped with selecting the litany
- Speak at the Interest Session having served as team leader for the Nicaraguan Servant Event
- Serve at the convention Galaxy displaying the completed mission grants.
- Work with the distribution of the Walk for Missions shirts and Gospel handouts.
- Assist with the servant activities at the convention.

I have enjoyed working with the members of LWML–Canada who are on the General Council and with the contacts I have made which being involved with mission grants. I know God answers our prayers and helps us accomplish the work of His Kingdom.

“Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labour is not in vain” (1 Corinthians 15:58).

VP, CHRISTIAN GROWTH...

Helga Danielson

The goal of the Christian Growth Committee for the 2006 – 2009 triennium was to encourage all women to grow in their faith, to develop a deeper understanding of prayer, and for each woman to grow in her personal prayer life.

We tried to accomplish our goal in the following ways:

- By encouraging and asking many women across Canada to write for us or use their artistic talents.
- By developing the booklet *God Opens Doors of Opportunity* wherein women are encouraged to see how God equips us to go forth boldly to share our faith, help others, and thereby grow ourselves. Doors of opportunity are all around us.
- A booklet about marriage suitable for newlyweds and those long married, *Intertwined with Christ the Vine*, was commissioned and published.
- A new devotion booklet, *Day by Day, He Restores My Soul*, similar to the booklet *Renewed Day by Day*, that is out of print, was commissioned and published.
- We have encouraged ladies to take a few quiet moments to "rest, reflect and rejoice" in what their Lord has done for them. Each month a different devotion was written for the LWML –Canada website entitled on that theme. These are now available in print.
- A calendar, encouraging women and families to pray, was made and put on the LWML–Canada website each month. Societies were encouraged to provide it to their congregations.

- Each month a new prayer was put on the LWML–Canada website for "Together in Prayer." This program encourages everyone to pray each Monday at noon.
- An article was written for the Weavings section of each issue of *Tapestry*.
- Lists of resources were provided in *Tapestry* and *Get Connected* to help societies with planning.
- The **Lutheran Women in Prayer** section in each issue of *Get Connected* was written to teach and help the reader and families grow in their prayer life. These have been compiled into the booklet *Today's Woman Prays*.
- Several new resources on various topics were written by a variety of writers for personal or group use.
- Room devotions and opening devotions were written for the convention

As Vice president:

- Attended all meetings of the General Council.
- Had committee meetings, several teleconferences and corresponded almost daily with the committee.
- Helped create the seminar *I Can't, but with God I Can*, along with the other vice-presidents.
- Represented the president at two dinners for vicars.
- Prepared reports for each General Council meeting.
- Corresponded with General Council members as needed.
- Helped edit and revise written materials as needed.
- Evaluated and revised current materials as necessary.
- Wrote thank you letters to people who had written for us.
- Asked pastors to write services for LWML–Canada Sunday.
 - Pastor Mark Danielson 2007, 'Finding Peace in God's Strength'
 - Pastor James Heinbuch 2008, 'He has Done Great Things'
 - Pastor John Makey 2009, 'Shine like Stars...in your Community and the World'

We thank God for the willing people who have helped to make this all possible. It is our prayer that the work of the Christian Growth Committee has in some way encouraged and helped women. We thank God and you for the privilege of serving in this way. All glory and thanks be to God!

Committee members: Joyce Heinbuch, Pauline Huth, Shirley Otterman, Irene Warpula

"...If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen." (1 Peter 4:11)

VP, COMMUNICATION... Cheryl Teeter

The following report summarizes the committee's accomplishments this triennium. I acknowledge and sincerely thank the Communication Committee for their steadfast work. It is important to express my gratitude also to Margaret Klatt, without whose help in the Resource Centre none of the products, resources and information would be sent out across Canada, and to my colleague, Marion Hollinger, PR Director for her continuous support and patient guidance.

Responsibility: Develop an overall communication plan

- A plan was drafted in 2005. An audit of the communication tools was started in September 2005 and evaluated in 2006. There is an ongoing need for a wide variety of communication tools e.g. paper, electronic etc. to ensure that all members are reached.

Responsibility: promote communication between all levels of LWMLC

- Purchased an easily portable "Passion for Mission" banner stand to replace the former display board in May 2007.
- Communication committee members endeavoured to contact District newsletter editors and PR persons in each district.

- Each committee member contacted an assigned District President by email on an intermittent basis for information sharing
- Prepared initial ad for Mobile Stores to be used in the District Convention Newsletters

Responsibility: Coordinate displays/resources packets

- Drafted a job description for the Resource Centre (RC) Liaison
- Developed Resource Centre Guidelines Manual
- Worked to reduce inventory on stock items and researched new products for the RC
- Made arrangements for consignment orders to be sent for District Conventions
- Initiated a consignment agreement with Tom Sperling for marketing some of the LWML–Canada products in 2007
- Distributed LWMLC material and yoyos at the National Youth Gathering in Ottawa, July 2007
- Consulted with the PR Director on the purchase and marketing of new products for sale at the 2009 convention and at the LWML–Canada Resource Centre.
- Made plans for the resources from the Resource Centre to be available at the 2009 convention

Responsibility: Coordinate and provide internal content for *Tapestry*

This is an ongoing task with considerable overlap between Communication and Public Relations. *Get Connected!* continues to be published changing to four times annually and coinciding with *Tapestry* publication dates. Each issue focuses on one Committee with timely information from all groups being included.

- Communication Director reviewed draft editions of *Tapestry* for internal content.
- Communication Director delegated editorial responsibility for *Get Connected!* to Renate Bishopp. Reviewed draft editions. Made contributions or suggestions when appropriate.

Responsibility: Coordinate and provide internal content for web site

This responsibility is carried out with the PR Director. One member of the Communication Committee was assigned to review the web site regularly for updated content, broken links and to identify areas for new or improved information.

Responsibility: Provide training in communication

- Helped to plan and deliver a strategic planning session including arranging for Ian Adnams, Lutheran Church–Canada (Communications Director, Lutheran Church–Canada) to provide communications training to all LWML–Canada personnel at the Inter-committee meeting held in November 2006.
- In cooperation with the other vice presidents developed a Seminar (*I can't but with God's help I can*) that was available for the summer 2008

Other Duties

- Attended all meeting and conventions necessary to carry out duties of this office
- Responded/initiated correspondence and communication as pertaining to this office.
- Completed responsibilities as assigned by the president

I am grateful for being given the privilege and opportunity to serve as the Vice President, Communication for the past three years. To God be the glory.

Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. 1 Corinthians 15:58 (ESV)

Committee Members: Renate Bishopp, Linda Long, Jean Wagner, Clara Zirk

RECORDING SECRETARY...

Lorraine Cathro

At convention 2006 my two terms had come to an end. Dorothy Brophy was elected as Recording Secretary and served until 2007. Due to health concerns she regretfully found it necessary to resign. I was asked if I could return to complete the term and was elected by the General Council June 1, 2007. The invitation came as a surprise but I was very happy to accept as I have always enjoyed serving in the Lord's work at this capacity.

Once again I have come to the end of my term and as in the past it has been an experience to work with such God-fearing women and pastoral counsellors who demonstrate their love for the Lord as well as their commitment to LWML–Canada. I thank God for granting me this opportunity to serve

MEETINGS ATTENDED:

- ◆ General Council meetings
- ◆ Convention 2009

DUTIES CARRIED OUT:

- ◆ Recorded, prepared and distributed minutes to the General Council and President of Lutheran Church–Canada
- ◆ Distributed minutes and reports to Archivist/Historian
- ◆ Submitted draft of minutes and manual to President and Public Relations Director for review and editing
- ◆ Received submissions for 2009 Convention Theme hymn
- ◆ Compiled Zone delegates and alternates list for 2009 convention; forwarded list to Parliamentarian and convention registration chairman
- ◆ Compiled and prepared convention manual for printing which will be done in Ottawa; sections of the manual are posted on the website
- ◆ Maintained an updated list of motions
- ◆ Minutes of convention will be distributed to delegates, General Council, Archivist / Historian, President of Lutheran Church–Canada
- ◆ Responded to correspondence as pertaining to LWML–Canada

The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom should I be afraid (Psalm 27:1 NIV)

FINANCIAL SECRETARY...

Gloria Meyer

This past triennium as your Financial Secretary, I have:

- Attended all meetings of the General Council
- Received, recorded and deposited all monies and communicated with the Treasurer on all information regarding deposits.
- Prepared and presented a revenue statement at each General Council meeting.
- Submitted the revenue ledger and bank deposit information to the Treasurer for financial review.
- Recorded and wrote tax receipts for donations, memorial and honour gifts to LWML–Canada.
- Prepared and sent letters of acknowledgement for memorial and honour donations as required.
- Prepared annual revenue statement for the annual tax returns.
- Presented assigned prayers and/or devotions for meetings.
- Replied to correspondence and emails as received.

It has been a joy to serve you and our heavenly Father this past triennium. I give thanks for all of you.

“For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear Him.” Psalm 103:11

TREASURER...

Pat Carlson

Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before Him with joyful singing. Psalm 100:2

It has been my distinct privilege to serve LWML–Canada for the past six years. What a wonderful blessing it has been for me to work with these kind, God-fearing, loving women. I praise God for them, for His guidance and His love. To God be the glory.

This past triennium as your treasurer, I have:

- Produced financial records for all Executive Committee and General Council meetings.
- Prepared annual tax returns

- Prepared annual GST refund requests
- Instrumental in the set up of the Gift Fund
- Paid all expense vouchers approved by the President
- Paid each mission grant upon request of the Vice President, Christian Mission
- Prepared and presented Statement of Expenses at each General Council meeting
- Prepared and presented Statement of Financial Position at each General Council meeting
- In consultation with General Council, prepared the next triennium budget
- Prepared financial statements for the convention manual
- Replied to correspondence and requests for financial information from various individuals and societies
- Provided all relevant information to the auditor and assisted in the audit review process
- Presented prayers/devotions as assigned for meetings
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SPECIAL COMMITTEES

STRUCTURE COMMITTEE...

