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A NEWSLETTER FROM AND TO THE LEADERS OF LWML-CANADA

SPRING 2001 — INSIDE:  The uniqueness of the nominating committee
 Tips for delegates  Question & Answer time  Helping your neighbours
 District & national mission projects  And more ...

FROM THE EDITOR

This is the dawning of the year 2001, the first year of the new millennium! For *Get Connected*, all will be well this year! There was still confusion in 2000 but it will all be cleared up now! I am convinced!

There were inquiries as to the status of some societies as far as the ordering and payment of *Get Connected*! Laura Kihn, our circulation manager for *Get Connected* and *Tapestry* has this information! She can be reached at tapestry@ifnetwork.com or Laura Kihn, 1209 1st Avenue, Canmore, AB T1W 1M5, ph: 403-678-9344, fax: 403-678-6765. [I don't mind receiving inquiries but going to Laura directly may result in a speedier answer]

Laura tells me that some societies are still under the impression that December 31 of any year is the deadline for ordering *Tapestry*. Not so!

Both *Tapestry* and *Get Connected* deadlines are April 30. Laura spent precious summer hours tracking down societies who had trouble remembering or realizing APRIL 30 as the deadline. The best way to keep current is to place the orders for *Tapestry* and *Get Connected* as soon as the order form[s] arrive which is with this issue! That way it gets done by April 30 for sure!

It is permissible to send one cheque made out to **LWML-Canada**

for both orders. Please, do not make the cheque out to Laura personally. She has no authorization to cash it!

Laura has now revamped the order form[s] and made it real easy by allowing societies to order on one single form. **Please, use this form!**

Laura cannot guess what societies are ordering nor how many copies by a certain amount of money being sent! The number of copies for *Tapestry* is likely not the same as for *Get Connected*. These are truly separate publications even though societies may receive them at the same time, in the same mailing.

Also, remember that the first copy of *Get Connected* is **free** to each society. You only have to order and pay for any **extras** that you wish! Laura cannot return \$2 which are paid for the "free" copy nor should she be expected to apply it to your next order. It costs LWML-Canada postage to return money, is a lot of extra work (Laura, too, is a volunteer) and could add to your confusion as well as hers. This will now be regarded a donation to LWML-Canada. However, she will have to ask you for extra payments if your order exceeds the amount of money you have remitted. It all sounds very complex but it is really quite simple: \$2 per year for each copy ordered over and above your free copy! Example: Mail \$8 if you are wanting four extra copies! You will be re-

ceiving five copies of *Get Connected* twice a year!

• **It is IMPORTANT that all this information filters down to the next treasurer!** Society presidents, please make this your job! If necessary highlight this section and hand it to the person responsible for ordering!

Laura, we thank you for your superb job and your incredible patience!

One other question was directed to me: Why do we have yet another magazine? Answer: We do not have another magazine; we have a newsletter of educational nature! It replaces the individual departmental newsletters of yesteryear! *Get Connected* is a tool for societies to receive news, information and educational material *to be used by societies!* The beauty is the fact that it is all in one nice parcel!

Renate Bishopp
Editor



Calendar

April 20-22	Executive Committee, Calgary, AB
July 25	Executive Committee
July 26	General Council Calgary, AB
July 26-29	LWML-Canada Convention, Calgary, AB



get connected!

**EQUIPPING WOMEN FOR
MISSION AND SERVICE**

get connected! is published twice annually under the direction of the Executive Council of LWML–Canada.

get connected! is distributed in August and February. Deadline to order extra copies has been set at Apr. 30 to coincide with Tapestry orders. Send your order to Laura Kihn, 1209 1st Ave., Canmore, AB T1W 1M5

get connected! will provide information, resources and ideas to use in putting faith into action.

get connected! is meant to be shared. Include its information in

- your congregation's newsletter and bulletins;
 - a society newsletter;
 - your district newsletter.
- Keep people informed.

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ARCHIVIST/HISTORIAN

Help! How much of this paper should we keep!

The retention/destruction process for Archivist/Historian is called "appraisal." A cardinal rule is "when in doubt save." You can always destroy something but cannot recall it. The practical destruction of archival materials saves space and filing equipment costs and reduces search time.

Retain Permanently

- ★ Constitutions, bylaws, operationals and documents pertaining to them.
- ★ Lists of officers, members of committees, boards, charter members and address lists.
- ★ Financial records, ledgers, journals, cash books, trial balances, audit reports and insurance records.
- ★ Certificate of Incorporation and any contracts.
- ★ Minutes and records of meetings, rallies, etc.
- ★ Special types of correspondence [related to policy, changes etc.].
- ★ Reports of all types.
- ★ Copies of all printed materials issued by committees such as *Get Connected*, Prayer Services, LWML Sunday Services, etc.
- ★ Photographs identified by name, occasion, date and place,
- ★ Convention manuals and minutes.
- ★ Copies of *Tapestry* and your District publication.
- ★ All materials possible on the LWML–Canada conventions.
- ★ Materials from workshops and seminars.
- ★ Programs of banquets and worship services.
- ★ Previous histories where they exist and biennial histories of district, zone or society.

- ★ Special honours given to many members of your district, zone of society by the church or any civic group.

Retain for Seven Years

- ★ Remittance envelopes, deposit slips, deposit books, cancelled cheques and stubs, paid bills, bank statements, expense records and other receipt forms.
- ★ Mailing lists and personnel records if any.

Retain for Three Years

- ★ Routine and financial correspondence except that which has any legal or pending implications, such as petty cash slips and the like.
- ★ Sales and other correspondence, purchase orders and requisitions, if the transaction conducted has been completed.

Preserve for Two Years

- ★ Summary reports, membership lists and type of information which is recorded elsewhere.
- ★ Photocopied materials whose information is recorded permanently elsewhere.

Destroy after One Year

- ★ Travel arrangements.
- ★ Routine acknowledgements and form letters — save a sample copy.
- ★ Appointment books.
- ★ Routine business correspondence.

LWML–Canada Archival materials are being stored at the Lutheran Historical Institute in Edmonton, Alta. where ideal preservation conditions are maintained. If anyone has questions or would like more information, please contact me.

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MISSION INSPIRATION

CHRISTIAN GROWTH

Motivation — have you or your society lost the spark?

Do you ever look around and say, “We could sure use a shot in the arm.”? Sure, we all do. Where does that spark to keep going, to not weary in well-doing come from? Does it come from a good shot of caffeine? From the endomorphines produced by a good run? From a good laugh? (Laughter is the best medicine). All are too temporary.

The spark comes from rehearsing the promises of God.

Rehearse means

- to say again
- to present an account of
- to recount in order
- to cultivate
- to refine, practice, remember, go over.

‘Rehearse’ stems from the word harrow. The harrow breaks up the soil after the plough.

