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LEADERSHIP LETTER

Fall 2003



## LWML—Canada Sunday

October 5, 2003

### “Encourage One Another in Christ”

The service and a sample sermon were written by Rev. G. A. Rentz, a retired pastor living in Westbank, B.C. The children's message was written by Barbara Haberstock.

A packet of information and order form was sent to each society at the end of May 2003.

#### PLAN NOW

to tell others about how they, too, can be part of LWML—Canada and its mission and service to others.

#### USE

the LWML—Canada Sunday materials either for a Sunday morning worship service or in other creative ways.

## CONVENTION INFO

### New officers Elected

President:

**Marilyn Schultz**

VP for Mission Education:

**Helen Leonhardt**

VP for Mission Inspiration:

**Judy Grande**

VP for Mission Service:

**Patricia Kronen**

VP for Mission Projects:

**Anna Carson**

Recording Secretary:

**Lorraine Cathro**

Financial Secretary:

**Doreen Wagner**

Treasurer:

**Patricia Carlson**



### The League goes “Triennial”

Voters at the 5<sup>th</sup> Biennial LWML—Canada convention in Toronto made the “leap” and voted for a triennium, putting our next convention in 2006.

For more detailed convention news refer to your fall issue of *Tapestry*

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President

### Marilyn's Musings

#### Meaning of "encourage one another in Christ"

Having just begun a triennium in which we will focus on encouraging one another, just what is encouragement *in Christ*? I found an answer to this question in a Bible study by Pastor Edmund Mielke at the Parkland Zone [Manitoba and Saskatchewan District] Spring Renewal. In the one-hour study we learned much about God's promise of encouragement and comfort for us as we deal with the heartaches of this world.

A portion of the study explored the true meaning and use of the word 'encourage', based on the Greek word for encourage—*prakseos*—which can be translated and used in four ways.

1. "to call," summoning help *with a sense of urgency*
2. "to beseech," with a sense of supplication *invoking divine help*
3. "to comfort," *to offer philosophical consolation rather than spiritual comfort*
4. "to exhort," *to admonish in good and bad.*

This last is in line with another Old Testament word *chazaq*, meaning to strengthen, to cure, to help, to repair, to fortify. When we *encourage one another in Christ* it is meant to be a strong medicine, to effect a cure and to fortify.

Study of God's Word must be the foundation of all LWML—Canada programming. Without His regular influence in our lives, our struggles as Christian women will be much the same as the struggles of the women of the secular world—overwhelming and without purpose. *Encouragement in Christ* becomes an

action we are able to perform when we submit to the authority of the Triune God; it's a natural response acknowledging the grace of God at work in our lives.

### **LWML–Canada's mandate to strengthen connection with District leadership**

Moving into a triennial cycle will bring challenges for every level of LWML–Canada. *Staying connected* with the Triune God and with each other will be of primary importance. LWML–Canada's mandate will be to improve and strengthen the connection with District leadership. They will, in turn, make every effort to maintain a *strong connection* with the societies in their districts. Societies and individual members also have a role in *staying connected*, both in their congregation and with leaders in their District and LWML–Canada.

### **Goal is to assist societies in supporting congregations**

I particularly ask that, as societies, you continue to support your congregations as they reach out into surrounding communities with the Gospel. I also ask that you, as individual Christian women, continue to support and encourage our sisters in Christ as life experiences, circumstances and the world continue to challenge our faith and commitment to the mission of the Church.

Be prepared to try something new to help you connect with the most vulnerable in our communities.

- How do you connect with the children who attend Sunday school? Can you share our mission grant information with them in an age-appropriate way?
- Do you have a connection with teens? Do you partner with them and pray for them as they grow in their faith? Do you help them connect with older members of the congregation? In particular, connect with those who are without family or who are shut in and unable to participate in our faith community activities.

It is good for us to remember that where those who are younger are, so at one time were we and where those who are older are, so shall we be someday, according to God's grace. First and foremost we, as an organization, must remember we are part of a greater body of believers and that a great part of our role is to continue *to be encouragers in Christ to everyone whose lives we touch!*

The challenges facing all Christian communities are great but we know we are not alone! Our Great God is with us! I will encourage all LWML–Canada departments to develop materials that support societies as they connect with people in their communities to *encourage them in Christ*. It is my hope and prayer that these new materials will enable us to:

- Encourage the regular study of God's Word.

- Encourage our members to speak boldly of the Lord's love for His people.
- Encourage youth and teens in mission and service.
- Encourage those who are 'shut-in' – both in institutions and at home.
- Encourage our pastors in their calling to be our shepherds.
- Encourage the development of Christian women's leadership skills.

