



Member Relationship to Other Levels of LWML

THE LOCAL GROUP AND THE ZONE

The local group relates directly to the zone. Zones offer opportunities for participants from different congregations and settings to meet for:

- spiritual development;
- Christian fellowship;
- mutual encouragement;
- leader training; and
- sharing information and ideas.

Groups may keep their link in the organizational chain strong by attending zone functions, communicating with zone officers, and hosting zone activities when possible.

THE INDIVIDUAL MEMBER AND THE ZONE

Individual members hold the same rights and privileges in relation to the zone that members of groups have, including eligibility to serve as zone officers and as delegates/alternates to district and LWML conventions. When the district welcomes an individual member, information regarding the new member should be sent to the zone so that the member can be included in zone communication and be invited to participate in zone activities. *Individual Membership Guidelines* are available as a free download at www.lwml.org.

THE LOCAL GROUP AND THE DISTRICT

Through its delegate(s) to district conventions, the local group has voice and vote in all decisions of the convention. All LCMS women are encouraged to participate in district workshops, retreats, and other programs as additional opportunities for spiritual development, Christian fellowship, mutual encouragement, and leader training.

THE INDIVIDUAL MEMBER AND THE DISTRICT

Individual membership is processed through the LWML district in which the member resides. The district provides the new member with a Mite Box and pertinent

information about the district and national organization. The individual member should be included in district mailings and be encouraged to participate at district conventions, meetings, and events. The member has the same eligibility as any other district member to hold office at the district level. *Individual Membership Guidelines* are available as a free download at www.lwml.org.

THE LOCAL GROUP AND THE LWML

The local group has voice and vote at the LWML convention through the delegate(s) chosen from its respective zone. The LWML offers outstanding opportunities for Christian growth and service. The LWML relates directly to the local group through communication with each congregation. The group should designate an individual to receive the communication and disseminate the information to members.

THE INDIVIDUAL MEMBER AND THE LWML

Individual members are encouraged to attend LWML conventions, to use LWML materials and to participate in events and programs sponsored by LWML. An individual member who is active in the zone has the same eligibility as other zone members to serve as a delegate/alternate to LWML conventions. The member is also eligible to serve on LWML committees and to be nominated for LWML offices. *Individual Membership Guidelines* are available as a free download at www.lwml.org.