

# Because YOU Are Chosen...

As we learn in Ephesians 2:10, each of us is placed here on earth for a purpose. In other words, God had special roles in mind even before we were born – roles that He wants us to fulfill.

In your case, as an LWML YWR, you have an opportunity to help the women of our church body develop a closer relationship with the lord and to enable them to serve Him more fully and effectively.

When the LWML was founded, the word “missionary was incorporated into the name to demonstrate that this organization would not only encourage and befriend men and women working as missionaries professionally, but also to indicate that all LWML members were to be missionaries right where they were – in their families, their workplace, and their communities. Today we make this same point in more modern terminology with the LWML’s additional name: Lutheran Women in Mission.

As a participant in your zone’s (and perhaps society’s) planning process, you are not only in mission, you are chosen – chosen to plan and to lead. The responsibility of leadership can be frightening, especially when change is needed, but our Lord assures us that we are not alone in our service. In Isaiah 41:10, He says, “Fear not, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you.” God also promises in Psalm 37:4-5 that if you “delight yourself in the Lord, ...He will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him and He will do this.”

But God also challenges us: “Without vision, the people perish” (Proverbs 29:18, KJV) – and so your task is to discover God’s desire for your LWML group, to create the vision that will motivate the women of your zone’s congregations to become involved – not so we can brag about the number of participants, but so God’s will may be done, so His Kingdom may advance, and so today’s women may grow in Christ just as LWMLers have done since the organization’s founding in 1942.

As you begin this visioning and planning process for your zone’s societies you will assess needs, develop goals, and then determine the steps you will use and the changes you will make to achieve those goals.

Speaking of vision, God's Word in Habakkuk 2:2 urges us to write the vision boldly so that those who run may read it. People are running today! They need bold leadership. We can do it – if we draw close to Him in Word and prayer. Let's begin now!