



# President's Vision for the Lutheran Women's Missionary League



## A Vision for Lutheran Women in Mission

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League: Lutheran Women in Mission who are in the Word Lutheran Women in Mission who are of the Word Lutheran Women in Mission who walk with the Lord.

### Introduction

April 28, 2008

One of the directives given to the president of this organization is to set the vision for the LWML. What does the Lord desire for this diverse group of women? The LWML is made up of women from all walks of life, many different cultures and ethnicities; women of all ages and stages. This was evidenced at our national convention in June 2007.

As I prayed and sought God's guidance for this task of casting the vision for us, I was led to a three part vision: The Lutheran Women's Missionary League would be known as Lutheran Women in Mission who are in the Word; Lutheran Women in Mission who are of the Word and Lutheran Women in Mission who are walking with their Lord.

Future home page articles will go into depth in each of these three areas; watch for them! May God bless each of you in your daily walk with the Lord.

### Part 1

June 2, 2008

#### Lutheran Women in Mission Who Are In the Word

What does it mean to be a Lutheran Woman in Mission who is in the Word? A woman who is in the Word is reading and studying God's Word on a regular basis; she is nurtured by the Word. She longs to read God's Word daily to find His direction and guidance for her life. In the Word she is assured of God's faithfulness, guidance and forgiveness. Being "in the Word" suggests an intimacy and oneness, knowing the heart of God. "God does speak to us. The Holy Scriptures are His Word to the whole human race. But they are also His personal letter of love to you, His child, an individual Christian believer." From Today's Light Jan/Feb 2006 © Concordia Publishing House ([www.cph.org](http://www.cph.org)). Used by permission.

### Part 2

June 30, 2008

#### Lutheran Women in Mission Who Are Of the Word

What does it mean to be a Lutheran Woman in Mission who is of the Word? As a woman spends time in God's Word on a regular basis there is a change in her. God's Word teaches her how to love and forgive; it gives her direction for living confidently and for relating to those around her. A woman, who is "of" the Word, uses the Bible to guide her actions; it becomes a part of her life and affects her lifestyle. There is a difference in her as a result of the time she spends in God's Word; she is not the same woman; she is of the Word, changed by the mighty power of God working in and through His Word.

### Part 3

July 28, 2008

#### Lutheran Women in Mission Who Walk With the Lord

The woman who is in the Word and of the Word is a woman who is empowered by the living Word of God and its application to her daily life. Walking with the Lord, she is assured of His promise never to leave her or forsake her. (Deuteronomy 31:6 and Hebrews 13:5) She knows that Jesus also promised to be with her always, even to the end of the age. (Matthew 28:20) This woman in mission leans on Jesus for each step of her day; she walks with Jesus daily.

## Part 4

August 31, 2008

### Lutheran Women in Mission Who Are In the Word, Cont'd

"I know I should spend and be spent. But I must have time alone with You—to replenish my store of faith and love lest I be too poor to give." *You Are Loved* by Alma Kern

Lutheran Women in Mission who are **in** the Word read and study God's Word on a regular basis. Have you ever read the Bible cover to cover, Genesis to Revelation? That was a goal of mine; many times I began with all good intentions, only to get bogged down around Leviticus or Deuteronomy. In an effort to systematically read the Bible I tried many different guidelines and products, but they lacked Lutheran doctrine and substance in their commentaries.

In 1996 Concordia Publishing House introduced a devotional guide, *Today's Light*, a periodical that guided readers through the Bible in two years' time. I have been a subscriber to it ever since. What wonderful treasures are in store as one reads through all of Scripture! The Bible is "His" story, there for each of us. *But these things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.* John 20:31 NIV

The LWML, in partnership with CPH, has a special edition of the *Today's Light Bible* which incorporates the devotional aspect of *Today's Light* into the NIV translation, guiding readers through the Bible. You may want to use it as you commit to being a Christian who is **in** the Word.

LWML President, Janice Wendorf

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