

LWML–Canada: A new triennium — a new approach

Planning for a triennium can sometimes be complex and expensive. Once an executive has been elected at our national convention they must then appoint women to serve on committees and in other positions. Many of these women have never met each other, yet they are asked to plan and prepare everything needed for LWML–Canada to carry out its mission during the next three years.

Where we’ve been

When LWML–Canada formed an independent organization in 1993 many things were patterned on how International LWML did things. The executive committee met soon after the convention and put together a list of names for each appointed position. Women were asked to serve and then all those agreeing were brought together for an Inter-departmental meeting. This gathering of about 50 women and two pastoral counsellors had many positives to recommend it. Yet there were some drawbacks as

well...not the least of which was cost.

Where we’re going

This triennium a new process will be followed and evaluated. It has already begun. District Presidents are encouraging members willing to serve in an appointed position to complete a “Willing to Serve” form (previously a “Consent to Serve” form. The General Council (made up of the executive committee, the five district presidents and the PR Director) will meet August 26-29 to select appointed personnel from this pool. But, this meeting will go much further.

This group (14 women and their pastoral counsellors) will re-visit our vision and mission statements and plan in a general way for the future (looking at ideas and dreams for three, six and nine years) and specifically for this triennium, setting goals that will integrate the work of the committees.

In October and November the appointed committees will meet to

flesh out the goals set in August. But they will not all meet in one place or at the same time. Each committee will select the time and most economical location based on the make-up of that committee. The President and VP Communication will meet with each committee to assist with the understanding of the mission and vision, encourage committees to work together as a whole and to inform you, our members, of the overall plan so we can work together to fulfill our mission.

This process also promises to have both positives and negatives. Toward the end of the triennium an evaluation will be done so that modifications can be made. However planning happens, the main purpose is to enable every member of LWML–Canada to serve her Lord in ways that bring glory to His Name.

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Watch the convention webcasts

Couldn’t get to the LWML–Canada convention in Ottawa? Didn’t get to see the live webcast? You can now view many parts of the convention online.

We have embedded webcasts of several convention speakers on our website at www.lutheranwomen.ca/videos.htm.

Please let others know so they, too, can watch. By downloading the video, or through a connection to the Internet and use of an LCD projector, you can show them to a larger group.

Happy viewing!

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All Bible quotes are taken from ESV, unless otherwise stated.

Judy's Jottings

God's communication – His Word is a call to action!

Jesus said: "What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' And he answered, 'I will not,' but afterward he changed his mind and went. And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, 'I go, sir,' but did not go" (Matthew 21:28-30).

In Jesus' parable there was communication between a father and his sons. Both sons heard and understood the message, yet only one responded in a way that was pleasing and obedient to the father – that response was action.

God communicates to us through His Word and the response He demands is action of our minds and senses... faithfully listening and thinking about His message: "This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night," (Joshua 1:8a).

He tells us He loves us and sent a Saviour. "For God so loved the

world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). Jesus asks us as He asked Peter "Who do you say that I am?" And the response He desires is action of the heart: "Whoever believes in Him is not condemned" (John 3:18a).

God reveals to us His will for our lives and the response He desires is action of obedience: "But he [Jesus] said, 'Blessed rather are those who hear the Word of God and keep it!'" (Luke 11:28). Who was the blessed one in the parable Jesus told?

In His Word God says He has given gifts to each of His children and the response that will bring Him glory is the action of service: "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong

glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen" (1 Peter 4:10-11).

As God communicates with us and tells us His desires for our life, He also graciously blesses us with the wisdom and power and strength to respond through faith in Christ with action.

As leaders in LWML–Canada we can follow the model of God's communication to us. We can strive to make all our communication clear and accurate; timely and helpful for all; given in kindness and love. As leaders we can work to set an example with our response of actions: actions of heart, mind and body to build one another up, to serve our God and bring Him glory. We can follow the example of Christ and in all circumstances, communicate in humility and sacrifice. "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth" (John 1:14).

Grace and Peace in Christ,

Judy Grande, President

Do LWML–Canada Societies and Zones really need an archivist?

Every society and every zone should have an archivist. This person doesn't have to have experience. Her job would be to collect all materials produced by the group. If you do not have such a person please try to find someone to carry out this important role.

