

League Tidings



Lutheran Women's Missionary League - Canada

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From the President's Pen

Dear Sisters in Christ,

A Blessed New Year to
Everyone!
Peace, Love and Joy in
2010.



Christmas is always an exciting celebration of Jesus' birth. This year, along with celebrations for our Savior, we were blessed to have both our children home with their families. It was quite a challenging time to keep the little ones' enthusiasm at a reasonable level with sessions of baking and icing cookies and decorating the tree with their own specially-designed handmade chains, sparkly pinecones, bells, hearts and stars. It was great excitement wrapping parcels with their own personal touches.

Coming from the UK, where tremendous snowstorms are scarce, the little ones had a white Christmas high on their list. They pleaded for soft fluffy snowflakes, specially fashioned for building snowmen, but unfortunately the snow arrived the day they left.

Of course it would not be Christmas without a trip to the busy mall to see the jolly fellow in red and white. Just the sight of Santa Claus made our two granddaughters back up in fear. I wonder what treasured memories they have?

It was entertaining to see their eyes wide in wonder at what mysterious gifts lay under the tree. Squeals of laughter reigned on Christmas morning. They could not believe what they saw! Such excitement as they enjoyed the stories about our Saviour's birth and the season. They attempted to sing the songs regardless of the correct words.

But all too soon the festive time comes and then slips away for another year. Tearful hugs and

good-byes were difficult because we know it will be several years before we will be all together again.

Sadly, the decorations are packed away and lights no longer twinkle from trees and rooftops. Everything seems to be different now that the Christmas celebrations have passed. But these special thoughts and memories need not stop. Our future and our plans are as bright as the promises of God. We join with those humble shepherds from the hills and share the good news of Christ.

Our thanks to God for the year that has passed, however bright or troublesome, and we ask Him to let us be His servants to accomplish His will in our troubled, suffering world in the year ahead. As Christians we have the brightest hope that our faith in Christ will keep us steady in stormy seas, enabling us to be bright, shining beacons for others. It is amazing that even in the bleakest times, Christians have the brightest hope.

A New Year means we need not remain chained to our old, sorrowful memories because we can move ahead focused on God. His eyes will be upon us. God's ever faithful care is a precious gift which extends to us every day. As spoken in Proverbs 16:9 *"In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps."*

In 2010 we will be eagerly making preparations for our special convention gathering in Sarnia from June 10-12.

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Let's make this event a celebration of our faith and fellowship for our Lord and his church. Let's look beyond our societies to all the ladies in our congregations and share our faith and excitement as we "Shine Like Stars."

It will be uplifting to participate in special worship services and Bible Studies. We'll be able to enjoy special guest speakers. No convention is complete without laughter and fellowship. Permit Christ to fill others with the same zest for His Word.

Encourage all of our ladies to join us for these memorable days, for however long they can stay. Even though we have been experiencing unpredictable economic times we do have reason to celebrate that our future is as bright as the promises of God: *"But I trust in you, O Lord; Say, "You are my God, My times are in your hands. Ps. 31: 41-15a*

What a great opportunity to: "Rejoice, give thanks and sing."

Our Ontario District LWMLC...

For 2010 let our focus be our heartfelt prayers for the LWMLC and its health. We have a huge challenge ahead of us. However, with the Lord's guidance and our prayers we can keep our LWMLC a strong and vibrant auxiliary of our Lutheran Church.

Keep in constant communication with members of our societies and individuals in our churches. Our kind influence on others will encourage them to grow in their faith. Winter months and dark bleak days indoors are depressing for many individuals. Your small light of hope and encouragement can dispel a great darkness and lift spirits. We glow more vividly when we serve God by serving others.

Thank you to each zone president who distributed the Christmas materials for each society. We appreciate your effort to assist societies to grow and sing praises. Furthermore, we thank Gloria Nuhn for her assistance to each zone with Christian Growth Materials. I am sure

you found them valuable.

Let the joy of the Lord be your strength as we continue to serve Him with gladness.

"Blessed New Year!"

Fran Van Vorst,
Ontario District President LWMLC



Pastoral Counselor's Message

And when they saw him they worshipped him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:17-22 – ESV)

Just after Christmas, I had a chance to look through the new Lutheran Study Bible put out by Concordia Publishing House. Two things struck me right off the bat. The large print version is so much easier on the eyes. (And the extra weight will help with muscle tone!) Second, it uses that wonderful abbreviation AD and even puts in the right spot, before the number!