Peace and Joy in Jesus, *Marilyn*

*"Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And 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."* Hebrews 10:23-25 NIV

## **CHRISTIAN GROWTH**

### **“Encouraging One Another in Christ!”**

Hebrews 10: 23-25

What a wonderful beginning to our summer! Our tenth anniversary of LWML–Canada was indeed a memorable event. We have come away from Toronto richly filled with the knowledge that our Lord and Saviour is truly an example of a friend. He encourages us to keep in the faith and walk in His ways, always willing to help others or offer a comforting word. Beneath supporting hands of friends, we feel God's strong grasp and we hold on, no longer alone. With the light of Christ we can be gentle healers of mind, body, and spirit, surely a gift from God. We renewed old friendships and developed new, shared news and kept our dear ones in our prayers.

We also saw and purchased new materials to help us carry on the ministry of caring in our own societies.

### **New materials from Christian Growth**

#### ***Fueling Friendships***

Are you looking for

- a short devotion to encourage a friend?
- a devotion to insert into a gift or a letter?
- devotions that strengthen friendships?
- something for your daily devotions?

***Fueling Friendships*** is a special collection of devotions designed to help us *Nurture Fellow Christians, Kindle a Spark for Young Christians, and Cultivate Rewarding Relationships*. Through the

loving care of friends and acquaintances we can *Share God's Word*, hence, *Foster Meaningful Relationships*, cultivating a *Caring Christian Personality*, *Compassionate Heart*, and a *Listening Heart*. We can become a *Spiritual Light* to life. It is our prayer that you will find the new devotions helpful and a guide to encouraging others.

Try this new resource...only \$5 for this great-looking packet of 20 devotions!

- Are you looking for a devotion or a skit/drama for a meeting or program?

The ***Society Program Energizer*** (Planner) has a new format and a new title. Many people were hesitant to purchase the previous Program Planners because they thought they were just some more ideas on how to run a society meeting. The word "energize" was chosen to help make your meetings or gatherings edifying and exciting. We hope the new format will make it easier for you to find devotions and skits to help "energize." Take time to read and study the programs and use them.

The ***Society Program Energizer*** contains all the new resources. They are all in a coil-bound booklet for easy copying. The contents, all listed in the new catalogue, may be ordered separately but at \$9 the Energizer is an \$8 saving over the cost of ordering all individually.

- We have a collection of ***mini-Bible studies*** in the process of being completed for use in your meetings or for individuals to take to the sick and shut-ins in your congregation. Watch for more information in the fall!

Order new materials from LWML—Canada Office [address page 7].

The Christian Growth Committee would like to give a hearty **thank you** to all the authors for our devotions. Without your work and efforts we could not produce these valuable materials for our societies in Canada. We hope you will continue to share your special gifts in the future.

*Treat your friends as you do your pictures, and place them in their best light.*

Parting thoughts...

A friend, by a phone call,

A word of praise,

A popping-in,

A chance meeting,

A small unexpected surprise,

Puts jam on the day's bread and butter.

*Fran Van Vorst*, Chairman, Christian Growth

## A Prayer

Dear Lord,

I thank You for this day. I thank You for my being able to see and to hear this morning. I'm blessed because You are a forgiving God and an understanding God. You have done so much for me and You keep on blessing me. Forgive me this day for everything I have done, said or thought that was not pleasing to You. I ask now for Your forgiveness.

Please keep me safe from all danger and harm. Help me to start this day with a new attitude and plenty of gratitude. Let me make the best of each and every day to clear my mind so that I can hear from You.

Please broaden my mind that I may understand all things. Let me not whine and whimper about things over which I have no control. Let me continue to see sin through Your eyes and acknowledge it as evil. When I sin, let me repent, confess with my mouth my wrongdoing, and receive the forgiveness of God.

When this world closes in on me, let me remember Jesus' example — to slip away and find a quiet place to pray. It's the best response when I'm pushed beyond my limits. I know that when I can't pray, You listen to my heart. Continue to use me to do Your will.

Continue to bless me that I may be a blessing to others. Keep me strong that I may help the weak. Keep me uplifted that I may have words of encouragement for others. I pray for those who are lost and can't find their way. I pray for those who are misjudged and misunderstood. I pray for those who don't know you intimately. I pray for those who will not share this prayer with others. I pray for those who don't believe. But I thank you that I believe.

I believe You change people and things. I pray for all my sisters and brothers, for each and every family member in their households. I pray for peace, love and joy in their homes that they are out of debt and all their needs are met.

I pray that every eye that reads this knows there is no problem, circumstance, or situation greater than You. Every battle is in Your hands for You to fight. I pray that these words be received into the hearts of every eye that sees them and every mouth that confesses them willingly.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.