Any group or club we choose to join might give us coffee, a good feeling, or a good laugh. But when the Bible is studied **we rehearse the promises of God.**

1. I will make you holy. Hebrews 2:10 and I Peter 2:9
2. I will love you with an everlasting love. Matthew 28:20
3. I will forgive you. Luke 23:43 and Luke 15:24
4. I will comfort you. Isaiah 40
5. I will give you courage and hope. Romans 8:31

6. Everything you will suffer I have suffered. All the gospels

7. Everything you have been tempted with, I have been tempted with. Luke 4:1-13

Women commiserate with other women. We share our joys and sorrows. At your next meeting **rehearse the promises of God.** Study His Word. Ask each other, “How were you blessed by God today? How did you suffer today?” Tell the woman next to you how God speaks to her hurt. Lutheran Women’s Missionary League might become Lutheran Women’s Motivational League.

*Linda Mayan
Christian Growth Committee*

PROGRAM RESOURCES

Are you living on a treadmill?

A recent newscast featured a dog that loved to run on its owners’ treadmill. The dog loved this activity so much that the humans had a hard time taking their turns. Often our lives can seem like a treadmill, but unlike the dog, we want to get off the treadmill, not on it! A woman may be balancing being a wife, mother, daughter, employee, and volunteer. Daily and weekly activities can start to wear us down and drain our enthusiasm away. Whatever speed our treadmill is running on, we need the assurance that our Lord is with us to give love and support. The Lord also blesses each of us with family and friends to

lend support. The Program Resources catalogue has many items that can be used in planning programs for living life in this busy and hectic world:

Ministering to Others – Bible study – Code 59097

Love in Action – skit – Code 88/5316

The Life Cycle of God’s Child – devotion – Code 83/5406

Expressing God’s Kind of Love – Bible study – Code 86/5188

Build Each Other Up – retreat – Code 59128

Encourage One Another – devotion – Code C1996-03

All items listed plus many more program resources can be obtained from:

LWML–Canada
3074 Portage Avenue
Winnipeg, MB R3K 0Y2
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Spirituality today

“For cancer patient Elaine Schroeter, the prayer beeper made all the difference,” says the Detroit News. “As she endured treatment, the beeper would go off to indicate someone had just prayed for her recovery.” Her church, the Most Pure Heart of Mary in Topeka, Kansas, is one of a handful of congregations that lease pagers and give them to people who need prayer. Anyone can pray for the ill person. After praying, they dial up the patient’s pager and leave a code number, 888, which means that heaven has been invoked on their behalf.

Mission Inspiration, continued

Steps of our lives

How many pairs of shoes do you have in your closet? Do they all serve the same function, or do you wear different styles for different occasions? Have you ever thought of your LWML–Canada Catalogue as a “closet” full of resources? Like your shoes, each LWML–Canada resource is designed for a specific need. Devotional materials, Bible studies, skits and other resources can be used in a variety of ways to enrich our spiritual lives and to help each of us to grow in our personal relationship with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.



In keeping with the convention theme, “Follow in His Steps,” your Mission Inspiration Department is planning a special mini workshop for those who attend the convention. Through word and song the members of the Christian Growth and Program Resources Committees will lead you on a foot-tapping journey. We will introduce you to our “closet” of resources, comparing them to various types of footwear used during the “Steps of Our Lives.” Won’t you join us as we walk with our Lord? See you in Calgary!

What’s new??

The Christian Growth Committee is working on several new resources which will be introduced at the Calgary Convention.

BIBLE STUDY — Our major production for this biennium is a new six-part Bible study which has been written by Rev. Ronald Reisdorf. This study will have an emphasis on doctrine and practice. It is the author’s prayer that “through study and discussion the participants will grow in understanding and be enabled to walk the talk concerning unity and its practical implications for daily life.”

Lessons in the study include:

- The Incomprehensible Number One
- United with the Incomprehensible
- United with each other
- A united family
- A united nation, eh?
- One with the saints in heaven

Suggestions for those leading the Bible study will also be included in the study guide.

SOCIETY PROGRAM PLANNER — Another edition of this set of devotions is being developed. It will consist of 24 devotions based on seasonal and Tapestry themes which can be used by LWML societies at their monthly meetings. For this biennium, it was decided to invite LWML members from across Canada to author the devotions.

AUDIOCASSETTE — An audiocassette of the “Not Unto Death” booklet from the Pearls of Wisdom series is also being produced for the convention. This will be useful for those who are ill or unable to read, as well as for those who are ministering to these

people. Musical selections will be included. Only a limited number of cassettes will be available at the convention, but orders can be placed at that time.

Just a reminder!!

Several devotional booklets are already available from the LWML–Canada office in Winnipeg. Are you tired of wicked, winter winds and weary of shoveling snow? Take a mini-holiday by reading **VACATION INSPIRATIONS**. But these devotions are not just for use while you’re on vacation. The truths about God’s creation and how He re-creates us through His Word and Sacraments make uplifting reading at any time of your life.

Spring will soon be here and then graduation will be just around the corner. Why don’t you order copies of the **NOW WHAT?** devotional booklet to give to the high school graduates in your family or congregation? These devotions are designed to help young people as they face important decisions in their lives. Your gift will be a blessing to them.

Speaking of blessings, the Christian Growth Committee gives thanks to God for faithful and committed pastors and LWML members across Canada who have so graciously used their God-given talents to write and produce these Christ-centered materials for LWML–Canada. We pray that these Bible studies and devotional materials will be a blessing to all those who use them.

MISSION EDUCATION

BYLAWS

The “Uniqueness” of the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is a very special committee with a single, solitary, important mission: that of selecting the most qualified candidates for office. Members of this Committee must familiarize themselves with the bylaws and responsibilities of the various offices for which the Committee is to select candidates. This Committee is unique for several reasons:

- The President is NOT an ex-officio member.

She should be of all other committees, and this should be stated in the bylaws, but she is never involved in the selection of candidates.

- Work of the Committee is done in strict confidence.

Discussions and deliberations are to be kept within the Committee; other committees are always free to share their ideas and discussions.

- **There should be no “liaison” between the Nominating Committee and any other committee.**

This Committee works independently of ALL other committees. They are indeed an “island” unto themselves.

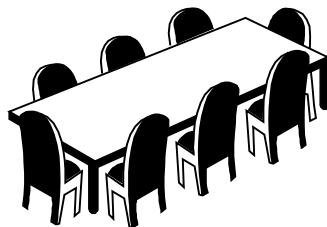
After the Chairman reads the Committee’s report to the assembly, she sits down. At this point the Nominating Committee is automatically

discharged, unless the bylaws state otherwise.

Nominations from the floor are always in order, and these are asked in order, and asked for by the presiding officer. The Nominating Committee Chairman never does this, nor does she ever preside over the elections. This is always the responsibility of the presiding officer.

Members of the Nominating Committee may be nominated for an elected office, but if nominated, may not fill the position of teller.

Anne Carson
Bylaws Chairman



RESEARCH

Included in this mailing is a research survey (to assist LWML–Canada in planning) for each member who received *Tapestry*. Please make copies for any members who do not subscribe. Though the surveys are to be filled in individually, societies are encouraged to discuss the questions and to gather and mail the completed copies in bulk to Director of Communications, 2816 Calder Avenue, Saskatoon, SK S7J 1W1. Deadline is July 31, 2001.

