LWML-Canada Inc. ABBREVIATED UPDATE APRIL 15, 2025

The information in this Update is new or updated from that in previous abbreviated updates. Please refer back if needed.

CHRISTIAN MISSION

WEBINAR PLANNED FOR June 21

Our next MITES IN ACTION webinar will be on Saturday June 21, at 11:30 am EDT.

Registration is now open: Please email webinar@lutheranwomen.ca. Closes June 16.

We will be highlighting the work of the deaconesses in Cambodia. The Cambodian Lutheran Church (CLC) is a young but growing church body, nurtured through Lutheran mission efforts over the past two decades. The office of deaconess was established to meet the physical and spiritual needs of Cambodian communities. Today, deaconesses play a vital role in the Church's outreach, working alongside pastors to bring both mercy and catechesis into homes, villages, and churches. Their service embodies the Lutheran understanding of faith in action – where works of mercy flow naturally from Christ's love.

LINK TO PREVIOUS WEBINAR

Featuring the work of LAMP in northern Canada: https://youtu.be/hCBGaFIULE8. An excellent idea for your next society gathering

RESOURCES TO PRINT AND SHARE

Check out the Mission Grant resources available on our website: www.lutheranwomen.ca

MISSION OPPORTUNITY GRANT

\$3000 for 50 Emergency/Hygiene Kits was approved and sent to LWML Haiti. Members of this group, Margareth Bernard and Josie Antoine, will oversee the production of the kits and manage their distribution in Haiti. The kits are requested since in Haiti, specifically the Port au Prince region, bandits are taking over people's homes at gunpoint and women and children are now on the streets.

The kits will include sanitary napkins (perhaps cloth ones produced on site by the women of the

congregation there), facecloth, hand towel, toothbrush, toothpaste, basic food, drinking water, soap, blanket.

Watch for updates and photos once the kits are completed and distributed.

CHRISTIAN GROWTH

Children of the Heavenly Father - DEVOTION for April 2025

READ, or DOWNLOAD (French is unavailable this month): https://lutheranwomen.ca/growing/devotions/ LISTEN: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9tss1-0sKP8

PRAYER CALENDAR for April 2025 –

DOWNLOAD and share:

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

PROGRAM RESOURCES FROM DOD

Download immediately. No waiting! We've made a change to our Download on Demand service. (https://sites.google.com/lutheranwomen.ca/download-on-demand-resources) Check out our new Download Demand database! You can search by category and then by title. Click on the "Download on Demand" link and it will take you right into our searchable database. Items are listed under the appropriate categories. Click on the "Download" link and you can have the devotion or Bible study right away!

MEMBER DEVELOPMENT

- S Salvation
- P Praise, Pray
- R Rejoice
- I Inspiration
- N Neighbour
- G Grateful
- S Spring into action with your *Acts of Faith*. Share your salvation.
- P Pray for all and Praise our Lord.
- **R** Rejoice and sing praises to our God for His Resurrection.
- I Inspire others.

Help our Neighbours.

Be Grateful for all God has given us.

COMMUNICATION

WRITE FOR TAPESTRY

Fall 2025 issue of *Tapestry* theme: "Come Ye Thankful People, Come." Submission deadline is May 1, 2025. Send to editor-in-chief at tapestry@lutheranwomen.ca.

Use one of these ideas or develop your own.

- Harvest is a time to be thankful for bounty.
- It is also a time to hold on when the harvest isn't great.
- In your learning and experience, how does this relate to the harvesting Christ calls us to do?
- The greatest harvest will be the souls of believers when Jesus returns and takes us home to be with Him. Share an experience or a lesson learned as a worker in the harvest.
- Help readers see a variety of ways we give thanks to God or describe in more detail one way someone might show Jesus her love and thankfulness. Where might it lead us?

REMINDERS

HELP SHAPE YOUR MAGAZINE FOR THE FUTURE

Don't let decisions be made without your input. Answer the <u>online survey</u> or download the <u>print version</u>. Complete and submit by May 31, 2025. See previous abbreviated Update for links to the survey and samples of the magazine.

GERTRUDE POLLEX BURSARY

Due by May 31, 2025. Forms and guidelines are available on the Lutheran Women website or from Sharlene P. (vpdaontario@lutheranwomen.ca). Submissions are accepted via email or Canada Post but must be received by the deadline.

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.

RESOURCE CENTRE

FYI: When ordering from the Resource Centre you can save on shipping costs by ordering as a group and having your order shipped to one address.

TRY THIS NEW ONLINE ORDERING PROCESS

LWMLC Inc. has created a beta online catalogue and ordering process that is now available online. We are making it available here for you to use:

https://sites.google.com/lutheranwomen.ca/resource-centre/home

Orders placed online will go directly to the Resource Centre. Final invoices will be sent once shipping costs and any applicable discounts are applied to your order.

Please send any technical questions or comments directly to Online Services

email: internet@lutheranwomen.ca

FOR THE CONFIRMAND IN YOUR LIFE

Available now! A booklet filled with Bible verses and prayers to bless a confirmand's faith journey through high school and beyond is now available. Cost \$10 plus shipping and handling. It may be ordered from the Resource Centre at resourcecentre@lutheranwomen.ca.

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.