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Mission Grant proposal update

To date we have received 12 mission grant proposals for the 2012-2015 triennium. Thank you to all who submitted a proposal. It's not too late to send a submission. Although the official deadline has passed the Christian Mission committee is willing to consider more proposals.

Please contact Iris Barta as soon as possible if you would still like to send a proposal.

Mission walk recipients chosen

Plans for the mission walk are well under way. Funds from the walk will support two mission projects, both of which tie into the convention theme,

"Hold Fast to the Word." The first is a theological school in Togo, West Africa, providing French Study Bibles and Bible commentaries, as well as reference, text and other books for their library. This mission falls under the mission umbrella of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The second is support for an LCC program for children in Honduras including VBS and Christian education materials.

Corrections to list of grants paid

Please note the changes to the information provided in *Tapestry* (Fall 2011). The total paid from the Mission Opportunity Fund is now changed to reflect recent payments. Also the amount of \$5,000 previously reported for the seminary students and professor to SE Asia was the cap

placed on the money made available. The actual cost was \$4,817. This is now also correctly reflected in the balance to be paid. The total amount originally approved for the Mission Opportunity Fund was \$35,000. We encourage you to clip this list out and paste it on your mission grant poster.

Clip and attach to your society's mission-grant poster.

Mission Opportunity Fund

In June \$16,000 was allocated for the PAT (Pastors with Alternate Training) program for library and other resources from this grant fund

July saw a mission opportunity grant in the amount of \$3,500 paid to support a mission trip from Monkton, Ont. to Moncton, N.B. Ten youth and three chaperones held a VBS at Good Shepherd in Moncton and also visited the LCC mission congregation in Dartmouth, N.S.

We currently have \$3,683 left in this fund. The final \$5,000 for training of Deaf leaders will be paid early in 2012. All mission grants must be completed by March 31, the fiscal end of the 2009-2012 triennium.

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Mission Grant Update: 2009-2012

PAID to date

Thailand: transportation and stipend for two evangelists	\$6,000
Nicaragua: sewing-school support	\$12,000
Costa Rica: support for missionaries	\$35,000
Dnepropetrovsk, Ukraine: fund for Christian materials	\$6,000
Canada: training of Deaf leaders as pastor/deaconess	\$8,000
Northern Saskatchewan: bus for La Ronge Lutheran Fellowship	\$18,000
Interim Mission Opportunity Fund	\$31,317
Seminary students and professor to SE Asia - \$4,817	
Female Evangelist and Missionary Support, Nicaragua - \$7,000	
PAT program for library and other resources - \$16,000	
Youth trip to the Maritimes - \$3,500	

BALANCE to be paid

Canada: training of Deaf leaders as pastor/deaconess	\$5,000
Interim Mission Opportunity Fund	\$3,683

As of August 15, 2011

Judy's Jottings: Investigate—Evaluate—Rejuvenate and Rekindle

- *Investigate* – to carry out a detailed examination or inquiry, especially officially; to find out about something
- *Evaluate* – to consider or examine something to judge its value, quality, importance, extent, or condition
- *Rejuvenate* – to restore something to its condition when new, or make it more vigorous, dynamic, and effective
- *Rekindle* – to set a fire burning again

Summer is over and the fall season has begun, a time when many of us consider new plans for carrying out the mission of our league. At the end of October about 60 LWMLC leaders will gather in Edmonton for a leadership training seminar. Discussions about our mission, the unity of our league and a variety of structures for each level will all take place in light of ways to carry out the mission. Leaders will come home with new ideas for the future of our league. After the seminar more information will be shared with all of you, along with ways in which this seminar will take place in your own areas.

John Maxwell, noted Christian author on leadership skills, says: *Management is the process of assuring that the program and objectives of the organization are implemented. Leadership on the other hand has to do with casting vision and motivating people.* Leadership is having vision (or catching someone else's); it's thinking not only about what we are doing today, but what we should be striving for; what we want our league to look like tomorrow. As leaders we

should always be investigating and evaluating how effective we are and how effective the society, zone, district or committee is that we're serving.

INVESTIGATION can take several forms for a society, zone or district, making the exercise *fun* while learning some important truths. Societies could invite some non-LWMLC members to join in on the exercise, making it a fellowship sharing time.