There's a reason that second point popped into mind. It's a reminder that we no longer live in a society that even hints at Christian. In the last confirmation class before Christmas, one of my students (who goes to a Roman Catholic school) said that we're supposed to use CE not AD. My response was that as long as I draw breath as a Christian I will live by Anno Domini and not by Common Era.

Anno Domini is why I choose the above passage for this column. Anno Domini is why I can carry out my calling on a day to day as a husband, father, pastor and citizen of Canada. Anno Domini brings back to mind when I first read the Swiss Family Robinson at age 11 or 12 because there was a show on TV about it at that time. References were always made to "in the year of Lord" followed by the year. It struck me as I read the book and watched the show that being a

Christian is not about worshipping a long departed Saviour. My Lord is with me.

That is one of the reasons I can stuck on the point that this is AD 2010. AD is not just a random abbreviation. It has the meaning and promise that this is the year of our Lord 2010. Jesus is in control as His church makes disciples by baptising and teaching. Jesus is in control of His church despite the fact that we who worship Him also struggle at times with doubt. Yet Jesus is still with us because He keeps His promises as those same disciples worshipping Him knew.

They had doubted. They had abandoned Him. Some had watched Him die. But then they saw Him risen again. For forty days He was with them showing them that He was alive. But Matthew honestly reports that some of them still doubted. That is such a wonderful comfort for a poor, miserable sinner like me. I pray that each and every one of us and each of our societies are blessed by this promise and boldly go forward into the year of our Lord 2010.

Pastor Rick Juritsch



Reports from our Officers

Vice President Mission Inspiration and Education -Anna Gruber

This quarter has been rather quiet for Mission Inspiration and Mission Education committee. I am requesting for the final time Committee Chairs and Officers to review their guidelines. Please send me any additions or deletions to the Guidelines that you feel would help your successor with the transition of office. Please do this even if you are going to remain in your office for another term.

Please note the publication changes made to "Get Connected." Please get copies of this Leadership newsletter to your all your members especially those holding an office or chairing a committee. LWMLC is hoping that all women in Leadership rolls will read and use some of the information available in "Get Connected." It would be of interest to the women in you zone, society and congregation, the budding author

interested in writing for the various publications or perhaps being part of a committee which does work in an area of special interest to the individual.

Vice President for Mission Service and Mission Grants, Carolyn McLeod

I pray for health and happiness for us all. I am finding that our world is becoming more demanding, diseased and dispirited. Let us build each other up, always say good things, encourage each other like never before, as the Evil One is there, lurking about. This is no joke.

GOOD NEWS- Our Grants have all been paid, Praise the Lord and thank you all LWMLC'ers who have been so faithful putting your mites and pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, loonies, and toonies, etc. in that wonderful, God-inspired box. This is a miracle in itself, in that this has been able to accomplish so much for so long. We had our meeting to grade the on-going Mission Grants for the new triennium, and have had 12 Grants Requested for voting. The turnout for the decisions for the Grants (our Zone Mission Grant Chairmen) was disappointing, but we held them on a Tuesday and maybe that was not the best, but we did this, as when we held them on the weekend that was not that good either.

Mission Service will be reporting all good happenings also. We have not been sleeping. Our group in Oshawa, alone, have been quilting, knitting, and sewing. In reading the District News, so have all others. This is great. We do need extra dollars to help ship Medical missions though. Please keep this in mind whenever you have or are looking for a need to send some help, dollars too.

Thanks and May Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, be with us forever and ever,
Carolyn McLeod

Corresponding Secretary Diane Ebert:

There are 7 Zones, 68 Societies, 945 Members, and 7 Associate Members. Diane reported we have lost 100 members in 10 years.

