

# get connected!

A NEWSLETTER FROM AND TO THE LEADERS OF LWML-CANADA

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## NOT JUST “A PRETTY FACE!”

For some time we, in Lutheran Women’s Missionary League–Canada, have realized the need for better communication between the various committees and societies. There have been requests from societies and we have done much talking about it at Executive and General Council meetings. And so, GET CONNECTED! was conceived. Thank you

to Editor Marion Hollinger who took on this added task. This newsletter will be sent out to you twice a year.

Be aware that this is NOT just one more paper from LWML–Canada. Nor is it meant just for your reading. The information contained in this newsletter is meant to reach all the officers of your society. In turn it should then filter down to all your members.

You will find ideas for making your meetings more

interesting, useful information for all your members and suggestions to give your meetings more ‘zip.’ Added to that you will be informed of the activities of the various committees.

Communication, communication, communication!!!!!! I think you will all agree that an informed society will be an active society. Try it. You’ll like it!!!!

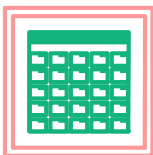
*Dorothea Korcok, President*

Because, though separating them makes it easier to working on specific aspects of living out our Christian faith, most societies integrate ideas from all the committees into their programs.

As leaders of your society, zone or district you will find much helpful information in *Get Connected!*. If there is additional information you think should be included, please contact the editor or the committee responsible for that area. A future goal is to also incorporate your ideas.

The number of copies was determined a combination of printing and postage costs. You aren’t limited to this number, however. You may make more copies if you wish, but you are also invited to order additional copies at \$2 each per year (\$1 for each issue). That’s 5 cents a page in case you’re comparing it to photocopying costs.

*Marion Hollinger, Editor*



## Calendar

- July 14 Executive meeting, LWML–Canada, Thunder Bay, ON
- July 15 General Council meeting, LWML–Canada, Thunder Bay, ON
- July 16-18 3rd Biennial Convention, LWML–Canada, Thunder Bay, ON
- Aug. 20-22 Executive meeting, LWML–Canada, location TBA
- Nov. 4-7 Interdepartmental meeting & seminar pilot, Edmonton, AB

Dates of district meetings and events could be included in the future if given to the editor.

## A NEW VENTURE IS LAUNCHED

Welcome to the first edition of *Get Connected!*—replacing separate department newsletters with a single newsletter.

Contributors include all the elected and appointed officers of LWML–Canada. The contributions of individual committees are group together but the divisions aren’t clear-cut. Why?



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#### **EQUIPPING WOMEN FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY**

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

**get connected!** is distributed in August and March. Deadlines for submission of information are January 1 and July 1 each year.

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

**get connected!** is meant to be shared. Include it's information in

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

Keep people informed.

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## **NEW MODELS FOR WOMEN'S GROUPS — "WE'RE NOT JUST PURPLE...."**

This booklet contains a variety of structural models for the local organization of LWML. These models were developed as helps in structuring faith communities which are by God's guidance – sensitive to all women – inclusive of all women – relevant to all women – attuned to all women and appealing to all women. Includes one group's method of designing a new model for church women.

LMWL–Canada recommends and encourages the use of this booklet and has purchased 25 copies. These will be available at the LWML–Canada sales booth for a cost of \$2.

## **VIDEO RESOURCES NOW AVAILABLE**

Are you looking for new programming resources for your society or zone event? The Mission Service Department for LWML–Canada has purchased the following from the Lutheran Women's Missionary League in the USA.

Contact the LWML–Canada office in Winnipeg for information on how you may borrow the new video cassette resource materials.

### **1. Prepare to Serve**

A continuing education video series designed to prepare God's people for works of service. This series includes three units — *Prepare to Care*, *Prepare to Lead*, and *Prepare to Comfort* — designed for fifteen 90-minute sessions. *Prepare to Serve* promises to stimulate discussion and challenge you to grow in Christian service.

### **2. The Least of These**

Includes "Psalm of the Homeless" video (7 minutes) and a resource packet (Bible study, devotions, retreat ideas, etc.) to assist individuals in becoming sensitive to the needs of others.

### **3. Freely Received, Freely Give — Intentional Gospel Outreach**

This 25-minute video portrays people touching others lives in their area of need. Through a series of on-camera interviews followed by small group discussion, participants will dis-

cover how to identify ways in which they can reach out to those around them. In addition to the video guidelines, a Bible study, and retreat guidelines are included in the video package.

### **4. Patchwork of Love**

A video that documents the acts of Christian love performed around the country. The video visually creates a "patchwork quilt" of five remarkable stories of ministry. Includes a discussion guide for the video.

**Look for these video resources and zone information packets at the Mission Service display during the LWML–Canada Convention in Thunder Bay.**

## **TAPESTRY: WRITING, COPYING, ORDERING**

**Guidelines for submitting** articles, news, illustrations and photographs and information on future themes are available from the editor-in-chief, Marion Hollinger, 2816 Calder Ave., Saskatoon, SK S7J 1W1 (306-343-7396).

Permission to reprint or duplicate features must be obtained directly from the author or the editor-in-chief.

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**Annual subscription begin with the fall issue.** Because the deadline for ordering is April 15, many assume that the new quantity begins with the summer issue. Unfortunately, it takes some time past the deadline before everyone has renewed, thus we start earlier than should be necessary. Any time you want to extra a copy of a coming issue they are available in bul for \$1.50 each. Single copies are \$1.75. Limited quantities are available after publication.

**Orders may be increased at any time with payment for the increase for the balance of the subscription year.**

Please subscribe and send payment for all orders directly to Circulation Manager, Laura Kihn, Box 520, Grenfell, SK S0G 2B0 (306-697-2519).

## Gift Subscriptions



Have you considered giving a friend a gift subscription to *Tapestry* for their birthday, Christmas or other special occasion?

It's easy to do — just send the order with payment for an individual subscription for one year to the Circulation Manager. Orders will be accepted any time during the year.

## CONSIDER WRITING FOR YOUR MAGAZINE

**TAPESTRY  
Spring 2000  
Theme:  
Mission in Action  
Deadline:  
October 15, 1999**

◆ We're all missionaries whether we go to a foreign country, work with immigrants, or witness about Christ at work in our lives to our neighbour or relative. Indirectly we are also missionaries when we support mission work with finances and prayers.