MEMBER DEVELOPMENT

New happenings

“See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare;

Before they spring into being I announce them to you.

Sing to the Lord a new song,

His praise from the ends of the earth.”

Isaiah 42:9-10

Exciting **new happenings** are being created for LWML–Canada’s Calgary convention by the Member Development Committee. With the passing of each biennium this committee has developed various programs for your use. This convention will be no exception, in fact it will be exceptional! More fitting words could not be spoken at this time than the words of Isaiah 42:9. In this issue of *Get Connected* you will hear the declaration of all things that are “**new**” in Member Development! We invite you to read with pleasure of the things that are being announced to you “*before they even spring into being!*” We invite you to anticipate their arrival with a joyful new song as the words of Isaiah 42:10 proclaim — “*Sing to the Lord a new song.*” And we invite you to “Come to Calgary” to experience this newness first hand so that you can sing “*His praise to the ends of the earth!*”

Praying the Lord will fill your hearts with a “New Song,” your Member Development Committee,

Sandra Schaeffer, Rosalie Schallhorn, & Patricia Kreutzwieser

Member Development, continued

Calgary convention Information

**“Stepping Out In Faith —
The Member Development
Mini Workshop**

You are cordially invited to attend the Member Development mini workshop which will be held in Calgary on the Friday afternoon of the convention. Certainly it is an event you will not want to miss! It has been designed to encourage you to “Step Out In Faith” and to “Follow In His Steps.” Each participant will be challenged to evaluate the way she is “Following In His Steps.” She will receive a special memento to remind her to “Step Out In Faith.” And she will be presented with a gift to take back to her society to encourage them to do the same. The Member Development Committee looks forward to seeing you there!

YEE-HAI!

Here’s hoping you have been encouraging all of the “Young Women” you know to attend the LWML–Canada convention in Calgary in 2001. We are not just referring to getting a Young Woman Representative from your district; we are speaking of encouraging every young woman to save their loonies and twonies to be with us in Calgary.

We invite all women age 18-35 to participate in the **“F.I.H.S. Young Women’s Program.”**

We “younger women” — Ha! Ha! — of the Member Development Committee have some great things planned and can’t wait to share them. Trying to avoid the risk of letting the

“cat out of the bag,” or should we say, “horse out of the barn,” we will give only a general idea of what’s happening.

On the first day of the convention, the young women will be greeted by the MD Committee, the Lord willing, and will be given a special packet. This packet will contain some important information pertaining to the weekend as well as some fun items. We will also have an opportunity to socialize later that evening.

The next day we have the privilege of proclaiming our faith in God as we lead the convention in an original devotion.

The following day we will have a chance to explore our own faith and to find out more about other young women attending this convention in Calgary.

Hopefully, this will give you “encouragers” some enticing items to share so that young women will want to come to Calgary.

But we caution you...don’t just talk about the great activities planned! Especially share the growth of faith in our Lord that occurs when you attend these conventions. For most, it’s a mountaintop experience! Don’t forget to mention what a wonderful group the LWML is! It is an organization any woman — young or younger — would be proud to be a part of!

God bless you as you spread your enthusiasm for your Lord, your LWML, and the Convention in Calgary!

Many people will walk in and out
of your life,
but only true friends will leave
footprints in your heart.

**Ten Easy Steps to “Follow
In His Steps” in Calgary**

Whether the convention in Calgary is your first or your fifteenth, we hope these “Ten Easy Steps” will help you prepare to “Come to Calgary” and “Follow In His Steps.”

Step 1: Plan now to attend. Encourage others (your mother, daughter, sister, friend...) to come along with you. Offer to help them with their travel arrangements.

Step 2: Arrange the details of your trip early. Register prior to the deadline to show your support to the convention committee. Plan to travel with others from your society or zone.

Step 3: Designate one society member from your congregation to purchase new materials and pick up information for the society. If no one is attending from a neighbouring society offer to do the same for them.

Step 4: Pray for the host committee, the President, the Executive Board and national committees, the nominees, all those travelling to Calgary, the mission projects on the ballot, important decisions to be made, and for the league as a whole.



Member Development, continued

Step 5: Share the blessings you have received from the Lord's hand with those in need by bringing along items for the convention ingathering: craft kits for Calgary Children's Hospital, Klenli-Kits/stuffed toys for Children's Cottage, and nonperishable foods for the Calgary Food Bank. Also remember to bring along offerings from your society for the convention offerings.

Step 6: Speak Up if you have questions regarding convention business or to express your concerns about our league. Your opinions are important. Keep in mind that the answer to your question may clarify the issue for others at the convention.

Step 7: Compliment the host committee! For sure they will hear about the problems people are having — be sure to tell them how much you appreciate all the hard work that has been done in preparation for the convention.

Step 8: Establish friendships with LWMLers from across Canada by mingling with new people. Keep in mind there will be some at the convention who come alone! A friendly outlook will help you to find them. May the Lord enrich your convention experience with the joy of creating new friendships.



Step 9: Thank the members of the LWML–Canada Board and committees for their service to the Lord, hard work and dedication over the past biennium. You will recognize them by their LWML–Canada name tags.

Step 10: Grow in God's Word. Be ready to be challenged to "Follow In His Steps" by the speakers, Bible study leader, mini-assemblies, and by fellow LWMLers! Don't forget to pack your Bible and bring it to the sessions! Take time each day to do the room devotions in the convention manual and to pray with your roommates.

Friends, you and me...
You brought another friend...
and then there were three.
We started our group...
our circle of friends...
And like that circle...
there is no beginning or end.

Tips ... For Delegates

If you have been selected to serve as a delegate for your zone, then congratulations are in order. Not only have you been given the privilege and responsibility to vote for mission projects and new officers, but you have been granted the opportunity to enrich your personal and spiritual growth. We pray these tips will help you be a successful delegate and to enjoy the convention in Calgary.

Before the Convention:

✓ Read the convention manual. Become aware of the convention sessions, speakers and social functions. Be informed about the convention agenda.

✓ Study the mission project proposals. Consult with the societies in your zone to know their feelings about the various projects. Remember you are representing them.

✓ Study the slate of officers. Evaluate the candidates' experience and backgrounds and ask the Lord for guidance. You will help decide the leaders for the next biennium.

At the Convention:

✓ Circulate to meet new people. Use meal times as an opportunity to share the joys and frustrations of your society's activities with new acquaintances.

✓ Be in your seat five minutes before the sessions are scheduled to begin. This will provide time to focus on the coming business.

✓ Attend all sessions. You will not want to miss an opportunity to decide on an important business matter.

✓ Spend time in prayer every morning before you begin the day's busy schedule. The room devotions in the convention manual will help to bring the day into the proper perspective.

✓ Plan your convention report during the convention. Plan how and what you will share with the societies in your zone when you return home.

✓ Use your camera to record the highlights of your convention experience. Many of those unable to attend the convention will appreciate you thinking of them in this way.

✓ Give thanks and glory to God, for He enabled you to be an ambassador for Him and the LWML. Renew your commitment as one "Called to Serve" to "Follow In His Steps."