Mission Service: Marie Tieman

Since accepting the position of Mission Service Chairman at the end of May there has been three letters sent out to the Zone Mission Service Chairmen. Replies have been received from 3 of



the zones. London Zone sent pictures to be used to enhance the Mission Service Display board. Their pictures were greatly appreciated. Mitchell and Hanover sent in a report of the Services that they had preformed up to the end of 2009.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

163 Quilts/Lap Robes
10 Sewing Kits
44 School Kits
195 Layettes
36 Hygiene Kits
22 Children's Kits
4 boxes of Soap
3 Men's Kits
23 Pneumonia Vests

OTHER AREAS OF SERVICE

1 society sent Aid to Seminary
2 societies sponsored a Seminary Student
Pastor

Lutherwood

100 quilts to Pregnancy Centre:
1 society sent -toques & mitts
400 pounds of clothing to LAMP
17 Sleeping Mats to Haiti Mission
3 societies sent clothes & supplies to Haiti Lutheran Mission
1 society donated to Grandmas to the Aid
3 societies made donation to Local Shelters
1 Bag of things for: By Kids for Kids

MEDICAL MISSIONS

3.5 bolts of Gauze squares
1 box of Pain Medication
172 rolled Bandages
Vitamins
48 Layettes
2 boxes of Soap
2 Blankets

\$100.00 + 1 other Financial Donations of Support

1 box of Anti-Biotic Cream

THINGS WE MAKE OR COLLECT

5 pounds of Stamps

13,900 Campbell Soup Labels + 3 other societies collected

Heinz Baby Labels

1 pound of Pop Tabs

2 pair of Eye Glasses

1 society collected Milk bags for Haiti Mats

These Statistics will be on the Ontario District Mission Service section of the LWMLC website. As other zones send in their reports the statistics will be updated. May I remind those sending in reports to try and give an amount of the specific items donated so that the report will be meaningful. It is amazing to see what we can do when we have the love of God in our hearts!



Yours in Christ, Marie Tieman
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Reports of Standing Committee

Medical Missions Chairman, Ardith Pollex

This past year 2009, the Depots at Kitchener sent 92 parcels and Clifford send 18 parcels to the missions abroad. We have 28 different mailing addresses. Two new recipients are the Lutheran missions in Sierra Leone, Africa and the Dominican Republic. We inadvertently sent 85 layettes to Haiti in the large container from St. Catharines. We know that they will be very useful there. We find that the layettes are in high

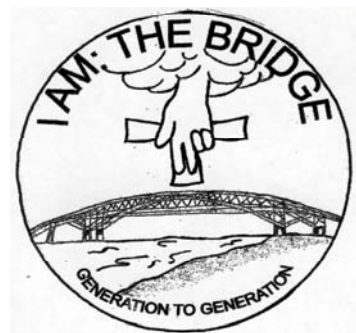
demand everywhere and much appreciated. Helga Rosekat said that they need layettes for this next shipment.

Here is a short excerpt from a retired Canadian nurse, from Lethbridge, AB who is volunteering in the Pacific Islands off the coast of Papua New Guinea. She wrote, "Thank you so much for the gauze squares. Because I have such a limited supply of them, I cut them into smaller squares so as to make it last as long as possible. I package the gauze for the teachers to take with them so they can clean and dress any wounds the students may have, especially in the villages where there is no first aid post. Thank you also for the rolled bandages which are used to hold the gauze in place, because tape does not stick well to skin in this hot humid area. Please express our thanks to those who took the time to cut and roll all the bandages."

Letters of appreciation will be given to the Zone Presidents at the January 23, 2010 meetings for your societies to read. Also check the LWMLC website www.Lutheranwomen.ca and look for the Ontario District link to read the recent thank you notes.

Report of Appointed Officer

Stamps- Marian Obeda: Since our September meeting I have taken stamps to the Canadian Bible Society twice, with the value of the stamps about \$280, and I still have stamps to trim! The focus this year has been to provide our men and women in the service of our country with Bibles. These men and women are serving mainly in Afghanistan. What comfort they find in studying God's Word. That is a comforting thought to us as we trim the stamps. Keep up the fine work – just remember to leave about 1/4" of paper around the Stamp.



"The Lord Your God Himself will cross over ahead of you."
Deuteronomy 31:3a

2010 Ontario District Convention

Theme: "I Am: The Bridge" Deut.31:3A

Place: Sarnia at the Holiday Inn

Mark your calendars. Date: June 11-12, 2010

www.holiday-inn.com/sarniaon.

