

The TEAM Leader

Since you are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of your name lead and guide me. Psalm 31:3

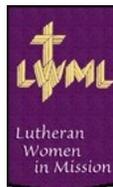
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The Purpose of the Leader Development Committee is to support and encourage present and future leaders.

Our committee wants to help you in all levels of the LWML. We also want to encourage you to share ideas that you have done in your district that have been successful, and we will share them in future issues of *The TEAM Leader*. Do you print a District Leader Development newsletter? We'd like you to share that with us also.

E-mail your ideas to lwml@lwml.org and put Leader Development in the subject line.

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Product Promotion

Designed for You

This resource packet will serve as an easy tool for designing a new LWML group or designing an existing group. It includes a Bible study and sections on assessments/surveys, visioning, models, implementation ideas, bylaws, and evaluation. This packet is reproducible and can be used as one unit or sections.

Order *Designed for You*, Code #20210, from the LWML Office.

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If you've ever played tennis or a racquet sport, you know how important it is to hit the ball on the "sweet" spot of the racquet. The shot feels good to the player, and it's a solid shot with good direction. In the same manner, leaders need to find their own "sweet" spot and help find the "sweet" spot in others also.

The "sweet" spot is a combination of three things--one's talents or gifts along with passion for that talent. It is also having a sense that one can make a significant contribution using that talent or skill. Many women have several talents or interests, but don't necessarily feel passionate about all of them or feel that they can make a significant contribution using them. Oftentimes, she feels that someone else may be able to do the same thing or maybe even do it better. It's just not "her thing." Leaders need to help each woman find what is "her thing"--what she enjoys or loves doing, so she feels that she is making a positive contribution to move the group or organization in the right direction.

Written by Rhonda Hoge, North Dakota

Guidance for LWML Leaders

Seek advise from others

Successful leaders heed the advice of individuals who have training and experience over the advice of close personal friends. As the new king of Israel, Rehoboam learned this lesson the hard way when he followed the advice of his friends over the advice of his father's former advisors. His subsequent misguided decisions resulted in the division of his kingdom, a rift that never healed (1 Kings 12).

The best advice does not come from friendship, but from experience. Listen to your friends and thank them for their support, but heed advice of those you follow.

Written by Pastor Carl Gnewuch, LWML Pastoral Counselor

Energize Membership

The VERY, VERY BEST METHOD to encourage LWML membership is to: Personally care about each woman in the congregation as Jesus cares for her. Get to know her, be interested in her, share with her, be enthusiastic about LWML, encourage her to become involved in some aspect of LWML with you.

YOUR POSITIVE WORDS AND ATTITUDES ABOUT LWML ENERGIZES OTHERS!!!

Ideas to Energize Membership

New Brides—Have a recipe shower at a meeting. Visit the new bride and give her the recipes and a copy of *Marriage Matters* and/or *She Said...He Said*, from the LWML Catalog.

Mothers of New Babies—Present mothers with *Lead Me, Lord, through...Motherhood*. Present the new baby with an LWML bear.

Small Bible Study Groups— Care and Share around the Word

Confirmand Parents Study for parents during time of students confirmation class

Young Mothers Provide babysitter for a morning out study

Working Women 1/2 hour study at NOON—provide drinks

Prayer and Praise 7:00-7:30 a.m. for working women

Visitors Packet—Packet of LWML materials given to welcome each visitor at an LWML meeting. Packet could be: File Folder – Decorated Manila Envelope – Zip Lock Bag
Contents: LWML Brochure, Mustard Seed, Society Program Booklet, List of national and district mission grants, *LUTHERAN WOMAN'S QUARTERLY*, District Publication, Handwritten note of thanks for being a guest, Small LWML memento (Examples—LWML Magnet, Window Cling, Pen, Pencil, Candy, Post-it Notes)

REMEMBER—Each woman in the congregation will not be involved in every aspect of the Lutheran Woman's Missionary League. Accept her where she is—but continue to challenge and share with her the various areas of LWML BE ALL YOU CAN BE—AN ENERGIZED LWML MEMBER, SERVING THE LORD WITH GLADNESS

(Energize Membership, is updated from the *Energizer Kit*, previously published by the LWML)

Leader Development Tips for District Conventions

Are you planning to have a Leader Development display at your district convention? A great idea would be to make copies of *The TEAM Leader* to hand out to the societies! We also encourage you to support your district officers with cards, notes, candy and most of all prayers, because conventions are such a busy time for officers. Remind them that with Jesus as our leader, He will lead and guide us in all we do!!!

Fellowship is Fun

Want to add a little spice to your meetings? Suggest that everyone bring the same object to the meeting. For example, everyone could bring a cross, a teacup, a hat. Then each woman explains her item, where it came from, what special significance it has...etc.

Have everyone bring ten pennies. At the beginning of the meeting explain that a certain word (can't, won't, no) is forbidden during the meeting. If someone is caught using the word, she must forfeit a penny to the person who caught her. At the end of the meeting, the one with the most pennies gets a small prize and all the pennies go to mites!