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program resource

Bits & Pieces

- the Program Resource Committee has received its 100th manuscript
- 19 manuscripts are currently being reviewed
- topics covered in these manuscripts include Lent, Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentine's Day, spiritual growth and service
- a word from you will encourage aspiring writers to submit a manuscript
- authors come from across Canada
- once a manuscript is ready for publication, it is advertised in *Tapestry*

Send your manuscript to the Program Resource chairman,

continued...

Every job made easier

Having just moved, after 15 years, from Regina, Sask. to Surrey, B.C. I can attest to how much smoother organization and preparation made the job. Labelling each box with both contents and room destination made it easier not only for the helpers moving cartons into the house, but also for us as we unpacked. Much time and frustration were saved and within a week all the unpacking was done. We were ready to start our new jobs.

Now you may be wondering what this has to do with bylaws. First of all, it enabled me to be set up so that I could write this article. Secondly, as I began thinking about it, I realized that this is really a picture of how our bylaws help us on every level of our league. The bylaws are like the labels on our boxes. Giving directions to each group of workers, and

adding organization and preparation for each task to be carried out. Now that you have your labels in order, you are better prepared to do the actual work of the league. If your "labels" are unclear your task becomes time consuming and frustrating.

A move is a great time to clean house, clear out what we don't need and keep what's still useful and meaningful. Again that's a picture of bylaws. We need to review them on a regular basis and clean out what we don't need, label what we do need in a clear, concise manner and then amend the bylaws so that our work is effective.

Our task of sharing God's redeeming love with the people around us is the most important work we have. Getting bylaws in good order simply helps us do this exciting, joyful work more effectively.

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EQUIPPING WOMEN
FOR MISSION AND SERVICE

INSIDE

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- Convention Corner

I like to think my life and my home have some sort of order and organization! Of course it is not always so, but hopefully, with some planning, a responsible balance encourages a lifestyle that works well for our family.

Yearly program planning can help produce a balance for the LWML society in the congregation. Each society is as different as the women in our faith community. Time, culture, interests and needs vary a

great deal from group to group, so it is impossible to say 'one size fits all.'

Key words to keep in mind when planning a balanced program are, in no special order —

- simple
- creative
- flexible
- small group
- intergenerational
- invite

When used with the words that follow, the opportunities for variety are endless.

- fellowship
- inspiration

- Bible study
- topic studies
- speakers

It is my hope and prayer that all members recognize the great and wonderful diversity of the women of Lutheran Church–Canada and make every effort to create a hospitable and caring environment in our societies through a balanced program plan that will encourage other women in their walk with Jesus.

Peace and joy in Jesus
Marilyn

“So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.” Colossians 2:6-7 NIV

editorial notes

Renate Bishopp, editor

“We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If it is servingserve, if it is teaching ...teach, if it is encouragingencourage [Rom 12: 6ff, NIV excerpts].

Your LWML–Canada leaders are doing all three with their various gifts. **Christian Growth** teaches of the importance of devotions and how to include them in your planning. **Mission Education** suggests how to get out of a “rut” to organize and operate a more flexible society. **Mission Projects** looks at *Mite* giving and projects: how to be more effective in both. **Mission Service** announces the Ingathering items for the LWML–Canada convention in 2003. **Public Relations** tell us how to be more visible in our congregations. They are also advertising a new “tool” for you! **Program Resource** advises us on what we ought to know. **President Marilyn** muses.

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Announcements

Two new societies were received into the Ontario District of LWML–Canada:

- Korean LWML, Toronto
- Risen Christ Ladies Group, Mississauga.

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Life is good – use your time wisely and our God will bless you richly.

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word. 2 Thess. 2:16-17

Judy Grande,
Bylaws Chairman

Notice

New Guidelines for Submitting Overtures to Lutheran Women's Missionary League–Canada Conventions will be in the hands of the LWML–Canada District Presidents by September 1, 2002. The Resolutions Committee Chairman is Ontario Sunset District President, Heather Chony. All overtures must be postmarked no later than January 31, 2003.

Handbooks

New content pages and complete Handbooks have been made available via the zones.

