


Lutheran Women's **Missionary League**
UPDATE

THE LATEST NEWS AND VIEWS FROM LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE-CANADA

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League to send team of four women to Nicaragua – will it include you?

LWMLC has for years underlined the work of Lutheran Church Canada in Nicaragua by supporting various programs as, for instance, the sewing school which is no longer in operation. The women of Nicaragua are very appreciative of the gifts Canadian LWMLC has sent their way. They have grown in the Lord through the diligent work of the deaconesses, trained at the Mission Centre.

The time has now come for the women of Nicaragua to take a more active role in building their churches. Taking into consideration that the level of education in Nicaragua is nowhere near that of Canada, some of the women may not feel qualified to work independently in their church, even if it is just connecting with their peers. They need the help of their Canadian sisters to build up confidence to step in front of others, read and discuss Holy Scripture, learn what it has to say to them in their daily life and share with others in healthy discussion the wonderful things God can and will do for all of us.

At our national convention last July, a grant proposal for a Sister-to-Sister program in Nicaragua was not chosen by the delegates. Although the funding of the proposed program was denied it doesn't mean it has to die. With Dr. Neitzel's blessing we are hoping to send a FOUR-WOMAN TEAM in November of 2016 for a two-week educational trip that will see them working in the congregations, studying and talking with local women.

Ideally, for this team we would choose one applicant from each of the "corners" of Canada. Successful applicants will have to be able to carry the cost of the trip. We are hoping some funding will be in place by mid-summer but women should apply with the thought of self-funding. These women should



be confident study leaders with solid knowledge of the Bible. Sessions will be in the Spanish language with an interpreter available. Some knowledge of Spanish would certainly be an asset.

Soon we will have determined expenses such as flights, lodging, meals, etc. to give possible applicants a better picture of what they would be facing financially.

We will make available any information applicants should require as we have it. LCC will provide aid in determining a program and training in how to carry it out. Watch for it in district newsletters, Get Connected, Tapestry, LWML-Canada UpDate and on our website at www.lutheranwomen.ca/events/sister2sister.

Interested in this exciting venture? Please contact the Vice-President, Christian Mission at vpchristianmission@lutheranwomen.ca; or phone 306-343-0156 or write Renate Bishopp, 2806 Ferguson Ave, Saskatoon, SK S7J 1N9.

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WRITE FOR TAPESTRY

Summer 2016: Loving the Unlovable

Deadline: February 1, 2016

We'd love to have you write for *Tapestry*. Following are some ideas for this issue to get you started.

- 1) Write an article that helps readers understand the scriptural admonition to "love our enemies."
- 2) When considering the term "unlovable" we are likely to immediately think of the homeless or addicted and those with similar difficulties. But most of us rarely make

- contact with someone in these circumstances. And because of that, we tend to think of them as a category of people, not individuals. Can you introduce us to one of these "unlovable" people and how you have loved him or her?
- 3) Closer to home for most of us, who is "unlovable" in your life? Perhaps it is an aunt who is critical of everything and everybody and doesn't hesitate to say so. Or maybe it's the cousin who is in a same-

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- sex marriage which you don't approve of. Maybe it's a friend who has begun hoarding or befriending a multitude of cats or simply doesn't bathe often. Tell us about loving them and show how scripture helps and encourages us as we do so.
- 4) Perhaps you have a summer adventure, or recipe or story to share.
- Some people "oppose" Christians and we will look at those next issue.

Send your submission to editor-in-chief, Marion Hollinger, tapestry@lutheranwomen.ca or 2816 Calder Avenue, Saskatoon, SK S7J 1W1.

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