One method is the **SWOT** analysis. Strengths; Weaknesses; Opportunities; Threats. Break into small groups or work together and come up with lists for each category—be honest—include what you think others outside your group would say. Come back together and combine the lists.

A second method is simply **Brainstorming**—generating creative ideas spontaneously. Get a white board, chalk board or flip chart; write down everything everyone says—don't take time to discuss it yet...just write it. Have some thought-starters written down in advance: What things do you want to see happen in your group this year? If you could start from scratch to create an LWMLC organization what would it include? What would you change about your current situation?

Include a **Challenger**—list all the assumptions in your situation and challenge them.

EVALUATION is the next step—take what you've learned, talk about the positives and negatives, think carefully and decide what needs to be added and/or what could you take away? Just

as LWML-Canada General Council realized in our strategic planning, we can only do so much with so many people. Even though what you do isn't necessarily wrong, sometimes doing fewer things...really well...is more effective. Break down the tasks—who can help you if the task is important? Are there simpler ways of doing the same thing?

Look at your **SWOT** list: What changes or new ideas can you add to your strengths? What can be done to improve the weaknesses? What opportunities can you reach out and grab hold of? How can you alleviate threats?

Take the **brainstorming** thoughts and combine ones that are similar. Pull out the “new” ideas and explore how to make them happen. What activities might receive a makeover to attract new members?

REJUVENATE AND REKINDLE—Begin with God's Word and remember our purpose. Bring back the excitement of serving in LWML-Canada. As we look to the future, may God guide us in our plans and decisions, may He help us *Serve the Lord with Gladness*, may He grant us wisdom, love and joy as we work together and reach out with His Gospel to the people of the world. *May our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who loved us and by His grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word* (2 Thessalonians 2:16-17).

Grace and Peace in Christ, Judy

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MEMBER DEVELOPMENT

The Kelowna Gospel Mission will be the recipients of the 2012 *Gifts of Love* ingathering at the LWML–Canada convention July 5-8 in Kelowna, B.C. Clip out the list below and save it for reference when planning your ingathering.

The Gospel Mission's vision is: Leading People into Wholeness. "To know God is to help the poor" (Jeremiah 22:14).

A few of the areas through which they help the poor are as follows:

Men's Hostel: They provide short-term accommodation for up to 90 men on a regular basis including comfortable beds, clean bedding, pyjamas, slippers, showers and

hygiene items.

Women's program: Their vision is to provide assistance to women who are hurting and troubled as a result of substance abuse and related issues, and to guide them to wholeness through the love of Christ. Harmony House is a long-term recovery home for women in crisis. Shiloh House is an extension of Harmony House, a second-stage recovery helping the women to be self-sufficient through job training and employment.

Thrift Store: The store provides to clients, at a minimal cost, men's, women's and kids' clothes, bedding and linens, household items and furniture.

Dental Clinic: This clinic provides dental care to those who cannot afford treatment in a private clinic.

Street Level Services:

- Meals – breakfast, lunch and dinner, 365 days a year.
- Hygiene – access to showers, personal care items and laundry
- Free haircuts
- Case workers who meet with clients to establish a positive life plan.
- Christian literature and spiritual care.

Clothing Bank: Anyone in need of clothing, household items and basic day to day necessities may receive them from the clothing bank.

Visit Kelownagospelmission.ca online to check them out further.

Emergency Kits for Gifts of Love ingathering at convention for Kelowna Gospel Mission

Place each kit in a Ziploc™, or equivalent, bag.