What to save:

Guidelines for societies: Minutes, financial statements, pictures, activity schedules for the year, if published, any Bible studies used but not taken from a book or *Tapestry*.

Guidelines for zones: Any program agendas for rallies/workshops plus the items listed above.

Where to store:

Society: Ask for permission to include society archives with your congregation's archive materials.

Zone: Many district archivists ask for a copy of zone materials to be kept at the District Archives.

You may wonder why it is important to keep all these materials. Generally,

it is to allow people to do research. For the past, as a part of International LWML and now, as a part of LWML–Canada, we have a history. Preserving our historic materials allows us to look back on that history.

If you have any questions how to go about keeping archives, please contact me at 12506 - 106 Avenue, Edmonton, AB T5N 0Z6, cmmackay@shaw.ca.

Carole MacKay

LWML–Canada Archivist/Historian

Are You in the Loop?

LWML–Canada Update – a great communication tool – is a free service, available to all society

members with e-mail. To sign up, contact Marion Hollinger at vpcommunication@lutheranwomen.

Please, pass it on! Update information will later be printed in *Tapestry* or *Get Connected!* for those not online.

Help for Society Planning

You're a member of your society executive or planning team and you're thinking about what your society might do during 2009-2010.

It was great to sink your teeth into "Shine Like Stars" last winter and spring. And it served as a great lead-up to the national convention in Ottawa. But now what?

At the end of August the General Council will meet to re-visit our mission and vision and to set direction and goals for the coming triennium and beyond. After that committees will meet to determine how to reach those goals (see separate article) but you can't wait that long. Your planning needs to start now. Where do you begin?

Shine: in your community and the world

First of all, keep "shine like stars" in the back of your mind because it will under-gird LWML-Canada plans for the next three years. Through the rest of 2009 the overall focus will be on shining in our communities and the world. It shouldn't be too difficult for you to expand on this theme because we provide mission grants that help share the Good News in other parts of the world and in our own country. We also, through our societies, do mission service benefiting the less fortunate in our communities.

Shine: in your church community

In 2010 we will focus on shining in our Church...as individuals and as societies. Try this visualization. See that woman sitting in the pew in front of you? Heated words a few days ago ended in her daughter leaving home and moving in with her boyfriend; her heart is filled with regret and hurt. Christ is longing to make a difference in her life – through you. And that woman across the aisle; she moved here recently. She's just been given the gift of a grandchild. What joy! But she doesn't yet know anyone well enough to be able to share that joy. Christ can

help you make a difference in her life.

Shine: in families

Our final focus in 2011 will be shining in our families, whether we are adult or child, parent or grandparent. We're getting a bit ahead since you likely aren't planning that far down the road but we provide this information to help you get the whole picture. Please keep this information handy when you begin planning next fall, and the next.

Bible study themes

Since many societies use the Bible studies published in *Tapestry* you will want to know how the magazine themes fit into this picture.

As your editors examined the concept of shining we concluded that the Holy Spirit, working through God's Word brings God's gift of forgiveness and clothes us in His righteousness. Through the gifts and particularly the fruit of the Spirit we, as women (since this is a woman's organization), are enabled to be "agents of change," bringing Christ's hope and healing to others. You will see that in the sub-themes for each year described above.

You will note that *Tapestry* began 2009 with an issue (Spring 2009) about God's righteousness and how it becomes ours. The Summer 2009 issue focused on forgiveness, the key to receiving that righteousness. The current issue (Fall 2009) begins our examination of the fruit of the Spirit by examining the fruit of peace. Winter 2009 will look at another fruit, joy. The following issue (Spring 2010) moves into the second sub-theme described above as we examine the fruit of compassion. Beyond that the matching of fruit and magazine issue aren't firmly established but it is likely they will come in this order: patience, kindness, gentleness/humility, faithfulness, self-control, goodness and love.

We hope that having this information will give you a framework for exploring the theme "shine like stars." To keep from wearing out that expression you might want to let it move back a little as each of the different ways to explore it come to centre stage.

Introducing a second website

As part of this convention's Walk for Missions, LWML-Canada introduced a second website: www.shinelikestars.ca. Its purpose is to find ways to initiate "conversations" that will draw women who visit it into talking/learning about the love Jesus has for each of them.

