

GUIDE LINES TO ELECT YOUNG WOMEN REPRESENTATIVES FROM ABC DISTRICT TO LWML–CANADA 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 Districts are invited to send Young Women Representatives to participate in LWML–Canada conventions. All Young Women's Representatives take part in a special program during the convention. After the convention, they should provide a written report that will be published in the *Flashlight*. Districts are responsible for covering the convention expenses for their Young Women Representative, including registration, transportation, accommodation and meals. Districts 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 District as requested (preferably a written report to be included in the Fall *Flashlight*), but may also include a verbal report at her home Zone's Fall Rally).
- 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 Societies are invited to submit written nominations for YWR to the Zone President prior to the Fall Rally immediately preceding the LWML Canada convention. The submission shall be on the attached form.

The Zone membership will choose one YWR at the Fall Rally preceding the LWML–Canada convention. The Zone Presidents shall complete and forward the YWR submission form of chosen YWR to the Vice President Member Development immediately following the Zone Fall Rally (no later than January 15 of the following year).

The Vice President of Member Development, or someone she designates, will verbally present the candidates at the District Board meeting immediately preceding the LWML–Canada Convention. The current District Young Woman Rep will be presented and selected to attend the LWML–Canada convention. The District Board will vote for one other young woman to represent the District; this alternate will be the candidate with the second highest number of votes. If at a later date any one of the aforementioned is not able to fulfill her commitment to attend the LWML–Canada convention, the District President shall choose another representative from those presented.

District Presidents shall immediately after the selection at the District Board meeting inform the LWML–Canada Vice President Member Development of the Young Women representing the District as well as the alternate.

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

REGISTRATION

The Young Women’s Representatives, along with the District President, shall fill in a convention registration form. (This should be done immediately after she is chosen at the District Board Meeting). The registration shall then be forwarded to the convention registration address. Payment from the District for the Young Women’s Representative’s registration should accompany the registration form.

EXPENSES

The District 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.