◆ What does it mean to be a missionary?

◆ Is there a missionary—in your home, church,

neighbourhood, community? Have you discovered your personal mission field? Please share your stories of Christ working through you to change the lives of others. Or His working through someone else to change you.

Send NEWS to Kay Rikonen, BIBLE STUDIES or OPINION PIECES to Anne Taylor, QUESTIONS to Muriel Threinen and ARTICLES / STORIES to Marion Hollinger. Addresses are on the Directory page.



## USING OUR ORGANIZATION'S NAME

Because we want to all use the same method and follow proper rules of usage, please make use of the following information.

'The' is not part of our name. If used in front of the name in a sentence there is no capital.

The full name of our organization is Lutheran Women's Missionary League—Canada with a dash between League and Canada. On official documents, Inc. is added at the end.

In abbreviating our name please note that acronyms should not include a dash. Therefore, we will not use LWML—C. We have also chosen not to use LWMLC, instead we ask that you use LWML—Canada when you wish to shorten our name.

"Get off the beaten path. Do what you're unaccustomed to and give yourself a chance to grow."

"Imagination was given to man to compensate for what he is not. A sense of humour was given to console him for what he is."

... *Humour In and Out of the Pulpit*

## MISSION SERVICE MEMOS

**1 Chronicles 28:20** says be strong and courageous and get to work. Don't be frightened by the size of the task: for the Lord, your God is with you; He will see to it that everything is finished correctly.

For working women everywhere this should be a guide. We are faced daily by tests to our time management skills, in our commitment to family, faith and work. We have to teach our children, we have to be diligent workers in His kingdom, be loving wives and leaders in our places of employment.

I believe that other women in the work force look to the Christian woman with respect. We can show leadership by our honesty, stability and hard work. That is a tall order to live up to, day after day.

We must proclaim the Gospel in the workplace – by Word or by deed. Just by living the Christian life shows that we do not follow the crowd of non-believers. For example, I keep a mite box on my desk and put into it any coins that I find on the shop floor, where our people wash rental cars. I suspect that they leave the pennies there because they know that I send them to Missions.

In this day and age it has become prevalent for parents to share the responsibility of raising the family, and sharing the housekeeping duties. This makes it possible for the working woman to become involved in outside activities. We can free our minds and hands to go to a meeting and become involved without guilt.

LWML-Canada is aware of the number of women who work outside the home, and is trying to make the situation easier for us to become part of the organization. We are attempting to simplify procedures in order to save time and stress. We are eliminating steps. The convention in 1999 will be a new format to inspire enthusiasm and involvement by all.

*Bonnie Kasper*

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**STAMPS**...a former stamp collector has turned his entire collection over to an LWML society. Get the word out. There may be others who have lost interest or have no one to whom they may pass their collection.

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## “BRIGHTEN SOMEONE’S DAY”

...write a letter, use nice stationary and send your thoughts to a shut-in, someone who is lonely or hurting.

...visit a homebound person, bring cookies.

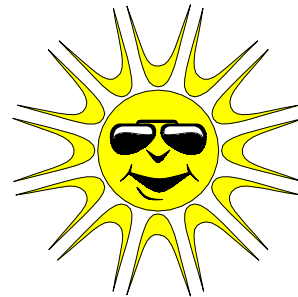
...a three minute phone call to someone shut-in or hurting can be a real lift of the spirit to both of you. TRY IT!!

...entertain older siblings for a few hours while mom and dad take care of the new baby and spend quiet time together.

...express heartfelt admiration for an elder. Which personal trait do you admire the most?

...share an overheard compliment. Forget an overheard criticism.

...lend a hand to a young mother with a full house.



## A Mission Service Moment

Are you actively looking for new mission service projects in your congregation and community? The key resource person for current information in these areas may be your Pastor. Why not talk to him before looking elsewhere. Plan to support your Pastor in his ministry in your congregation and community. Pastor + LWML = more mission minded ministry.

## MISSION SERVICE INGATHERING

The Ingathering for the convention in Thunder Bay is individual travel-size toiletries and baby needs and everyone is encouraged to bring as many as they chose from the list provided. **Items must be received by 9:00 am on Saturday, July 17. Watch for the signs!**

These will be distributed to the following groups:

1. **Shelter House**, Thunder Bay – offers emergency housing, free clothing and food to homeless and needy. Assists individuals

through referrals to better their situation.

2. **Faye Peterson Transition House**, Thunder Bay, – home for women and children who are victims of physical, emotional, sexual or financial abuse.

3. **Lutheran Community Care Centre**, Thunder Bay – provides Pastoral Care, social service program, protective service program, counselling and educational programs.

4. **Northern Native Missions**, Dryden – provides a wide variety of supportive services and outreach in areas such as counselling, education, worship, workshops, etc.

The Ingathering gifts are greatly appreciated by the recipients and will be distributed by them as they reach out to those in need.

Check with your local agencies for their specific needs. One suggestion – have a basket (with some samples) at your society meetings. Or involve the congregation by placing the basket in a visible place.

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**STOP** at the Mission Service booth in Thunder Bay and pick up your Zone envelope for a “*Quiet Book*” pattern to share with your societies.

Look for Kathy Kap patterns also. Contact your local Cancer Society to discover specific needs in your area.

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### MAKE A KIT FOR A HOMELESS CHILD

A “new” project that you may wish to undertake with your society is that of assembling a kit for a homeless child. These would be given to homes or hospital wards where there are children who are flood or fire victims or ones who have been abused. Contents may vary according to the needs of children involved so check with your local agencies for their input.

### SUGGESTED KIT ITEMS

- 1-hand towel
- 1-child's toothbrush
- 1-face cloth
- 1-child's toothpaste
- 1-bar of gentle soap
- 1-child's shampoo
- 1-colouring book /or/ pad of construction paper

1-package of crayons  
-a picture or storybook of Jesus

*Ontario LWML District*

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### Good Deed Daily

- ★ *Remember how you appreciated an open-minded adult when you were a teen? Be that adult now.*
  - ★ *Shine hope on a problem with your insight, generosity, or gift of hard work.*
  - ★ *Warm a hand today by holding it. Even a handshake qualifies.*
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### SHOWERS OF GIFTS FOR WOMEN'S SHELTERS

‘New Beginnings’ — a shower of household items for the battered women’s shelter. (In Mission Service Memos, spring 1998). Or have a shower for a new baby which could be given to seminary families, community groups for single parents, needy families. Another type of shower is one for your congregation. People would bring cleaning supplies, office supplies, items for Sunday School. Food Banks is another shower idea.

