

## **GUIDELINES TO ELECT YOUNG WOMEN REPRESENTATIVES TO DISTRICT CONVENTIONS**

### **GENERAL GUIDELINES**

The Young Women's Representative program is designed to introduce young women to LWML–Canada and to help them, in turn, to encourage other young women to participate in LWML–Canada. All Zones (and Societies) are invited to send Young Women Representatives to participate in District Conventions. All Young Women's Representatives take part in a special program during the convention. After the convention, they report back to their Zone. Zones (or Societies) are responsible for covering the cost of the convention expenses for their Young Women Representative, including registration, transportation, accommodation and meals. Zones may choose to send more than one Young Women Representative, or young women can register to participate in the program on their own at their own expense.

### **QUALIFICATIONS**

She shall be a member of a Lutheran Church–Canada congregation who is new to or not presently involved in LWML–Canada.

She shall have a deep love and devotion for her Lord Jesus Christ and be interested in and willing to participate in the program of LWML–Canada.

She shall be able to be away from home and/or work for the convention and travel time.

She shall be willing to attend all sessions of the convention, although she will not be able to vote.

After the convention, she should be willing and available to report on her experiences to her Zone as requested.

It is hoped that she will give ongoing support and/or participation in LWML–Canada in her home society, Zone and District following her experiences as a Young Women's Representative.

### **SELECTION OF YOUNG WOMEN'S REPS**

LWML–Canada members/societies are invited to submit nominations for YWR to their Zone President prior to March 1 in a convention year. The submission shall include the nominee's name, full address, phone number, e-mail address, home congregation and name/address of society president.

Zone Presidents shall forward the names and addresses of possible YWRs to the Vice President Member Development. The Vice President Member Development, or someone she designates, provides the nominees with information about LWML–Canada and the Young Women's Representative program.

At the Spring Rally, the Zone elects a young woman to be the Zone Young Women's Representative for the District convention. If more than one name is brought forward, an alternate is also elected.

**NOTE:** A Zone may choose to send more than one Young Women's Representative at the expense of the Zone. Alternatively, a Zone sending a young women's Representative may encourage other young women to attend the convention and take part in the program at the young women's own expense.

Zone Presidents shall, immediately after the selection at the Spring Rally, submit the name and address of the Zone Young Women's Representative to the Vice President Member Development and to the District President. (Please also submit the names, addresses etc of any

other Young Women from the Zone planning on attending the District Convention to the Vice President Member Development).

NOTE: All queries and correspondence for the young women attending the District convention shall be directed to the Vice President Member Development.

### **REGISTRATION**

The Young Women's Representative, along with her Zone President, shall fill in a convention registration form. (This should be done immediately after she is chosen at the Spring Rally.) The registration shall then be forwarded to the convention registration address. Payment from the Zone for the Young Women's Representative's registration should accompany the registration form.

### **EXPENSES**

The Zone is responsible for paying the cost of registration, travel, accommodation and meals for their elected Young Women's Representative.

### **AGE FOR A YOUNG WOMAN**

A young woman shall be 18 – 35 years of age.