Linda Fenske

Since the 2006 convention and the re-appointment of the Structure Committee, LWML–Canada bylaw amendments, as approved at that convention, have been published, along with the revised *Procedures and Policy Manual*. The *Handbook* was also revised and published. Publishing this work was greatly assisted by Public Relations Director, Marion Hollinger.

In 2007 the Manitoba and Saskatchewan District Bylaws were reviewed. LWML–Canada policies were reviewed with some revisions required. Preliminary work was started on ideas to assist small groups with developing bylaws that would suit their situations.

In 2008 a Policy Manual for *Tapestry* and the Convention Planning Guide were received. An article was prepared for “*Get Connected!*” Unfortunately, we only had one reply to our request for ideas for small groups. Work began on new revisions to the *Procedures Manual*. Work also was done on bylaw amendments to be presented at this convention. That has taken much time from September 2008 until the present.

We were thankful to our Lord for the opportunity to serve Him and LWML–Canada through the Structure Committee. He has blessed us through this service, guided us as we struggled and answered our prayers.

Linda Fenske, Structure Committee Chairman; Shirley Besler

“*Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up just as in fact you are doing*” (1 Thessalonians 5:11).

NOMINATING COMMITTEE...

Linda Horton

The newly appointed LWML–Canada Nomination Committee for the triennium 2006-2009 met November 2-5, 2006 while attending the LWML–Canada Inter-Committee meeting at Providence Retreat Centre in Edmonton, Alberta. While attending these meetings our committee of Dorothea, Linda, Lorraine, Marie and Raili set some goals and plans for the next three years and appointed a chairman for our committee. Unfortunately in 2007 Lorraine had to leave our committee and step into the Recording Secretary position. And as God always provides, the committee was blessed with Shirley joining our team.

Committee goals:

- With the help of God, and God willing, we will have two nominees for each elected position at the convention in Ottawa in 2009.
- Each committee member approached ladies from her District for each of the eight elected positions.
- The committee will develop a list of possible candidates for 2009-2012 elections for use by the next nomination committee.

Goals accomplished as follows:

God has given us the technology and equipment to produce high-speed communications, so the committee got busy phoning, faxing and emailing LWMLC members across Canada, asking them to prayerfully consider serving their Lord with their gifts and skills to carry out the work of LWML–Canada. Committee members appealed to their District Presidents and other LWML–Canada members for suggestions of possible candidates for the positions.

Throughout our term four meetings were held via telephone conference calls. The committee members submitted to the Pastoral Counsellors, for doctrinal review, the Nominating Procedure, Nomination Forms and other correspondence, which was sent to all LWML–Canada District Presidents for distribution to LWML–Canada societies.

To date the following slate of nominees were approved by the General Council at their October 2008 meeting:

President	Judy Grande Arlene Kish
VP Member Development	Arlene Kish Sandra Schaeffer
VP Christian Mission	Vacant
VP Christian Growth	Joyce Heinbuch
VP Communications	Vacant
Recording Secretary	Anna Gruber
Financial Secretary	Gloria Meyer Rachel Kuhl
Treasurer	Linda Horton

With the help of God, and God willing, we will be accepting nominations from the floor for all positions at the convention in Ottawa to complete the slate of nominees for elections.

Nominees were sent letters of notification and thanked for their willingness to serve the Lord as a nominee for office on LWML–Canada General Council. The committee submitted biographies and photos of the candidates for use in the convention manual and convention newsletters.

As a committee we feel we have many very gifted and talented ladies across Canada who have not yet had the opportunity to serve their Lord in their District and than on to LWML–Canada. As sisters in Christ we need to love, nurture, guide and encourage each member to be a **“Star for God and Shine to His Glory”** while furthering the work of LWML–Canada.

The Nomination Committee would like to say thank you to all whom gracefully and prayerfully considered our requests of placing their names on the slate of officers for this election. As nomination chairman, I also want to extend my thank you and appreciation to the committee members for their diligence and commitment of serving our Lord in this capacity.

“And my God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:19 NIV

“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.” James 1:17 NIV

To God be the Glory,

Members: Linda Horton, Chairman (Manitoba and Saskatchewan District); Dorothea Korcok (Ontario District); Marie Sack (Laurentian District); Raili Clarke (Ontario Sonset District); Shirley Meister (Alberta–British Columbia District)

AD HOC IMAGE COMMITTEE...

Kim Donnelly

In July 2008, four LWML–Canada members gathered at Faith Lutheran in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, to create a foundation of survey questions from which to build four separate surveys. The members included: Margaret Byland-Mairs of Sarnia Ont., Kim Donnelly of Surrey B.C., Elaine Stanfel of Nipawan, Sask., and Suzanne White of Orangeville Ont.

The resulting surveys were aimed at the following groups: women of LWML–Canada, women of LCC, women in general, and able to take educated action in encouraging women to join together with us for the growth of LWML–Canada and ultimately, the Church.

It was our prayer that the completed surveys would provide insight into women's lives, their needs and their perceptions of LWML–Canada

Having researched logistics and costs, the survey team set up this survey on an Internet tool, *SurveyMonkey*, for distribution (paper copies were also available). A pilot-survey was run mid-November 2008 with handpicked respondents to troubleshoot. It ran the months of January and February 2009. *SurveyMonkey* gathered the information and provided concise data analysis following completion of the questionnaires.

Publicity for the survey was run in the following publications: *Tapestry*, *Get Connected*, and *The Canadian Lutheran*. In addition to this, the team enlisted the help of district and zone presidents to drive the information down to society presidents so as to encourage women to participate. A bookmark advertising the survey and its location was available to download for congregations to print and distribute amongst women. Societies were also encouraged to make verbal announcements at Sunday services and various events where their women might gather during this time.

Costs of this project included: one time travel of four committee members to Saskatoon and monthly conference calls between August and December.

Members: Kim Donnelly (Cloverdale, B.C.), Suzanne Deliscar [White] (Orangeville, Ont.), Elaine Stanfel (Nipawan, Sask.), Margaret Byland-Mairs (Sarnia, Ont.).

CONVENTION LIASON COMMITTEE...

Marilyn Schultz

The Convention Liaison Committee shall:

- a) Assist with the evaluation of convention facilities and personnel
- b) Act as a liaison between the LWML–Canada General Council and the Convention Committee
- c) Review and update the Convention Planning Guide.

Article 11.10, *LWML–Canada Procedures Manual*

At the invitation of the General Council the Convention Liaison Committee met for the first time at the LWML–Canada Inter-committee meeting in Edmonton November 2-5, 2006 and

- Developed the first draft of a committee job description
- Assigned responsibilities regarding the updating of the National Convention Planning Guide

In the interim:

- Completed the update of the National Convention Planning Guide [2007] and submitted it for review and editing to President Judy Grande and PR Director Marion Hollinger.
- Submitted reports to the General Council as requested.
- Received and filed the minutes of LWML–Canada 2009 Convention Committee meetings.
- Answered questions addressed to this committee by the Convention Committee and General Council.
- Acted as the contact between the President and Convention Committee and the invited convention guests.
- Developed guidelines for the formal convention invitation to the convention body to be delivered by the hosting district.

We give thanks to our Gracious Heavenly Father for all those who helped complete the first mandate of this committee. LWML–Canada conventions do not just happen—successful conventions are the result of realistic planning and the efforts and hard work of many dedicated people. Thank you.

Serving Him with peace and joy!
Janice Buchner, Secretary
Marilyn Schultz, Chairman

The wisdom from above is first pure, then peace-able, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. James 3:17

ADVISORY PERSONNEL

PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR...

Marion Hollinger

RESPONSIBILITY: Promoting good communication within the League and the Church

To accomplish the goal of good communication the PR Director did the following.

- Used a display at the LCC convention in Winnipeg to communicate about LWML–Canada.
- Maintained the LWML–Canada web site (www.lutheranwomen.ca) for the benefit of both LWML–Canada members and non-members. Established pages for each of the districts. Enlisted Cheryl Barkway to assist with maintenance.
- Wrote news releases for synodical publications and provided other information to the Director of Communications, Lutheran Church–Canada.
- Encouraged district editors to submit society, zone and district news to their respective synodical district editors on a regular basis.
- Encouraged district communication personnel to have a display at their district convention.
- Assisted in the preparation of presentations made by LWML–Canada personnel at annual dinners for seminary students preparing to go on vicarage. Arranged for packets of resources for vicars and spouses.
- Prepared a digital presentation about LWML–Canada upon request by two societies
- Encouraged the use of LWML–Canada program helps in congregations beyond local societies.
- Used an automated service to deliver LWML–Canada Updates to societies and individuals inside and outside the League.
- Kept members "in the loop" with a Progress Report part way through the triennium.
- Worked with the 2009 convention public relations chairman and registration chairman to provide packets of information and the required forms.

RESPONSIBILITY: Production and marketing of LWML–Canada materials.

Many materials are written by LWML–Canada committees. Taking them from there to the finished product is the responsibility of the PR Director.

To carry out this responsibility the PR Director did the following.

- Provided layout skills/edited/worked on graphics, etc. to prepare a wide variety of items for production. Requested and evaluated quotes from suppliers; made arrangements for production and established selling prices.
- Prepared a catalogue and quarterly flyers for print and the web.
- Brought together a wide variety of materials and ideas from LWML–Canada committees from which societies could choose how they would tell others in their congregation about LWML–Canada and our mission on LWML–Canada Sunday.
- Worked with the VP Communication and Resource Centre manager in the purchase of items for sale through CLWR's Four Corners.

RESPONSIBILITY: Publication of the League's magazine, *Tapestry*.