Member Development, continued

After the Convention:

- ✓ Make arrangements to give your report to your zone and its societies.
- ✓ Share your excitement and enthusiasm with your sisters in Christ at home by encouraging your society and zone to "Follow In His Steps."

Announcing the "New" MD Programs To Be Available In Calgary

While in Calgary be sure to visit the Member Development convention display booth. It will be sure to encourage you to "Follow In His Steps." Old MD programs, such as "Stepping Stones for Women In The Church," "The Society Member's Handbook," and "If the Shoe Fits...Wear It" will be on display. As well there will be exciting new programs to browse through. Our prayer is for you to be inspired to join Member Development in "Stepping Out In Faith." A brand new Leadership Training Workshop — "**Hats On To You**" will be available for use in your zone or area. "**The LWML Song Resource**" will be on display in book format so that you can see for yourself how this new resource can be used. And finally, three new teen programs, "**The Perfect Match**," "**Who's Number One?**" and "**Make Our Hearts Your Dwelling, Lord**" will make their debut at the convention. We hope the following information will help you to become as excited as we are about the *new happenings* of Member Development.

HATS ON TO YOU — Leadership Training Workshop

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to hold a Lutheran Women's Missionary League office? Would you like to attempt it but just don't feel you have the training? Or do you know someone who would be perfect for an LWML position who doesn't step forward because she lacks the courage and says she doesn't know exactly what the job requires?

These questions and others are addressed in "Hats On To You" — Leadership Training Workshop from LWML-Canada. This new material will instruct leaders how to present a workshop for your zone or area that would include job descriptions, some hands-on training, as well as learning from the experience of others already serving the LWML. We couldn't let a LWML workshop day go by without studying the Word of our Lord which will help guide us in our talents to serve Him in the LWML, and in all areas of our life.

There is not enough room to mention all that this new workshop contains. But it does promise to be a day of learning and fun in a non-threatening environment. Copies of this new workshop will be available at the Calgary Convention in 2001.

LWML SONG RESOURCE

Many songs and hymns have been written exclusively for LWML Canada and her Districts' gatherings over the past decade. Since that first convention in Edmonton, members and pastors across our country have composed original works for national and district functions. But have you



had difficulty finding them for your zone and society gatherings?

The Member Development committee of LWML-Canada is compiling a collection of songs and hymns that have been written exclusively for our conventions and functions. The hymns and songs, with full accompaniment and copyright permission, are in a computer disk format and are retrievable from WordPerfect and Microsoft Word computer programs. The beauty of this resource is that any piece in the collection can be reproduced to accommodate the needs of the society. The limitations of a book are eliminated so the number of copies available is endless. As many selections can be reproduced as are desired on any size of paper for hand-outs.

This disk is also multi-media projector friendly for those who have that option available. It is as simple as following the "read me" instructions within the disk.

LWMLers love to sing together, and now with the click of a mouse the

Learn from the mistakes of others!
You can't live long enough to make them all yourself!

Member Development, continued

songs and hymns that have been written especially for them are available. Be sure to check this out at the Member Development booth in Calgary.

Stepping out to embrace your teens will be easier after the convention in Calgary

Three *new* teen programs will be available in Calgary! Enthusiasm for reaching out to teenage girls in our congregations has spread across Canada, because we are recognizing they are the future of our organization. It is our prayer that involvement in an LWML teen program will enrich the faith lives of teens and will encourage them to grow naturally into the LWML.

“The Perfect Match” deals with shaping attitudes that reflect Biblical teaching regarding looking for the “Perfect Match.” Our culture teaches teens to experiment with relationships without giving them the necessary guidelines to enter God-pleasing relationships. This program is designed to question the ideals fostered by popular media by examining what God says about marriage in His Holy Word. Activities are designed to help teens create a mental checklist of qualities they desire to find in their future spouse and to provide visual reminders to pray for their future match.

“Who’s Number One?” is a program dealing with a problem which plagues many teens in our churches. It addresses those teens who are faced with the heart-wrenching burden of having a family member or close friend who does not believe in God. The Bible study investigates the truth of the Christian faith so the teens can become confident of what they believe. It further explores how we should pray for and witness to family and friends who do not share the wonderful truth of the gospel. **“Who’s Number One?”** offers strategies for coping with this difficult situation.

“Make Our Hearts Your Dwelling, Lord” is a program designed to create an attitude of inviting the Lord to dwell in our hearts and to permeate our lives. The Bible study allows the teens to examine their lives to see where their support system lies. It also examines the outside influences that effect their lives. The theme of this program can easily be woven into a zone rally, workshop, or renewal. An opening worship service is provided for use by the zone with the teens. A speaker might easily be found to continue to develop this theme for the ladies while the teens are off enjoying the program designed especially for them.

Sandra Schaeffer
Member Development Committee

More Mini Workshops

Besides the mini workshops being planned by the various departments of LWML–Canada, there will also be sessions for presidents, pastoral counsellors and financial officers.

Presidents!! — Zone Presidents, Society Presidents, Vice Presidents, Potential Presidents, President Wannabees...there will be something very special for you at the Calgary convention.

The president of LWML–Canada and the five district presidents will be leading a mini workshop at two different times. You will receive all the help you could wish for in planning and presiding at meetings. You will hear of ideas on what you can do for successful meetings; the presidents will be there to answer your questions; and you will receive helpful handouts to take home with you. What a perfect way to meet other presidents! Join us in Calgary!

Finance — Lots of good information and help will be provided those who deal with money and budgets and things financial at any level of the League.

Counsellors — Our two national counsellors are looking forward to meeting with district and zone pastoral counsellors attending the convention.



MISSION PROJECTS

Convention News

Come and visit our Mission Projects booth at the convention in Calgary this July 26-29, 2001. Join in the fun of our contest. There will be a prize for the correct answer. There will also be draws and handouts. Zone representatives will be given a Mission Projects package to be taken back for distribution to the societies. We plan to have some new skits and devotions as well as other information relating to missions.

We are excited that Rev. Dr. Leonard Harms, Executive Director of Missions and Social Ministry for Lutheran Church-Canada, will be our guest speaker at four mini workshops to be held on Friday afternoon, July 27, 2001. If you have a "Heart for Missions" be sure to attend!

Question and Answer Time

We are introducing a question and answer article in hopes that some of the great ideas and creative ways our societies use to encourage mite giving and better awareness, will become known and help members. Four questions were selected and the Committee contacted several societies for their answers. (One idea answered several questions and two societies use the same way that brings excellent results for them!)

Q: How do you make your Mite box ingathering special?

Q: What do you do to encourage mite giving in your society and congregation?

Q: How does your society become more aware of LWML-Canada projects?

Q: How do you encourage regular mite giving and a better awareness of missions?

A: A prayer, as the ones composed by the LWML-Canada Mission Projects Committee, a mite devotion, or something else is always used at the ingathering and everyone submits their mites in an envelope to be recorded by the treasurer. This is then given to the church treasurer at the end of the year to be used for income tax purposes. (Christ Risen, Kanata, ON)

A: Eight years ago at the LWML Sunday service the congregation was informed about projects and everyone received a mite box. Now on the second Sunday of the month everyone, including the LWML members, place their mites in a large mite box at the entrance as they arrive. The LWML treasurer takes the box forward during the offering and a special prayer is included with the general prayers. This is always very special and has really increased the mites for the small society! The offerings in the envelopes are recorded all year and submitted to the church treasurer for income tax receipts. (Redeemer, Sudbury, ON.)