*via Christ Church, Winnetka, Ill*



## MEMBER DEVELOPMENT

### *Encourage One Another Through Mentoring*

With the theme of the convention for the 10th anniversary of LWML–Canada in mind – "Encourage One Another in Christ" – the Member Development Committee has put together a kit on mentoring. It includes

- A workshop — "Woman to Woman — Mentoring" from the United States LWML Hope Committee;
- Three Bible studies on mentoring – "Can You Be a Barnabas?" by Rev. Wayne Jensen, "Gifted by God: To Be a Spiritual Mentor" by Anne Taylor and "Mentoring For Service" by Jean Wagner;
- the experiences of a young woman rep regarding a convention mentoring program in which she took part; and
- ideas for encouraging caring relationships and mobilizing programs for inter-generational mentoring, mentoring newcomers and mentoring for leadership and/or service training.

The materials may be photocopied and can be used whole or in part.

The mentoring kits were distributed at the convention to all zone delegates and LWML–Canada General Council members (this includes District Presidents). The kit is listed in the LWML–Canada catalogue near the front with new resources and sells for \$3. It can ordered from the LWML–Canada Office [address page 7].

Ask for the Mentoring Kit "*M and Ms: my mentor and me*" catalogue code: MD 2003-01

Helen Leonhardt  
Vice President for Mission Education

### **Encourage, Equip, Empower**



Most of us are familiar with Moses and Joshua, but not as many of us are aware of Caleb. He preached one of the earliest Rally Day sermons. As we prepare for the coming triennium, I think it is appropriate we recall

Caleb's message as we rally around our Lord and His church once again to renew our efforts, through LWML, to reach out to people with the Word of God.

Caleb quieted the people before Moses and said, "*We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it.*" Numbers 13:30

The first thing you notice in this passage is the challenge. Where the Israelites lost heart and clamoured to return to Egypt rather than perish in this unknown land to which they had been brought, Caleb **encouraged** them to go at once and occupy it; for they were well able to overcome it.

Our situation today is quite similar. God gave His own Son to die for us, to deliver us from the slavery of sin and death, and to bring us into the promised land of His Kingdom. The Holy Spirit has called us individually into the company of God's people so we can experience for ourselves the fruit of Christ's saving work. We are to share with all people the glorious Gospel of the eternal salvation gained for us by Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Our LWML exists to teach God's people in our midst what it means to be a Christian and to equip one another to live as God's representatives in the everyday world. Our LWML also seeks to reach out to all people in our community who do not know Christ as their Saviour and to share this Good News with them.

The second thing we notice in the passage is His promise. What made Caleb so confident? He knew it was the Lord who had brought the Israelites out of the slavery of Egypt. He had observed the Lord's miracles providing for the needs of His people.

We, too, should be confident as we work together with the Lord during the coming triennium. We have God's command "*Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.*" And we also have God's promise "*And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.*" Matt 28:19-20

As we in LWML, teach the Word of the Lord, we are never alone. Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to teach (**equip**) us in all things. The Holy Spirit is ever with us as we teach the Word of God, awakening and sustaining faith and **empowering** us to live as God would have us live. We, too, can be confident, not only because we have the Gospel of Jesus Christ through which the Holy Spirit works, but also because the Holy Spirit gives us talents sufficient for our task. We may not always realize this; sometimes we complain it is difficult to find people willing to serve. But we have been given these people nevertheless. We need to identify them and enlist them for the great work of teaching and serving. Those whom God has blessed with talents to teach and serve, have a place to do so in

LWML. We can face the future of our LWML with confidence. *"We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it."* Numbers 13:30

The third thing we notice in the passage is urgency. Caleb recognized that *"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven."* Eccl. 3:1

The Israelites rejected his plea and refused to enter Canaan. As a result, the ten false spies died from a plague from the Lord and all Israelites aged 20 years and over were condemned to wander 40 years in the wilderness. Realizing their wrong, they tried to go to the new land, but were defeated by Canaanites and Amalekites. God's opportunity for them had come and gone; it was too late. With the same sense of urgency Caleb would call us today to rally together and meet our opportunities "at once." Tomorrow, next year, may be too late.

Are all of us making use of today's opportunities to study the Word of God? Are we sharing our talents for teaching the Word? Are we reaching the unchurched people in our midst? Are we making every opportunity to grow in personal Christian faith and life to share with others the Gospel of the world's only Saviour?

Working together with Him then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For He says, *'In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you.'* I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation. 2 Cor 6:1-2

As we view our opportunities and review our trust in God's promise, *"We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it."* Numbers 13:3.