Ladies

Small hand lotion
Small hand sanitizer
Small pack of Kleenex
Small shampoo
Small conditioner
Tooth brush
Tooth paste
Female deodorant
Chap Stick
Small hand soap
Tampons and feminine products
Hard candy (not chocolate or any candy that will melt)

Men

Tooth brush
Tooth paste
Small shampoo
Small conditioner
Men's deodorant (mini size)
Small hand soap
Razor
Warm socks
Small Kleenex pack
Cough drops
Chap Stick
Hot Shots

Other articles needed by Kelowna Gospel Mission that may be brought for the *Gifts of Love* ingathering at convention:

Men

Blue Jeans
Running shoes
Hoodies
Long Thermal underwear
Warm ski gloves
Warm Socks
Pyjamas
Slippers

Ladies

Scarf
Gloves
Socks
Underwear (panty or bra)
Shoes
Boots
Feminine hygiene products
Granola bars (something that keeps longer)

Other articles needed:

Machine washable blankets for single bed size
Sheets for single bed size
Large cans of coffee, beans, tomatoes



Program planning for women's groups

The committees of LWML–Canada have developed another booklet of programs chock full of ideas for 2011 – 2012. It contains many great suggestions to use for your activity planning and is available in several ways.

- 1) Online at www.lutheranwomen.ca.
- 2) In print from the LWML–Canada Resource Centre...contact info is on page 2. This format costs \$3.00 to cover the cost of copying, plus a shipping and handling charge; the code # is C-11-03.
- 3) By e-mail without cost from the Resource Centre – resourcecentre@lutheranwomen.ca

lutheranwomen.ca. Code is C-11-07.

In addition to devotion and Bible study suggestions, the planner includes *SERVE* ideas.

For the month of September 2011

- Call a member family of your congregation and offer to make a loaf of sandwiches for the children's lunches.
 - Help a new mom by making a meal for her and her family; offer to help with the baby, especially if she has older children who need attention.
- ### **For the month of October 2011**
- Help with a Thanksgiving dinner



at your Friendship Centre.

- Have a special prayer session where prayers of intercession, thanksgiving, and recognition of blessings.

LEARNING AND LIVING KIT

Nurturing the next generation

Another way your society/congregation might serve is by putting together the following for Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR). Please note that CLWR encourages placing each kit into a We Care bag. These may be ordered in advance of packing for a donation of \$5 each. These bags assist those in Asia who make them by providing income, but they also have practical use where they are received. The backpack-style bag would be ideal for this kit, allowing the student to use it to transport items to and from school.

Kit Contents

- 3 lined notebooks
- 10 unsharpened pencils with erasers
- 1 metric ruler (30 cm), 1 pencil sharpener and 1 eraser
- 1 pack of crayons (or pencil crayons)

- 1 bar of soap and 1 toothbrush (new and wrapped)
- 1 tube of toothpaste (expiration date no earlier than one year)
- 1 small and simple toy (new and not requiring batteries)

Arrange all items on the notebooks, and place into the We Care bag. Fold over the top of the bag and secure with masking tape. Label by writing "Children's Kit" on the masking tape. Attach the toy to the outside of the kit with string or a rubber band.

After completing your project, pack kits in a sturdy box (please, no bags) and attach a CLWR shipping label (download from the CLWR website, www.clwr.org).

Ship boxes free of charge to the CLWR Winnipeg warehouse by dropping them at any Home Hardware store (If you have no Home Hardware in your community, please inquire of CLWR about other regional carriers).



Canadian Lutheran
World Relief

Send donations for bags and tags to CLWR's head office address. Credit card donations can be taken over the phone.

PLEASE NOTE: Kindersley Transport no longer provides free shipping of We Care kits and quilts to CLWR's warehouse.

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Website

www.clwr.org

Young women at the LWML–Canada convention

It is time to start encouraging our young women to participate in the special program for them at our coming convention (July 5-8, 2012). Each district may send an official Young Woman Representative. In addition, any young woman between 18 and 35 may sign up for the program when she registers. Teens under 18 are also welcome and will participate in special programming. Those under 18 will not be required to pay the registration fee if they attend with an adult who does.

Young Women District Representatives

The Young Women's Representative program is designed to introduce young women to LWML–Canada and to help them, in turn, to encourage other young women to participate in LWML–Canada. All Districts are invited to send Young Women Representatives to participate in LWML–Canada conventions. All Young Women's Representatives take part in a special program during the convention and following the convention should provide a written report to their LWMLC district. Districts are responsible for covering the convention expenses for their Young Women Representative, including registration, transportation, accommodation and meals. Districts may choose to send more than one Young Women Representative.