Some things on the site are specifically Christian: a weekly devotion, a Bible study, etc. Some have nothing to do with spiritual matters...a recipe of the week, a contest, etc. but we hope they will bring women back to the site and perhaps a deeper exploration. We also have links to some blogs that talk about everyday sorts of things but from a Christian perspective.

While our focus is on women outside LWML-Canada, we anticipate there will be many things about this site that will also appeal to our members. That's great! Please participate.

But whether you do or don't join a conversation, if you're on the Internet, please visit the site so you know what's there and recommend it to other women you know. It can serve you as a witnessing tool. To help you, we printed extras of the small handout given out by those who participated in the Walk for Missions. Purchase some from the LWML-Canada Resource Centre and keep them handy to give out when you talk to someone about the site. They also make good handouts for LWML-Canada Sunday (Sample pictured in Marketplace, Fall 2009, *Tapestry*).

LWML–Canada budget for 2009-2012

Only a small percentage of our members could attend the convention in Ottawa, July 9-12, 2009. For better communication we are sharing with societies the budget approved by the voting body. As you look it over, do you have any questions? Communication is a two-way street. Please share those questions with the General Council so they can provide the desired information as well as use them as a guide to what additional information should be provided with the budget in future. It has already been determined that steps must be

taken to provide the budget sooner for adequate discussion to take place.

As you look at the numbers, keep in mind that they are three-year totals. For example, the advertising income for *Tapestry* for one year is estimated to be \$6,317, 1/3 of \$18,950. Also remember that the numbers under revenue are an estimate of what will be received. For example, based on offerings from previous conventions, an estimate of \$12,000 was put into the revenue budget. The total received in offerings was \$11,465.75. The amount disbursed will be the actual total, not

the budget amount. Expenses are also estimated as closely as possible to what the General Council anticipates will actually need to be spent. The total budget of \$421,092 is a guide to help the council plan and spend wisely. If the estimated revenue is received and expenses are less than the budgeted amount the credit becomes part of the next triennium's opening balance.

Provide your feedback online to vpcommunication@lutheranwomen.ca or by mail to 2816 Calder Avenue, Saskatoon, SK. S7J 1W1.

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VP Communication*

MISSION PROGRAM – REVENUE – 2009-2012		MISSION PROGRAM – EXPENSES – 2009-2012	
GROWING IN FAITH		GROWING IN FAITH	
		Christian Growth Committee	\$ 5,000.00
Sale of LWMLC resources	\$ 52,550.00	Cost of resources and supplies	28,700.00
		Seminar planning	2,500.00
PUTTING FAITH INTO ACTION		PUTTING FAITH INTO ACTION	
Designated for Mission Grants	4,000.00	Mission Grants	125,000.00
Mites from Districts	225,000.00		
		Christian Mission Committee	3,500.00
Memorials/Gifts	8,000.00	Memorials/Gifts (to Gifts for Growth fund)	8,000.00
Scholarship Fund Interest	2,000.00	Scholarships to seminary students	2,000.00
Mission & Service Fund Interest	2,500.00		
Convention Offerings	12,000.00	Convention Offerings	12,000.00
Walk for Missions	15,000.00	Walk for Missions	15,000.00
ENCOURAGING ONE ANOTHER IN FAITH		ENCOURAGING ONE ANOTHER IN FAITH	
		Communication Committee	8,200.00
		PR Director	6,800.00
Tapestry/Get Connected - Subscriptions	69,592.00	Tapestry and Internet (in-reach and outreach)	98,342.00
Tapestry - Advertising Income	18,950.00		
		Member Development Committee	3,500.00
WORKING TOGETHER IN FAITH		WORKING TOGETHER IN FAITH	
		Bylaws Committee	1,500.00
		Legal and Financial Review	2,500.00
		Executive expenses	15,000.00
		General Council meetings	45,000.00
		Convention Advance***	2,000.00
		Convention Hotel Advance, 2009***	1,500.00
		Resource Centre Administration	26,350.00
		Resource Centre Equipment	1,200.00
GST Refund	5,000.00	GST (50%)	5,000.00
		Bank Charges	500.00
		Sundry	2,000.00
From Convention Committee	3,500.00		
Miscellaneous	3,000.00		
TOTAL	\$ 421,092.00	TOTAL	\$ 421,092.00

*** Recoverable

Lutheran Women In Prayer — Conclusion

What We Know About Prayer

Throughout the past three years members of our Christian Growth Committee and others have been focusing on the topic of prayer.