If you ordered new pages only you will need to use the dividers you have. Please note that there are no new pages for the Resources tab. The items from that section which were kept will be found in new places in the Handbook.

N.B. When you insert the new pages please destroy the old ones. In the past some of us have left in the old pages and simply added the new ones. In a few years it becomes very confusing as to just which ones are correct. P.S. If you missed the order, let us know and we'll do a second printing in October.

Mite giving

“The *Mites* are coming in slowly.” How often have we heard this statement from our LWML–Canada Executive? If we take ownership for our mission projects, this *Mite* giving refrain could change. To take ownership, we must involve ourselves in the total process.

Raise awareness in your society and zone by encouraging all members to be alert to mission needs in your home area as well as abroad. At times an article in a local or Lutheran Church–Canada publication will indicate a need. We must ensure that in whatever prospective project we choose there is a means to share the Word. Once the need is determined, take time to research the background information and submit a project proposal. It really isn’t an onerous task. Look at the wording of previous submissions for ideas on writing your proposal. Society presidents should have received a copy of the newly revised guidelines that will assist you in submitting project proposals. Your counselor may also be willing to help with wording. Be sure your proposal is “mission minded”: how will it help others to hear the good news of our Savior, Jesus Christ?

Having a proposal accepted for the convention ballot really encourages LWML members and fellow laypeople to pay more attention to the process. Having one’s project proposal chosen as one of the projects, seeing it in print on a poster and waiting to colour in the area that says it is paid is even better. Let’s try to get involved in the total process and make our *Mite* giving more meaningful.

In addition to being more involved in the process we may also be able to receive tax credit for our *Mites* through our church offerings. In the Okanagan Zone of British Columbia, five of our seven societies have arranged with their church treasurers to have their *Mite* contributions receipted as part of their mission offerings. This is also being done at Faith and St. Paul’s in Saskatoon. We would like to hear from other societies receiving tax credit for their *Mites* so we can further encourage others to do so. We are cautioned to be good stewards of our gifts from God and this is one way we can save some money, perhaps, for further *Mite* giving.

Why not try a *MITE SUNDAY* like Grace, Oshawa, where four times

a year the congregation is encouraged to take part in *Mite* giving? This type of participation, as well as articles about LWML Mission Projects in church newsletters may result in

more generous *Mite* giving.

It would be so wonderful to hear, “The *Mites* are coming in so quickly this year.” All glory goes to Him!

Shirley Meister

The group that prays together

Your small group can serve others by choosing a project to pray for together (see ideas below). Decide on your prayer focus and the length of time to cover a particular ministry. To get started, ask the leader of the ministry or organization, “Would you like special prayer?” Your offer will likely be welcomed. Ask for prayer requests so that you can focus on specific needs. Then, keep in touch with the ministry leader and provide feedback and updates to your group.

Add praying to your regular small-group meeting or set up times when many in the group can pray together. During a crisis you may want to provide continuous support as each person covers a selected block of time.

Consider having everyone write out a prayer to send to the leaders of a particular ministry. “I was amazed at how well your prayers matched what I was going through when you prayed for me,” someone wrote in response to a prayer I had sent.

When you begin to pray together, you will soon discover that the rewards are well worth the effort.

Finding a Project

- **Teachers and leaders.** Church leadership that affects many of your members may be a good focal point for group prayer. For instance, if you have many parents of teenagers, you might want to pray for the youth leader.

- **A struggling ministry.** Your offer of prayer support may provide a turning point and motivate the leader to keep going until problems have been resolved.

These are two of four suggestions by the author. For which groups in your congregation, your community or the Church might your group pray?

–from *Discipleship Journal*

Do you feel like you or your society are “in a rut”?

Many LWML members and societies feel *in a rut!* Ruts can be comfortable – you just follow the same old trail that has worn into the road. But, ruts can be boring too – nothing new or interesting is happening! Members and societies have asked for **new ideas – new ways of doing things.**

First let me emphasize that there is:

- ✚ NOT JUST ONE WAY to organize an LWML society.
- ✚ NOT JUST ONE WAY to operate an LWML society.
- ✚ NOT JUST ONE WAY to involve all women in the work of LWML.
- ✚ NOT JUST ONE WAY to serve in congregations and communities and the world.

