

MITE BOX SUNDAY FOR PROMOTING MISSION GRANTS

In 2003-2005, ABC District LWMLC in their *Blueprint for Action* set a mandate for the Mission Grant Committee to work with each society president and mission grant society chairman in conjunction with their pastor to set a monthly Mite Box Sunday. This initiative continues and, if your society does not have a Mite Box Sunday each month, please consider doing so.

Mite boxes should be available to anyone in the congregation who wants one. Support of the mite box is to be entirely independent of regular church offerings and above and beyond normal church donations.

The mite boxes would be collected on a specific Sunday of the month and with a prayer they would be a blessing to one of the projects approved to receive a mission grant by delegates in convention. Don't forget to provide information on each of the current mission grants and a regular update on what has been paid.

Consult with your congregation's treasurer regarding the preferred method for counting and recording the mite box contributions. In one scenario the congregation's treasurer may be responsible for the collecting, counting and recording of the mite box contributions. Alternatively the LWMLC society treasurer may be responsible for collecting, counting and recording these contributions, providing the congregation's treasurer with a list of contributors and amounts and one cheque for the total. Undoubtedly there are other methods for seeing that tax receipts are received for these contributions.

The mite box is more than a small cardboard box. It is a reminder to pray when each coin is dropped in, to share God's blessings, to thank the Lord for mission opportunities and to recognize what mites can do when gathered from all over Canada.

Please let the Christian Mission Committee know about your success with this idea. May God bless each and every one of you.