We have talked about the five “w”s of prayer: Who, What, When, Where, and Why. These help us focus on the reasons for praying and the ways and methods of prayer that we have. We know the Lord is always there and that He asks us to pray continually (1 Thessalonians 5:17).

We talked about the “How” of praying. Knowing there are many types of prayers, and that the Lord hears them all and brings us comfort. Knowing that, even though we may feel unable to pray out loud or in front of a group, the Lord knows the desires of our heart. We just need to pray to Him in whatever way we feel the most comfortable; privately in the comfort of our home with our Bible and a cup of tea or coffee or spontaneously—for help when a crisis occurs, or a prayer of thanksgiving when we hear that a healthy baby is born, when someone comes through surgery, or when someone arrives safely at their destination. Formal prayers are where the prayer was thought out ahead and written down, and informal prayers are such as in a circle prayer or prayer requests at the end of a meeting. God hears the prayers of a righteous person! Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans too deep for words (Romans 8:26).

We shared many prayer ideas to help us remember to pray and ways in which we can make our requests known to God. Prayer charts and journals are useful ways to remember what we have prayed for and track

the answers we have received. Prayer partners, pals or groups are a great way to grow in our prayer life. We know we can offer our prayers to God and the outcome is in His hands.

We should pray with confidence, knowing God has heard our prayer and will answer it. We need to remember that God answers all prayers, but in His own time and in His own way. We

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need also to remember He knows what is best for us and will answer Yes, No, Not at this time, or I have something better in mind for you!

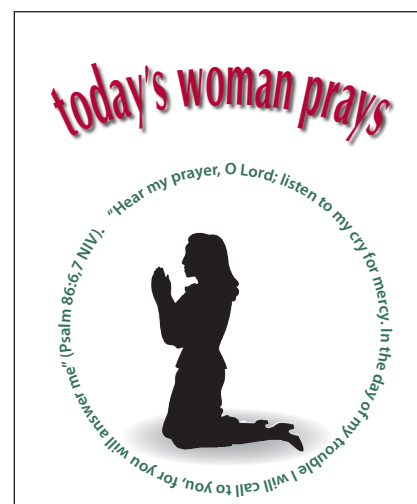
As we pray we remember ACTS: Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving and Supplication. And this is the confidence that we have toward Him, that if we ask anything according to His will He hears us. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of Him (1 John 5:14-15).

Praying with our children and as a family is always a good idea. Our children share in our love and trust in the Lord as we pray together. The Lord hears all prayers, requests and our thanksgiving and praise is ever before Him. This can begin when our children are very young. It can become a regular part of our daily routine. As Christians we can call upon our God with confidence and together grow as a family in our walk with Him. If you are new Christians, you start together and grow as a family. Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 19:14).

Personal prayer life is always a growth process. We are growing closer to the Lord each and every day as we dig deeper into His Word – and when we receive His Sacraments. As we think deeply about these gifts of forgiveness, we are drawn to tell Him about our concerns, our joys and our thankfulness. Let us read His Word regularly and let the Holy Spirit lead us, always remembering that prayer should not be about us but it should be about God’s will for us, and how the Holy Spirit leads us to God through Christ. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me (Philippians 4:13).

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New Resource...



Prayer, our lifeline to God, is essential to the Christian’s life. This resource book on prayer helps answer many questions about prayer: does God hear us? answer us? are there right or wrong ways to pray? ...and many more questions. An excellent addition to the home library.

Code # C-09-32

Cost \$7

Order from the LWMLC Resource centre, info on page 8.

Motivation is Contagious – you just might start an epidemic!

You've just attended an LWML–Canada meeting and can't wait to go back to the next meeting! Why?

Because the leader...

- Used positive communication skills
- Handled situations with a positive and fair approach
- Showed a caring attitude
- Appreciated and acknowledged individual efforts
- Listened to ideas and suggestions
- Encouraged individuals to use their God-given talents.

You've been Motivated!

Motivated by a leader who clearly understands that the mark of greatness is the ability to develop enthusiasm in other people, motivating them to their highest potential.