To carry out this responsibility the PR Director served as Editor-in-Chief and (with the help of the assistant editors) did the following.

- Established themes for the triennium.
- Published *Tapestry* four times a year, receiving and soliciting articles and information, editing material and preparing the magazine for printing. Diane Dennis assisted with the collecting of news.
- Arranged for packing and mailing. Linda Horton served as co-ordinator and, when she moved from Saskatoon, Hope Circle at St. Paul's, Saskatoon took over the task. Willing Saskatoon-area LWMLC members...and often their friends...do the packing.
- Produced a large print edition with the assistance of Ruth Coe and the Lutheran Braille Workers Canada Centre in Hamilton.
- Made *Tapestry* available on CD, with thanks to Judy Grande and her society, Zion LWMLC, Surrey, B.C. for preparing the audio and subsidizing the cost.
- Sought and worked with advertisers; invoiced, received payment and forwarded money to LWML–Canada.
- Worked with Data Manager Michelle Johnson to maintain subscription base for *Tapestry* and *Get Connected!*.
- Maintained the magazine's membership in Canadian Church Press and the National Library of Canada.
- Submitted items for Canadian Church Press awards. Received an award in 2008.

General and assigned tasks during this triennium:

- Attended Lutheran Women's Cooperating Committee meetings in 2006 and 2007.
- Brought the president's greetings from LWML–Canada to the International Lutheran Laymen's League convention in Lexington, Kentucky in 2008 at her request.
- Attended all meetings and conventions necessary to carrying out the duties of this office.
- Attended all General Council meetings at the invitation of the president.
- Responded/initiated correspondence and communication pertaining to this office.
- Prepared budgets for each area of this position.

It has been a joy and a privilege to serve as your Public Relations Director for the past three years. May God be praised for providing the many willing people who tell others of the blessings He gives through LWML–Canada.

ARCHIVIST / HISTORIAN.....

Carole MacKay

Goals:

- 1) To collect and organize materials to be placed and deposited with the Lutheran Historical Institute, Edmonton (Materials to be saved include convention manuals, minutes and reports as well as any items developed by various departments. All reports of meetings of Executive, General Council, Inter-committee and Departments.)
- 2) To provide information to members regarding preservation of materials in their Departments and Districts.
 - Wrote reports for General Council meetings
 - Wrote Convention Manual report and Brief History of LWML–Canada Triennium 2006-2009
 - Attended the Inter-committee meeting in Edmonton, November 2006
 - Responded to communication from departments, and district.
 - Provided President with information of society anniversaries

We praise God for the many blessings He has bestowed to the LWML–Canada.

Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises. For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise. Psalm 47:6 & 7 (NIV)

Brief History of LWML–Canada 2006-2009

The 6th Convention of LWML–Canada was held in Regina, July 6-9, 2006
With the theme “in the hurry and hurt of life REST in JESUS” Psalm 62:5-8

- ◆ President Marilyn called the first meeting of the 6th Convention of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League–Canada to order in the Name of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- ◆ Divine Service with Holy Communion: Rev. Paul Schallhorn, Pastoral Counsellor, host congregation, Celebration Lutheran Church
- ◆ Bible Studies: Rev. Paul & Rosalie Schallhorn, Rev. Edmund & Frida Mielke
- ◆ Speakers: Dr. Colleen Hammermaster, Rev. Dr. Glenn Schaeffer, Jan Struck, Rev. Roland & Anita Syens, Rev. Howard Ulmer

Report of the Registration Committee

Voting Members (General Council)	13
Voting members Zone Delegates	32
Total Voting	45
General	279
Guests	37
Total	351

Convention Offerings

#1	LWML–Canada Mission Grants Goal	\$3,685.41
#2	Outreach in Dryden Area Parish, Northwestern Ontario	\$3,784.66
#3	The Open Door – Vanitha, Reading Room, Kanmur, India, Malabar Mission Societ	\$3,233.77

Pledges for Mission Walk \$13,297.84

Elected Officers

President	Judy Grande
Vice-President, Christian Mission	Ardith Pollex
Vice-President, Christian Growth	Helga Danielson
Vice-President, Member Development	Arlene Kish
Vice-President, Communications	Cheryl Teeter
Recording Secretary	Dorothy Brophy
Treasurer	Pat Carlson
Financial Secretary	Gloria Meyer

Outgoing Officers

President	Marilyn Schultz
Vice-President for Mission Education	Helen Leonhardt
Vice-President for Mission Inspiration	Judy Grande
Vice-President for Mission Service	Patti Kronen
Vice-President for Mission Grants	Anne Carson
Recording Secretary	Lorraine Cathro
Financial Secretary	Doreen Wagner

Mission Program for 2006 – 2009 \$401,225.00

Mission Grants

1. Sewing Centre, Nicaragua	\$10,000	Completed
2. Missionary to Costa Rica	10,000	Completed
3. Tanzania Lutheran Hospital Maternity Ward Equipment	4,000	Completed
4. Missionary Support – Thailand	10,000	Completed
5. Interim Mission Opportunity Fund	30,000	\$29,500 paid
6. Shipping costs for Medical Missions	10,000	Completed
7. Missionary to Matagalpa, Nicaragua	10,000	Completed
8. Mission Centre, Nicaragua	5,000	Completed
9. Van for Ukraine	5,000	Completed
10. Assisted Funding for PAT Program	6,000	Completed
Total	\$100,000	\$99,500 paid

Sixtieth Anniversaries

2008 – Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Bruderheim, Alberta, oldest society in Canada
 2009 – 15 societies in Ontario District

DATA MANAGER...

Michelle Johnson

At the beginning of this triennium, the positions of Circulation Manager, Privacy Officer and Corresponding Secretary were combined into the position of Data Manager. This position has been both challenging and rewarding.

As Privacy Officer I responded to queries regarding the LWMLC Privacy Policies. One of the changes made this triennium was the addition of the Privacy Statement to the “Consent to Serve” form. A checkbox was added to the form to indicate that the member seeking a position with LWMLC was aware of the LWMLC Privacy Policies. This change was to meet legislative requirements.

As Circulation Manager I continued to process the subscription orders for *Tapestry* and *Get Connected*.

The other major role of the Data Manager is to maintain statistical data and demographic information on the national and district personnel, pastoral counselors, zone presidents, and societies. The purpose of this data is to assist with statistical planning. The statistical reports for this triennium (as of February 15, 2009) are as follows:

Membership of LWMLC Districts

District	1993	1995	1997	1999	2001	2003	2006	2009
ABC	1390	1299	1091	1107	1093	1039	945	922
Laurentian	189	189	166	192	192	174	150	151
Man.&Sask.	1128	1095	813	837	530	656	647	646
Ontario	1297	1358	1270	1200	1162	1073	1010	955
Ontario Sonset	185	174	162	168	189	159	150	151
Totals	4189	4115	3502	3494	3166	3101	2902	2832

Society Status

<i>District</i>	Zones	Active Societies	Disbanded (since 1993)	Associate Members
ABC	11	82	21	6
Man.&Sask.	8	50	9	2
Laurentian	3	11	2	0
Ontario	7	67	8	7
Ontario Sonset	2	14	2	3

Disbandments this triennium:

** Societies with a status of “inactive” were changed to “disbanded.”

Vanderhoof – Vanderhoof, B.C. (ABC) 2006**

Redeemer – Westbank, B.C. (ABC) 2006**

Bethany – Campbell River, B.C. (ABC) 2006**

Redeemer – Edmonton, Alta. (ABC) 2006**

Stony Plain – St. John, Alta. (ABC) 2006**

Trinity – Lacombe, Alta. (ABC) 2006**

Christ – Markerville, Alta. (ABC) 2006**

Emmanual – Usona, Alta. (ABC) 2007

Trinity – Fairview, Alta. (ABC) 2006**

Good Shepherd – Valleyview, Alta. (ABC) 2006**

Shepherd of the Valley – Canmore, Alta. (ABC) 2006**

St. Peter – Oyen, Alta. (ABC) 2006**

Peace – Taber, Alta. (ABC) 2006**

Landrestreau – MacNutt, Sask. (Man & Sask) 2007

Tri-Parish – Western Quebec, Ont. (Laurentian) 2006**

Trinity (Kuztville) – Gowanstown, Ont. (Ontario) 2006**

Immanuel – Georgetown, Ont. (Ontario) 2006**

St. Mark – Mississauga, Ont. (Ontario) 2007

Christ – Harrow, Ont. (Ontario) 2006**

St. Mark’s – Vermillion Bay, Ont. (Ontario Sonset) 2006**

New Societies this triennium:

Christ – Grand Forks, B.C. (ABC District) 2006

Our Savior – Fort Qu’ppelle, Sask. (Man & Sask) 2007

Societies that became reactivated this triennium:

Redeemer – Portage la Prairie, Man. (Man & Sask) 2006

Korean – Toronto, Ont. (Ontario) 2007

Mergers this triennium:

St. Peter’s, Delhi and St. Luke’s, Tillsonburg merged to form Peace, Tillsonburg

PARLIAMENTARIAN.....

Eloise Schaan / Beth Williams

The primary function of the Parliamentarian is to serve in an advisory capacity to the President and to LWML–Canada in matters of parliamentary procedure. In this capacity, the parliamentarian has served as advisor to:

- the President
- the Structure Committee

- the Nominating Committee
- the Convention Committee

Duties carried out relative to this convention:

- prepared guidelines for and worked with the Tellers Committees
- prepared seating plan for voting body and LWMLC personnel

For we are God's workmanship created in Christ Jesus to do good works which God prepared in advance for us to do (Ephesians 2:10).

PASTORAL COUNSELLOR.....