Qualifications

- A Young Women Representative shall be between the ages of 18 and 35.
- She shall be a member of a Lutheran Church–Canada congregation and new to, or not presently involved in, LWML–Canada.
- She shall have a deep love and devotion for her Lord Jesus Christ

and be interested in and willing to participate in the program of LWML–Canada.

- She shall be able to be away from home and/or work for the convention and travel time.
- She shall be willing to attend all sessions of the convention, although she will not be able to vote.
- After the convention, she shall be willing and available to report on her experiences to her District as requested.
- It is hoped that she will give ongoing support and /or participation in LWML–Canada in her home society, zone and district following her experiences as a Young Women's Representative.

To find out more about this program contact the one of the persons listed below for your district.

Manitoba and Saskatchewan

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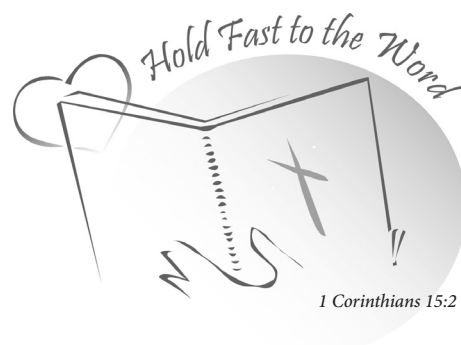
- Eloise Schaan, District President
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Ontario Sonset District

- Heather Chony, District President
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Watch for details on the Young Women activities at convention on a new blog planned for Lutheran young women.

THE DAILY WORD: in convention



July 5-8, 2012

Coast Capri Hotel, Kelowna, B.C.
LWML–Canada national convention

Will we have a record attendance at our triennial convention? You can help make it happen by attending yourself and inviting others. Consider chartering a bus...large or small...from your area or district. Our American sisters do it all the time. It is a tremendous bonus to travel with your sisters in Christ to such a Christ-centred, mission-focused event.

Registration and meals at \$396 is less than last convention and when you consider that it covers Thursday evening to Sunday noon plus all the great speakers and more, it truly is a bargain.

More information (including a poster) will be mailed to each society in November; registration forms, etc. will be sent in February. In the meantime, if you're online, consider subscribing to The Daily Word at <http://holdfasttheword.wordpress.com>.

Find information elsewhere in this issue about: • Gifts of Love, • Young Women, • Mission Walk and • Grant proposals.

While the deadline for nominations has passed, the nominating committee is still seeking nominations. See more details on page 6 of this newsletter.

Become comfortable as a leader – prepare

The word comfortable can have many meanings. Are you comfortable? Can I make things more comfortable? This chair is comfortable.

It can also be used for leaders who are beginning a task or taking an executive position. As a new leader there will be periods of anxiety, fear, anger and frustration and we will not feel too comfortable in our role. We will perhaps say, “Why did I take this job? No one wants to help me. How am I going to do this?”

To alleviate some of this anxiety you must first do some homework and get prepared. You cannot expect to lead a meeting, a Bible study, or whatever task you are in charge of, without doing some preparation. Teachers in school don’t go into their classrooms without doing hours of preparation. So get yourself organized prior to beginning your position or your task so you have some idea of

what is going on.

A carpenter uses many tools to complete a renovation or to construct something new. There are several solutions in your “leader tool box” that can assist you at the task.

First and foremost is the Bible. When the Word is used there are endless options. Just look up whatever word you want in the reference section of your Bible and there will be several passages to guide you.

The next tool is prayer. Letting your requests be known to God will greatly assist you in reaching your goal. Everything goes so much better when we pray. Talking to God and asking Him to help just seems to make the task so much lighter.

Another tool is talking to other individuals in your group who have done the job before. You can be sure they once had the same fear and questions as you do. Don’t ever feel that asking is a sign of weakness.

Some simple pieces of advice will go a long way.

The LWMLC resource on compact disc, *A to Z Program Planning Made Easy*, is a wonderful resource for a new leader. (As is its companion *MORE Program Planning Made Easy*) In particular look at “ABCs of Effective Meetings.” This help is just one page long. There are several more under the category of leadership on this CD. So pop that disc into your computer and enjoy.

Follow these simple instructions and soon you will be comfortable in your new position. Remember, God does not abandon us but equips us to do the task to which He has called us.