A: We involve the whole congregation in our mite giving. We have a large mite box and on the last Sunday of the month it is put on display in the church entrance. The congregation

as well as the LWML members have mite boxes and they put the mite offerings into the large box before service. During the service a member of the LWML brings the large box forward, sets it on a table at the front and dedicates the mites.

This member has a short mite box devotion and prayer. Sometimes it includes information on a LWML project; sometimes it is about mite giving and mission outreach; or, after explaining the mite box ministry, everyone is invited to take a mite box home if they don't have one. Members have taken turns giving the devotion but it is more effective if one or two people being responsible to do this. Devotions from LWML-Canada or LWML in the U.S. are used but members are also very creative in writing their own.

The results of this have been great! Mite offerings have increased. The whole congregation participates and takes a special interest in the mission projects for both District and Canada." (Mt. Calvary, Red Deer, Alberta)

A: Make sure the Mission Projects poster is prominently displayed. The congregation needs to see it too! Use bright markers to fill in the poster as projects are completed and try to keep it up to date.

Put an insert in your LWML Sunday bulletin with both District and LWML-Canada projects on it. (Christ Risen, Kanata, ON)

A: Find out how to get in touch with some of the recipients and see how

Mission Projects, continued

they have used the monies they have received. Your Mission Projects Committee will have contacts. Members appreciate hearing about the results of the projects they have funded.

Perhaps your society has a unique way of encouraging mite giving, having mite devotions, or creating interest and awareness in projects. Please share them in "Get Connected" by sending them to: Joan Brigden, 334, Route 307, Bowman, Quebec J0X 3C0

jbrigden@sympatico.ca

*Bev Mitschke, Chairman
Mission Projects Committee*

All about Rice

In the Fall 2000 issue of *Get Connected*, Member Development suggested an evening around rice: *Everyone eats rice!*

After initial puzzlement, the women of Faith Lutheran LWML in Saskatoon prepared and shared the greatest rice dishes from soup to main courses to salads to dessert. The selection was amazing and the flavours delectable! Vice President, Sueli DeFreitas lead us on an educational journey into rice paddies of the world which is worth sharing with those who may not have this information at their fingertips.

Rice is a staple food for two-thirds of the world's population. Three of the world's most populous nations are rice-based societies: China, India and Indonesia. Together they have nearly 2.5 billion people, almost half of the world's population, eating rice

two or three times daily. Hundreds of millions of the poor spend ½ to ¾ of their income on rice — and rice alone.

Rice is a thirsty crop! It takes 5,000 litres of water to produce 1 kg of irrigated rice. There are basically two rice ecosystems. In rainfed lowlands, rice is transplanted or directly seeded in puddle soil and the soil alternates from flooded to nonflooded. Lowland makes up 25% of the world's harvested rice area and 17% of the world production. Upland rice is seeded in non-flooded, well-drained soil and crops often suffer from lack of moisture and inadequate nutrition. Consequently, yields are low. 13 % of the world's harvested rice is grown in this area supporting millions of people at a mere subsistence level. Fifty-five% of the world's harvested rice is grown using irrigation and accounts for 75% of the global production. In Africa, 37 countries produce rice compared to 27 in the Americas, 29 in Asia, 12 in Europe and finally Australia.

The origin of rice is hard to pinpoint in time and place. The domestication of rice is one of the most important developments in history. It likely took place in some sheltered basin in northern Thailand, Myanmar upland, southwestern China or Assam. Rice has fed more people over a long period of time than has any other crop

Most Eastern folklore tells of rice given as a gift by the gods or by animals. Most cereal-growing societies believe in the existence of a female

goddess, "the mother of grains." Stories portray the worship of a certain goddess as personification and embodiment of rice itself. Often females are seen responsible for the introduction of rice to the people of her region. It has been estimated that depending on the region and the task, women can provide as much as 80% of the labour in rice cultivation. The incredible variety of types of rice, farming techniques, labour practices, cooking styles, and growing regions can only begin to hint at the diversity of individual female lifestyle that influence— and are influenced by RICE.

One more point: rice is a complex carbohydrate food and provides more vitamins, minerals and fibre than simple carbohydrate foods. It is cholesterol-free, fat-free, gluten-free, sodium free and non-allergenic; easy to digest! In other words, ideal for weight reduction diets. It's what we add that makes us fat! In rice proteins are well balanced. Protein provides amino acids to build and maintain tissues, to form enzymes, hormones and antibodies. Rice is considered one of the highest quality proteins compared to other cereal grains. Not bad for a grass!



MISSION SERVICE

Neighbours

The man answered, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind; and you must love your fellow-man as yourself." Luke 10:27

As LWML members let us take a journey using our hands and feet. This little exercise can be useful in reminding us to be good neighbours.

First week: The Hand of Love

- ♥ Help a disabled person or senior write a letter.

You can also write a letter to a friend and tell him/her how much you appreciate her.

- ♥ Help Sunday School children make and take Easter baskets with Christian books for children in shelters.

- ♥ Invite women in for a breakfast get-together before they go to work.

Second week: The Voice of Love

- ♥ Telephone a shut-in each day for a short chat or just to say hello.
- ♥ Call a friend or relative you've intended to phone but somehow never have.
- ♥ Take a tape recorder and tape to seniors to listen to books or music.

Third week: The Deed of Love

- ♥ Take a covered dish with candies to a nursing home or long-term care residents and pledge to restock several times during the year.
- ♥ Take a variety box of greeting

cards, stamps and a pen to a shut-in.

- ♥ Give a gift certificate to a teenager for a favourite fast food or a pass to a movie.

- ♥ Give a college student a laundry basket with detergent, fabric softener and a roll of loonies.

Fourth week: The Heart of Love

- ♥ Give a hug to someone who is hurting.

- ♥ Take an adoptive grandparent or senior to lunch.

- ♥ Offer your help and support to caregivers dealing with Alzheimer Disease in their family.

- ♥ Make a list of at least ten people for whom you will pray daily.

Fifth week: The Mind of Love

- ♥ Take time to slow down and notice God's creative touch.

- ♥ Take a shut-in or nursing home resident for a ride in the country to see God's beautiful creation and breathe the air of spring.

- ♥ Have friends in for dinner and games.

This is a week that we can reveal God's love for us in many ways. Let your joy be filled with life abundant in Faith, Hope and Love.

Women and children in crisis

The Summer 2000 *Tapestry* had an article titled "Abused by my husband, failed by my church." We can help by praying for these women and

children and encourage them in their faith, to listen respectfully and calmly...when they are telling you something. Encourage them to talk about things that are bothering them. Call or visit your nearest shelter and see how you can help.