### MISSION SERVICE — WHAT IS IT?

Mission Service can be quilts and kits to CLWR, a telephone call to someone who is lonely, a hug to someone who is hurting, serving meals at a soup kitchen, saving aluminum tabs from pop cans, collecting eyeglasses, soup labels, knitting toques, mitts, baby sweaters. The list is endless. There are mission service activities wherever there are people. We are to keep our ears, eyes and hearts open to the cry for help and reach out, with God’s guidance and help, to them and share God’s love.

### IDEA BANK — TRY SOME, SHARE SOME

..”**Adoptive Grandparents**” to children of the church, your neighbour, in your community. For some, grandparents are far away and some don’t have a grandparent.

...Take a grandma or a grandpa to lunch, even if you have to borrow one.

...Leave a **gift certificate** for a hamburger in a library book (especially college and university) or a park bench.

..Find something to clean that isn't in your house, your car or your yard.

...**Volunteers** are needed in some communities for school breakfast programs. Contact your local Red Cross or school board.

...**Old towels** can be made into washcloths — use a serger for edges.

...Take advantage of “**2 for 1**” specials at supermarket and donate extras to food bank. Also check ‘end of season’ sales, closing out sales and other great sales for items for needy.

...Check with seniors and handicapped if they would like some help with cleaning; wash walls, scrub floors, etc. Take along some refreshments!

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### **Good Deed Daily**

★ *Smile at five strangers. You might get a few funny looks, but do it anyway. How do you feel?*

★ *Offer you creativity to someone. Can you help make a gift? Or hem a dress or pants?*

★ *Spend a day with a child. Laugh more, worry less.*

★ *Practice your listening skills with someone who is having a rough day.*

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## **ETHNIC MINISTRY**

The Mission Service booth at the Valhalla Inn in Thunder Bay has info for you. It will assist you in showing hospitality to ethnic women and their families.

English as A Second Language (ESL) programs and/or Continuing Education classes welcome you to visit, survey, etc. ethnic students. Great opportunity to show Christian love, concern and hospitality.

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## **ARE YOU A SAVER? Don't forget these**

✓ saving your **eyeglasses** for CLWR, hospitals and Haiti Mission

✓ **used stamps**, leaving a 1/4" border — Dr. Elroy Treit, #74 - 3180 E. 58<sup>th</sup> Ave., Vancouver, BC, V5S 3C8 or Ilene Doak, 2452 Pillette Road, Windsor, ON, N8T 1P6

✓ **Canadian Tire money** for use by seminaries, transition house needs, needy families

✓ **used soap** for CLWR — check with your local hotels/motels if you can pick up discarded soap. Talk with managers and/or housekeeping supervisor and outline the program of CLWR for soap. Check their pamphlet for procedure of packing and shipping.

✓ **food and clothing** for food banks, shelters

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## **DECLARE A FAST**

**The following was specially written for the season of Lent but it can be applied the whole year through.**

Fast from criticism and feast on praise;

Fast from self-pity and feast on joy;

Fast from ill-temper and feast on peace;

Fast from resentment and feast on contentment;

Fast from jealousy and feast on love;

Fast from pride and feast on humility;

Fast from selfishness and feast on service;

Fast from fear and feast on faith.

..Bob Miles

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## **WHAT EVERY-ONE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT FAMILY VIOLENCE**

This is an issue that has affected many families, a family member, a neighbour, a friend. The Saskatchewan Health Mental Health Services Branch lists many sources of help for troubled families, some are listed below. Check the yellow pages for ‘crisis intervention’ Social Service Organizations’ or ‘children.’ Seek help right away. Don't allow small problems to turn into larger ones. Cost need not be an obstacles as many services are free or inexpensive.

FAMILY AND SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES provide counselling, protection, referrals and legal advice.

SAFE HOMES and transition houses offer emergency and short-term lodging and protection, counselling, etc.

SELFHHELP GROUPS are available for abusers of alcohol and other drugs, and for their families (for example, AA, AL-NON and ALATEEN).

LEGAL AID CENTERS provide legal help for victims who cannot afford a lawyer.

SUPPORT GROUPS exist for new parents and family members who want support and help.

HOSPITALS AND MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS and public health nurses offer emergency medical and psychiatric care.

POLICE DEPARTMENTS provide intervention or protection, special units for family violence.

CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETIES offer emergency and temporary child care and counselling on parenting.

WOMEN'S GROUPS can provide supportive counselling and information on where to get help and assistance.

Check your provincial government agencies, your communities, congregations for sources in your areas.

**Other resources**

Without Fear (1993) A video about violence against women. National Film Board of Canada  
Order Number: 91993064  
NFB Video Sales:  
1-800-267-7710

Life Lessons: We are you Neighbours  
Heartland Releasing INC  
306-777-0888

The Open Window (video)  
International LWML  
1-800-252-5965

Carefully Hidden (video)  
International LWML  
1-800-252-5965

Remember, when planning your programs to check the **LWML-Canada Catalogue Resource** for many exciting materials available from the office in Winnipeg, MB. *Stepping Stones* and *Tapestry* also have material to be used. Check your community library, local Social Planning Council, support groups for speakers and areas of service. Other societies, your Zones, Districts and LWML Canada have so many great ideas.

The Mission Service Committee is always on the search for new ideas to share so continue to send your newsletters and ideas to them. THANKS!