Arlene Kish  
Chairman, Member Development

## Discovering New Leaders

A small group is the ideal place to develop future leaders, not simply long-time followers. As the current leader, you're in a position to identify small-group members who are ripe to lead. Be deliberate about your group, watch for God to spotlight the special qualities He has placed in each person. And ask yourself some of the following questions:

- ❖ **Which** member of the group openly shares how she applies Scripture to her life?
- ❖ **Who** takes notes or asks for clarification?
- ❖ **Which** person would I feel comfortable calling on to present a short devotional talk next week?

- ❖ **Which** member consistently reaches out in love to others in the group?
- ❖ **Who** shares her creative abilities with the rest of the group?
- ❖ **Who** looks for ways to make the group successful?
- ❖ **Who** stands out in my mind as gladly sacrificing her time, talent, and treasure in serving the Lord?
- ❖ **Who** gives freely without requiring acknowledgement?
- ❖ **Who** is teachable, flexible, and eager to try new things?
- ❖ **When** presented with a new idea, who listens and discusses it instead of arguing for the way things have always been done?

**Finally**, is there someone God might be pointing out as a potential leader who seems an unlikely choice to me?

## Young Women attend LWML-Canada Convention in Toronto

### Young Women

#### ABC District:

Sarah Eifert - Peace River Zone

Leah Jenvey - Fraser Valley Zone **YW REP**

Amy Schretlen - Cariboo Zone **YW REP**

#### Manitoba and Saskatchewan

##### District:

Betty Hasselstrom - Assiniboine Zone

Michell Heidecker - Northland Zone

Pam Burns - Capital Zone

Theresa Lutz - Parkland Zone **YW REP**

#### Ontario District

Nicole Otterman - Niagara Zone

Tracy Doak - Windsor Zone

Rhiannon Tuttle - Toronto Zone **YW REP**

Kim Grootendorst - Toronto Zone

Sherrie Lang - London Zone

Linda Lantz - Hanover Zone **YW Rep**

Michelle Pakrul - Toronto Zone

Karyn Shantz - Mitchell Zone

Sharlene Procknow - Windsor Zone

#### Laurentian District

Rena Detlefsen - Capital Zone

## First Time Convention

**Participants: (All are Zone Delegates)**

### ABC District

Charlene Corbett - Okanagan Zone  
Charlene Smith - Concordia Zone  
Doris Bergbusch - Vancouver Island Zone  
Monica Robbins - Vancouver Zone  
Jacqueline Holm - Fraser Valley Zone

### Ontario Sonset District

Norma Kiiskila - Patricia Zone

### Manitoba and Saskatchewan District

Sheila Flahr - Parkland Zone

## Women's Walk of Faith (Mentors)

### ABC District

Shirley Meister - Okanagan Zone  
Karen Leonhardt - Concordia Zone  
Mary Vaage - Fraser Valley Zone  
Shirley Besler - Vancouver Island Zone  
Joan Strang - South Alberta Zone  
Judy Grande - Vancouver Zone  
Helen Leonhardt - Parkland Zone  
Phillis Kober - Parkland Zone

### Laurentian District

Eloise Schaan - Capital Zone  
Pat Geick - Valley Zone

### Manitoba and Saskatchewan District

Marion Hollinger - Nor'Western Zone  
Frances Freund - Winnitoba Zone  
Patricia Kreutzwieser - Southwest Zone  
Arlene Kish - Northland Zone

### Ontario District

Maureen Fraser - Toronto Zone  
Jean Wagner - Waterloo Zone  
Betty Beriet - Waterloo Zone  
Dorothea Korcok - Niagara Zone  
Anne Carson - Toronto Zone  
Doreen Wagner - Waterloo Zone  
Tingyu Nui Wilch - Toronto Zone  
Shelley Sikora - London Zone  
Anne Ashfield - London Zone

### Ontario Sonset District

Tarja Puumala



## BOOK REVIEWS

Looking for some help with leadership skills?  
Check out these books.

### **Servant Leadership: setting leaders free**

*Christian Leadership Series, Jane L. Fryar, Concordia Publishing House*

Each elected and appointed LWML–Canada servant will be receiving a copy of this book. It will form the basis of their leadership over the coming triennium. You are encouraged also to make use of this valuable resource on leadership.

Servant leadership is one model among several drawn from study of scripture. The essence of servant leadership springs, not from a leader's traits or behaviours, but from his or her core identity and core values which determine attitudes and actions.

Terms used to describe servant leaders, their values, attitudes, beliefs and approaches toward followers can be grouped around five values, each of which is dealt with in detail in the book.