There are NO rigid rules – be flexible – think creatively (outside the box).

Having said the above, there are, however, certain important elements to include in an LWML program in new and interesting ways.

- ✚ mite boxes
- ✚ mission project information
- ✚ Bible study opportunities
- ✚ devotional materials
- ✚ service projects in congregations and communities – local “mission” projects

- ✚ fellowship
- ✚ opportunities for women to reach their full potential for service in their congregation and community, using their God-given talents and gifts for the Lord’s work.

Why change how we do things?

Is there a good reason to get out of our “comfortable rut”? You, the members, have given us these reasons.

- ✚ to involve more women in Bible study, service and mission outreach
- ✚ to involve women of all ages
- ✚ to increase membership or participation
- ✚ to increase fellowship and caring relationships
- ✚ to involve new people in leadership

We don’t have to make drastic changes. Even one or two new ideas in a year can help. At Grace, Osoyoos, B.C., they have been using *Effective Society Planning* (an “International” LWML workshop from several years ago) to chose 3-5 new goals per year – intentional decision making – finding new ways to serve the Lord.

Try new meeting formats

- ✚ at Good Shepherd , Barrie, Ont., a group meets on Saturday

morning once a month with babysitting provided

- ✚ At St. Luke, Ottawa, Ont., and at Grace, Pembroke, Ont., there are variations of the Saturday Bible study: meetings with the whole family involved.

Try weekly Bible studies or quilting bees

- ✚ Hope Circle of St. Paul’s, Saskatoon, Sask., has weekly Bible studies led by members with one week per month designated as an LWML Circle meeting.
- ✚ At Peace Circle of Faith, Saskatoon, Sask., twice-a-month Bible studies are led by the pastor.
- ✚ Trinity, Duncan, B.C., calls their weekly Bible study meetings *Sistership Sessions*. Once or twice a month they work on quilts or banners or just go for a walk.
- ✚ At St. Paul’s, Nanaimo, BC, members have quilting sessions every two weeks.

Try different locations to include more women

Peace Circle of St. Paul’s, Saskatoon, Sask., meets monthly at the apartment of a senior who is in a wheelchair. Seniors

from her building join them while other seniors are picked up and taken to the circle meeting.

Try circles or satellite groups

Fifteen societies responded to the request for information on how your society operates. Many of these have tried circles or some variation.

What is a “CIRCLE PLAN”? *It is the formation of smaller groups within the congregation to meet the needs of the women and the congregation.* Circles could be based on:

1. Interest Groups

At Parksville, B.C., a Christian Moms’ group meets every week to watch videos from the ABC District Church office on Christian Parenting. They have discussions, singing, prayer time and fellowship and take part in other activities and service.

2. Age Groups

No specific examples are available.

3. Convenient Meeting Times

Faith and St. Paul’s, Saskatoon, and other groups, have evening circles for women employed outside the home and afternoon circles for women not working outside the home.

There is **not just one way** to organize a Circle Plan. There are no rigid rules; in fact flexibility is

the whole idea. What works for Grace, Osoyoos, B.C., may not work for Grace, Pembroke, Ont.

- ✚ Circles can be mixed ages and interests or similar ages and interests.
- ✚ Circles meet individually but several times a year meet with other circles or the core LWML.
- ✚ Circles can each have their own areas of service and mission outreach or be part of a bigger project by the whole LWML or congregation.
- ✚ Circles can plan and host specific events or activities for the whole group or for all women.

Two Circles at Good Shepherd, Barrie, Ont., and their executive committee share the tasks of planning service events, community mission projects, socials, retreats and guest speakers.

There is much information on forming Circles from societies who have done so and from LWML–Canada Member Development files.

There are also ideas from societies and the Member Development files for involving more women in your LWML work, involving new people and ideas in leadership or executive, ideas for service, personal and spiritual growth, fellowship, mission outreach in your community or the world, making money for society activities or service,

encouraging more people to be in the study of God’s Word.

Time and space do not allow me to share all these ideas with you in this issue of *Get Connected* but we will in future issues.