***Good Deed Daily***

- ★ *Thank a mentor with a written or spoken example of how he or she has positively affected your life.*
- ★ *Get in touch with an old friend. Renew the bond that got you together in the first place.*

**TIPS FROM THE ARCHIVIST**

1. When filing your archival material, use a container that is easily accessible and expandable. An acid free box or metal cabinet large enough to hold file folders is most practical. It should be kept in a place that is safe and dry and away from unnecessary exposure to light. Files should be kept clean and inspected regularly.
2. Materials should be filed flat. All staples, paper clips, elastic bands and scotch tape should be removed. Acid free three-ring sheet protectors are excellent for storing materials consisting of several pages. If something needs to be clipped together, use clips that are all plastic.
3. Newspaper clippings should be copied on a good grade of paper rather than storing the newsprint.
4. Everything should be dated and properly identified with pencil or acid free pen. NEVER use a ball point pen.
5. Use a filing system that is most convenient for you. The important thing is that you know what you have, why you have it and where it is.

**A Mite Box Devotion**



Psalm 119:105  
"Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path."

Hymn #512

**HEAVENLY FATHER**

We come to you, O God, seeking the true gift of charity as we bring before you our monthly mites for your use and wait patiently for Your blessings on the pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters that we present to you in our Mite Boxes.

Give us the gift of patience as we, like children, wait for your blessing which will multiply these gifts of love. We thank you for this privilege of giving for the use of others, and, in turn, await your blessing upon us. Hear us as we thank you for the privilege of service.

Lord, we dedicate ourselves and all that we have to your ministry of mercy. In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.

## REMEMBER OUR MISSIONARIES

Please add to your list of missionaries the name of Daniel Dueck at the InterAmerican School, Guatemala. We thank our Lord for the safe return of our teachers Michelle Ney, Rebekah Klinck and Kendra Brown from their teaching posts in Thailand. Remember these, and all our other missionaries as they serve for us in both our native and foreign fields.

### SETTING MISSION GOALS

#### Our District Mission

Goal for the year \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Our Canadian Mission

Goal for the year \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_.

MY Mission Goal for this biennium is \_\_\_\_\_.

## HOW IMPORTANT IS A MITE?

A Mite is an offering prayerfully given—when dropped into our Mite Box; and prayerfully received when collected at our meetings. God has promised and will bless the work for which these Mites are given. However, that work cannot be carried out if the mite offerings are not where they should be. Please make sure your Mite submissions are made on a regular basis—ideally monthly, or at least every second month. Remember, there is only once source of income for our Districts and National organization. We commissioned them to do a job for us, so let's help them by making sure all mite money is where it should be to carry out the work of LWML—Canada.

### SEND MITES REGULARLY

You can see, by the graphic of the Russian dolls,

how long it takes your Mites to move along the chain of distribution even if they are sent off right away by each financial officer. Society and Zone treasurers and District financial officers are urged to send the Mites on as soon as possible—and on a regular schedule. The Mites are then able to do their work for the Lord.

It is very important to collect Mites **every month** from **every member**. Do this at LWML meetings or at a church service once a month *with a Mite devotion*. Phone and remind people to bring their Mite Boxes. Offer to pick up Mite Boxes from friends or shut-ins (and then keep that person updated on the projects). Society, Zone and District treasurers need to remit on a regular basis.

*Note: Find out more about the Russian dolls, pictured below, from the Mission Projects committee at this summer's convention in Thunder Bay.*

## A Mite Box Devotion

### The Miracle of the Mite Box Ministry

One little member  
One little mite box  
How can God use me? I am so small!  
How can I be of any help at all?

Join with my sisters  
Join with the others  
At our society meetings.  
How can God use us? We are so small!  
How can we be any help at all?

One to the Zone we go  
Join with some others.  
Now we are growing in size.  
How can God use us? We are still small!  
How can we be any help at all?

Five district treasurers  
Add up our numbers.  
Wow, we have grown to be BIG!  
Now God can use us! For District Missions  
Now we can be some help after all!

God knows our strengths  
He knows the needs  
In Canada and the world.  
Now we are ready—to let God use us!  
Together we answer His call.

How long does it take for mites to go to work?



Member's Mite Box



Society Treasurer (once/month)



Zone Treasurer (one week later)



District Financial Officer (1 week later)



LWML-Canada Financial Secretary (1 week later)

## Mission Projects 1997-1999

**Concordia School, Port Gaudin, Haiti \$13,000**

- to build an adequate school building for 100 students which would include a roof, toilet and water supply

not yet requested

**Lay Worker for Native Ministry, Northwestern Ontario \$4,500**

- to provide for drug and alcohol counselling and for the purchase of Vacation Bible School materials, study books, Bibles and literature handouts

paid in full

**Mission Developer, Yellowknife, Northwest Territories \$20,000**

- to assist in funding a mission developer in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories in 1998

\$4000 paid

**All Nations English Dictionary, Ukraine \$3,500**

- for the purchase and distribution of Christian English dictionaries which missionaries and lay workers in Ukraine may use in outreach

not required

**Lay Worker, Korean Outreach Ministry \$4,000**

- to assist in a two-year diaconal ministry in Korea to enhance the growing Korean outreach ministry in Seoul

paid in full

**Total Mission Project Goal: \$45,000**

## ATTENTION ALL LWML SOCIETIES!

The **Society Program Planner** for 1999-2001 is ready and waiting.

This Planner contains twenty-six prepared devotions (one for every month and season of the year plus two new mite devotions) along with a **two-year Monthly Planning Guide** giving suggested devotions, Bible studies, Mission Service activities and other resource possibilities – month by month.

This new **Society Program Planner** has it all – an invaluable tool in helping you plan your yearly program.

Pick up your **Society Program Planner** at the Public Relations LWML-Canada booth in the display area.

Price: \$4 A real bargain! After the convention you may order it from the LWML Office in Winnipeg for \$4 plus shipping.

## WELCOME TO THE BIENNIUM OF THE MILLENNIUM!!

What a wonderful time this is to reflect on the blessings God has granted His church over the past 2,000 years, and to look ahead with joy at the blessings He has promised in the years to come.

As the millennium approaches, we hear concerns over the "Y2K Millennium Bug." Many tabloids and internet web sites play on people's fears, offering dire predictions of the end of the world. What a tremendous opportunity this is for us as Christians to convey the message that a loving God holds our future in His hands!