- Servant leaders place a premium on service. Both the individual member and the organization benefit from the leader's service.
- Servant leaders want each follower to live a life of significance and purpose. They focus follower's efforts on worthwhile goals, and they affirm and encourage followers.
- Servant leaders value the freedom and dignity of the individual. They rely on the art of persuasion to create consensus and community, instead of forcing compliance.
- Servant leaders want followers fully to develop their gifts and abilities. They take risks empowering others because they know this ultimately strengthens organizations and brings fulfillment to the individual.
- Servant leaders value wholeness and growth for their followers and themselves. The power of forgiveness in Christ leads to healing and learning in their own lives so they engage their organization and followers in the healing quest as well.

### **Trust and Teams: putting servant leadership to work**

*Christian Leadership Series, Jane L. Fryar, Concordia Publishing House*

This book would also be a valuable addition to the library of any LWML–Canada leader.

This book serves as a follow-up to Fryar's book on Servant Leadership. Based on the values outlined in that review above, each chapter explores how these values intersect with issues of trust in Christian churches and organizations. Trust is an essential component of servant leadership and of teams or groups which are truly effective.

## PROGRAM RESOURCE

### Resources that encourage

The new *Program Resources Catalogue* contains a wealth of resources with the majority written by fellow LWML members. We thank and praise God for these talented women! The authors come from all across Canada, from different backgrounds and from different lifestyles. But one characteristic unites them all – the love they have for their Lord and Saviour.

This love shines through in the devotions, litanies, and Bible studies written every year. These resources were written to encourage each of us as we live and serve the Lord in our own communities. It is up to us to make sure resources are used to the fullest.

So don't let dust gather on your program resources! Check your society's resource file and find an old favourite that can be used again. Why not arrange a resource exchange with another society to get some new resources to rejuvenate your programs? And of course, look through the resource catalogue and order some new resources for your fall and winter programs.

### Resource Catalogue 2003-2006

Catalogues are available as paper copies or on a CD. Either is free except a charge for shipping and handling, as there is on all orders. The catalogue will be available to download from [www.lutheranwomen.ca](http://www.lutheranwomen.ca). The catalogue also contains an index of devotions from previous Society Program Planners. If you no longer have these planners in your file there are some copies available from the LWML-Canada Office. Resources no longer listed in the catalogue are still available. Order all resources from:

LWML-Canada Office  
3074 Portage Avenue  
Winnipeg, MB  
R3K 0Y2  
Telephone: 204-895-3433 Ext. 20  
Fax: 204-897-4319  
[helgalju@ilos.net](mailto:helgalju@ilos.net) OR  
email: [lwml.canada@sasktel.net](mailto:lwml.canada@sasktel.net)

Gail Mitchell, Program Resource Chairman

## Ideas That Work

### You might get hooked on this!

If you've ever been the presenter you will know how hard it is to affix posters, maps, etc. to walls. Some places do not allow any adhesive because it can damage walls; some surfaces are too hard for pins or tacks. Although there's some quality sticky tack out there, some inferior products do not work well and one may see, to one's horror, carefully positioned posters and maps "bow" off the wall before or during a presentation.

3M has come to the aid:

They now advertise *3M Mounting Products with Command Adhesive*. Hooks of varying sizes can be affixed to most smooth surfaces like painted wood, glass, ceramic tile or plasterboard [apparently it does not work on vinyl coated wallpaper] and later safely removed without damage to the surface. A strip is simply removed and loosens the "hook." Poster strips or spring clips can be used for photos, posters, lecture notes, Christmas cards, ornaments, etc. A hook or two in your vanity bag may provide the extra hook you'll need when several women share a hotel bathroom! Children's treasures can be displayed; items which habitually end up on the floor can now be hung up without excuse. Perhaps this year the Christmas stocking you've always envisioned hung up "by the fire with care" will actually still be there on Christmas morning.

Extreme heat or cold can be a problem. So, if you'd like to place a hook, do it before 'Jack Frost nips at your nose,' but don't bother in the desert. One more warning: If you are the presenter, set up about an hour before getting started. That's how long it will take for your clip to adhere safely. [I do not get a "cut" from 3M; visit their website.]

Renate Bishopp



### CLWR Fair Trade Project

Canadians now have the opportunity to buy beautiful handcrafts from the developing world at great prices. Receiving a fair market value for their handwork will help change the lives of people who have been disadvantaged.

MESH [Maximizing Employment to Serve the Handicapped] enables handicapped people in India to earn their own living and gain human dignity. MESH,

started by volunteers in 1964, focuses on hand loomed weaving and the raising of broiler chickens. It is now a permanent organization and acts as liaison between rehabilitated leprosy patients and the distribution market.

CLWR began supporting MESH in 1989 by providing working capital. MESH offers high quality hand-loomed items such as tablecloths, napkins, placemats, tea towels, table runners, cushion covers, scarves, wood carvings, Christmas decorations and other household articles.