If your Society has ideas to share with others or if you want more information contact Helen Leonhardt Vice President for Mission Education Box 41, Drumheller, AB T0J 0Y0 Phone/fax 403 823-9823 heleon@telusplanet.net

PRAYER CARD INSTRUCTIONS

A Prayer Card (tent card) has been included in each copy of *Tapestry*. On it are two scripture passages and prayers. The Mission Projects Committee wants you to enjoy three more. Please make copies for those who receive *Tapestry* but not *Get Connected*.

To use, cut this page in half lengthwise, fold on the dotted lines and place over the tent card found in *Tapestry*.

A limited number of Prayer Cards will be available from the LWML–Canada Office for the cost of shipping and handling for those who do not subscribe to *Tapestry*.

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Amen.

Dear Heavenly Father,
In my action to support mission projects with these coins, let me always remember I am a part of your chosen people, holy and dearly loved.
In Jesus’ Name I pray.

Therefore as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace.
Colossians 3:12-15

My Prayer Card for Missions

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‘For my Father’s will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.’

John 6:40

Dear Heavenly Father,
May Your will be done in our daily lives and in the mission projects that these coins will support.
In Jesus’ Name I pray.

Amen.



Lutheran Women’s Missionary League–Canada

As summer turns to autumn, and we have celebrated God's love at our District conventions, our thoughts and plans turn to the LWML-Canada Convention in Toronto in July, 2003.

Mission Service, responsible for the convention ingathering, has chosen the **Philoxenia/Hospitality Ministry of Toronto** as the recipient of our gifts. The ministry is a "fellowship with new Canadians," a Listed Service Organization (LSO) with Lutheran Church-Canada.

Some of the needs are as follows:

- ✎ Christian books and videos, games or sports equipment for boys or girls, to be given as Christmas or birthday presents for ages from infancy to 15 years (no clothing, please).

- ✎ baptismal gifts, e.g. cross necklaces or a cross to hang on the wall; ages infant to adult.
- ✎ craft items to use in Sunday School or Vacation Bible School.
- ✎ Christian books or little Bible story books for their library.
- ✎ The ministry helps women in a crisis, pregnancy, and new mothers. They have requested items of baby clothing which they will give to the mothers and babies.

The women of LWML have always been very generous in the outpouring of their gifts of love. So, "let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds" (Hebrews 10:24), so we may encourage one another in Christ.

Check Winter edition of *Tapestry* for details.

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My Prayer Card for Missions

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And He has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us.

2 Corinthians 5:17-20a

Dear Heavenly Father,
Thank you for repairing my relationship with You through Your Son, Jesus. Help me always treasure this friendship and may my actions be the testimony of the love You first showed me. In Jesus' Name I pray.

Amen.



Lutheran Women's Missionary League-Canada

Updates by email

By the time you receive this we should have sent out at least one message via our new *List Serve* service.

Previously all the email addresses were stored on the Director of Communication's computer. Now they are stored on a server and you can subscribe or unsubscribe as you wish. The service also makes it easy for every member with email to receive LWML-Canada updates and news.

Though the information will also be shared in other ways, we encourage you to have at least one member or your church secretary receive updates.

Those not already on the list and who wish to subscribe may go to <http://mail.tdkcs.waterloo.on.ca/mail/info/lwml.canada>, click on the "subscribe" button, enter your email address and click on the "submit" button. Similarly, if you prefer not to receive LWML-Canada updates, you select the "unsubscribe" button.

PR tips for LWML Societies

PERSONALIZE

INVITATIONS to events and meetings. A blanket invitation in the bulletin can provide information, but don't stop there! Invite people by name with a phone call or a written note.

PERSONALIZE

REPORTS about your society that appear in your church newsletters, etc. Take pictures. Attaching names and faces to your activities will make your group a familiar place to be – even for newcomers!

BE VISIBLE! If your group is collecting items for service projects, make arrangements to “store” the items in a location that is visible to the congregation. A display of boxes in the narthex overflowing with food items, used clothing or afghans can be an invitation for members of the congregation to become excited about and involved in the mission of LWML. Make sure to attach a sign explaining what is going on!

