



How the LWML Has Blessed ...

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When I consider how the Holy Spirit has blessed others through the LWML, what first leaps to mind are the smiles, laughter, exuberant singing, and attentive listening of women gathered to celebrate the missions of our beloved Synod. The women of the LWML know how to conduct conventions! Like Mary they remember what is most needful — to listen to the voice of Jesus. Their votes reflect a spirit of unity bound by the bond of peace. They encourage each other with the encouragement they have received from the Spirit. They decide to give, then give, then celebrate what is being done with what they have given. The women are blessed!

What next comes to mind are the smiles, laughter, singing, and joy of women and children from every corner of the world who have received the message of salvation as a result of what the LWML women have given. The LWML women may not yet know the stories of the thousands, but will when we gather for the heavenly convention, where the celebration will never end. The saved are blessed!

What finally comes to mind is the quiet smile of a woman sitting in prayer at home — it could be my mother, my wife, my daughter; it could be any of you reading this now. Having finished her morning devotions and prayers, tucked her daily gift in her Mite Box, she softly sings as she stands up to meet the day. She is blessed.

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