

# The LWMLC ENCOURAGER



HELPING YOU DISCOVER MISSION OPPORTUNITIES AND PUT THEM INTO ACTION

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## THE COUNTDOWN TO CONVENTION BEGINS...

How many more sleeps? My granddaughter's endless question when her birthday is approaching. Are you excited about the upcoming national convention? On the date I wrote this it was only 71 more sleeps until we see our sisters in Christ in person from across Canada and the USA!!! So much to plan and to think about, whether you are participating in person or virtually.

Isn't it impressive when we can interact and contribute to the convention in so many ways? You may ask yourself, how is that possible?

First off, being there in person after the isolation of the pandemic is going to be a mountain top experience resembling Jesus' transfiguration—seeing old friends and acquaintances, and making new ones.

Getting there isn't possible or feasible? Try the second option, virtual. See, hear, and experience the convention via technology, in the comfort of your home. Invite your sisters in Christ to join you. Better yet, get a group together at your church and have a mini

convention. Dive into God's Word during the Bible studies, become inspired by the keynote speakers and informed by the business of LWMLC.

Is time an issue? There's a third option. Participate in the "Mission in Movement." Do you like taking walks, biking, yoga, or swimming? The possibilities are endless, plan, collect pledges and support the work of LWMLC.

Physical limitations? Fourth option—servant events. Is your heart into serving others, reaching out to those in need? Well, there are "Cups of Blessing," "Blessings in a Bag" or "Living Hope Medvac Ministry." Check out the convention newsletters for details. These acts of service can be done right where you are!

Regardless of how you participate, you can "Sing to the Lord a New Song!"

## DON'T MISS THE CHIT CHAT CORNER

The Chit Chat Corner, hosted by Member Development at the convention, will be a "happenin' place." Keynote speaker, Deb Burma, some of the exhibitors, and members of the LWMLC board of directors want to chat with you. Please drop by.

Place a heart in memory of dear sisters who have gone on to glory, who faithfully served their Lord and Saviour. Enter your name for a door prize. Whether you can attend the convention or not, send Member Development a photo of your society to display at Chit Chat Corner.

Looking forward to our chat!

*Annette Borchardt, VP Member Development*

## “TAKE A MOMENT TO ...”

These weekly mini-devotions with service ideas was developed in 2017 by Central District Member Development Committee of Diane Dennis, Arletta Wood, Verla Schmirler, and Lorna Kaun. As we approach the summer months, what an opportune time

to “Take a Moment to...” contemplate God’s Word and His Son’s service to all mankind by making the ultimate sacrifice on the cross for all our sins. “Take a Moment to...” meditate on His Word and serve Him.

1. **Take a Moment to...**  
encourage someone who has been diagnosed with cancer.  
*Encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing* (1 Thessalonians 5:11).
2. **Take a Moment to...**  
remember and pray for your government leaders – send a note of encouragement to your mayor, councillor, MLA or MP.  
*Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God* (Romans 13:1).
3. **Take a Moment to...**  
remember and to help the poor through your local food bank.  
*For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve* (Mark 10:45).
4. **Take a Moment to...**  
remember and to pray for families in crisis – make
5. **Take a Moment to...** thank and to encourage caregivers.  
*Come to Me, all who labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest* (Matthew 11:28).
6. **Take a Moment to...**  
share a smile and kind word with someone who serves you today, such as a store clerk, gas station attendant or waiter/waitress.  
*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness* (Galatians 5:22).
7. **Take a Moment to...**  
offer assistance to someone anxious because they had to move.  
*Casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you* (1 Peter 5:7).
8. **Take a Moment to...**  
remember and to pray for those who are persecuted for their Christian faith.  
*Remember the word that I said to you: a servant is not greater than His Master. If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My Word, they will also keep yours* (John 15:20).
9. **Take a Moment to...**  
share your time and love with an elderly friend or relative.  
*I thank my God in all my remembrance of you* (Philippians 1:3).
10. **Take a Moment to...**  
give thanks to God for the depth of His mercy and the abundance of His blessings.  
*Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you* (1 Thessalonians 5:18).
11. **Take a Moment to...**  
help a single parent with errands or offer free babysitting.  
*Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this; to look after the orphans and widows in their distress...* (James 1:27a).

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The Encourager is provided by your LWMLC cheerleaders, the Member Development Committee.

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**12. Take a Moment to...**

thank your pastor (and his family) for being a part of your church family as he (and they) are away from their families.

*It was He who gave...some to be pastors and teachers to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the Body of Christ may be built up* (Ephesians 4:11-12).

**13. Take a Moment to...**

thank and encourage your Christian Education leaders.

*Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. And in the church God has appointed... third teachers...* (1 Corinthians 12:27-28).

**14. Take a Moment to...**

thank a family member for their support.

*I can do all things through Him who strengthens me* (Philippians 4:13).

**15. Take a Moment to...**

offer help to a neighbour with their house or yard work.

*—whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God* (1 Corinthians 11:31b).

**16. Take a Moment to...**

keep in touch with a shut-in with a bulletin or devotion booklet, a call or visit.

*Shout for joy...for the Lord comforts His people and will have compassion on His afflicted ones* (Isaiah 49:13).

**17. Take a Moment to...**

thank your church's cleaners and groundskeepers for maintaining and beautifying God's house of worship.

*We will not neglect the house of our God* (Nehemiah 10:39b).

**18. Take a Moment to...**

encourage a friend with kind words and a hug

*For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope* (Jeremiah 29: 11).

**19. Take a Moment to...**

greet and encourage any guest or new member to your church, committee/board.

*We ought therefore to show hospitality to such men so that we may work together for the truth* (3 John, v.8).

**20. Take a Moment to...**

encourage a student who is away from home by putting together a care package of food or toiletries, a church bulletin and devotion booklet

*Do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased* (Hebrews 13:16).

**21. Take a Moment to...**

offer a casserole or cake to someone who is struggling with a health issue.

*They will neither hunger nor thirst... He who has compassion on them will guide them and lead them beside springs of water* (Isaiah 49:10).

**22. Take a Moment to...**

remember and pray for the homeless – volunteer your time or make a donation to a soup kitchen or community outreach organization.

*He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust"* (Psalm 91:1-2).

**23. Take a Moment to...**

thank any emergency personnel – health, fire, police, military – for their care and commitment.

*It is God who arms me with strength and makes my way perfect* (Psalm 18:32).

**24. Take a Moment to...**

encourage someone whose spouse has recently died.

*My soul melts away with sorrow; strengthen me according to Your Word* (Psalm 119:28).

**25. Take a Moment to...**

remember and pray for military personnel (especially chaplains) and their families.

*Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the whole armour of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil* (Ephesians 6:10-11).

**26. Take a Moment to...**

thank a dear brother or sister in Christ for their love and support.

*We love because He first loved us* (1 John 4:19).

**27. Take a Moment to...**

thank and encourage the musicians who serve our Lord in your congregation's Divine Service.

*But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship Him* (John 4:23).