SHARE THE EXCITEMENT! Assign a member of your group to make up a display and poster of pictures from conventions, rallies, etc. Let people see what all the excitement is about.

INVOLVE THE

CONGREGATION in the mission of LWML. Focus on one project, local, district or LWML–Canada, per month. Ask your pastor to include a prayer for this mission in your congregation's prayers. Give mite boxes to everyone in the congregation, and collect them once a month in Sunday service. Make sure

everyone stays informed about the mission projects so they continue to be enthusiastic.

TELL THE WORLD! Is your church located in an area where it is visible to non-Christians? Of course it is! Consider sponsoring a sign with a changeable message. Keep the messages changing regularly so that passersby

can get in the habit of looking to the church for its message of encouragement and hope. Want some ideas on church signs and messages? Go to www.oursaviours.org and follow the links through “Ministries” and then “Local Outreach.” At the bottom of the page is a link to their sign messages.

Tell two friends...

Do you remember the shampoo commercial that encouraged us to spread the word to our friends – ‘she’ll tell two friends and they’ll tell two friends and so on and so on and so on’?

Word of mouth advertising – that’s what I’m getting at. Our message as Christians, as well as LWML members, is so important. Our best way of reaching others is by *word of mouth advertising*. We all use our bulletins to advertise events and projects. We may even use colourful posters or displays. Your church may advertise on television or radio in your town. What works best though is *word of mouth advertising*. I’ve read articles about LWML events but if you tell me about it and I can see and feel the joy in your heart and the excitement in your

voice, then I will know that this is something you care about. We, the Public Relations Committee, are here to encourage you to spread the word, tell two friends and they’ll tell two friends and so on.

We’ve been working on some projects that can help you in sharing that message with your friends and church family. It is our job to come up with an inexpensive item that LWML societies can purchase as a “give-away” for LWML Sunday or other event. In terms of cost, it is hard to beat a bookmark. I think you will love the results. Our bookmark has an original verse written by one of our members. It also includes some useful LWML information on the back. It costs only 15 cents.

Susan King
Public Relations

WOMAN OF GOD

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Devotions — our greatest need

Our Lord said:
Worship Him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water (Rev. 14:9).

What better way to have fellowship with our sisters in Christ than in prayer and singing? When planning a meaningful beginning to either your monthly meetings or special occasions, consider one of the many devotions that have been written by our pastors and members. Devotions offer us time for worship, to thank our God for all the gifts He has given, especially the precious gift of His Son. It is a special time to be with our Lord. As expressed in Psalm 100:2, *“Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs.”*

It is with these special prayerful times in mind our committee decided to awaken all our societies to the excellent materials already available in Canada. First, we want our ladies to become aware of the **Society Program Planners** developed for previous bienniums. We plan to create an index of these devotions for members to refer to as they plan their devotions. In addition, we are working on a special Mother’s Day package that will be filled with devotions and skits about ‘Love’ or with the ‘Love of a Mother.’ As

sisters in Christ, we hope to *fuel friendships* with our new collection of devotions and prayers for our sisters to keep in the faith and in prayer.

A result from the Interdepartmental meeting last November was the desire to create a collection of devotions and skits in areas where we have the greatest needs.

Our committee was encouraged to take a look at previously-developed materials and to acquaint our societies with the excellent materials already available.

If you wish to be an author for our collections and have not been contacted, we invite you to phone or write to us. We appreciate any volunteers and their gifts to assist us in our work.

Stop!! When you are cleaning out your cupboards at the church or at home, please be careful not to throw out any of those old devotions or skits you discover (the older the better). Please contact senior members who once were active in your society to look in the corners of their homes. We are searching for these old materials so we can update them for use by our societies in the future. Why reinvent the wheel when there are excellent materials in boxes and

closets begging to be used again? Humorous skits are in great demand, especially those appropriate for mother/daughter gatherings, congregational dinners, and visits with the elderly in nursing or retirement homes. If you have already updated a devotion or skit, please send that along as

well. Please take time to look so our committee can prepare an interesting collection for the next convention.

Inspirational materials enhance your devotional time at meetings or special gatherings. Thank you for assisting us with the Lord’s work.