CLWR is expanding its product line to include *mola* T-shirts from Panama and jewelry from Israel/Palestine, Ethiopia and Peru.

For more information on purchasing Fair Trade Crafts check their *online catalogue* at [www.clwr.org](http://www.clwr.org) or call 1-800-661-2597. [Email [clwr@clwr.mb.ca](mailto:clwr@clwr.mb.ca)]

Plan an **Early Christmas Bazaar** by arranging for a sales table at a shopping mall and channeling the proceeds to CLWR.

**Give**  
**“The gift that gives twice”**  
**Once to the recipient**  
**and once to the artisan .**

## Small Group Activities

### Icebreakers in a Jar



Many times, people have a hard time going beyond the superficial in a church or small-group setting. The following is an exercise that may help take things to a deeper level.

In 2 Cor. 4:5-12, the

Apostle Paul writes about Christ’s followers being like jars of clay. Read these verses together, and then ask group members to consider themselves as jars. What kind of jars are they? To prompt their thinking, bring several jars to have on display: new and shiny jars; empty jars with no lid; old and rusty jars with lids that look as if they haven’t been off in years; jars full of fruit, pickles, or sauerkraut. After giving the group members some time to think, ask them to share about their personal jars. What condition are they in?

Since most jars have coverings or lids, ask each woman to describe her lid. Is it on loosely, thus

opening very easily, or is it on tightly, rarely coming off?

Then have her describe the contents of her jar. What adjectives would she use: sweet, bitter, nutritious, bland, salty, empty? What about the “treasure” Paul describes in the passage? Is that kind of treasure apparent in her jar?

Finish by asking your members to describe what they would like their jars to become. Then pray together for those changes to occur.

## PUBLIC RELATIONS

*Keeping you*

*Keeping Me*

### IN THE KNOW

This new brochure will help leaders and societies keep in touch! Two copies will form a poster.

If you did not had a chance to pick up a copy at the convention here are some gleanings:

A **communication program** was developed to “share resources with all levels of our organization and to provide an avenue for feedback to those who are developing resources.”

### LWML-Canada

LWML–Canada develops resources on behalf of boards and committees under the guidance of the Vice-Presidents elected at conventions. The Communications Department promotes the use of resources in various ways on a national level. Conversely, the Communications Department gathers feedback at national conventions and from the districts to forward to the Vice-Presidents.

### DISTRICT

**Resource Representatives**, trained by their national counterparts, promote resources at district conventions via display boards, sample packets, etc. and channel feedback from district personnel and zone reps.

### ZONE

Representatives share information regarding resources at their level. A trained **Zone resource representative** provides material and sends feedback to her district counterpart.

### SOCIETIES

Receive resource information via their president, a Christian Growth person or **society resource representative**. Individual members can use the

*Encouragement Packet* in interaction with other members. Any feedback goes back to the Zone resource rep and so on.

## YOU

The member and backbone of the League, you can keep yourself “in the Know” with *Tapestry*, our award-winning national publication, *LWML–Canada Website* [www.lutheranwomen.ca](http://www.lutheranwomen.ca), *LWML–Canada Updates* via email and *Get Connected*, the leaders’ newsletter.

## NEW MATERIALS FROM PR

### Encouragement Packet

This handy folder has three components

- One side of the inserted pages helps explain LWML–Canada to someone who knows little or nothing about the League.
- The reverse side provides more detailed information for those who have been involved in local activities but really aren't sure how the organization works, overall.

These pages fit into the pocket on one side of the folder. The other pocket is for you to provide things like a copy of *Tapestry*, information about your local society, whatever you think would be useful.

Take the packet with you and pay a visit.

For only \$3 each you may purchase one copy to show and talk about or enough copies to give to those you visit.

### Anniversary Items



Don't forget **WIMSEE** the beanbag bear and the angel pewter ornament. A limited number was purchased so they will become collector's items in the future. They also make great gifts for others...a child, a grandchild, a teacher, a relative.

Each bear and ornament sold provides funds for our LWML–Canada 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Endowment Fund. Bears cost \$10 with \$2 going to the endowment and ornaments cost \$9 with \$1 going to the endowment.



**10th Anniversary  
Endowment  
Fund**

An endowment to ensure  
continued work for God's Kingdom.