How do we respond to the fears and concerns of those around us? *By remaining in the Word* which assures us of God's faithfulness, His forgiveness and His promises. *By taking part in the Sacraments*, strengthening us for service in the world. *By continuing to join in fellowship together* and in *reaching out to others* with the message of hope and salvation. LWML-Canada has a wonderful variety of Bible studies and devotional material for individuals or

groups. Why not take advantage of these resources in your home, your workplace, your church or your society? As we begin this new biennium, societies can also take advantage of the "Society Program Planner" which is filled with devotional material, suggested resources, mission service suggestions, and practical help for planning in your society.

By remaining grounded in God's grace, we can take this "once in a millennium" opportunity to show the world where real security and peace are found!

*Karen Leonhardt*

## HOT OFF THE PRESS!

– a new booklet meant to help give you a meaningful vacation.

**VACATION INSPIRATIONS** contains **20 devotions**, some relating to the wonder of God's creation, others containing thoughts of re-creation—re-creation we can experience within



ourselves through Christ and His Word.

**VACATION INSPIRATIONS** has been authored by four of our LWML members: Anne Taylor, Deborah Pakrul, Joann Willie and Karen Nerbas. It's a handy little book to take on vacation or give as a gift. Only \$4 at the LWML—Canada booth in the display area. After the convention it may be ordered from the LWML Office in Winnipeg for \$4 plus shipping.

## **WHEN HE IS OLD, HE WILL NOT TURN AWAY FROM IT**

Several years ago a small boy was visiting his aunt during a school vacation. As part of the visit, they made a trip to the local shopping mall where he could spend his money on anything that he would choose. The aunt expected him to immediately head toward the Toy Department, but to her surprise he asked her, "Where can I get a real set of binoculars?" He wasn't interested in a toy; he wanted the real thing.

Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it." Parents often train and teach their children as a normal part of daily living. They set examples regularly, often without being aware that they are doing so. When they invest time in training their children, they sometimes wonder if they are getting through to them, as sometimes their words seem to fall on deaf ears. There are moments, however, as in the incident above, when the parent can be certain that the training has been very effective.

From the words in Proverbs, we also see the image of the individual as they grow old, and, although by that time it is unlikely the parents will be able to appreciate their accomplishment, each of us knows of an 'older' individual who clearly reflects the training they received from their parents.

Summer is a good time to invest with family, both young and old, as we appreciate the slower pace and the opportunities we have to explore the wonders of God's world. It is also a great time to share experiences that teach lessons not able to be taught in a classroom; lessons meant to be shared as a family. Summer is a wonderful environment

in which parents can invest precious time in training their children.

The verse in Proverbs does not focus on only parents doing the training. The lessons and examples offered by Vacation Bible school teachers, grandparents and other respected adults provide a well-rounded opportunity to train children and watch them mature into adults who 'will not turn away from it.'

*Linda Long*

## **WHO ME? Writing Program Resources**

The Program Resources file for LWML is growing. New manuscripts are always needed. The Lord blesses us every day and He supplies us with many talents. Could yours be submitting a manuscript?

The first reaction to that question, I know from experience, is often, "Who,



## **COMING SOON!**

### **NOW WHAT?**

That's it! – a devotion booklet especially written for **high school graduates**. Author, Lynn Gergens, having had much experience and involvement with youth, speaks plainly and personally of the truths in God's Word. An excellent way to 'recognize' high school graduates in your congregation or family. This new, NOW WHAT? (what's next in my life?) devotion booklet may be available for you by convention time. Ask about it at the LWML—Canada

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Christian women often face times of crisis in their lives and in their faith. This devotional booklet focuses on God's loving response to our fear, guilt, exhaustion and more. Written by LWML members across Canada, its twenty-four devotions include scripture, devotions and prayers. A timely booklet – **Coming soon!**

me?" God tells us to "Go ... Teach ... Make Disciples." This directive is to each and every one of us. We are to reach out with messages of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. Our Father will guide and direct us to write a manuscript to submit to the Program Resources Committee.

Thank you to all who sent in writings for consideration, either your own or that by someone else. We depend on YOU to continue to make our files grow.

Send items to Gladys Zimmerman, 12862 - 98A Avenue, Surrey, BC V3T 1C2

Sunday school teacher: "Does anyone here know what we mean by 'sins of omission'?"

Young girl: "Aren't those the sins we should have committed but didn't?"

*Chris Cohen  
"Laugh Lines"*

## PROGRAM RESOURCES AVAILABLE FROM LWML-CANADA OFFICE

We are happy that we have nine new catalogue items on the shelves of our Winnipeg office.

C1998-01 **Priscilla Pioneer & Penny Progress Talk Turkey**; a skit for Thanksgiving

C1998-02 **What Kind of Thanksgiving?** Bible study  
C1998-03 **Called to Serve by His Love**; a litany

C1998-04 **Where Do I Fit In?** a Christmas mite devotion

C1998-05 **A Thanksgiving Offering Litany** for the Anniversary of LWML-Canada; a litany to celebrate anniversaries

C1998-06 **We Give Thee But Thine Own**; a devotion

C1998-07 **My God, My Father Make me Strong**; an ingathering litany

C1998-08 **Ships of Light**; a candlelight devotion

C1999-09 **Soaring in His Love**; a devotional skit

## RESOURCES FROM INTERNATIONAL LWML

Call 1-800-252-LWML

**CROSSWORDS** is a new Bible study designed specifically to help you better understand those "churchy" words. Through group or individual study, you will become more knowledgeable about what these words mean for you and for all people around the world. Through Bible study, discussion and activities, you will become more comfortable with words like sanctification, justification and grace. #20091A, \$2.50 US per set.

**Life of Jesus ESL** – Do you know someone who is either teaching or studying English as a second language? A brand new set of Bible stories is available, set in simple but interesting story form and focusing on Jesus' birth, miracles, death and resurrection. This resource will share Jesus and His love for all God's people, while enhancing English language comprehension, vocabulary and conversation skills. Twelve individual stories per packet. #20185A, \$2.50 US.

