



WE'RE ALL PART OF GOD'S TEAM

Cast: 11 ladies; each society officer plus others.

(As the team assembles in the front of the room, the Coach (Society President) bustles into the room with an armful of basketball jerseys.)

President: It is great to have all of you on the team! I decided it was important that we all have uniforms so the world knows we are the _____ (name of your church) LWML. Hand these out, _____, (name of Christian Life Chairman) *(gives the jerseys to the Christian Life Chairman)* while I go and see where we can best serve the Lord in _____ (city/town where your church is). *(She then leaves the room.)*

Christian Life Chairman: Sure, _____, (name of President) I'll see that everyone gets the right number. Since I am the Christian Life Chairman, I am concerned with the growth of our members spiritually. I think I should have jersey number 1.

Missionary: Hey, wait a minute, don't you think that since I am a missionary, I should have jersey number 1? This is the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. No one else has their vocation in the name of the team.

World Relief Quilt Chairman: Just because you're a missionary in Africa doesn't make you all that important, _____ (name of missionary). I do mission work all the time. I help make quilts and collect soap scraps to send to you and other missionaries around the world through Lutheran World Relief. I send greeting cards to the people who are sick and suffering in our congregation right here. Don't you think I should have the number 1 jersey?

Active Zone Member: No, I don't, _____ (name of Quilt Chairman); you are always busy with things only here at _____ (name of your church). But our LWML is also busy doing things in the _____ (name of your zone) Zone, the _____ (name of your District) District, and through the LWML Office in St. Louis, Missouri. I've been the historian of the Zone in the past years, (or whatever special role a member may have played in your society) so I feel I should get the number 1 jersey. I can assure you there are a lot of other places to be missionaries than right here at _____ (name of your church).

Lay member who does important mission work: Just because you're involved with LWML, whether it be at _____ (name of your church), _____ (name of Quilt Chairman), or in the Zone, _____ (name of active zone member), doesn't make you worthy to wear number 1. I've been working at the Compassion Pregnancy Center and have the opportunity to save unborn children and help young mothers in the community. (Or wherever someone outside of the church is serving the Lord, maybe the Salvation Army) This is real mission work.

Oldest LWML Member: Mission-Smission! I think you ladies have it all wrong! I happen to be one of the oldest members here. I've been a member at _____ (name of your church) for a long time. All these years I've been helping, working and serving. No matter what program the LWML was doing, I supported it. These jerseys need to be assigned according to seniority, so I should have number 1.

Newest LWML Member: No! No! No! It should be in reverse order with the newest member of the LWML wearing number 1 and the oldest member should have the largest number. I've only been here for one year and the baby I just had is the youngest LWML baby and a member of the congregation. I should get jersey number 1!

Vice President-Leader Development: _____, (name of newest member), I don't think you are right. I have been the Vice President of this organization and it has been my job to invite all the new members in the congregation to the LWML meetings. If it wasn't for me, you wouldn't be here. It is obvious that I should wear number 1! After all, whenever _____ (name of President) is sick or can't make a meeting, I'm the one she calls.

Treasurer: _____ (name of Vice President), you shouldn't wear number 1. I should. Haven't you heard that "money talks?" I am the treasurer and in charge of all the money. I make sure we have enough money in our treasury to pay the bills. The special money we collect is sent to Lutheran Bible Translators. I also count all the money that is collected in our mite boxes for district and national mission grants. It only figures that I should be number 1.

Secretary: I rarely say anything at our meetings since I'm always taking notes. I think you are ALL wrong. It doesn't matter who wears what number, we all are here on this team to "Serve the Lord with gladness!"

(President re-enters the room in the back and slowly makes her way to the front of the room.)

President: _____ (name of Secretary) is right. Everyone is important. Let me read what it says in 1 Corinthians 12:14-27 about the body of Christ.

Now the body is not made up of one part but of many. If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has combined the members of the body and has given greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

Just as a body needs different organs and systems working together to be healthy, so does Christ need different people doing different jobs together in harmony. In order to have a healthy, growing and successful church, I urge you to join the team. The LWML is a part of the body of Christ. We serve the Lord all of our lives in all that we do.

Prayer: Dear Lord, You have called us to be members of Your team, to declare Your love in all that we say and do. Help us to love others as You have loved us, and to serve You throughout our lives with the talents You have given us. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.