

LWML-Canada Inc.
ABBREVIATED UPDATE
March 15, 2025

CHRISTIAN MISSION
MISSION IN ACTION WEBINAR - A
RESPONSE

I was able to listen to the presentation Pastor Schave did for LWMLC Inc. via webinar on L.A.M.P. Thank you, Pastor Schave. As a lifelong Lutheran what I knew about LAMP was that it was a red plane that flew pastors and lay people to remote northern communities throughout Canada to hold vacation Bible schools or take clothing, blankets, etc., to these communities. I did not know all the logistics of the operation or much about the history of LAMP. I know much more after the webinar.

I can see that the Holy Spirit has been at work within the First Nations communities because of the number of communities requesting a visit from LAMP. It would not be easy for them to trust religious groups after some of the experiences their ancestors had with residential schools. We know that many of the First Nations are struggling with social problems, like addictions, suicides, etc., but the elders have seen something change after visits from LAMP.

We need to continue to pray for the great work that has been done and is still needing to be done in these communities. LWMLC Inc. has approved a mission grant to help LAMP with their work as they hope to reach 55 communities during the 55th anniversary year. This is our Mites in action.

Judy G, Central District representative on the Christian Mission Committee.

NEXT MITES IN ACTION WEBINAR

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, June 21** for the next in our Mites in Action webinar featuring the work of the deaconesses in our mission in Cambodia.

MISSION GRANTS PAID TO DATE

We praise God that we can fulfil the following grants (1/3 of total request):

- Street Reach Ministry - \$8,000
- Deaconesses, Cambodia Lutheran Church - \$10,000
- Ministry and Outreach, Nicaragua - \$10,000
- Ethiopian Ministry and Outreach - \$7,000

- Youth Director, Richmond/Vancouver - \$9,303

We are also pleased to fulfill these Mission Opportunity grants

- Central Region Pastors' Wives Retreat - \$500
- Fraser Valley Zone Mission for Deaf and Hearing - \$3,000

CHRISTIAN GROWTH

Coming soon! Looking for a gift for the confirmand in your life? A booklet filled with Bible verses and prayers to bless their faith journey through high school and beyond is at the printer and will soon be available from the Resource Centre.

***My Faith Looks Up to Thee* - DEVOTION for March 2025**

READ, or DOWNLOAD (English or French):

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

LISTEN: <https://youtu.be/11bWvO5b11A>

PRAYER CALENDAR for March 2025 –
DOWNLOAD and share:

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

PRAYER SERVICE FOR 2025

ORDER: "Beyond Understanding – the unlimited love of God" (C-12-29), prayer service from 2013
Download on Demand: (dod@lutheranwomen.ca).
Prayer services also available from LWML (US) at <https://lwml.360unite.com/prayer-service>.

PROGRAM RESOURCES FROM DOD

Are you seeing a promise of spring? Look through your DOD catalogue (<https://lutheranwomen.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Download-on-Demand-ResourcesDEC.2024-docx.pdf>) and see all there is in the devotion or Bible study section. Contact us at dod@lutheranwomen.ca.

SING A NEW SONG

Dear Father, Help Me Bloom

(text by Elaine Wolters, v3)

As my faith grows each day

And buds turn into flowers

Let me proclaim the love

On all mankind you shower,

And help me then to bloom

in ways that show Your love

So many will be saved and live with

You above. Amen.

For the full song and score, order
Lutheran Women Sing (2024 edition), C-17-04
from dod@lutheranwomen.ca

MEMBER DEVELOPMENT THE SHAMROCK

The shamrock is an important symbol of St. Patrick's Day. This plant has three leaves and grows all over Ireland. Saint Patrick used the shamrock to explain the Trinity to the Irish. The three leaves on the shamrock stand for the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. The stem shows how the three different beings are united into one. The tradition of pinning a shamrock to one's clothing for St. Patrick's Day started in 1681. It still carries on today in Ireland and all over the world. So, pin on your shamrock and show the world you are a Christian who believes in the Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

ORDER A KIT OF RESOURCES

Spring rallies and prayer services are popping up all around us. Remember to order a resource kit to show your ladies what resources we have available to them as well as many gift Ideas. Check the information below under RESOURCE CENTRE and order your kit today.

REMINDERS

HELP SHAPE YOUR MAGAZINE FOR THE FUTURE

**To date we have received only two responses. Don't let decisions be made without your input. Answer the online survey or download the print version. Complete and submit by May 31, 2025. LINK for online survey: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSenOjRMGMf_RAv55Cn2mdlC1ik4NhP6SXdyCUSj9x_6ysMB6Q/viewform?usp=sharing
survey PDF: <https://lutheranwomen.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Survey-Future-of-Tapestry-final-PDF-version.pdf>**

TAPESTRY RENEWALS FOR 2025-2026

There will be **no changes to renewal forms for 2025-26. Deadline: March 15, 2025.** Form: <https://lutheranwomen.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/2025-2026-Tapestry-Renewal-Form-fillable.pdf>

GERTRUDE POLLEX BURSARY

Applications for the Gertrude Pollex Bursary for the 2025 fall term are now open. Forms and guidelines (due May 31, 2025) are available on the Lutheran Women website or from Sharlene (vpdaontario@lutheranwomen.ca).

WEEKLY BLOG POSTS

Each Monday visit LWMLC's blog, "Serving in His Strength," at <https://lutheranwomen.ca/serving-in-his-strength/> for a word of encouragement from one of your national leaders.

MONEY MATTERS

SERVING ON THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The LWML–Canada Inc. Finance Committee requires a member from Central District. For more information, contact Linda Horton, Treasurer, LWML–Canada Inc., at 1-403-984-2508, treasurer@lutheranwomen.ca

RECEIPTS

If your contact email address or mailing address changed in 2024 and you have not forwarded that information, please do so to financialsec@lutheranwomen.ca and you will receive your donation receipt(s) ASAP.

RESOURCE CENTRE

BRING THE RESOURCE CENTRE TO YOU

Order a resource kit today for your spring rally/renewal. Select items from the resource catalogue (<https://lutheranwomen.ca/resources/resource-centre-and-catalogue-2/>). Resource kits are sent out free. Keep for three months. Sell everything and you will have no return costs. **Order by email from resourcecentre@lutheranwomen.ca or call 1-548-994-7850 and leave your order.** Email and phone order lines are checked each day and orders shipped each Thursday.