*Gifts and memorials may be added to this endowment at any time.*

*Earnings from the endowment will be used to train and equip leaders, to provide programming and assist in carrying out the mission of LWML–Canada.*

*Make cheques payable to LWML–Canada and label them "Endowment Fund."*

## VOICE MAIL

Most of us have now learned to live with voice mail as a necessary part of our lives. Have you ever wondered what it would be like if God decided to install voice mail? Imagine praying and hearing the following:

### Thank you for calling heaven:

For English press 1

For French press 2

For all other languages, press 3

### Please select one of the following options:

Press 1 for request

Press 2 for thanksgiving

Press 3 for complaints

Press 4 for all others

### I am sorry, all our angels and saints are busy

talking with other sinners right now. However, your prayer is important to us and we will answer it in the order it was received.

**Please stay on the line.**

### If you would like to speak to

God, the Father, press 1

Jesus, the Son, press 2

The Holy Spirit, press 3

### To find a loved one

who has been assigned to heaven press 5,

then enter his social insurance number followed by the pound sign. (If you receive a negative response, please hang up and dial area code 666)

**For reservations to heaven**, please enter JOHN, followed by the numbers, 316.

**For answers to nagging questions** about dinosaurs, life and other planets, please wait until you arrive in heaven for the specifics.

**Our computers show that you have already been prayed for today!** Please hang up and call again tomorrow.

**The office is now closed** for the weekend to observe a religious holiday. If you are calling after hours and need emergency assistance, please contact your local pastor. Thank you and have a **heavenly day**.

## COMMUNICATION

In a triennial cycle it is imperative that we find ways to

### STAY CONNECTED!

Be creative in finding ways to share information and ideas provided to you in *Tapestry*, *Get Connected!* *LWML-Canada Update* and [www.lutheranwomen.ca](http://www.lutheranwomen.ca). Encourage members who do not subscribe to *Tapestry* to do so. If they cannot, be sure they know about the information about LWML-Canada activities shared through the magazine.

Every society receives one free copy of *Get Connected!* You may receive it by e-mail or snail mail or download it from the web site. Just let us know which you choose. The hard part is finding ways to share this publication's rich store of information and ideas.

- If making or ordering copies for everyone is too expensive or causes some to be concerned for trees, how else might you, who receive a copy for your society, share information?
- If there isn't time at a meeting to share everything, what can be done instead?

Might some of the following work?

- Encourage individuals who have access to the internet to download their own copy. They can print it off or just read it on the screen.

- Individuals with access to the internet may instead receive a copy by e-mail.
- Form a telephone tree to share the contents. It may make for lengthy phone calls but not everyone will want or need to hear everything and it only happens twice a year.
- Post a few copies on your LWML bulletin board and let everyone know that it is there. They can copy or write down portions they want to use.
- Make a few single-sided copies and split up the information for the appropriate officers. These may not be the same officers as on the district and national levels but, if it fits their responsibilities, it's for them.

See how creative you can be in finding ways to keep members connected to other societies, zones and districts across Canada. Now that we meet in convention once in three years it is more important than ever to

## STAY CONNECTED!

### What's on the web?

When was the last time you checked out the LWML-Canada web site?

Check out the convention newsletters, a new Bible study on encouraging one another in Christ, and download copies of this newsletter.

This is a site you will definitely want to bookmark. Take a few minutes and explore

<http://www.lutheranwomen.ca>.

### Consider...

Somebody figured out we have 35 million laws trying to enforce Ten Commandments.

Somebody said there are only two kinds of people in the world, those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord" and those who say, "Good Lord, it's morning!"

## A Christmas Wish

In the long twilight of the year, the faces of the children grow luminous. Rosy with cold, arabesqued with snowflakes, leaning into the wind, or drowsing before the fire, their eyes large, they look and listen, as if they glimpse the peripheries of miracles or hear a soundless music in the air. The faces of children at Christmas are lighted with the visions of things to come.

### What shall we give the children?

It seems certain that they will travel roads of which we never thought, navigate strange seas, and glimpse horizons beyond our power to visualize.

### What can we give them to take along?

- Attention
- A hope of the individual's inalienable place in the scheme of things.
- A sense of humor.
- The meaning of discipline.
- The will to work. Satisfying work is a lasting joy.
- The knowledge of being loved beyond demand or praise or blame, for those so loved are never lost.

### What will we give the children?

- The open sky, the brown earth, the blue water, the stars in their courses, and the awareness of these. Bird song, butterflies, clouds, and rainbows. Sunlight, moonlight, firelight.
- A large hand reaching down for a small hand, impromptu praise, an unexpected kiss, a straight answer.
- Enthusiasm and a sense of wonder.
- Long days to be merry and nights without fear.
- The memory of a good home.
- The Faith of the Church.

## A Little Boy's Christmas

In New York City, on a cold day in December, a little boy about 10 years old was standing before a shoe store on the roadway, barefooted, peering through the window, and shivering with cold. A lady approached the boy and said, "My little fellow, why are you looking so earnestly in that window?" "I was asking God to give me a pair of shoes," was the boy's reply.