Ingathering 2001

Plan ahead and work on your ingathering gifts. Get your youth group to help cut out and put together the craft kits, Klenli-kits, make Barbie doll clothes or collect baseball caps from agencies or shops. The children receiving cancer treatment love to wear baseball caps and can go through several before their treatment is completed. If we get the youth groups involved they will become aware of LWML and what we do in the church, community and throughout the world.

What sunshine is to the flowers smiles are to humanity.

Wouldn't it be nice if ...



Patti Kronen
Mission Service

DEPT. OF COMMUNICATIONS

PUBLIC RELATIONS

New materials from PR

A complete listing of new material to be available at the Calgary convention in July is not yet ready. The Public Relations Committee is working on two items you will want to make use of at all levels of the LWML.

The first is a "presentation" folder with two pockets inside to hold materials for any special event or program. It identifies LWML-Canada on the cover and provides some basic information about our organization.

The second is a brand new "bulletin" cover, in fact two different covers. One will be printed in time for the convention. You might want to come prepared to purchase some for LWML Sunday service folders, program covers, prayer service covers, the list is limited only by your imagination. The cover will feature the picture shown on our convention poster and the convention theme. The other cover is a more traditional "Called to Serve" design with the pledge on the back. This, too, could be used for a wide variety of purposes. Orders for this folder will be taken at the convention prior to printing to determine the level of interest.

These materials will also be available from the LWML-Canada office in Winnipeg following the convention.



"Follow in His Steps" to Calgary, Alberta for the 5th biennial convention of Lutheran Women's Missionary League-Canada being held on July 26 to 29, 2001. The convention will be held at the Calgary Westin, 4th Avenue and 3rd Street SW.

"Follow in His Steps" is based on 1 Peter 2:21 – "To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in His steps."

The map has been prepared and we will let God be our guide as we "follow in His steps"

- > to **Bible Study** with Rev. Donald Schiemann
- > to our **Key Note Speaker** Sandra Schaeffer, Member Development Chairman
- > to **Steps Across our Land Interest Sessions** with guest speakers – Ted Renaud, Rev. Bryan Schindel, Rev. Kwan Soo Kim and the Lutheran Church-Canada team of President Ralph Mayan and Ian Adnams.
- > to **workshops on Mission Education, Mission Inspiration, Mission Projects, Mission Service, Communication, Finance, Presidents and Pastoral Counsellors**
- > to the **ingathering for craft kits and stuffed toys** for the Calgary Children's Hospital.
- > to **Banff and Calgary sight-seeing tours.**

We never know what awaits us when we "follow in His steps." Are you ready to take the journey? It will be a real adventure as we don our cowboy hats and travel to Calgary in July. Y'all come! See ya there!

Val Buckoski
Public Relations

NOTE: If you photocopy Get Connected, please note that 11" x 17" paper is not required. Simply copy it one page at a time on both sides of 8 ½" x 11" paper and staple.

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VIDEO RESOURCE

Prepared to Serve Video Kit

This three-video kit was made available to us from our American LWML sisters. It is being sold for the low cost of \$35 per kit (original cost was US\$160) and is available from the LWML–Canada office (Winnipeg).

The kit is made up of three sessions complete with Leader's Guide, Participants Workbook and a video tape for each session entitled, *Prepare to Care; Prepare to Comfort; Prepare to Lead* respectively. Ruth Koch, a mental health educator and a counselor, developed the series. She specializes in Christian conflict management, grief education and mental health issues concerning church workers. She offers this series to equip people with training and skills so we can provide caring Christian service in our own homes, congregations and communities. The suggested time for each session is 2 hours.

The Leader's Guide is easy to follow and well detailed for a pastor or lay person to lead the sessions. The kit also includes a personal inventory application to determine if you are a "Servant Leader" who finds a challenge in leading others or a "Servant Worker" who prefers to serve, a "Caregiver" who relates with others through a caring connection or a "Thinker/Teacher" who relates with others through a thinking connection.

This **Prepare to Serve** video kit should be open to the whole congregation to provide training and a resource for us to become better

prepared to provide care, comfort and service to people in our congregation and in the community.

Val Buckoski

Public Relations Committee

NOTE: The equalization assessment for LWML–Canada conventions has been eliminated by the change in the division of mites.

SEMINAR RESOURCE

"Thumbs Up – Thumbuddy Loves You" material ready for lending

The materials from the seminar 2000, "Thumbs Up – Thumbuddy Loves You – Jesus" are now ready for distribution as kits which may be borrowed by societies, zones, or districts.

Each kit contains leaders' manuals, print-ready workbook originals, slides and song presentation, information on copyright procedures for all the music, a list of supplies needed for the seminar and the names and phone numbers of the original presenters. One kit is a "high tech" version that also contains a CD-ROM to use for the computer presentations. The other "low tech" kit contains overheads which can be substituted if a laptop and projection machine are not available.

The only cost is that of shipping to the person/group who will use it. To borrow the materials contact Helga Danielson, Box 39, Fisherville, Ont. N0A 1G0. Phone 905-779-3405; email m.danielson@linetap.com.

Lillian Friesen, our volunteer office co-ordinator in Winnipeg, now has an assistant. We welcome Helga Judt.

Attention Zone Presidents

Watch for packages prepared by the LWML–Canada Public Relations Committee. They will include samples of surveys that may be used by an LWML society to find out the needs of women in its congregation, how LWML can serve these needs and become a better functioning society. With the surveys there will be a covering letter suggesting ways they can be used. Watch for your society package at the Calgary LWML–Canada convention on July 26-29, 2001.

Y'All Come! to the Calgary LWML convention workshop on communication.

The Communications mini workshop will feature a presentation regarding *Tapestry* as well as a look at typical situations that could happen in your LWML society. You get to participate in an open forum as we look at ways to improve our LWML societies. We hope to "communicate" with you through our presentation at the Calgary LWML convention.

NOTE: Our American sisters have dropped the word "International" from their name and are now simply Lutheran Women's Missionary League. While this remains their official name they have also adopted another name which appears on many items — Lutheran Women in Mission.

Let's advertise!

Are you planning a special event that you wish to promote. Perhaps this guide will help you to plan your advertising agenda.

DETERMINING THE DETAILS

1. Board, group or member hosting event _____
2. Name of event _____
3. Type of event _____
(e.g. Bible study, special service, social event, speaker, etc.)
4. Date and time _____
5. Location _____
(specify the name and address of event)
6. Special needs _____
(e.g. billeting, wheelchair accessibility, etc.)

BACKGROUND

7. Purpose and brief description of the event _____

DIRECTION

8. Who is your target audience?

PLACE AN X NEXT TO THOSE YOU WISH TO TARGET WITH YOUR ADVERTISING.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> teens | <input type="checkbox"/> LCC congregations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> children | <input type="checkbox"/> both LCC and ELCIC congregations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> women | <input type="checkbox"/> other churches |
| <input type="checkbox"/> men | <input type="checkbox"/> immediate neighbourhood |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LWML members | <input type="checkbox"/> larger community |
| <input type="checkbox"/> other specific groups in congregation | <input type="checkbox"/> city-wide |

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Let's Advertise!, continued

9. What form of advertising would reach this group?

PLACE AN **X** NEXT TO THE TYPE OF ADVERTISING REQUIRED. THIS SHOULD HELP YOU TARGET THE PROMOTION YOU DESIRE.