## New Manuscripts

**MISSION CHICKEN ON RETREAT** (Hoge) – While attending a retreat, our dear friend "Mission Chicken" appears a bit anxious until encouraged by a friend to join in the activities. 2 participants. 2 pages. #5262

**AN INSTRUMENT FOR NOBLE PURPOSES** (Hoge) – Sure to bring a smile and a laugh, this drama leads two friends through an array of instruments until they meet someone who helps them find the true instrument of "noble purpose." 4 participants. 3 pages. #5264A

**THE NOMINATIONS CHAIRMAN AND THE SEVEN DWARFS** (Hoge) – This humorous sketch written for eight people encourages volunteers to run for LWML offices, using the special talents God has given each person. 2 pages. #5263

**BIBLE STUDY/RETREAT – PROCLAIM THE REDEEMER** (Laufer) – Written for use in six, one-hour sessions, this insightful Bible study examines how our attitudes and behavior reflect what we "proclaim." It is well suited for use in a two-day retreat. Participant's Guide, 6 pages. Leader's Guide, 11 pages. #59045A

## WHEN A MOTION BECOMES A RESOLUTION

A **main motion** is the motion used to propose that an assembly take certain action or express itself as holding certain views. The main motion is undoubtedly, the motion heard most frequently in the business meeting. Any member of the society may introduce a motion by the words, “**I move that.**” In convention each member may have a voice privilege, but only voting members of the voting assembly of the convention may introduce business and vote.

**At times a main motion is of such importance or length, it is usually written in the form of a resolution.**

To introduce a resolution, a member, having obtained the floor, says, “I move the adoption of the following resolution...” After the resolution is read, a copy of the resolution is handed to the secretary. In convention your resolution may be given to the Resolution Committee. They are also there to assist you in the writing of the resolution. However, the Resolution Committee is at times called the Reference or Platform Committee. The establish-

ment of a Resolution Committee in a convention represents a limitation on the ordinary right of members to propose any number of motions from the floor without notice. Such limitations arises from the need for keeping within a schedule and disposing of a large amount of business within a short time. In the ordinary case only the voting members of the convention are allowed to introduce resolutions for consideration by the assembly.

### Writing a Resolution

A resolution is written in a specified style, beginning with the words, “*Resolved, That.*” “*Resolved*” is set in italics when printed and underlined when handwritten or typed. A comma always follows “*Resolved,*” and the word “*That*” begins with a capital letter.

Background information and/or brief statements of reasons for a resolution may be incorporated into “*Whereas*” clauses, thus forming a preamble to the resolution. Each clause of a preamble is written as a separate paragraph beginning with the words, “*Whereas,*” which is followed by a comma. The next word begins with a capital letter. No periods are ever written into a preamble; in-

stead, each paragraph closes with a semicolon. In the next to the last paragraph, the semicolon is followed by the word “and,” and the final paragraph may be followed by a connecting phrase such as “therefore, be it” or simply “therefore”.

There may be one or more *Resolved* clauses. When there is more than one, each is written as a separate paragraph beginning with the words “*Resolved, That*” and ending with a semicolon which, in the case of the next to the last paragraph, should be followed by the word “and.” The last paragraph is always closed with a period. A complex or lengthy resolution can be considered paragraph by paragraph – this is called Serialim.

### Handling a Resolution on the Convention Floor

After the resolution is stated by the chair it becomes open to debate. The resolved paragraphs, which contain the meat of the resolution, are debated and amended first. Then the paragraphs of the preamble, which contain the background and/or reasons for the resolution, are considered. After all paragraphs have been perfected to the satisfaction of the members and there is no further debate, a single vote is taken

on the resolution as a whole.

The resolution is not addressed to anyone! It maybe given to the Secretary of the assembly, who will pass it on to the Resolution Committee OR it maybe given directly to the Resolution Committee.

### Sample Resolution

*Whereas,*  
The health and welfare of all children are primary concerns for all Members; and

*Whereas,*  
Pollution of the environment is becoming a matter of grave concern and an identifiable health hazard; and

*Whereas,*  
Many organizations and concerned citizens are attempting to establish laws to set proper standards of environmental control;

Therefore, be it  
*Resolved,*  
That this council attempt to establish laws to set proper standards of environmental control and the funds to enforce such legislation; and

*Resolved,*  
That this council develop a campaign on environmental control.



## “WOMEN IN CRISIS”

### Reaching out to those who are grieving

Do you wonder what to say when grief strikes? When loss of a loved one is new and the need for grieving is a must? Barbara Johnson is quoted as saying, “**When grief is the freshest, words should be the fewest.**”

The grieving person knows in their heart it is good to know their loved one is in heaven but the desire to have them still with them is much greater. They find the company of family and friends help them bear the pain of loss, which at this time seems unbearable. We must allow the grieving person to work through the stages of their grief, just being there for them, allowing them to be angry with God over their loss, not offering solutions or explanations. Most who mourn find it very helpful to tell the story of the death of their loved one to trusted family and friends. We will want to lend a listening ear and heart for such telling and retelling as it brings release and insight into the joy and sorrow of the parting.

Quoting Bible verses may help us to feel better

but is not always acceptable to the grieving person at this time. Making sure to tell them – “I care and love you and so does God,” is enough. Hugs and a time to listen are usually a no-fail reaction at times like these. Christian mourners will turn to the worship fellowship of the church and rich comfort of God’s Holy Word and Sacrament for healing along the path of grief. Make sure you and other members of the congregation are there to support and nurture the grieving member.

### Helping the caregiver

People dealing with spouses or members of their families with Alzheimers’ certainly need a caring friend that is willing to listen and also help with respite time. This could be from taking over a meal to staying with the patient, either alone or with the caregiver present. If we would all take to heart what it must be like to walk in their shoes, we certainly would find ways to offer support and help.

The art of listening is one of the most important skills we develop. Always listen to others, as you want them to listen to you.