The lady took him by the hand and went into the store and asked the clerk to get half a dozen pairs of socks for the boy. She then asked if he could give her a

basin of water and a towel. He quickly brought them to her. She took the little fellow to the back part of the store and, removing her gloves, knelt down, washed his little feet, and dried them with a towel. By this time the clerk had returned with the socks. Placing a pair upon the boy's feet, she purchased him a pair of shoes. She tied up the remaining pairs of socks and gave them to him. She patted him on the head and said, "No doubt, my little fellow, you feel more comfortable now?"

As she turned to go, the astonished lad caught her by the hand, and looking up in her face, with tears in his eyes, answered the question with these words: "Are you God's wife?"

## BYLAWS

When LWML–Canada meets in convention the delegates may vote on proposed Bylaw amendments. When bylaw changes are adopted on district and/or national levels it's beneficial for Zones and Societies to review their bylaws.

- Some things to consider – Zone and Society Bylaws should:
  - be consistent with and complement your District and LWML–Canada Bylaws
  - help not hinder you in accomplishing the purpose of the league
  - be amended to complement the size of your membership
    - allowing all offices and/or committees to be filled
    - combining offices may be helpful (i.e. Secretary/Treasurer)
  - be clear and concise
  - be sent to your District Bylaw Chairman for review and approval
- Should every rule be included in the bylaws?
  - **Bylaws** relate to the organization and prescribe how the group will function and cannot be changed without notice to the membership and a large majority vote
  - **Standing rules** are ongoing motions that relate to the administration of the group and may be changed as the need arises. They may be set aside or suspended for a single session or meeting by a majority vote
  - **Procedures** relate to more detailed duties of the league, it's officers and committees and

may be changed as the need arises to complement the bylaws

- **Policies** relate to rules with a detailed course of action on a specific item and may be adopted by the Executive
  - ★ i.e. convention expenses for delegates – what exactly is covered, when is it paid, are there limitations, etc.

➤ A good rule for all our life:

*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Never rely on what you think you know. Remember the Lord in everything you do, and he will show you the right way. Never let yourself think that you are wiser than you are; simply obey the Lord and refuse to do wrong. If you do, it will be like good medicine, healing your wounds and easing your pains.” Proverbs 3:5-8*

*Bylaw Committee  
Bonnie Kasper, Pat Rocheleau, Judy Grande  
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## ARCHIVIST

### HOW TO PRESERVE PHOTOGRAPHS

- Each photograph should be placed in a separate archival envelope. Photography shops now have polyester sleeves that hold about four 5 X 7 prints. These are acceptable.
- Label the envelope or slot holding the photograph with a description of the photograph.
- Do not write on the photograph itself except a number or some form of identification.
- Use only a soft lead pencil. There are archival pencils for writing on photographs.
- Handle photographs with cotton or latex gloves.
- If possible have negatives made of all your important photographs.

The information you may wish to document is as follows:

- Description of the photograph
- Photographer
- Date of photograph
- Occasion or event
- Names of individuals and titles, if any
- Name of place, location

Photographs to collect for Archival Purposes:

- Executive

- Committees
- Special occasions

Carol McKay, Archivist

## EDITOR'S NOTE

We are still looking for email addresses! If you know someone who would like to take on the service of receiving and printing a copy of *Get Connected!* twice a year, please forward the email address to Laura Kihn, [tapestry@ifnetwork.com](mailto:tapestry@ifnetwork.com). State the name and address of your society plus the name of the person who is receiving a mailing!

- **Tip:** When printing *Get Connected!* do so one page at a time, back to back. This way the wider margins are on the same side!

Reading *Get Connected!* and *Tapestry* may make you wonder about the term *Mission Grants*. LWML–Canada finally clarified, in terms, the difference between Mission Service projects and Mission Projects. Since we all use the word *project* interchangeably it was decided that *Mission Projects implemented by someone else receive a grant from LWML–Canada* to accomplish a goal in missions, at home or abroad. *Mission Service projects are what you and I do* when we help others directly in our communities.

Now, wasn't that easy?!

Let us use this avenue to thank all those who have worked on various committees for the past two years. Much was accomplished! There are so many resources to choose from, so many ideas to pursue, so much grace given by our God to those who have served. Thanks also to the “retiring officers.” Much responsibility was placed on their shoulders and they carried their load. Congratulations to those who are returning for a second, longer term and for those who are moving up to fill vacant positions. As they need and appreciate your prayers they may also need your help! Search your heart and God's will and say “yes” when they call to have you on a committee!

*“Cast all your anxieties on Him because He cares for you.” 2. Peter 5:7.*

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