I pray that all had a Blessed Christmas and that you are enjoying a Happy New Year. It doesn't seem possible that the Ontario District Convention is only a few months away; fewer than 6 months in fact. The registration packets will be distributed to all the Zone Presidents at the January 23, 2010 Ontario Board meeting in Kitchener. Make certain to mark the dates on your June Calendar. --- June 10th, 11th, and 12th.

We know that many of you will be going to Sarnia on Thursday night since the convention starts bright and early on Friday morning. We have not had communion at convention as a body of sisters in Christ for many years. With this in mind, the convention committee, along with the Ontario District Board, agreed that it was time to return to our former practice of partaking of communion at convention.

As a result, the Convention Committee is very excited to let you know that the convention will open Thursday night, June 10th, with a communion service. How truly wonderful this will be to be able to partake in communion with all of our Christian sisters and brothers in attendance.

We urge as many of you as possible to attend the convention. It is a wonderful time to make contact with friends you've made at other conventions and create new friendships, as well. The banquet will be wonderful, the entertainment promises to be excellent, and the Mission Walk will keep us all in shape. The meals will be tasty

and varied. The accommodations are fabulous and, well, you just have to be there to discover how blessed and happy you will feel that you attended the District Convention, **I am: The Bridge** "From Generation to Generation."

See you at convention in Sarnia June 10, 11, 12.

Yours in Christ, Carolyn Dietrich
Co-chair –Convention Committee

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Dinner for Vicars of St. Catherine's Seminary - Coordinator Anna Baughman

Date: March 26, 2010

Place: St. Johns Lutheran Church,
Stevensville for the Host Zone
Niagara with Mitchell Zone as the
Co-Host.

ZONE PRESIDENTS REPORTS

Hanover Zone - Leone Foerter:

Executive meeting held on Sept. 26th.
Medical Mission packing day was held in June at St. John's in Clifford. 18 Medical mission boxes and 25 CLWR boxes were packed and sent.
Fall Rally. Oct. 19th at St. Matthew's, Hanover.
Theme: "Shine Like Stars" Daniel 12:3.
Delegate Mavis Winch gives a report on the National Convention in Ottawa.
New Pastoral Councilor: Rev. Kurt Reinhardt

London Zone-Nancy Buis & Ardith Pollex:



Above are LWMLC members of Redeemer's St. Thomas Altar Guild. The white altar cloth was made by Kathy Weber, Anna Baughman, Carolyn Simon and the

appliqué was embroidered with red floss over a gold cord by Sheila Mizon.

Spring Rally: May 3, 2009 Grace, West Lorne.
Attendance: 32. Ingathering: \$173.80 for Deaconess' Work in Nicaragua.

Guest Speaker: Jean Wagner who spoke on Nicaragua (LWMLC Mission Team Member)
Election of Zone Board Officers: Presidents – Ardith Pollex and Nancy Buis; Vice President – Tracey Klages; Secretary – Anna Baughman; Treasurer – Carolyn Simon.

Fall Zone Rally: October 18 at Faith, London.
Theme: Inculturation of the Word, 1 Cor. 9:9-22
Speaker: Rev. David Maffett, director of LBTC and Ingathering for LBTC.

Convention Delegate Report by Trudy Lutz
LLL members are invited to join us for the guest speaker and pot-blessing dinner.

Zone Board Meeting: Feb. 6 or 13th 2010.

Mitchell Zone - Donna Miller:

Prayer Service: Redeemer, Monkton on May 25

Theme: "Just Pray"
Attendance: 33 Offering: \$175.00
Guest Speaker: Rev. Will Kramer

Entertainment: Monkton ladies with a funny skit.
Christian Growth Workshop at St. Matthews, Stratford on Sept 21st.

Theme: "Reflecting Christ's Love Through Mission Services". Attendance: 56 + 3 pastors
Offering: \$212.01. Wartburg society presented a skit written by Marjorie Brickman showing the history of their society from 1949 to present.
Mitchell Society, Ruth Ney showed the knitted pneumonia vests and toques which are sent to South American and Northern countries.
Dashwood society, Sheila Miller and Donna Miller demonstrated how they sew nightgowns for the layettes. Organizer Marie Tieman had a Mission Board display set up (as pictured above in her report) and she explained the goal of each project. Entertainment: singers "Angel's Gate."