### WALK IN MY SHOES

*Go slow and easy now.  
Don't forget that I'm easily frightened.  
Please explain why and how.  
Keep me enlightened.  
Don't just grab my arm and not speak to me. I think then that you are about to do harm to this person that I've come to be.  
Don't get angry if I don't always do as you ask.  
Sometimes I can't see how to go about even the simplest task.  
Often you may think I'm not here.  
It's then that I live in the past.  
There are memories there that are dear, even though they seldom last.  
I'm not aware that I have Alzheimers' Disease.  
Maybe it's just as well.  
My mind, it's an often tormenting tease.*

*At times making my day a living hell.  
Next time perchance you happen to look my way, take a little closer glance and picture me, as you in another day.  
Yes, it's true you know, the nurses sometimes forget that I was normal once.  
This person that's here on show really wasn't always a dunce.  
I had my dreams, I worked hard like you.  
There were some heartaches as well as the days that were pleasant.  
Please, for your own sakes, allow me my moments to slip away from the present.  
This isn't always a pleasing place.  
Sometimes the noise that surrounds my space makes me completely lose my poise.  
I won't ask for very much.*



*Just now and then give me a smile.*

*A gentle touch can also soothe my confusion for awhile.*

*I didn't ask to be here.*

*Please don't blame me when things go wrong.*

*Try and look at me as if I am dear.*

*Lend me a silent song.*

*Go slow and easy now, don't forget that I'm easily frightened.*

*Please explain why and how.*

*Keep me enlightened.*

*Don't just grab my arm and not speak to me. I think then that you are about to do harm to this person that I've come to be.*

*Again now, don't you get angry if I don't always do as you ask.*

*Sometimes I can't see how to go about even the simplest task!*

*Be patient when I have my off days.*

*Be kind when I have been bad.*

*Don't judge me by today's ways for that will only make me more sad.*

*Next time perchance when you happen to look my way, take that little closer glance and picture me, as you in another day!!*

*Author Unknown*

## LISTEN

When I ask you to listen to me

And you start giving advice  
You have not done what I asked.

When I ask you to listen to me

And you begin to tell me why  
I shouldn't feel that way  
You are trampling on my feelings.

When I ask you to listen to me

And you feel you have to do something to solve my problem  
You have failed me, strange as that may seem.

So, please listen and just hear me

And, if you want to talk, wait a minute for your turn;  
And I'll listen to you.

*Author Unknown*

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Junk is something you keep and then throw away two weeks before you need it.

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## YOUNG WOMEN RESPOND . . .

**. . . regarding issues that can put young women into crisis and which could be addressed through programming in your society.**

I would like to draw your attention to some of the responses from a survey taken by Laureen Auld while she was the Young Women Resource Person for the Alberta-British Columbia District. These suggestions, which follow, could help each society encourage young women to take part in the LWML.

### WHO HAS NEEDS & CONCERNS AND WHAT ARE THEY?

☹ **Young women raising children, working mothers, stay-at-home mothers, new mothers, women with non-Christian husbands, newly married young women, engaged**

**young women**, and all the concerns that go along with these issues.

☹ **Students** struggling with large student loans, perhaps being far away from home and having no campus ministry available.

☹ **Single women** spiritually searching, developing new relationships, or parenting when single.

☹ **Young women dealing with career choices** and lack of available jobs. Encouragement when trying to make ends meet.

☹ **Finding enough time** for God. "Where do I fit in?" is a common question.

☹ **Financially unable** to attend retreats, rallies and conventions—how can we help?

☹ Young moms wonder how their **children** will make it as **Christians** in this violent world. How do we help them accomplish the goal of **Christian parent = Christian child?**

☹ **Family problems.**

☹ Encouragement for  **moms to stay at home** to raise their children.

☹ **Commitment** to God to use the church and the LWML for personal **growth in faith**.

☹ Getting around the **attitude**, "When my kids are grown, I'll become involved in the church and LWML."

☹ **Stress management**.

☹ **Too many meetings** for busy young women. The LWML needs to accommodate them better.

☹ **Choosing a mate**.

☹ What God says about **peer pressure**, drugs, premarital sex and pregnancy, alcohol, cults and other difficult issues.

☹ Young women who are **lonely**.

☹ Young women who need help with finances.

### EFFECTIVE WAYS TO MEET THESE NEEDS AND CONCERNS

☺ Overwhelmingly, one of the most common suggestions was **BIBLE STUDY**, as well as **DEVOTIONS**, **COFFEE TIME**, etc. geared toward young women, young couples and young families. Topic sug-

gestions were Christianity's role in family and society, fitting the LWML into a hectic schedule, single parenting, parenting in general, pregnancy and child care, career choices, marriage, stress and time management, God's Laws versus peer pressure to do wrong, and other issues facing today's young women. (For more topic ideas relevant to your young women, just as the young women of your congregation.)

☺ **BABYSITTING** at meetings and advertising the fact, was another common response. We need to be supportive of women no matter what their age and young moms who have no child care options should not be denied the blessing of knowing what it is to be a part of LWML. Nowhere in the Bible does it say that those with children should not be serving the Lord!!

☺ **PR!** It was suggested that we need to **BRAG more about the LWML**, its purpose, how it can involve young women, its accomplishments, etc. Advertising each and every meeting and its topic is a necessity. Advertise in church bulletins, mailbox inserts, mailouts, articles in church newslet-

ters, posting on bulletin boards, announcements at church services, etc. Keep communication **OPEN** and **FLOWING**.

☺ The most impressive means of involving a young woman is through **PERSONAL INVITATION**. A woman will be more likely to come if someone takes a personal interest in her attendance. In fact, many women say that is how they became involved in the LWML!

☺ **MENTORING** can be so effective between older and young women. Mentoring can also involve outreach to college students.

☺ **Show LOVE and ENCOURAGEMENT**, Christian nurture, caring and understanding. Make young women in congregations feel wanted, necessary and special.

☺ **Provide TRANSPORTATION** to and from meetings, rallies, retreats and conventions. Have a fund that will help with the cost for young women that are having financial difficulties, to attend rallies, retreats, conventions, etc.

☺ Give older members an idea as to the issues that affect the younger genera-

tions. Let them know that **getting young women involved may mean some CHANGES**.

☺ **TALK** to young women and **LISTEN** to their ideas, find their gifts, then implement them into your programs. Allow them to serve and include them without making them feel inferior or privileged to have an opportunity.

☺ **START YOUNG!** Try to invite girls as young as confirmation age to some events. **Present a copy of Tapestry and a Mite Box to each newly confirmed young woman**.

☺ **Form committees instead of one-person jobs**. This may make a young woman feel less intimidated. Develop **short-term commitments** for young women rather than long-term. **Involve young women on the planning committee to get new ideas**.

☺ **Involve children** in meetings – **future LWMLers!**

☺ **Have guest speakers** that are of



interest to young women. Ask them who they'd like!