A. PRINT

- Poster
- Tapestry
- Get Connected
- Newspaper (will they accept "story" advertising?)
- District Newsletter
- Other
- Deadline Date: _____

B. ORAL

- Radio
- Television
- Contact name, telephone, fax _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

C. VISUAL

- Web page ad
- email
- video clip
- other

FREE ADVERTISING

10. What additional information, specific pictures, wordings, logos, etc. will be needed to complete the task of advertising and where can they be found?

UPDATE! UPDATE! UPDATE!

Are you in charge of the program for your society or zone? How old is some of the material in your files? Do you have a locally made handbook or songbook that could use updating? Here's some information to use in checking it out.

- * The motto of LWML–Canada is "Called to serve" not "Serve the Lord with gladness."
- * Our theme hymns are "Called to Serve" by Mark Sallach and "Lord Jesus, You Have Called Us" by Joann Willie
- * The LWML–Canada colours are blue and white.
- * We kept the LWML pledge with permission.

Don't forget to check out any references to specific resource materials. Be correct and clear on whether it can be ordered from the LWML–Canada Office in Winnipeg or the LWML Office in St. Louis. And even more important, make sure it is still in print.

It's all too easy in our busy-ness to quickly skim through something, pick it because it sounds interesting, only to discover when it's too late that some things are incorrect.

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EDITORIAL

Together we can do it!

The truth of the matter is, as everyone knows, the cost of things just keeps going up, and up, and up. That includes printing and mailing *Tapestry*. Postage went up again January 1 and with a postage bill already over \$2,000 each quarter that is a concern. Also, the number of subscriptions has been going down—from almost 4,000 when we began to about 3,700. That's almost 8%. We thought it might be that people don't like the magazine but League membership numbers are also dropping. No, this isn't a prelude to telling you that the subscription rate is going up, rather it is to find ways we can work together to keep the cost low.

Here are some things the editorial committee can do.

- 1) **Examine** the paper we use. Newsprint would be cheaper but won't work with our method of printing and we don't have a large enough circulation to change. A lighter weight of paper might be a possibility—not much saving in printing cost but possibly some in postage because of a lighter weight.
- 2) **Use** less spot colour in the magazine. Note: The full colour front cover is possible because of the full colour ad on the back (Say thank you to Lutheran Life for that).
- 3) **Check** prices of couriers who deliver the finished copies from the printer to the packing location and then to the mailing centre. The weight and volume would be a safety con-

cern for volunteers who aren't properly equipped. Also check prices of packaging supplies.

- 4) We've already switched to parcel post.

How can you help?

- 1) **Send** in renewals on time. Reminders cost postage – three (and some societies have needed that many) uses up the subscription amount for one copy of the magazine.
- 2) **Consider** having each member paying their own subscription while still ordering as a group. Then the cost doesn't empty the society treasury. Sharing copies seems like such a friendly, money-saving thing to do but it means fewer subscriptions resulting in a higher cost for everyone.
- 3) **Order** and personally pay for a second copy for you, as an individual, to give away. Women all across Canada say they read *Tapestry* from cover to cover as soon as they receive it. If you think it's that great, so will someone else (whether or not they're an LWMLer) and it isn't an expensive gift. Did you know that more than two dozen of our American sisters like it so much they pay the \$9.00 U.S. (\$12.50 Cdn) subscription cost?
- 4) **For your information**, if we were to pay for typesetting, layout and editing as well as a fee to those who write articles (as most magazines do), the subscription rate would be well over \$20 per year. Think of the value you are getting for \$6.
- 5) Don't just skim past the ads. **Check** them out. Maybe there's something there for you. If placing an ad in *Tapestry* brings no response, an ad-

vertiser will probably withdraw their ad. Their ads help keep our subscription rates down.

- 6) **Do you know someone** who would consider advertising a product or business? We can easily provide a rate card.
- 7) Speaking of advertising...**you could advertise** a society, zone, district or congregational event. Besides being useful PR for you, the revenue from your ad helps offset the printing and postage costs of *Tapestry* and keeps subscription rates down. A full display ad with graphic/logo, etc. might be more than you want to invest but semi display advertising or a classified ad gets the news out without costing an arm and a leg. Classifieds cost 24 cents per word with a 50-word minimum. Semi-display ads are text only, a minimum of 5 lines of type at \$1.80 per line. Individuals may also place personal ads although there is some limit on what may be advertised. Information is available for the asking.

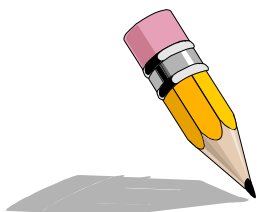
How are we doing?

A final note...unrelated to money. Have your packages been arriving in reasonable condition? Have there been errors in the contents? We have had a few societies contact us regarding one or the other of these questions but would appreciate knowing if either is a larger problem. Please contact the editor-in-chief.

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*Marion Hollinger, Editor-in-Chief,
Tapestry*

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TAPESTRY THEMES

Fall 2001

Deadline: April 15, 2001

LIGHT UP THE WORLD

Knowing that Christians are saved totally by God's grace and not by any efforts on our part, the Church throughout the ages has understood its task as being the channel for God's kingdom to be extended into the lives of His children, as it brings them to faith in His holy Word and leads them to live a godly life here in time and beyond in eternity. As a Church it also provides opportunities for the worship and praise of God and the educating and forming of its people for a life of caring for others in response to that grace. We might compare these two tasks to the two great commandments – to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength and to become the kind of people who will love our neighbours as ourselves.

† Christ is the Light of the world – each of us is a witness to that Light in the world – the Church should be about developing that witness in individuals. Share evidence of that.

† Can we gather as a corporate body to worship, to study God's Word, to strengthen and encourage one another and go out into the world unchanged by God's grace? How have you been changed?

† The Church catechizes us to be forgiving people. Forgiveness is hard work, it does not come easily, but power to forgive comes from God's grace to us. Do you have an experience of forgiving or being forgiven that you would like to share?

† As Christians we are *in* the world but not *of* the world. How does the task of the Church help us to live our lives that way?

† From your experience does the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, as an organization, provide opportunities for the worship and praise of God (loving God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength) as well as the educating and forming of its members for a life of caring for others in response to God's grace (loving our neighbours as ourselves)?

Winter 2001

Deadline: July 15, 2001

SNAKES AND LADDERS

We usually picture Eve's tempter as a snake. What are the snakes in our lives, those slippery thoughts Satan devises to deceive us? They subtly attack when and where we are most vulnerable. Though everyone faces "snakes of temptation," some seemed fashioned particularly for women.