Reverend Mark Hennig

Members of Lutheran Women's Missionary League–Canada,

When I was first asked to serve as Pastoral Counsellor three years ago, I was unsure what I had said “yes” to. I could not have imagined how God would bless me through the work of the individual women who serve LWMLC on the General Council, Districts, Zones and Societies. These past few years have been a joy and a privilege to work alongside God's chosen people, saved by the cross of Jesus Christ.

Over the past three years I have worked with the General Council, advising them as they remain faithful to God's calling of proclaiming Jesus Christ to the nations. I have served by reviewing *Tapestry* and *Get Connected* as needed; attended General Council Meetings twice a year and worked with the various Committees. I am grateful to the entire General Council for their loving warmth and their patience and understanding as I gave them support in their discussions.

LWML–Canada will always be in my prayers as I have much deeper knowledge and appreciation for the work they do across Canada and overseas. The work they do for God's Kingdom is truly a blessing to our entire Synod. I encourage everyone to prayerfully consider serving LWML–Canada, it truly is a blessing to the individual in service but more importantly to those who are touched by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In Christ, Rev. Mark Hennig

PASTORAL COUNSELLOR...

Reverend William Kramer

Welcome, ladies of LWMLC to Ontario, for it is time to shine in Ottawa. It has been an inspiration to work along side some of the most creative and faithful members of societies across our Lutheran church. I commend the leadership beginning with the president Mrs. Judy Grande and her capable group of servants for Christ across this land. Your attention to detail, your skills where writing and computers are concerned, your love of Jesus and your zeal for missions is an asset for Christ's church. It has been a privilege to be a part of the General Council and with the convention we gather now to share in fellowship and fun. Our paths come from different parts of this great nation. We gather with faithful hearts and a willingness to serve...we reflect the light and love of Christ in our activities, our walk, our mission, our business and our time together is a blessing. Let us revive old friendships and make some new ones; let us learn from our guest speakers and presenters, let us witness for our Lord as we share in the love of Jesus that makes such a difference for the world.

Let me thank you for your patience, your prayers and your kind words. It has spoken to my heart on many occasions as I read and followed through on doctrinal review for articles and devotions for *Get Connected* and *Tapestry* on behalf of the Christian Growth Committee. These articles have been prepared by capable and inspired ladies of the church sharing their love of their Lord. Serving the LWMLC has been a blessing even if my poor computer skills have not kept up!

We could never keep up and would be lost forever in the black hole of sin if not for Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Saviour. He is the light of life. He shines in our darkness and illuminates our way. He has chosen us to be his own and we shine because of Him. We can shine in Ottawa and back home because Jesus makes it so. We are his little lights, shining our way to a new day and the dawn of God's grace and glory for all members of Christ's church. We have been shining all along and isn't it great to know that our God is in control of the brightness and intensity for LWMLC. Have a great time in our nation's capital and a wonderful time at this convention. Shine on!Merci Beaucoup!

REPORTS OF DISTRICT PRESIDENTS

ABC DISTRICT LWMLC...

Karen Nerbas

“For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ” (2 Corinthians 4:6).

At the beginning of the 2007 – 2010 triennium the ABC District elected, from convention, a new executive council with the following personnel:

Vice President Member Development: Sharon Beloin of Cranbrook, B.C. (Kootenay Zone)
Vice President Christian Growth: Evaline Ulmer of Edmonton, Alberta (Concordia Zone)
Vice President Christian Mission: Marilyn Witte of Edmonton, Alberta (Concordia Zone)
Recording Secretary: Joyce Heinbuch of Rocky Mountain House, Alberta (Parkland Zone)
Treasurer: Marguerite Reynolds of Barrhead, Alberta (Evergreen Zone)
Financial Secretary: Jeanette Wood of Calgary, Alberta (South Alberta Zone)
President: Karen Nerbas of Osoyoos, B.C. (Okanagan Zone)

Later appointments were Vice President Communications: Judi Luckhardt and Pastoral Counselor: Rev. Leonardo Neitzel.

At that time a new commitment to Christian Mission Grants in the amount of \$85,000 was elected. Those grants are as follows:

BC Mission Boat Society	\$12,000
Faculty Development, Concordia Seminary, Ukraine	10,000
The Open Door – Vanitha, Malabar, India	7,675
Kapessini Project, Mozambique	20,000
Interim Mission Opportunity Grant	10,000
Sports and Youth Ministry – LAMP	5,000
Cross of Christ Church of the Deaf	6,000
Neighbourhood Lot, Olanchito, Honduras	8,000
Highlands International School, Papua, New Guinea	6,325

To the end of February 2009, one half of the term, \$49,575 had already been given in support of the grants. We thank and praise God for His blessings on the mites and the commitment of the women of ABC District LWMLC.

There has been a concentrated effort to improve communications between societies, zones and the district offices. A “Blueprint” was developed to assist each level of activity by utilizing the talents of our women, the district newsletter the “Flashlight,” and a greater use of e-mails for information. It has been the personal commitment of the President to visit each Zone in the District at least once during the Triennium.

During the Triennium there have been applications for two new societies and two other societies have disbanded. It is exciting to welcome new societies and our prayers are with the congregations that no longer have an active society although there are individuals who continue support with their prayers and mites. There was great excitement in November of 2008 when six women from the ABC District joined eight other women from across Canada to be part of a “servant event” in Nicaragua. Their mission was to encourage the women of the Lutheran church in Nicaragua through workshops which included Bible studies, role of women in family devotional life, service to the church, health concerns, and crafts. God touched the lives of each of these women and they say they will never be the same. All glory be to God!

For the future, 2010 will be our next regular convention year with Convention being held in Kelowna at the UBC Okanagan Campus. Plans are well under way with the theme taken from John 15:5 “I am the Vine and you are the branches.”

We continue to pray for all women of the Church and thank our great God for LWML–Canada and all the Districts. May He continue to bless the work and the women in their commitment to Him. May we always with “ferveat gratitude” continue to work in the harvest fields wherever and whenever He has need of us. All praise and glory be given to God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

MANITOBA AND SASKATCHEWAN DISTRICT LWMLC...**Pat Rocheleau**

There are 49 societies who “Shine Like Stars” in the Manitoba and Saskatchewan District. We rejoice in the opportunities our loving God presents to us as we unite in the sharing of the message of Jesus—to the women in our local congregations and to the community at large.

The status of our Mission Grants for this triennium is as follows:

1. Military Chaplains, Manitoba and Saskatchewan	\$ 3,000	
2. LAMP-Vacation Bible School, Manitoba and Saskatchewan	\$ 5,000	
3. Mission Boat Society, British Columbia	\$ 5,000	
4. Lutheran Ministry, Nicaragua	\$ 9,000	
\$6,000 paid for purchase of two of three motorcycles		
5. Jackfish Lutheran Camp, Manitoba	\$ 5,500	Paid
6. Mission Opportunity Grants	\$ 5,000	
▪ \$2,000 to MOST Ministries China 714 Eye Glass Team Paid		
▪ \$1,000 to LWML-Canada Nicaragua Servant Event Paid		
7. Camp Lutherland, Saskatchewan	\$ 2,000	Paid
8. Missionary – Rev. Suchat Chujit, Thai	\$ 7,500	Paid
9. Female Thai Evangelists, Thailand	\$ 1,500	Paid
10. Mission Centre, Nicaragua	<u>\$ 1,500</u>	Paid
TOTAL	\$45,000	

In May, 2008 the District held a retreat weekend in Russell, Manitoba. With the help of our pastoral counsellors, Rev. Daryl Solie and Rev. Harold Borchardt, the 62 women in attendance did a test pilot of the newly developed LWML–Canada seminar entitled, *I Can’t, But With God I Can*.

Plans for the 2010 District Convention are well underway. This convention will be held in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan June 11 to 13, 2010. The convention theme is “The Healing Waters of Christ” based on the Scripture verse John 7:37b-38, “*If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’*” The keynote speaker will be Rev. Robert Bugbee, President of Lutheran Church–Canada.

As your fellow sisters in this wonderful organization known as Lutheran Women’s Missionary League–Canada we endeavour to support the women in our District as they grow in faith and reach out in mission. “*For God, who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*” (2 Corinthians 4:6).

ONTARIO SONSET DISTRICT LWMLC ...**Heather Chony**

The Ontario Sonset District has undergone some changes in the past few months. The District Board voted on dissolving the executive on the Patricia Zone and the Thunder Bay Zone at our November 2008 meeting. Membership in the areas of Thunder Bay and Patricia Zone are aging and our number of members is dwindling to approximately 123. The majority of our members are between the ages of 50 and 85. We have been having a bit of difficulty in filling positions on both levels.

Each Zone will decide this spring where they want to donate any monies in their treasury and report to the District Board Executive by June 1, 2009 as to what organization their funds were allocated to. The present Zone Presidents will stay on the district board till our next district convention in 2010 and then a representative from each area will be elected to serve on the district board.

The District will now have the responsibility of all programming in both zones. Each society at the previous event will be asked who will be responsible for hosting the next event. Then this society will contact all societies in her area to provide the lunch etc. The offering collected will go towards our District Mission Grant Goal.

The District has been hosting a Ladies Retreat for the past few years at Aurora Lutheran Bible Camp. We have had a fair turnout for this event and many of the women attending are not LWMLC members. The registration fee collected (usually \$10) is equally divided between Camp Aurora and an organization of the ladies choosing. This other half is voted on at the retreat as we often have several suggestions.

At our District Convention held in September 2007 we adopted a Mission Goal of \$9,000. At this time the ladies have contributed \$6,000 towards the funding of the projects that were voted on. Our next District Convention in 2010 will be held in Dryden, Ontario. For the first time in our history, we will have all executive positions up for re-election for a term of three years with the options of another three. Before the change in the By-Laws in 2007 each office was for six years due to the wording of the previous by-laws.

ONTARIO DISTRICT LWMLC...

