

ABBREVIATED LWML-Canada UPDATE

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CHRISTIAN MISSION

MITES IN ACTION - WEBINARS

We are excited to announce our next webinar.

March 1 with Pastor Schave of LAMP

Get updates on the LAMP mission which operates in Northern Canada. Attend on your own or organize a group. At your church? Or home?

First webinar still available

If you were unable to join our first webinar with Pastor Aredo of the Oromo (Ethiopian) Ministry in Canada, you can still access it. Gather some friends and view it at: <https://youtu.be/ewcgBiMVFw1>

MISSION GRANT UPDATES

The following mission projects have been approved for payment:

- National Youth Gathering - \$7,500
- French Liturgy Foundations - \$3,735
- And from the Mission Opportunity Fund:
Camp Lutherland, Christian resources - \$750

Prayers and a poster for your society to use are available at <https://lutheranwomen.ca/mission-grants/>

CHRISTIAN GROWTH

All the Way Home - DEVOTION for January 2025

Available in English and French

READ: <https://lutheranwomen.ca/growing/devotions/>

LISTEN: (This video has English first, followed by the French version)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tNZFIwiAdx8>

PRAYER CALENDAR for January 2025

DOWNLOAD:

<https://lutheranwomen.ca/growing/prayer-calendars/>

PRAYER SERVICE FOR 2025

The Christian Growth committee is unable to put together a new prayer service for this year. We recommend using the prayer service from 2013: "Beyond Understanding - the unlimited love of God." https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ui=2&ik=cab4b75170&attid=0.1&permmsgid=msg-f:1820874066505154738&th=19450b50eac2c0b2&view=att&disp=inline&realattid=f_m5qvia7k0&zw

RESOURCE IDEAS FROM THE DOWNLOAD ON DEMAND (DOD) CATALOGUE

With Ash Wednesday on March 5 the 2025 season of Epiphany is one of longest. We are called to shine. Need resources? We suggest the devotion *This Little Light of Mine* (C-12-11) or the study *The Light in the Darkness* (C18-08) or you can see what else might interest you, your society or zone by visiting <https://lutheranwomen.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Download-on-Demand-ResourcesDEC.2024-docx.pdf> and ordering through dod@lutheranwomen.ca. May God bless you as you shine His light to the world.

SING A NEW SONG

Suggested song to encourage us as we begin the Epiphany season.

Shine, Shine, Shine

by Donna Hines/ arranged by Jay Reed (chorus)

*Shine, shine, shine like stars in this world,
Shine, shine, shine by the light of His Word,
Saved by His grace, growing in faith
Now we shine, shine, shine.*

Order from *Lutheran Women Sing (2024 edition)*, C-17-04 at dod@lutheranwomen.ca

MEMBER DEVELOPMENT

BLOG POSTS BEGIN

The first blog posting went up on January 6. On January 13, look for a posting by the Vice-President District Administration, Alberta-British Columbia, who writes: *Our God is the God of new things. We are made new because of Jesus, new every morning...* A new posting will appear each Monday. Tune in each week at <https://lutheranwomen.ca/serving-in-his-strength/> for a new encouragement.

Extend the season of Christmas throughout the year so lives are touched and changed. But, how? "Love each other as I have loved you" (John 15:12). Today and every day seek to love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul and all your strength. Seek to share His love with others so they, too, may know Him. By His Spirit live your life in a way that reflects the way of Christ to a world in need of His mercy. Lord, send your Holy Spirit to be our guide in the days ahead so we may walk in Your Way. Amen.

CLWR THANK YOU

Thank you for being part of the incredible impact we made together in 2024! Your partnership has been vital in this life-saving work. We have created a short video highlighting the incredible things your support made possible this year. Please take a few minutes to watch it at <https://vimeo.com/1043186476> and feel free to share within your congregations.

Heidi Van Schaik, Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR) www.clwr.org

COMMUNICATION

TAPESTRY – LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

See the January 1, 2025, Abbreviated Update for details. Since *Tapestry* was begun the world around us, including within the church, has changed—not God’s promises and the love our Saviour has for us, but the ways people communicate and the needs of our sisters in Christ. How do those changes affect the ways LWMLC communicates as we seek to carry out the league’s mission of enabling and encouraging all the women of Lutheran Church–Canada to *grow in God’s Word, share God’s Son and serve God’s people*? What impact does or should it have on our magazine?

We need your input and have formulated a discussion/survey to help you provide it. We also ask you to encourage the women around you in your congregation to do so as well. For those who have never subscribed to *Tapestry*, some samples are included on the LWMLC website.

Answer the survey online using the link at <https://lutheranwomen.ca/publications/tapestry/> or download the PDF so you have a printed version. You will also find it in the spring issue of *Tapestry*. Complete and submit by May 31, 2025.

RENEWALS FOR 2025-2026

It will take most of 2025 to receive and analyze your responses to the survey and determine what is both possible and will meet your needs and the needs of our organization. There will, therefore, be **no changes to renewal forms for 2025-26**. These forms will be sent out this month or an order form may be downloaded from the LWMLC website. Please order as usual.

MONEY MATTERS

FROM THE TREASURER

Praise the Lord!! Our bank account is now in full operation again. Thank you from the Financial Committee for your patience and understanding regarding the challenges experienced during the past five and a half months. Effective Thursday, January 9, 2025, the LWML–Canada Inc. bank account is no longer blocked and is again functioning.

Please deposit all cheques you may have from LWML–Canada Inc. as soon as possible. Also, please do your e-transfers for any outstanding invoices you might have as soon as possible.

All cheques received by our Financial Secretary Penny Bobier, that are dated Dec. 31, 2024, or before, and received in January, will be receipted for your 2024 donations. The 2024 tax receipts will be emailed and/or mailed out by February 28, 2025.

Please share this information with those who require it in your society and congregation.

Questions? Concerns? Please ask the treasurer: treasurer@lutheranwomen.ca or linda.horton2@shaw.ca

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