Doreen Decore

A note from the nominating committee

Dear Fellow Leaguers,

We're still in need of servants to serve as elected officers for General Council.

We do not currently have a name for president. We have one name each for two of the vice-president positions, one for recording secretary, one for treasurer, and three for financial secretary.

It would be great to have two names for each position and have a real election of officers!

Please let us know if there is someone you believe we should contact. Also, please pray that the names of those willing to serve come to our knowledge so they may be approached, and that they feel God's guidance in accepting a position on General Council!

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Re-designed web site

In early October we hope to have a re-designed web site online. It will be at the same address (www.lutheranwomen.ca) but if youve bookmarked particular pages, you may have to re-do that since our navigation has changed.

One thing that will likely be different—unless we can find a way to fix it—the links will not be blue, they will be underlined. If you draw the cursor across them the text will be burgundy.

We would appreciate any feedback you would like to provide. Is it easy to use? Confusing? Have we missed something? Send it to vpcommunication@lutheranwomen.ca.

Soon each of the districts will also have a re-designed website...work still needs to be done in determining content.

CLAIM—a network of LCC mission agencies provides benefits to us

LWML–Canada is a member of a network of mission agencies known as CLAIM (Canadian Lutheran Agencies in Mission). CLAIM’s mission: *For the sake of the Gospel, the member agencies of CLAIM are committed to assisting Lutheran Church–Canada in engaging and deploying its members to proclaim the Triune God.* Working together with other participants in CLAIM we receive added information, support and advice on the overall mission work of the Church. The person holding the office of Vice-President, Christian Mission acts as the LWMLC representative to CLAIM, currently Iris Barta.

Representatives of CLAIM organizations meet twice a year by conference call, or in person if it is financially viable. The most recent CLAIM meeting was held in conjunction with the Lutheran Church–Canada synod convention, June 6, 2011.

At the meeting Glenn Stresman of the Windsor Essex Community Foundation gave a presentation

regarding fundraising trends in 2011. When he spoke of fundraising it was not in terms of holding public events like pancake breakfasts, bake sales, car washes and the like, but rather how to encourage greater generosity in donations from current supporters of an organization and gaining new supporters that increases the donor base. If we use the term member in place of supporter, some of these trends are certainly applicable to LWMLC as we strive to meet our mission goals, in our districts and nationally.

In encouraging mite and other giving to LWML–Canada, we must strive to appeal to four generations:

1) Traditionalists/Veterans (1922-45)

Contrary to what many think, this generation has the fastest-growing Internet use. As they become less mobile or their families scatter, they look to the Internet to keep in touch with children and grandchildren via webcam, Skype and e-mail. They have traditionally supported the work of the church and are likely to support

organizations through bequests.

2) Baby Boomers (1946-64)

This generation is providing the majority of financial support for today’s church.

3) Generation X (1965-1980)

They have proven to be as generous as previous generations.

4) Generation Y/Millennials (1981-00)

This generation tends to respond to disaster-type appeals.

General points to keep in mind:

- Fundraising efforts should be directed specifically to each generation by the way the need is presented.
- Philanthropy is a learned behaviour—we tend to follow the example of our parents or others important to us.
- People don’t care about budgets—they don’t attach themselves to numbers but to stories.
- Facebook, Twitter and other social media are important tools to attract people to our web site. Our web site is the most effective tool for telling our story, but it must be updated regularly and the contents need to have “take-away” value. [Note from the webmaster: responsibility for providing updated content rests with those who have the information, the webmaster is only responsible for timely posting and how it is presented.]

As members of LWML–Canada—nationally, as districts, zones and societies and as individuals—we have an amazing gift to share. God so loved the world, that He sent His Son to die for our salvation.

As members of LWML–Canada, our VISION is that, “Ignited by the grace of God, members of Lutheran Women’s Missionary League–Canada are actively encouraging women in the study of God’s Word so they are passionate in sharing the Gospel through word and deed.”

Help us move toward that vision by sharing what we have done and continue to do with others so they are inspired to join us the mission work God has prepared for us to do!