Leaders who motivate others know the list above identifies only a few of the many essential ingredients involved in motivating others.

Motivators...

- Demonstrate courage to step out or nothing will happen
- Know that success comes in “can,” not “can't”
- Know that by enriching others you enrich yourself
- Know that challenge can help one grow
- Know motivation is not manipulating or threatening others
- Work together toward a team effort
- Bring out the other person's point of view
- Pull ideas out of people and build them up to feel good about what they have to offer
- Give others a sense of sharing and planning.

Motivators also...

- Keep obligations on others manageable
- Let people know help is available

- Encourage people about what they “can” do, not what they “can't” do
- Put themselves in other people's places and treat them likewise
- Show commitment to an individual or her abilities to do a task because they believe in her
- Recognize when they may need to modify a situation in which an individual is functioning
- Create a sense of belonging to something productive and beneficial
- Realize that a decision made by a majority may not have the same support by the minority but deal with it in a positive manner
- Do not take themselves too seriously
- Have a sense of humour
- Admit when they are in error; failure is an event, not a person
- Practice forgiveness
- Know it's not what happens to you but how you handle it
- Accentuate the positive, eliminate the negative
- Display confidence and belief in the organization
- Know positive thinking won't let you do everything better, but everything you do will be better
- Establish clear goals
- Avoid making assumptions
- Display humility because they know they are working for the Lord and He should receive the glory.

Leaders who motivate others also pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit to find ways to bring out and use an individual's God-given talents.

Motivators...

- Know they set the tone for the quality of communication
- Know communication is a two-way street
- Include open communication channels

- Use listening skills
- Think about how their words may affect others
- Realize their words can be uplifting or can be a turn off
- Evaluate their own communication skills
- Create positive communication pictures to motivate others. (Negative: We only had two people volunteer. Positive: We had two people volunteer and that's a wonderful beginning!)
- Remember miscommunication, poor communication or no communication can create incredible problems.

Motivation is contagious!

Motivation = motive + action
Webster's Dictionary: Motivate = “To stimulate to action, provide incentive.”
Motivate comes from the word “motive” meaning “to move” that within an individual rather than that without which incites her to action.
An individual needs an outside force to move her.

The force which acts from without is not real motivation. It will last for awhile, but something else must take over.

Real motivation needs to come from within.

Action is the end result of motivation, the goal sought for.

Motivation is the process of energizing human behaviour and directing, channeling and maintaining that behaviour.

Three kinds of motivation:

1. Fear
2. Incentive
3. Growth

The primary purpose of growth motivation is to change the thinking, the capacity and the motivation of people. This resource focuses on growth motivation.

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People who are motivated have a motive, a purpose, a reason; a cause and they take action!

If we are motivated ourselves, we must honestly face up to the real

reason we do the things we do.

Do you have a reason for what you do?

Have you clearly identified your reason, purpose or motive?

Are you willing to take action for

that cause?

For “the rest of the story” consult the original *From A to Z CD*. Order from LWMLC Resource Centre, info on page 8.

Renate Bishopp

Prayer Resources

☐ Bible Studies:

A Private Line, 2 pgs #5115
But What Happens When I'm Alone, 2 pages, C-08-01

☐ Devotions:

Slow Me Down, Lord, 2 pages,
C2002 –1 *Evening prayer* 2 pages,

☐ Dramas:

Pray Without Ceasing, 2 pages,
C1996-10
In Search of Total Confidence,
3 pages, C-07-09

☐ Litanies:

Who will wear the Crown, 4 pages,
#5432

☐ **Retreats:** *Communication with our Lord through Scripture and Prayer*, 15 pages, #59129

☐ Mites:

God Blesses Us with His Message of Salvation C-06-04

New Resources — order information on page 8

MORE Program Planning made Easy

This CD contains all the *newest* program helps. Pair it with the *A to Z CD* and you will have everyting listed in the Resource Catalogue, only a click or two away ...when you need them!

Code # C-09-32 Cost \$10

God's Blessing in Baptism

This 16-page booklet tells us God gives the gift of life and through Baptism, gives the gift of new life... by the death and resurrection of His

Son, Jesus Christ. A great card or gift; envelope included.

