

Designed to Minister

One late afternoon, following a long day of yard work, my husband offered to take me out to dinner. After we cleaned up and got in the car, my husband asked me, "Where would you like to go?"

"You asked me out, where did you have in mind?" I replied.

That seems to be the situation of many women in the church today. Women know they have received an invitation from their Lord, but don't know exactly what He is calling them to do. Some women have skills of organization and planning. Others are good managers of time and people. The gifts Christ has given women are countless! The question we have to ask ourselves is where do we want to go with these gifts as we serve the Lord?

Many of us learned to keep treasurers' books, write skits, make speeches, read financial reports, plan food for 200 and organize the labor for a dinner project. Have you ever wondered how you ever got yourself in some of these positions? Did you ever think that the Lord might be preparing you through these activities? The church provides for a great deal of personal growth as well as spiritual growth.

There are thousands of women in congregations serving on committees and boards. A check of congregations shows that one third of congregational boards are headed by women. There are also countless numbers of women serving on district and synodical level boards. Put these all together and you have a powerful force of women who are serving their Lord.

Scholarship applications from young women of our LWML districts are from women who do not feel restricted by their gender. They do not seem to be aware of the inequities of past eras but see only a service needed by whoever can best provide it and they are ready to step forward.

LWML women are at work, sharing God's love in all sorts of places. Is your area of service to Christ in your home, your workplace, in the community? Can you see where the Lord has taken you over the years? Where do you feel He is leading you today? Do you feel He is preparing you for service in the future? What areas of growth do you want to feed upon?

As you look at your LMWL group, your district, the synod, can you see what is being done and what opportunities you have as women to be a part of it? Where would you like to go to serve? Remember Christ's words . . . "I have prepared a feast for you. Come and eat."

PRAYER: Dear Lord, You have carefully guided my life's activities. I have learned much from all of the experiences and people You have placed in my life. Help me now to take all that You have taught me and use that knowledge in service to You. Help me see where You have brought me and what you would have me to do. Amen.

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