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Dear Sisters in Christ: (Mentors)

My name is JoAnn Gust, Leader Development Coordinator, for the LWML Michigan District. Soon we will be in full swing and there will be questions that you might need answers too. Some of you are seasoned mentors and some are very new to the Board. We will work together with Christ as our Center leader.

In my first years with the LWML Michigan Board, I had a terrific mentor, Dee Veitengruber. Mentors are the oil that makes the wheels turn in both the Zone and local Societies and she did that for me. They are Godly women who have had experience in many of the aspects of LWML and are there to support you as your Mentor. You may find your mentor in your local Society, your zone, or in a neighboring zone. You may also want to volunteer to be a mentor to someone in your society or zone.

The LWML website (lwml.org) has a wealth of information to offer you, and you will find a section under "Structure," on this website. It has ideas and suggestions to use within your Group. Here are a few steps that you can read to help you at first.

This is noted on the LWML.org/developing-leaders:

1. My personal motto is: **GOD FIRST. Take it to the Lord in Prayer.** Often an answer will come in a "lightbulb moment; others in a quiet whisper, or yet still, while studying your Bible.
2. "Mentoring is a process of opening and sharing our lives with others. It can be a short or long term relationship with another person to help her grow physically, emotionally or spiritually.
3. "Mentoring does not mean, "What can I teach you?" Instead it means, "How can I help you?" Mentors invest themselves in others as Christ's ambassadors one life at a time. They do not have to be perfect or have all the answers. They do need to take the risk to get involved in someone else's life for the right reasons. Jesus, our Master Mentor, is involved in our lives. He feels our pains and knows our joys.
4. "As mentors, we share our relationship with the Lord with someone else to help them grow in a personal relationship with Him."

God's blessings in this endeavor. If you need help, please contact the Leadership Development Coordinator, JoAnn Gust at gust1jd@cmich.edu

HAPPY MENTORING! God Bless.

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