Code # C-09-02 Cost \$3

Interwined with Christ: Marriage Meditations

Based on Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, this booklet of devotions – offering God's timeless Word and wisdom, reinforcing and enhancing all marriages, from newlywed to blessed with many years of togetherness – and is suitable for all seasons of Christian marriage.

A thoughtful gift for weddings or anniversaries.

Code # C-09-30 Cost \$8

Personalized Copy

Code #C-09-31 Cost \$9

Day by Day He Restores my Soul

Let the devotions in this booklet bring you closer to your Lord, as you read and reflect on how He restores you soul day by day. Each devotion, related to our daily lives, is based on a Psalm.

Code # C-09-20 Cost \$5

God Opens Doors of Opportunity

God presents opportunities to share His love, to be witnesses of our faith, to forgive, to wait for Him in our trails and to see His glory in all creation. You will be blessed and inspired by these devotions. This booklet as an excellent companion to: “God's Windows of Hope.”

Code # C-09-27 Cost \$5

LWML–Canada News

Evaluate the 2009 LWML–Canada Convention

Evaluation forms were not handed out at the convention. Those who attended may provide their feedback online at www.lutheranwomen.ca/convention.htm. It is short and allows for any comments you wish to make. If you are unable to go online or cannot find someone to do it for you,

please contact the Resource Centre at 1-888-596-5226 and ask that a copy be mailed to you. Deadline for receiving evaluations is September 30, 2009.

Convention Photos

The original plan was to post photographs taken at the convention on Flickr...a photo sharing website. However, we have between four and five hundred pictures and one can post only

one hundred a month for free. Instead we will make the photos available on CD from the Resource Centre. Cost: \$4 per CD plus shipping and handling. See page 8 for contact information.

Nicaragua Deaconesses Fund grows

God heaps blessings upon blessings on the Special Fund for Nicaragua Deaconesses to a total of \$9,500.



Survey reveals women's needs

Report to the 2009 Convention body of the ad hoc committee charged with developing and conducting a survey to assist in planning for the future of LWML–Canada.

This project originated out of a deep concern about our shrinking membership. We see current members aging, less mobile and not being replenished with new, younger members. A crisis is looming.

We had some obvious questions:

- What keeps women from joining?
- On what are they expending their resources?
- What are their needs?
- What is their perception of LWMLC?
- What could LWMLC offer them that would be useful?
- What would encourage them to come out to an event or even to join us as members?

We had our suspicions:

- Our population is shrinking. Membership is declining everywhere. This was confirmed for us when Judy Grande and I had opportunity to meet with an organization in Vancouver – “Volunteer BC” (with whom we consulted prior to beginning the project)
- The standard lifestyle today has a woman working outside the home, her schedule more rigid, leaving less opportunity to attend meetings.
- Mothers are more preoccupied with transporting and

participating in children’s activities since today’s activities are highly organized and supervised.

- Women may not value LWMLC for what it is since they simply do not know what it is about.

We deliberated factors such as the following as we brainstormed and refined questions.

Following the survey of January/February this year, we found results through hard data numbers as well as through some very thought-provoking comments.

Although analysis and action planning were not part of the committee’s mandate, I can share some of our consistent findings:

- Busy as women are, they recognize fellowship, friendship and spiritual growth as their top needs.
- Women turn to religious groups/pastors in a crisis, second only to family.
- Women prefer face-to-face interaction, even in this age of electronic communication.
- Women donate their time, talents, energy – their resources – most frequently to their church.
- Women are open to attending an event of reasonable length on a

topic relevant to their lives.

- Women perceive “meetings” to be a squandering of their resources.
- Women and our clergy see LWMLC societies as adding value to the congregation. The society can be depended upon for the necessary functions of their churches.
- The LWMLC Resource Centre and website are largely untapped tools.

These, along with the numbers and other comments, will be taken into account as General Council meets in August to plan for this triennium.

It is our prayer that LWML–Canada will be strengthened through new growth. From what I see, and certainly in my own congregation, women are concerned about service and missions, yet often activities are not connected, thus, not communicated. The work is by no means wasted, however, it could serve a further purpose of encouraging and promoting fellowship. God designed His body of believers to do this. LWML–Canada can bind Lutheran women together in this way so we might rejoice collectively as God honours our obedient endeavours with victory (1 Corinthians 12:26).

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