LWML–Canada Handbook

The *LWML–Canada Handbook* provides helps for societies, zones and districts as well as a copy of the LWML–Canada bylaws. Every society should have at least one copy provided when LWML–Canada formed. Can you find it? Is it up-to-date?

The current handbook is printed on 5.5” x 8.5” pages. A binder and dividers are also available for this size.

The contents may be downloaded and printed from our website (www.lutheranwomen.ca). [The file is set up to make two copies of each page. Share one with someone else.]

Or you may order one printed copy of the complete contents for \$5 from the LWML–Canada Resource Centre (see page 2).

After the last convention section F

was updated as well as pages A3 and A4. These, too may be downloaded or a print copy ordered for \$3. If you need the binder and dividers plus the contents, order them for \$10. A shipping and handling charge will be added to the orders.

COMING SOON

Having said all that, the LWML–Canada Handbook will soon be available in 8.5 x 11 format to fit a regular-sized binder that you may purchase for the purpose. Once posted you may download the complete handbook and choose to print it all or specific pages. Print copies may be ordered but a cost has not yet been established.

Online advertising brings results

LWML-Canada was offered free advertising at www.canadianlutheran.ca (*The Canadian Lutheran Online*). We advertised a Bible study for Lent and then the magazine *Tapestry*. The current ad is regarding the seminar about making decisions.

LCC's Director of Communications provided the

A treasure to share

Many members indicate how much they value *Tapestry*. Truly it is a non-offensive way to share the Good News.

In recent issues, besides the usual stories of faith, we incorporated an article on an issue women face. One such article was on slavery in Canada? Through several stories, we discovered that slavery is, indeed alive and well, and can easily affect the average family in some way. We looked at how we, as women, can touch women of the Muslim faith with the love of Jesus. In the most recent issue we looked at what might be done to provide personal hygiene products (and perhaps income as well) for those who can't afford to purchase them.

Have you thought of ways you might share the magazine (either by purchasing extra copies or an extra subscription)? While it may not work in larger cities, many community libraries, nursing homes, medical clinics and other agencies are willing to accept Christian magazines.

It isn't too late to order a gift subscription for Christmas. There are three issues left in this subscription year: Winter, Spring, Summer – for only \$6 (if included with your society order) or \$8.75 (mailed directly). Or, if you prefer, order half a year's subscription: Spring and Summer 2012 for \$4 (added to your society order) or \$5.75 (mailed directly). Consider a daughter, granddaughter, a friend or a neighbour.

following information: *In the first six months of 2011 your ads were seen 6,491 times resulting in 50 visits to your website.*

LWML-Canada introduces Bible study for Lent

He Gave... For You...

Sacrifices and Blessings Christ's and Ours

A seven week study for Lent to help us fully appreciate Christ's sacrifice

Five weekly sessions examine:

- Who Christ is
- What He surrendered
- Who we are
- Our sacrifices
- The blessings we receive

Order your copy now.
Code: C-11-01 Cost: \$2.00

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We also know that some of those visits resulted in orders of the Bible study. Results of the other two ads are a little more difficult to track.

tapestry
a magazine for Lutheran women

tapestry
tapestry

- Visit the “publications/tapestry” page at www.lutheranwomen.ca
- Read a sample story online
- Subscribe
- Consider writing your own story (information provided)

LWML Canada

First two ads used online (they were in colour)

LWMLC Sunday 2011

By the time you receive this newsletter, LWMLC Sunday will be almost here. We hope that you have already consulted with your pastor and downloaded or ordered all the materials you plan to use.

As of September 1, we have made a new video about LWML-Canada available to download (www.lutheranwomen.ca) for your use. It is based on the League Pledge. Photos came from a variety of sources. Thank you to those societies who sent us pictures. We've used some of them in other ways as well.

One of the items we encourage you to share is the Lutheran Women Online Card. It lists all the ways

you, via LWML-Canada, are active and sharing your faith as well as information about the League online and the needed Internet addresses.

Even if individuals in your society aren't online, most of them know women in your congregation, or friends and relatives who are. The card is a simple idea that could have a huge impact. A laminated version has been produced especially for LWMLC Sunday and is available for special price for this event.

Even if it's too late to receive them in time for LWMLC Sunday, order them at this special price and find other ways to distribute them.