Fran Van Vorst

“In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:16

It is my privilege and pleasure to extend greetings, on behalf of the Ontario District LWMLC, to all assembled in convention in Ottawa, Ontario and to all their “home” societies across Canada.

We are an active organization with 955 active members and eight associate members, established in seven zones and 69 societies. Our goal is to stimulate more ladies to become motivated to serve in our Christian Mission.

The Gertrude Pollex Bursary for 2008 was awarded to one young woman to assist with her studies toward a career in the church.

Our district aided two groups of ladies to travel to Nicaragua to assist new Christians to grow in the Word. They also exchanged gifts, offered guidance and shared the Gospel through crafts, stories and songs.

A successful retreat weekend, Oct 2008, was held at Oakwood, Grand Bend, Ont. Using the national seminar – *I Can’t but with God I Can* 159 ladies came away uplifted and stimulated. Warm fellowship, excellent accommodations and delicious meals added to our amazing weekend. Our pastoral counsellors were great leaders for the seminar presentation.

Our 2010 convention will be held in Sarnia using the theme – “I am: The Bridge, The Lord your God Himself will cross over ahead of you.” Generation to Generation (Deut. 31:3a). We are grateful to the Windsor Zone for agreeing to be our hosts. Keynote speaker will be Annetta Dellinger and our missionary speaker will be Melissa Salomon.

Mission Grants voted for at the May 11-12, 2008 Ontario District Convention in Stratford, Ontario

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| 1. Funds for shipping Ontario District Medical Missions parcels. | \$3,500 |
| 2. To purchase roofing materials for seven churches in Haiti. | \$5,000 |
| 3. Provide VBS curriculum for volunteer teams to use in remote communities in northern Ontario. | \$3,000 |
| 4. To provide seed money to assist in establishment of an LCC congregation in Guelph. | \$2,000 |
| 5. To support the ministry of Missionary Joseph Alfazema in Sofala Province, Moszambique. | \$7,000 |
| 6. To assist in the building of a church building dormitory for seminary students in Nicaragua. | \$6,000 |
| 7. To assist volunteers with travel expenses on Mission Trips to LCC Mission Fields. | \$8,000 |
| 8. To support the ‘Smart Classroom’ of Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary, St. Catharines | \$4,000 |
| 9. For Mission Opportunity Grants | \$5,000 |
| 10. To match funds for purchase of equipment in mission situations from the Cussler Fund. | \$2,000 |
| 11. Help Lutheran schools of LCC, East District to expand outreach in their communities. | \$6,000 |

12. Funds for East District DPO, People of the Book Outreach (POBLO), and local congregations in reaching out to ethnically diverse communities.	\$10,000
13. Assist Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Amherstburg, for Christian Education materials and equipment for day-care in a new church.	\$1,750
14. To provide funds for training workers in immigrant communities	\$1,750
Total commitment	\$65,000

In closing, I would like to thank the LWMLC executive members for their strong untiring leadership. You have met many challenges this triennium with confidence, knowing the Lord is always by your side. Your Sister in Christ

LAURENTIAN DISTRICT LWMLC...

Eloise Schaan

Although the Laurentian District is small in numbers, the women have a very big heart for missions and mite offerings continue to reflect this. Mission grants for the current triennium are:

1. Grace Evangelical Lutheran School, Petawawa	\$ 1,000
2. VBS Grants for Assisted Missions and Congregations	1,500
3. Malabar Mission Society – Hymnals and Literature	3,000
4. ESL Program – Ascension Lutheran Church, Montreal	3,600
5. East District – Material and Equipment for Evangelism	2,000
6. East District Mission Opportunities	1,500
7. Outreach in Kingston, Ontario, area	1,400
Total	\$14,000

The grant to the Malabar Mission Society has resulted in the Small Catechism being produced in the Malayalam language for use in the Malabar area of India. A copy has been presented to the Laurentian District. The ELS program at Ascension Lutheran Church in Montreal has been an effective outreach tool and has resulted in some coming to faith in Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

There has been interest shown in LWMLC within the French mission in the Montreal area, and these women have joined the society at Ascension Lutheran Church in Montreal. This has given a boost to the society and also to the district.

Each of the three zones hold rallies in the fall of the year, and another event in the spring or summer.

We, in the Laurentian District, are pleased to be hosting the LWMLC convention, and during the past months the focus has been on preparing for this. With small numbers it has meant that many on the Convention Planning Committee have had to do double duty, but that is always done with a smile and with joy. We have been looking forward to having you in our beautiful city and pray that your time here will be inspiring and enjoyable.

COURTESY RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 2009-1: To Thank Officers and Appointed Personnel

WHEREAS: we read in Romans 1:8 “*First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world;*” and

WHEREAS: our loving God has blessed Lutheran Women’s Missionary League–Canada with gifted and dedicated leaders; and

WHEREAS: they have served the past triennium with hands to work for Him, feet to go on His errands, voices to sing His praises, lips to proclaim His redeeming love, silver and gold to extend His Kingdom, their wills to do His will and every power of their lives to the great task of bringing the lost and erring into fellowship with Him; therefore be it

RESOLVED: that Lutheran Women's Missionary League–Canada, gathered together in convention in Ottawa, Ontario in the year 2009, give thanks to God for the faithful service of Judy Grande, Arlene Kish, Ardith Pollex, Helga Danielson, Cheryl Teeter, Lorraine Cathro, Gloria Meyer, Pat Carlson, the Rev. Mark Hennig, the Rev. William Kramer and other members of the General Council and all appointed committee members; and be it further

RESOLVED: that we show our appreciation with a rising vote of thanks.

RESOLUTION 2009-2: To Thank our Speakers and Presenters

WHEREAS: we read in Acts 2:42: “*And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.*” And in Romans 10:13-14 “*For ‘everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’ But how are they to call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?*” and

WHEREAS: those attending this convention have been given the opportunity to study God’s Word, to receive His assurance of forgiveness and salvation through His Holy Supper, to learn of the many different ways in which we can be better stewards of the gifts He has given us and have seen how the Gospel of Jesus is being shared in our homeland and in lands far across the sea, thereby encouraging us to “*Shine Like Stars;*” therefore be it

RESOLVED: that Lutheran Women’s Missionary League–Canada assembled in convention in Ottawa, Ontario in the year 2009, give thanks to God for the blessings bestowed on us by convention speakers and presenters: the Rev. Dr. David Ludwig, Elaine Bickel, Kathy Ludwig, the Rev. Joshua Hollman, the Rev. Mark Danielson, the Women on a Mission who participated in the trip to Nicaragua, Anne Bruce, Allen Schellenberg, Mary Helen Miller, Judy Grande, Marion Hollinger, Ian Adnams, Oleg Schewtschenko, the Rev. Robert Bugbee, the Rev. Dr. Ralph Mayan and Linda Mayan; Bible Study leaders, the Rev. Mark Hennig and the Rev. William Kramer; and be it further

RESOLVED: that we show our appreciation with a rising vote of thanks.

RESOLUTION 2009-3: To Thank the Host District

WHEREAS: we read in 2 Peter 1:5-7 “ *For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love.*” and

WHEREAS: Lutheran Women’s Missionary League–Canada gathered in convention in Ottawa, Ontario in the year 2009 has experienced the virtue, knowledge, self-control, steadfastness, godliness, brotherly affection and the love of our dear sisters in the Laurentian District, who have indeed shown us how to “*Shine Like Stars;*” therefore be it

RESOLVED: that we give thanks to God for the dedicated, committed service of the Convention Committee, the women of the Laurentian District and all who assisted in hosting the 2009 convention of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League–Canada; and be it further

RESOLVED: that we show our appreciation with a rising vote of thanks.

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GIFTS OF LOVE

MY GOD, MY FATHER, MAKE ME STRONG

(Litany for the gathering of our Gifts of Love)

- Hymn: 1 My God, my Father, make me strong
When tasks of life seem hard and long,
To greet them with this triumph song:
Thy will be done.
- 2 Draw from my timid eyes the veil
To show, where earthly forces fail,
Thy power and love must still prevail.
Thy will be done.
- 3 With confident and humble mind
Freedom in service I would find,
Praying thro' every toil assigned:
Thy will be done.
- 4 Things seemed impossible I dare,
Thine is the call and Thine the care;
Thy wisdom shall the way prepare.
Thy will be done.
- Leader: We begin in the name of the Father who created all people, and of the Son who has redeemed each of us by His precious blood, and of the Holy Spirit who calls each one of us into His family.
Amen.
- We give You thanks, Almighty Father, for the abundance of Your blessings which we enjoy every day.
- All: Forgiveness of sins, eternal life, answered prayers, family, food, clothing, cars, homes, the warmth of friendships—blessings too numerous to count!**
- Leader: We ask Your forgiveness when we recognize that we do not always share our blessings as we should.
- All: Have mercy upon me for I am weak.** (Psalm 6:2)
- Leader: Continue to open our eyes, Lord, to those around us who are hurting both physically and spiritually.
- All: The Lord is my Strength and my Shield.** (Psalm 28:7)
- Leader: Help me to be ready, Lord, to move out of my comfortable situation into the harsh world of reality to help meet the basic needs of others.
- All: For Thy name's sake, lead me, and guide me.** (Psalm 31:36)
- Leader: Would it really help if I worked at the soup kitchen, donated clothing, or a quilt, or supplied hygiene items to those in need?
- All: My flesh and my heart faileth; but God is the strength of my heart.** (Psalm 73:26)
- Leader: If I can help just one person, I will have done as you have commanded, Lord. It is not important that I know the person that I'm helping. It is important that I offer to help.
- All: Thou will show me the path of life.** (Psalm 16:11)
In Thee do I put my trust. (Psalm 7:1)

Hymn: **LORD, HELP US WALK YOUR SERVANT WAY**

(During the singing of verse 4 of this hymn the delegates in single file are invited to bring up their Gifts of Love and place them in the appropriate boxes at the front.)