Quiz: Angels

True or False?

1. There are 3 types of angels named in the Bible.
2. Angels named in the Bible include Michael and George.
3. “Morning star” is another name for an angelic being.
4. There are only a few angels in heaven.
5. Muslims, Jews, Buddhists and Hindus believe in angels.
6. The Seraphim and Cherubim are angels with wings.
7. God created the angels.
8. Angels are referred to as “the host” and “God’s army.”

What do Angels do?

1. Ps. 34:7, Ps: 91: 9-12, 2 Kings 6:13-23, Ex. 23:20
2. Luke 1:26-38, Matt. 28:2-6, Rev. 5:9-12
3. Ps. 148: 2, Ps. 103: 20-21, Is. 6: 1-4
4. Heb. 1: 14, Rev. 22: 8-9, Luke 22: 42-44
5. Acts 7: 53, Gal. 3:19, Acts 12:23

For more info, see <http://applecity.com/Angels/>

–Quiz written by Cheryl Teeter,
for an LWML function

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This 5th biennial convention marks the 10th anniversary of LWML–Canada. A special anniversary party is being planned for Saturday evening.

Location

Holiday Inn Select–Toronto Airport is located just one km from Pearson International Airport at Hwy 427 and Dixon Road. Free shuttle service is available to and from the airport. Free parking is available for convention participants registered at the hotel. About a 25-minute drive from the CN Tower, Ontario Place, Skydome (home of the Toronto Blue Jays), Black Creek Pioneer Village and Canada’s Wonderland theme park.

Camping is available nearby.

Meals

Every effort is being made to keep meal costs reasonable. It is important that as many as possible “eat in” because this

affects whether or not we pay for our meeting rooms. Details will be available in future “Convention Corners.”

Special Convention Hotel Rate

Single/Double/Triple/Quad occupancy: \$104.95 plus tax.

Extended Stays:

Convention room rates are available three days prior and three days after the scheduled arrival/departure dates of July 3 - 6. Any arrivals or stayovers beyond this will be based on space availability and guests will not receive the convention rate.

Interactive Booths

Look for a change in how you connect with the various departments of LWML–Canada. Replacing the interest sessions will be interactive booths where you can see the latest materials, discover new ideas and talk with LWML–Canada personnel.

Convention Information

You will find details regarding the convention in a number of places.

There will continue to be a “Convention Corner” in *Tapestry* and *Get Connected* prior to the convention.

Updates will be provided via the email network.

Information will be posted on the web site as soon as it is launched. A registration form will be available to download as well as other helpful information.

Each society will receive two mailings from the convention committee. The first, mailed in late November, will include detailed costs, information on tours and other items which you will find helpful in your decision-making regarding the convention. The second mailing will be sent out some time in February. It will include the registration form and other information which won’t be ready for sending in November.

Much of this information has been shared in Tapestry. However, not all members receive the magazine so we ask you to be sure everyone in your society is aware of this information. Thank you for your help.

LWML songs & hymns

Did you receive a set of diskettes in the packet of new materials purchased at the convention in Calgary — or since the convention? Are you having difficulty figuring out how they work? Contact the Director of Communication, Marion Hollinger at lwml.canada@sk.sympatico.ca or 1-306-343-7396.

LWML Sunday Time is running out...

Order your LWML Sunday materials now to have them for use on October 6. Don’t forget the new bookmarks for women and temporary tattoos for children. Also, there are two *SPECIALS* for LWML Sunday orders.

LWML Sunday is a great opportunity to let your congregation know how LWML supports the mission of the church and of the congregation.

LWML–Canada Calendar

September 20-22, 2002

Ontario Sonnet LWML District Convention, Thunder Bay, Ont. Theme: “Living the Uncluttered Life”

October 6, 2002 — LWML Sunday

November 8-10, 2002

LWML–Canada General Council, Abbotsford, B.C.

November 29 - December 1, 2002

Lutheran Women’s Cooperating Committee, Winnipeg, Man.

April 2003

LWML–Canada Executive Committee, Toronto

July 3-6, 2003

LWML–Canada 5th Biennial Convention, Toronto
Theme: “Encourage One Another in Christ”