

The Bathrobe Bunch



Who has time for another meeting? That is what the women of Trinity Downtown in Orlando, Florida, were thinking when they decided to take their meetings to a new place — cyberspace!

Since a traditional society was not an option for most of them, they developed an e-society called the Bathrobe Bunch. (Yes, women actually can — and do — attend society meetings in their bathrobes!) Each month, a meeting is sent out via e-mail. Members attend whenever they have time to read their e-mails. Discussion occurs and decisions are made by using the “reply all” key.

How does it work?

1. Members are encouraged to be involved in the Mite Box™ ministry. A large Mite Box™ is located in the church narthex where members can empty their personal Mite Boxes™.

2. An annual contribution of ten dollars is requested to help offset the cost of the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* and to help fund activities.
3. Each woman is invited to be a part of a planning committee that organizes at least one activity per year for the group's monthly get-togethers. The activities are determined at a face-to-face meeting held once a year. Sharing the planning brings us lots of joy.

What started the ball rolling for us? It was a comment from a young woman of the congregation. She said, “I really want to be a part of the activities, but I just cannot attend the meetings.” How awesome that this *little* comment would usher our LWML group into the *BIG* world of e-societies and cyberspace!

We are the Bathrobe Bunch. Slippers are optional.

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