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| 1. Lord, help us walk Your servant way
Wherever love may lead
And bending low, forgetting self,
Each serve the other's need; | 2. You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord,
But pow'r You laid aside.
You lived Your years in servant-hood
In lowliness You died. |
| 3. No golden scepter but a towel
You place within the hands
Of those who seek to follow You
And live by Your commands. | 4. You bid us bend our human pride
Nor count ourselves above
The lowest place the meanest task
That waits the gift of love . |
| 5. Lord, help us walk Your servant way
Wherever love may lead
And, bending low forgetting self,
Each serve the other's need | |

Leader: Father, we dedicate these gifts for those who are in need of these kits and food. Bless both the giver and the receiver with a deeper understanding of Your love for each of us. Strengthen those who already know You as Lord and Saviour. Father, through the words enclosed, send your Holy Spirit into the hearts of those who are still in darkness. Continue to bless our efforts to bring comfort and food to those in need. In Jesus' name we pray.

All: **Amen.**

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ROOM DEVOTIONS

Friday Room Devotion: “Shining through friendship”

It's convention time again! So why did you come? Are you excited to see friends from far and near again? Are you excited about meeting new people? Are you here as a delegate? Is this your very first time at an LWMLC Convention? Whatever your reason for being here, God has blessed your decision to come. He has brought us safely here, so let us gladly renew old friendships and welcome new friendships to honour God as we *Shine like Stars*.

Many of us who have been to a convention before enjoy the anticipation of meeting up with friends we have not seen since the last convention. Many who are attending for the first time will no doubt go home with the joy of knowing they have met a new sister-in-the-faith. This weekend is about *Shining like Stars* for Jesus. One way we can *shine like a star*, is to be a good and faithful friend. Many of the ladies who are here this weekend may have begun their friendships at a convention and continued to keep that light of friendship shining bright for many years. Perhaps this is your first time at a convention. Chances are very good you will meet new people, and develop a new and lasting friendship. We may be strangers when we meet, but if we have our faith in common, we are sisters in Christ.

As we come together this weekend let us remember those ladies who are no longer with us, who blazed the trail for Canadian Lutheran women to form LWML–Canada. Let us cherish the friendships we have long

established and let us meet at least one new person, so we can go home with one new friend for whom we can pray. *Hebrews 10:24-25* gives us guidance and instruction on how to maintain our new friendships: “*Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the day approaching.*” Being a friend is something we can all do, even at a distance. Jesus was the ultimate Friend to His disciples and to us. “*Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are My friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from My Father I have made known to you*” (John 15: 13-15). May you rest well this evening and be renewed with joy and enthusiasm to shine through the gift of friendship each of us has received from Christ.

Let us pray:

Lord we thank you for bringing friends together to honour and worship you. We ask Your blessing on all those who have worked so hard to put this convention together. We pray that you would be with all the delegates, and we ask your blessing upon their voting process. We ask that you would inspire us to *Shine like Stars* by encouraging each other in the friendships with which you have blessed us.

This we ask in the name of Jesus. AMEN

Pauline Huth, Christian Growth Committee

Saturday Room Devotion: “Awesome-ness and Beauty”

“He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature, and He upholds the universe by the word of His power. After making purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.” (Hebrews 1:3 ESV)

Awesome-ness describes the indescribable! The degree of awesome-ness can’t be measured. We can only imagine!

Imagine all the beauty around us in nature: the varied intensities of blue in the sky, oceans, rivers, lakes, and mountain streams; the many shades of green, distinct yet blended, through meadows, fields of grain, towering pines, and whispering willows. As the sun shines down on God’s creation, it radiates the beauty and the waters mirror it. Artists try to reflect this beauty on canvas but they can’t create the original. Only God with His powerful word could create and sustain this awesome beauty giving splashes of every colour and hue to enhance the overall landscape! If the heavenly lights shining down were removed, could the colours be seen, their depth or intensity?

So it is with Christ! He comes to show us God’s Glory. He brings us a glimpse of God’s awesome-ness and beauty that extends from everlasting to everlasting. We can only imagine! The Son of God shines on us, filling us with His love and mercy, so we can go forward in confidence reflecting the light of His love and mercy into the shadows of a fallen world. Without Christ as the Light of the world there is no hope and God’s awesome-ness would remain unrevealed.

Where is God calling you to reflect His love and mercy? Who needs to see His awesome beauty in Christ Jesus and to know how our awesome God not only created us but sustains us through Jesus Christ His Son, our Saviour until the day we see God in all of His awesome Glory.

Prayer: God we praise You for Your awesome-ness! Thank you for giving us a glimpse of Your power and Glory in Christ Jesus. Help us to reflect Your rays of everlasting hope with love, peace and joy in Jesus. In His Name we pray. Amen.

Irene Warpula, Christian Growth Committee

Sunday Room Devotion: Sent out to “Shine Like Stars”

And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever. Daniel 12:3

Our daughter was married in October 2004. I can remember how we planned for many months to get everything just as we wanted it. The day came and went, it was over in a flash.

This convention has been much like that, only the planning came from many directions and involved many people. It is hard to believe it is almost finished; we have planned and worked for so long to put it all together. The time has come to say good-bye to old friends and new acquaintances; to dissolve those committees that have worked hard to organize the convention and those that have worked for the past triennium to guide us as LWML–Canada.

It has been awesome; we have felt safe and were able to share our faith with anyone at the convention because we all have the common bond in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Our challenge now is to go home – whether that is north, south, east or west, a large city, a small town or rural area – carrying the energy and zeal we have collected over the past few days and spread it to others.

We are being sent out to *shine like stars* in our churches and communities, our homes and our jobs. It is difficult to leave the mountaintop and go down to the masses, but we need to remember that because of the light we have been given, those are the people to whom we are sent. We need to let those who see it within us know that the light comes from our one and only Lord Jesus, and show them that it is theirs to have as well.

May the Lord bless you with a safe trip home and we pray that He puts people in your path who need to know about the Light that shines through you.

God bless your journey. Let your star shine brightly.

Prayer:

Dear Lord, We thank You for being with us and ask that You give power to the decisions that were made here at the convention. Please be with each elected person called to lead us in the next triennium, help them to always seek You for guidance. Be with all of our mission grants all over the world that we may touch each one of them in a way that lets Your light shine. Keep each of us safe as we journey home where we are to continue to *Shine Like Stars*. We ask in Your Son’s name, Amen.

Joyce Heinbuch, Christian Growth Committee

BLESSINGS ABOUND Saturday Morning Convention Devotion

We open our devotion this morning in “The Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”
AMEN.

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying;

L: Blessed are the poor in spirit,

P: **for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

L: Blessed are those who mourn,

P: **for they shall be comforted.**

L: Blessed are the meek,

P: **for they shall inherit the earth.**

L: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

P: **for they shall be satisfied.**

L: Blessed are the merciful,

P: **for they shall receive mercy.**

L: Blessed are the pure in heart,

P: **for they shall see God.**

L: Blessed are the peacemakers,

P: for they shall be called sons of God.

L: Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,

P: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

L: Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

ALL Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven. (Matthew 5:3-12a)

Hymn: "Only"

by Patricia Lach Kreutzwieser
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Only, God's Grace has saved us, Only, by the blood of the Lamb;
Only, the Spirit calls us; Answer, "Lord, here I am!"

Lord, before you we stand guilty, filled with sin,
But, your Grace has saved us; Now we're new within.

You have sent your Son to die at Calvary.
Through His resurrection we are truly free.

Take our hearts, our minds, and bodies; Use them Lord,
The service they perform be to Your name adored.

Prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you that You are always there for us. Help us to remember to seek You rather than the things of this world for our answers. When we look at the night sky help us to remember that Your blessings to us are more numerous than the stars in the sky. We give you all praise and thanksgiving for the many blessings in our lives. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing." *Ephesians 1:3*

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A "CELEBRITY" TO BE A "STAR!"
Sunday Morning Convention Devotion

The Lord, My God, Be Praised

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1. The Lord, my God, be praised, My light, my life from heaven;
My maker, who to me Has soul and body given;
My Father who will shield And keep me day by day
And make each moment yield New blessings on my way.
2. The Lord, my God, be praised, My trust, my life from heaven,
The Father's own dear Son, Whose life for me was given,
Who for my sin atoned With His most precious blood
And gives to me by faith The highest heav'nly good.
3. The Lord, my God, be praised, My hope, my life from heaven,
The Spirit, whom the Son In love to me has given.
His grace revives my heart And gives my spirit pow'r,
Help, comfort, and support In sorrow's gloomy hour.

4. The Lord, my God, be praised, My God, the ever-living,
To whom the heav'nly host Their laud and praise are giving.
The Lord, my God, be praised, In whose great name I boast,
God Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost.

LITANY: Psalm 139

Leader: O Lord, You have searched me and You know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; You perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; You are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue You know it completely, O Lord. You hem me in – behind and before; You have laid Your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

People: **I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;**

Leader: Where can I go from Your Spirit? Where can I flee from Your Presence? If I go up to the heavens, You are there; if I make my bed in the depths, You are there. If I rise up on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there Your hand will guide me, Your right hand will hold me fast.

People: **I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;**

Leader: If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me, and the light become night around me." Even the darkness will not be dark to You; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to You. For You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb.

People: **I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;**

Leader: My frame was not hidden from You when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in Your book before one of them came to be.

People: **I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;**

Leader: How precious to me are Your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand. When I awake, I am still with You. Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

People: **I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;**

Pauline Huth, Langley, B.C.

