Editor's Note

"It's not necessarily saying or doing something that causes a mixed signal — it's not saying anything. It's the silence."

Adriane (Dorr) Heins

It is with great joy that the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly introduces its readers to someone who served on our LWQ staff and went on to become the managing editor for The Lutheran Witness.

Adriane Dorr joined our team the same year Associate Editor Beth Foreman and I did. When it comes to our proof-reading decisions, staff members may be tired of still hearing me sing the same tune: "Well, Adriane says… ." As the final authority on all things AP Style, Adriane’s guidance continues to ring in my ears, especially the prohibition of using “air quotes.” (I have done moderately well at keeping air quotes to a minimum; in honor of Adriane, this issue is swept free of them!)

Adriane’s cover story and her devotion on page 1 set the tone for this issue, “Communications: Mixed Signals,” and other writers continue the theme. We also present several boots-on-the-ground accounts of LWML Mission Grants that have benefited from your sacrificial mite-giving and prayers.

This issue marks an every-two-years’ transition for the Quarterly staff, as newly appointed editors join our ranks while we say a heartfelt thanks to those who have served so faithfully in the past. We say goodbye to Cheryl Mattil, who moves on to new life opportunities; Joy Dougherty, who was elected to the Executive Committee; and Linda Guteres, whose sense of humor and passion for prayer will not soon be forgotten.

Come spring, we welcome Sheila Lutz, as the Christian Living Editor; Cheri Fish, as the Mission Editor; and our new News Editor Pam Knepper, who jump-started her term by contributing an article to this issue.

It is with mixed feelings that I say goodbye to some wonderful editor friends, while at the same time anticipating great things going forward. Above all, please offer your prayers for our work together.

Nancy Graf Peters, Editor-in-Chief