- > coveting stylishness (being slim, youthful looking, owners of designer clothing, etc.)
- > striving to be better than others
- > coveting the ability to "do it all," particularly to do it all perfectly (job, home, family, etc.)
- > wanting to be totally self-sufficient
- > making our children the entire focus and purpose of our lives
- > worrying about what might hap-

pen or is happening to ourselves or those we love

- > being caught up in an addiction (shopping, soaps, etc.)
- > demeaning ourselves in a desire to appear humble
- > feeling responsible for everyone's happiness – particularly in seasons like Christmas

While the snakes of temptation constantly approach us, we sin only when we continue to entertain these sinful thoughts. Left to ourselves, we would continue to sink lower and lower into the depths of sin. But the Lord has promised to rescue us, to lift us up to new life in Him. He has already performed that rescue in Jesus Christ who, through His death and resurrection, "climbed the ladder" for us. Are any of these temptations familiar? We invite you to share how the Lord has helped you to recognize, acknowledge and overcome a temptation which worked its way into your life.

The national and district mission project information page

in this mailing may be used as a poster to inform your members and congregation of all the projects supported by LWML–Canada on a district level and nationally. It may be copied and given to each of your members as a visual reminder of God's blessings on our mites as they are used to share the Gospel and support our organization which provides those opportunities. Societies and zone delegates will also find it useful as they consider the listing of proposed projects for the 2001 convention in Calgary.

Religious Bloopers

Here are some bloopers, now almost 70 years old, which certainly have stood the test of time.

- > Possession by spirits means feeling like the devil.
- > Acrimony, sometimes called holy, is another name for marriage.
- > A martyr is something like a bachelor.
- > A millennium is like a centennial, only it has more legs.
- > Purgatory is a place where people go who are too good to go to heaven and not good enough to go to hell.
- > A philanderer is a person who gives money to charitable institutions.
- > A seminary is a place where they bury the dead.
- > Yom Kipper was a general in the Japanese Army.
- > The result of the Reformation was that people could choose to be either Catholics or Pujilists.
- > The Crusades was a movement to drive the turkeys out of Europe.

> After his death, Charles I became Charles the Martyr. He died for the good of his country, because his country

was much better off after he was dead.

> Little is known of the prophet Elijah, except he went for a cruise with a widow.

> Before a man could become a monk, he had to have his tonsils cut.

> Buddha is worshipped chiefly in Bud-dha Pest.

> The wise men brought gifts of gold and frankfurters.

> The commandment, "Thou shalt not commit adultery," means that you should not put water in milk.

> The names of the three wise men are Winken, Blinken and Nod.

> False doctrine means giving people the wrong medicine.

> The first man who went to the Crusades was Robinson Crusoe.

> Forgive us our debts as we forgive our dentists.

Plant your Garden

Plant three rows of peas

Peace of mind

Peace of heart

Peace of soul

Plant four rows of squash

Squash gossip

Squash indifference

Squash grumblings

Squash selfishness

Plant four rows of lettuce

Lettuce be faithful

Lettuce be kind

Lettuce be happy

Lettuce really love one another

No Garden should be without turnips

Turnip for service when needed

Turnip to help one another

Turnip the music and dance

Water freely with patience and Cultivate with love

There is much fruit in your garden

Because you reap what you sow

To conclude our garden

We must have Thyme

Thyme for fun

Thyme for rest

Thyme for ourselves

Pass it on!!!

Pretty nice garden, don't you think?



District (2000-2002) & National (1999-2001) Mission Projects

ALBERTA-BRITISH COLUMBIA DISTRICT

• Zion Lutheran Christian School, Prince George, B.C. – Faith Alive curriculum, Christian library books, learning resources	\$7,000
• Lutheran Bible Translators of Canada – startup funds for new language project with LBTC missionary, Annette Kaiser	\$7,500
• Support for seven lay people to provide training for Northern, remote and isolated area ministry	\$7,000
• Mission Centre for Nicaragua – for land purchase and designing Mission Centre for outreach in Central America	\$20,000
• Vacation Bible School in Invermere Valley, B.C. by Crew Ministries in 2001	\$2,000
• Training, The Vital Link, Takuapa, Thailand – for pastoral candidates and outreach workers to support work already started	\$8,500
DISTRICT TOTAL	\$52,000

MANITOBA & SASKATCHEWAN DISTRICT

• LaRonge, Sask., Lutheran Fellowship – Sunday school facilities	\$4,000
• Redeemer, The Pas, Man. – Mom's and Tot's Time program	\$4,000
• Concordia Lutheran Seminary, Edmonton – involving seminary students in Northern and/or Native ministry	\$3,000
• Brazil mission – Sunday school facilities	\$1,000
• Holy Cross, Saskatoon – daycare/preschool startup costs	\$4,000
• Special in-between convention projects	\$5,000
• St. John's Mission, Battleford, Sask. – renovation and startup costs for church and daycare/preschool	\$7,000
• Beautiful Savior Lutheran School, Winnipeg, Man. – religious materials for library	\$6,000
DISTRICT TOTAL	\$34,000

LAURENTIAN DISTRICT

• Lutheran Braille Workers Canada – work station #150, Locksley, Ont.	\$1,000
• Seminary and teachers, Haiti (50% each)	\$2,000
• Laurentian District – unforeseen mission need	\$2,500
• French Lutheran literature purchase	\$2,750
• World mission opportunities – unforeseen global needs	\$1,750
DISTRICT TOTAL	\$10,000

ONTARIO DISTRICT

• Shipment of aid projects – Canadian Lutheran World Relief	\$5,400
• High quality paper costs – Lutheran Braille Workers Canada	\$4,000
• New mission development in South Barrie	\$4,000
• Evangelism course for English learners – Philoxenia/Hospitality Ministry	\$5,000
• Restoration of the Lutheran church facility, Kedaini, Lithuania	\$5,000
• Volunteer worker support – Takuapa, Thailand	\$5,000
• Support for counselling/training of pastors, Lutherwood CODA's Family Life Institute	\$5,000
• Vacation Bible School materials – Southampton Lutheran, Southampton and Christ Our Hope Lutheran, Collingwood	\$2,000
• Continuation and expansion of work – Lutherans for Life	\$2,000
• French language literature for outreach – Montreal	\$2,600
DISTRICT TOTAL	\$40,000

ONTARIO SONSET DISTRICT

• Northern Native ministry – First Nations Monday School and Bible study	\$1,500
• Lutheran Leadership Training for lay workers, Thunder Bay, Ont.	\$2,000
• Aurora Lutheran Bible Camp – Christian education materials	\$1,500
• Thunder Bay Lutheran Community Care Centre – Christian counselling for individuals	\$2,000
• Grace Haven Adult Day Program, Dryden, Ont. – Daycare for Alzheimer and related demential	\$1,000
DISTRICT TOTAL	\$8,000

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• VBS, Native ministry, Northwestern Ont.	\$2,000
• Spanish hymnals, Nicaragua	\$2,500
• Resources to reach immigrant Africans, Toronto	\$3,000
• Malabar Mission, India	\$5,000
• Urban ministry, seminary intern, Toronto	\$7,000
• Overseas field experience, students/staff, seminary, Edmonton, Alta.	\$11,000
• Korean Mission, Toronto	\$3,500
• Mission developer, NWT	\$16,000
NATIONAL TOTAL	\$50,000