SONGS & HYMNS

Convention Theme Hymn

1. Shine, Shine, Shine!

*Written by Donna Hines
From LWML–Canada Hymns and Songs 2009*

CHORUS

Shine, shine, shine like stars in this world, Shine, shine, shine by the Light of His Word
Grow-ing in faith, Saved by His grace And we'll shine, shine, shine

1. When God made the u-ni-verse su-spen-ded in time
He lit all the stars and placed them in line
At just the right time sent His Son to this earth,
While a star lit the place of our dear Saviour's birth. Now we can... **CHORUS**
2. On our jour-ney through life we can help friends a-long;
Show-ing God's love through our words and our song.
Lend-ing a hand to help them face each day;
Rely-ing on Je-sus as he lights our way.
He'll make us..... **CHORUS**
3. There's peo-ple a-round us with a load of strife,
Who car-ry their bur-dens as they go through life,
Our Lord can light-en the hea-vy strain,
When we bow be-fore Him and call on His Name
We want to... **CHORUS**
4. So glo-ry to God, the Fath-er a-bove
And praise to His Son the light of His Love.
Praise to the Spir-it who lives in us all
And lifts us up when we stum-ble and fall.
So we can... **CHORUS**

2. King of the Universe, Who Made the Stars

*Text by Barbara Jurgens
Tune: Wie Lieblich ist Der Maien
From LWML–Canada Hymns and Songs 2009*

1. King of the Universe, who made the stars, Our Gracious Lord above,
Whose arm has done such wondrous things, And guided with His love.
You rescue us from all our foes, And grant us daily bread,
Your mercy flows, an endless stream, And by Your Word we're led.
2. We praise the Alpha and Omega, The Beginning and the End,
The Prince of Peace, The Morning Star, Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend,
What can we do to honour You, the Light, the Truth, the Way?
We'll fix our eyes upon our Lord, And shine for Him each day.
3. Hold out the loving Gospel, The Word of Life for all,
Shine out like stars in the universe, So nations hear the call.
We'll tell Your Wonderful Story, Throughout our earthly days,
And then in Heaven we'll adore You, With endless songs and praise.

3. Father, King of All Creation

Text by Joann R. Willie

*Tune: Beethoven's "Hymn to Joy" LSB #477 Tune in public domain
From LWML-Canada Hymns and Songs 2009*

1. Father, King of all creation,
You changed darkness into light.
Blessings from Your hand we're given;
We are precious in Your sight.
Through Your strength and pow'r within us,
As bright stars cause us to shine
Till the darkened world around us
Learns to know Your love divine.
2. Son of Righteousness, our Saviour,
Through Your death on Calvary,
We've been granted grace and favour,
Peace, new life and liberty.
Now we are Your chosen people,
Freed from darkness, sin and strife.
Help us to proclaim Your mercy,
Holding out the Word of Life
3. Holy Spirit, Light-Revealer,
Keep us faithful to our Lord.
Faith-Creator, Guide and Healer,
Help us to proclaim His Word.
Cleansed from sin by Word and water,
Our salvation has been won.
Through the brilliance of Your presence,
Help us to reflect the Son.
4. Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Ever-blessed Trinity!
May our hearts rejoice and praise You
Now and through eternity!
Like the brightness of the heavens,
Through Your pow'r cause us to shine,
So that we and countless others
Will receive your grace divine.

4. Shine Like the Stars in the Heavens of Creation!

Text by Joyce E. Doskotch

Tune LSB #400

From LWML-Canada Hymns and Songs 2009

1. Shine like the stars in the heavens of creation,
Shine with the light of God's life-giving Word.
Shine in the grace of His gifts of salvation,
Glorify Jesus, Redeemer and Lord.
2. Into the darkness of death's desolation,
Into the darkness of guilt and every strife;
Into the darkness of sins' alienation,
Shine God's forgiveness, the saving Word of life.
3. As we serve others we glorify the Father,
Sharing the gospel, the Spirit leads the way.
With Christ our light and His righteousness our cover,
Shine with His light as the brightness of the day.
4. Blessed are we, who are called to serve the Master,
Guiding the lost to take refuge in His care,
Living with hope in the life forever after,
Shining for Jesus, His perfect love to share.
5. Shine like the stars in the heavens of creation,
Shine with the light of God's life-giving Word.
Shine in the grace of His gift of salvation,
Glorify Jesus, Redeemer and Lord

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5. Lord Jesus, You Have Called Us

Text: Joann R. Willie;

Tune: Aurelia by Samuel Wesley

From LWML–Canada Hymns and Songs 2009

1. Lord Jesus, You have called us
to be Your servants true:
Empow’r us by Your Spirit
to serve in all we do.
Grant us Your grace and mercy,
Your wisdom from above;
That we may heed Your calling
to serve in truth and love.
2. Lord Jesus, as You humbled
Yourself and bore the cross,
Move us to serve Your people
through suff’ring, pain and loss:
And when, through sin, we wander
or fail Your law to keep,
Eternal, tender Shepherd,
recall Your ransomed sheep.
3. Dear Father, may we fear You and walk in all Your ways,
Empow’r us, Holy spirit, to use Your gifts in praise.
Move us, dear King and Savior; to serve with heart and soul,
Grant steadfastness and call us to reach our heav’nly goal.
4. Grant us Your Holy Spirit;
renew us with Your Word;
Move us to spread Your Gospel
to those who have not heard.
Now clothed in servants’ garments,
robed in your righteousness
May we through loving service
Your holy name confess.
5. Dear Father, may we fear You and walk in all Your ways,
Empow’r us, Holy spirit, to use Your gifts in praise.
Move us, dear King and Savior; to serve with heart and soul,
Grant steadfastness and call us to reach our heav’nly goal.

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6. Called to Serve

Words and melody by Mark Salach

From LWML–Canada Hymns and Songs 2009

1. Sounding forth from heaven’s throne;
God calls out unto His own,
“Make disciples as you go,
That the world My love may know.”
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 2. To this world in darkest night,
God has brought His Gospel light,
Calling us whom He has won;
To proclaim what He has done
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 2. Faithful to the Father’s will,
Jesus died on Calv’ry’s hill
Rose again that we might live,
Gave us pow’r that we might give.
REFRAIN
 4. Gathered in the Saviour’s name
Lutheran Women share this aim:
Gladly serve the Christ, our Lord;
Him we praise with one accord.
REFRAIN
- REFRAIN: Called to serve the Lord we love, Gifted by His hand above.
Called to serve, Lord, may we be, Faithful servants all for Thee.

7. God's Love Is a Tapestry

*Text and Tune: James Fritsche
From LWML–Canada Hymns and Songs 2009*

1. Life is a gift, sent from above. Blessings abound, signs of God's love.
Silently growing, the future unseen; Life is God's treasure, it's colour is green.
2. Life torn apart, rent at the seam. Shattered and scarred, life's fondest dreams.
Fabric is broken, but Christ for us bled. His cross the token, redemption is red.
3. Drawn from afar, joined now as one, Each thread gives strength, new work begun.
Till in God's heaven, of wonders untold, New eyes behold that the colour is gold.
4. People of God, strong and alive, Woven in Christ, never to die.
Free and forgiven we know we belong. God's love's a tapestry: full, rich and strong.

8. For It's By Grace - Ephesians 2:8-10

*Text and Tune: Patricia Lach Kreuzwieser
From LWML–Canada Hymns and Songs 2009*

REFRAIN

For it's by grace I've been saved; I will serve Him. What a wonderful gift I have received
For it's by grace I've been saved; I will serve Him. Praise the Lord, Alleluia! I believe

1. Nothing I did, there's no need for bragging, Christ did it all when He died upon the tree.
Only God's kindness has granted me salvation, Therefore my song will always be.

REFRAIN

2. I'm made by God, I'm His true creation; He has equipped me to do good things.
Because the Spirit calls me I will help others, And this is why His praise I sing.

REFRAIN

3. Work as you might, only Christ gives salvation. He is the way to live eternally.
You're saved from sin by grace to do His service. Make this your song and sing with me. *REFRAIN*

9. Forgiven and Free

*Text: Myrtle Witke
Tune: Duke Street
From LWML–Canada Hymns and Songs 2009*

1. Forgiv'n and free let praises ring
To Jesus, Saviour, Lord and King.
Forgiv'n and free His grace receive.
Be not afraid, only believe.
2. Forgiv'n and free, words so old yet new,
Bring quiet sleep when day is through.
Forgiv'n and free, all cares aside,
Peacefully rest, in Him abide.
2. Forgiv'n and free brings hope for the day,
Comfort for trials along the way.
Forgiv'n and free 'til all have heard,
Serve Him with joy and spread His Word.
4. Forgiv'n and free, make this your aim
That nations all will hear His name.
Forgiv'n and free, your voices raise
In joyful songs and endless days.

10. Thousand, Thousand

*Text and Tune: Rev. Ron Mohr
A Hymn for a New Millenium of LWML Mission Work
From LWML–Canada Hymns and Songs 2009*

1. Thousand, thousand angels heard the call: “Who will go and set my people free?”
In the awesome silence One stood tall, “Here am I, Your Son; Send me! Send me!”
His, the blood-stained hands and feet, Offered at God’s mercy seat.
Ours, the blood-bought gift of grace, Ours the promised heav’nly place.
2. Thousand, thousand hear God’s call today; “Who will work the harvest fields for me?”
Thousand, thousand grateful voices say: “All we are and have we offer thee!”
Ours the hands that serve the Son, Ours the feet His errands run.
Ev’ry pow’r and all our will, God’s great wedding hall to fill.
3. Thousand, thousand multitudes are here, Gathered ‘round the sacred means of grace.
Thousand, thousand multitudes are there, Gather ‘round the throne, they see Christ’s face.
One, the grateful voice we raise; One, our song of love and praise;
One, the blest communion of the saints For the heavenly reunion waits.