Mitchell Zone Fall Rally skit before lunch was put on by Gloria Hutchison, Susan Murray, Mary Eickmeyer and Marlene Alles

Fall Rally: St Peter's Stratford, Oct. 19, 7:30 pm
Donna Miller's report on the LWMLC Convention
Spring Rally: April 19, 2010 7:30 pm at St. John's Seebach's Hill Theme: Healthy Bodies
Prayers Service: May 17, 2010 7:30 pm at St. Pauls, Tavistock Theme: Healthy Soul
Fall Rally: September 20, 2010 7:30 pm St. Johns, Wartburg Theme: Healthy Minds
Christian Growth Workshop: October 25, 2010 7:30 pm Zion, Dashwood

Niagara Zone - Lois Munz:

Spring Rally May 4, 2009 at Faith, Dunnville. Theme: "Nicaragua Night"
Attendance: 87 Offering: \$420.29 Ingathering: \$351.00
Anne Carson was the guest speaker who taught them LSB Hymn #808 in Spanish.
Anne Carson presented slides about her LWMLC team trip to Nicaragua.



They sang the new theme song "Shine Like Stars" which was led by Donna Hines.
Fran Van Vorst brought greetings. Linda Schappert gave her last President's Report.
Election: President – Lois Munz; Vice president – Ruth Coe; Secretary – Monica Burt; Treasurer – Sheila Schumacher; Christian Growth Chair – Donna Hines; Assistant Christian Growth – Ellen Boudreau; Mission Grants Chair – Isabelle Booker.

Zone Executive Board Meeting: June 20, 2009 at Redeemer, Hamilton.
Fall Rally: October 4, 2009 at Pilgrim, Hamilton Theme: "Shine Like Stars". Delegates reported on the National Convention in Ottawa.

Toronto Zone - Bev McKean:

Spring Workshop: St. Paul's, Cobourg on May 3. Theme: "The Family at Prayer." Guest Speaker: Rev. Min Kim. Offering: \$168.21 Zone. For GTA Mission: \$143.50. Attendance: 39 Ingathering: Beginnings Pregnancy Crisis Centre in Cobourg.
Zone board meeting: Our Saviour Lutheran Lodge, Thistletown on Sept. 12.
Fall Zone Rally: Grace, Oshawa on Oct. 4. Theme: "Shine Like Stars" Carolyn McLeod's report on the LWML-Canada convention. Anne Carson will talk on her mission/servant trip to Nicaragua.
Zone Board meeting: Jan. 9, 2010.
Prayer Service: Feb. 13, 2010, Trinity in Toronto.

Waterloo Zone - Barb Hallman (Secretary):

Zone Fall Rally: October 19, St. Paul's, Elmira. Theme: "We Always Thank God" 1 Thes.1:2
Guest Speaker: Carol Honsberger and her husband, Murray to talk on their involvement in Bible translation work in PNG. Adelma Mellecke will give a delegate report to the National Convention in Ottawa.
Rev. Kevin Walrath will be our Pastoral Advisor.
Winter Retreat: Jan. 15-16, 2010 at Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp and Retreat Centre. Cost \$38.00 (Fri. afternoon to Sat. afternoon)
Theme is "Shine Like Stars."
Astronomer, Brian Hollander will speak about stars on the Friday night.
Zone board meeting: March 22, 2010 at Messiah, in Waterloo.

Windsor Zone - Carolyn Dietrich:

Windsor Zone has been focusing on the District convention in June 2010. The Windsor Zone Board meeting on Oct. 17 in the morning to plan the Fall Rally. A convention meeting will follow in the afternoon.



All 14 Ontario District Mission Grants for 2007-2010 have been paid in full for a total of \$65,000.

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye Heavenly Host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*



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- Phyllis Wallace , Woman to Woman web site www.womantowomanradio.com
- **Get Connected** is available on our www.lutheranwomen.ca site. You have got to check out the *Special Edition* with the summary of the Catch the Vision Survey. This valuable information shows you what women want, and need for both members and non members.
- www.conlutherantheosem.webs.com **NEW!** Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary has set up this site so you can see what pantry and clothing needs their students have

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Ruth Coe donation by Myrna Smith



Note: Donations received over time have been collected and are awaiting good ideas to use them.

These requests to use the Memorial and Joy Donations funds may be submitted to the Ontario District Board for approval.



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