☺ **PRAY** for the young women of your congregation. **Start asking them to take some responsibility** for helping to run the church, learn about missions, etc.

☺ Hold LWML programs involving, or especially for, **single moms**.

☺ Organize **young women LWML groups** (but remember that young women learn so much from older generations and can really benefit from their experience!)

☺ Allow Young Women Reps to **speak regularly** at rallies, retreats, meetings and conventions.

☺ Have lots of **enthusiasm for the LWML**. It can be contagious!

☺ Send young women reps to **rallies and retreats as well as conventions**.

☺ Have young women **involved in LWML Sunday**—perhaps a young LWML member might address the congregation and tell others what it has meant to her to be involved.

☺ Hold a special “**LWML Welcoming Party**” for all the young women of the congregation.

☺ Have an **OPEN MEETING** where all women...young and old...can voice their opinions and suggestions.

☺ Order the resource called “**Is Your Society Young Women Friendly**”, LWML catalogue, Code 95/7325, 13 pages.

Laureen asks, “Do you think God has provided all of us with enough ideas? Please pass these on whenever and wherever you think they can be used to the glory of God, to extend His kingdom.”

**BE AWARE, LOOK FOR OPPORTUNITIES!**

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An overweight patient pointed out to her doctor that the pills she had been given to help her lose weight had no dosage directions on the bottle.

“You aren’t supposed to *swallow* these,” said the doctor. “Just spill them all on the floor three times a day and pick them up one at a time!”

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## LOOKING FOR A GUEST SPEAKER?



Member Development has advertised for lists of people who would be willing to have their name published on a “Guest Speakers List.” We do have some names but as this is a national venture and a new project we do not expect to have the formatting down perfectly right away. Please be patience with us. The listing will include:

- ★ Subject Matter
- ★ Names, Addresses, Email, Fax & Phone
- ★ Areas and distances will ing to travel
- ★ Cost if it has been stated (always ask when making your arrangements)

We hope this will help Districts, Zones and Societies when looking for guest speakers for events. It is hoped that this list will continue to grow under the committee formed following the convention. You can help it grow by suggesting names to add to the list.

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Refuge & Support

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A place to turn to when:

- you think you may be pregnant
- you need a safe place to stay for a while
- you want help preparing to care for a baby
- you want to learn how to live independently
- you need to talk to someone about it
- you’re not sure whether to parent or adopt
- you want help making plans for your future

Jackie is willing to travel 2+ hours as the catchment area for the Home is generally the Toronto to Windsor corridor and somewhat north. Jackie is a very positive and cheerful Christian. Ardith Pollex from St. Thomas, ON has served on their board and could answer any further questions you might have.

*Submitted by Katharine Hinz for LWML Redeemer Church, St. Thomas*



**Cheryl Teeter, B.ScN., M.Ed.**

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Cheryl would be happy to speak on a topic or theme of your choice. Below are subjects she has already researched.

- Presentation Skills
- Leadership
- Communication Skills
- Christian Time Management
- Death and Dying
- Strategic Planning
- Talents vs Gifts
- Working in Groups
- Decision Making Skills
- Dealing with Difficult People
- Cultural Diversity
- Effective Meeting Skills
- Dealing with Losses in Life
- Providing Pastoral Care
- Personalities and Talents
- Helping Adults Learn
- Health and Wholeness
- Motivation
- Grieving
- Listening Skills
- Setting Goals
- Team Building

Cheryl is a member of Christ Risen in Kanata, ON. She was an Insight session presenter at the 1997 convention. Cheryl is people-oriented and comfortable in a group, no matter how large.

*Submitted by Eloise Schaan*



**IN MY OPINION**

*Marion Hollinger, Editor*

**LAYING BLAME OR ACCEPTING RESPONSIBILITY**

“Too little of our mite money goes toward mission projects,” is a concern heard from the grass roots to our president. This imbalance is most evident at the national level.

The usual assumption is that the culprit is the cost of travel for meetings. A common feeling is that too much money goes to the airlines or to fill gas tanks. And, when concern builds, we sometimes blame our leaders for meeting too often or inviting too many people to the meetings.

I invite you to consider something else which, in our new organization, draws money away from mission projects. “We need Canadian materials—we’re tired of resources that talk about American holidays and concerns.” Do you remember saying that? I do. And so do our leaders. They have worked very hard, in the five years LWML–Canada has been an organization, to provide us with Canadian resources. We have discovered much talent in Canada and produced a wide variety of items. But, were we ready for the financial cost involved?

True, the items are sold at a price sufficient to recover the cost of production as well as shipping. BUT....as we sell some items, new ones are produced....because our membership needs them. That’s good. However, we must recognize that we will always have a sizeable amount of money invested in resources.

That initial start-up money came from our mites. There was no other source. We’re getting better at determining how many and what to produce as well as how to prepare items for printing so we save money. In future, you may find some items will be “Sold Out” and no longer available if you wait too long to order them. But, smarter or not, there will always be that initial investment. Any business person knows the cost of carrying inventory and if we are to have Canadian materials an inventory is necessary.

While those in our leadership sharpened their pencils and worked hard to reduce production costs for resources, we, as members, also bear some responsibility. Too often we order one copy and head for the photocopier. In some cases that’s perfectly okay. Some materials are photocopied as you request them. If you only order one and photo-

copy closer to home, little is lost. However, some items cannot be provided in that way. When LWML–Canada pays a printer to produce booklets and Bible studies, etc. sales to recover costs are lost when members purchase one and photocopy. Our mites end up sitting on the shelf.

Having our own resources is well worth the time, effort and money. They are evidence of God’s blessings on our League. Thank God for willing workers—including you—who volunteer enormous quantities of time doing the Lord’s work. Whether the task provides service or sharing of the Gospel directly to others or is one which enables that service and sharing by developing resources, everyone gives joyfully and willingly.

As our Canadian League matures, start-up costs will be behind us, we will discover our own unique ways to be more efficient and cost effective and the proportion of money spent on mission projects will increase.

See our resources, not only as useful for developing our own relationship with Jesus Christ, but also as outreach tools, enabling us to carry out the Great Commission and bring glory to His Name. Buy two and share the Good News!



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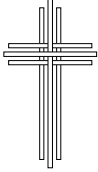
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