11. I Have Been “Called to Serve”

*Text: Elaine Wolters
Tune: Diademata*

From LWML–Canada Hymns and Songs 2009

1. I have been “Called to Serve”
By Christ the great I Am,
Who has created works for me
Before my life began.
‘Tis He supplies my need
And fills my mouth with words,
To share His love with many souls,
Who of Him have not heard.
2. I have been “Called to Serve”
My life’s a tapestry.
The Holy Spirit weaves the thread
Between my God and me.
I shall not be afraid
To use the tools He gave
To spread His Word to all the world
With those He came to save.
3. I have been “Called to Serve”
The Master weaver guides.
“Tis He who weaves life’s tapestry;
The canvas He supplies.
With skillful hands He weaves
Some golden threads, some dark;
And when life’s done He covers me
With woven robes of white.

12. Forgiven and Free

*Text: Irene Pakrul
Tune: Walther*

From LWML–Canada Hymns and Songs 2009

1. Praise God I’m forgiven, forgiven and free, The love of the Father is lavished on me.
Before He created the earth, land and sea, In love He did choose me, Forgiven and free.
2. He sent His own Son to the earth here below, To suffer and die, and in grace to bestow.
Perfection; that I in His kingdom could be, For now I’m forgiven, Forgiven and free.
3. Praise God that His Spirit still calls me and keeps My life, soul and body, I’m one of His sheep;
I’ll witness His love so that others may see Because of His grace, I’m forgiven and free.

13. Jesus Is

*Text and Tune: Judy Grande
From LWML–Canada Hymns and Songs 2009*

1. Jesus is my Lord and Master; Jesus is the One I love.
He's my Priest and King forever; He's the Son of God above.
And my Jesus, He's my Shepherd; He's the keeper of my soul.
When in sorrow I am broken, He will make me whole.
2. Jesus is my sure defender; In the dark He is my light.
He's my guide; He shows the way, and He protects me through the night.
He's my bread when I am hungry; When I thirst He quenches me.
He is Alpha and Omega, First and last to be.
3. Jesus is my one foundation; He's the rock on which I build.
When the storms of life assail me, He is peace and all is still.
He's my rest when I am weary, He's my comfort in distress.
And when I am sad and lonely, He's my happiness.
4. Jesus is my only Saviour; He's the one that I adore.
He's creator and preserver; He's my hope forevermore.
Jesus is my true Redeemer; He's the one who set me free.
Jesus is my Resurrection; He is life to me.

14. Come and Praise the Lord, Our King

*Text and Tune: Deborah Pakrul
(For Founding Convention of LWML–Canada – 1993)
From LWML–Canada Hymns and Songs 2009*

REFRAIN

Come and praise the Lord, our King, Come and magnify His name
Let us praise and adore Him Bow down before Him
Loudly Him proclaim! Come and praise the Lord, our King,
Yesterday, today, the same One in spirit and purpose,
Called into Service, Gathered in His name.

1. For the blessings of the past
We know have come from You
Opportunities to grow,
To share Your love anew.
Lord, you gave such vision
To the ones who came before
Guide us by Your Word
Forevermore. *REFRAIN*
2. As we come together, Lord
Here in this time and place
Give us courage as we boldly
Set forth by Your grace
To accomplish now the work
That You would have us do,
Planted in this country,
Serving You. *REFRAIN*
3. As the days roll into years And hopes and dreams unfurl,
Use us, Lord, to spread Your Word Throughout this needy world.
Planning for the future, Remembering the past,
Give all praise to God, The First and Last. *REFRAIN*

15. Encourage Each Other
Dedicated to Natalie Appelt

Text and Tune: Jane E. Appelt
Arrangement assisted by Dianne Humann
From LWML–Canada Hymns and Songs 2009

1. Encourage each other to serve the Lord gladly
And speak of His name to one and to all.
Encourage each other to spread the Lord's kingdom
Throughout all the world to the great and the small.
Our service we proffer and with our mites offer
Our praise to the Lord and with one accord,
We tell the great story of our God's great glory,
With joy and thanksgiving we answer His call.
2. We may not be called to take news of the Saviour
To people in places far cross the sea.
We may not be able to speak to the masses
How Christ died to save us on Calvary's tree.
But we can encourage the ones with those callings
To work in the fields and gather the yields.
Supporting their work with our pray'rs and our off'rings
So many will know of our God and be free.
3. Encourage each other and also take courage
To speak His truth now where ever the place;
To model the love that our Father has giv'n us;
To share the good tidings of God's love and grace.
Make use of the talents the Father has given,
And with heart and hand obey His command
To love one another and let His love shine all
Around through our actions and worship and praise.
4. So sing alleluias to God our great Father,
Sing alleluias to Jesus His Son,
And sing alleluias to His Holy Spirit,
Three equal, three holy, three persons in One.
Praise Him all you creatures on earth and in heaven.
Shout Alleluia! Loud alleluia!
We join with the saints and the angels and prophets
To praise the great Trinity ever. Amen!

16. Benediction

Text and Tune: Patricia Lach Kreuzwieser
From LWML–Canada Hymns and Songs 2009

May the God of Hope fill you with His Joy
May the God of Hope fill you with His Peace.
My prayer for you, my friend in Christ,
Is that your life may be filled with pow'r
Given to you by the Holy Spirit. Amen.

17. Thousand, Thousand Thanks Shall Be

*Text and Tune: Judy Grande
Arr. by Karen MacCallum
From LWML–Canada Hymns and Songs 2009*

REFRAIN

Thousand, thousand thanks shall be! You have given life to me.
Now my heart breaks forth to sing; Thousand thanks to Christ my King.
I will thank You all my days, Worship You with honour, pow'r and praise!

1. You give to me my daily bread
And with Your Word my soul is fed.
You walk beside me ev'ry day,
You lead and guide me on my way.
You offer me protection,
You are my one salvation
And all my days in ev'ry way
You bless me with Your Love. *REF*
2. You wipe away my tears and pain
You make me whole, renewed again.
You give me hope in my despair
Restore my joy, I'm in Your care.
I know I am forgiven
I have a home in Heaven
Yes, all my days in ev'ry way
You bless me with Your Love. *REF*
3. You give ten thousand gifts to me. Your own dear child I'll always be.
A thousand thousand thanks are due My own dear Jesus unto You.
You gave Your life to save me I give my life to praise Thee
For all my days in ev'ry way You bless me with Your Love. *REF*

18. Loved by Our Maker

*Text: Joyce Doskotch
Tune: Public Domain
From LWML–Canada Hymns and Songs 2009*

1. Loved by our Maker, Creator, God, Mounted on wings of hope in His Word,
Many His promise assured from above, Wait in the Father, Soar in His love. *REFRAIN*

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Soar o'er life's mountains, As eagles in flight,
Soar through life's valleys, In the strength of His might.
Through storms, through sunshine, Blest from above,
Proclaim the Saviour, Soar in His Love.

2. Freedom through Jesus, His life laid down, Redeemed, forgiven In righteousness gowned
Trust in His mercy, grace from above, Wait on the Saviour, Soar in His love. *REFRAIN*
3. Filled with the Spirit, Given new life; Helper and guide through life's stress and strife
Revealing power, Truth from above, Wait on the Spirit, Soar in His love. *REFRAIN*
4. Walking, not wearied; Running, not faint. Lift up your brother, Bear his complaint.
Show him the Saviour who freed us from sin. Wait at the Cross, Be strengthened within.
REFRAIN

19. SAVED...from SIN...by GRACE...for Service

*Text: Irene Pakrul; Tune: Regent Square
From LWML–Canada Hymns and Songs 2009*

1. Saved from sin by Christ our Saviour
Not by law, but purely grace.
By His life and crucifixion
He was offered in our place.
He is Saviour, He is reigning,
Life eternal is our gain.
2. His abundant grace surrounds us,
Not deserved but freely giv'n
So that we may stand before Him,
His redeemed and bound for heav'n
He is Saviour, He is reigning,
Life eternal is our gain.
3. In thanksgiving now we serve Him,
With our voice and hearts and hands,
Telling others of His goodness,
Spreading love across our land.
He is Saviour, He is reigning,
Life eternal is our gain.
4. Lord, we dedicate to Thee
Mites and gifts we freely gave.
Praying, praising, serving, living,
So that others might be saved.
He is Saviour, He is reigning,
Life eternal is our gain.
5. SAVED from SIN by GRACE for Service, Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
Guide us daily as we labour, With our sisters coast to coast,
He is Saviour, He is reigning, Life eternal is our gain.

20. Shine Like Stars

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1. Jesus is the Lord of all. Alleluia!
Jesus is the morning star. Alleluia!
By His death in life we are. Alleluia!
Jesus is the reason we sing!
Jesus is our Saviour and King. REFRAIN

REFRAIN

And ev'ry knee will bow down And ev'ry tongue will confess
That Jesus Christ is the Lord And in His name we are blessed.
And as we hold out His word To all the world near and far.
We will shine. We will shine. We all will shine like stars.

2. Jesus died upon the cross. Alleluia!
From His grave our Lord arose. Alleluia!
In His love, He draws us close. Alleluia!
Jesus is the reason we sing!
Jesus is our Saviour and King. REFRAIN
3. All God's people celebrate! Alleluia!
Let His praise reverberate! Alleluia!
God is awesome! God is great! Alleluia!
Jesus is the reason we sing!
Jesus is our Saviour and King. REFRAIN
4. Through the water and the Word. Alleluia!
By God's mercy, now restored. Alleluia!
We are children of the Lord. Alleluia!
Jesus is the reason we sing!
Jesus is our Saviour and King. REFRAIN
5. Jesus makes us family. Alleluia!
He loves you and He loves me. Alleluia!
Let this be our litany. Alleluia!
Jesus is the reason we sing!
Jesus is our Saviour and King. REFRAIN
6. May God's Spirit fill our days. Alleluia!
Keep us in His righteous ways. Alleluia!
May our life be filled with praise. Alleluia!
Jesus is the reason we sing!
Jesus is our Saviour and King. REFRAIN