

MICHIGAN WOMEN IN MISSION

TECH TRAINING

During the pandemic staying connected has challenged everyone's technology skills. The Communication Team has established a list of "Tech Tools" that are standard software they will support. Look for this on the website this month.

One of those tools is Zoom for video conferences/meetings. Based on the reports from Zone leadership, there is a need for Zoom training. The District has purchased a Zoom Account that can accommodate up to 100 people with no meeting time limit.



Those wanting Zoom training can email the Communication team at LWMLMi.comm@gmail.com, or call/text VP Communication Sandy Newport at 269.208.0678. Depending on how many are interested, they will either set up 1:1 training, or group training. They will also be reaching out to those that have indicated in their Zone reports that they would like Zoom training.



This could be you!

KEEP IN TOUCH!

Because we are in a pandemic, we feel isolated and find it difficult to connect with others. It is important to make connections regardless of the situation. Do meaningful, inspiring things. Some examples are:

- A zone or district can host monthly zoom chats – This will help to keep people connected. Each session could have an ice breaker, opening devotion, bible study, introduces a pastor in the district, highlight a mission grant, and give a technology update. Sessions could last 45-60 minutes.
- Virtual retreat/pajama party sponsored by a district - 25 attendees joined virtually. In the evening they played a game, had devotions, read a bedtime story and talked about it. The next morning they had a Bible study.
- Regular coffee and conversation via zoom.
- Zones could hold a hybrid zone activity that was in person and via zoom.
- One organization holds Heart2Heart zoom meetings where they have a Bible study and one of the sisters tells her story.
- Use LWML resources that may be downloaded for free on lwml.org.
- Keep trying different things and be a good example to others. Watch what you say – be positive.
- Get creative! There are many different ways to keep in touch!



Upcoming Events & Deadlines:

- May 10 - Regular registration deadline, after that date late registration fee applies
- Jun 23-27 - LWML Convention in Lexington, KY

From President Debbie Larson:

The BOD has decided...

We are running the race...in person!

Mite Report

As of February 28, 2021

National

Goal: \$2,100,000

\$ Received: **\$2,137,742**



Michigan District

Goal: \$348,438

\$ Received: \$115,447

Send your mites to:

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DOS AND DON'TS OF MENTORING

WHAT A MENTOR DOES

- Listen: function as a sounding board for problems and ideas.
- Give constructive feedback: point out areas that need improvement, always focusing on the mentee's behavior, never his/her character.
- Support and facilitate: provide networking experience; share knowledge of the system; offer assistance where needed.
- Teach by example: serve as a model for adhering to the highest values in every area of life.
- Encourage and motivate: help mentees to consistently move beyond their comfort zone.
- Promote independence: give their mentees every opportunity to learn by experience.
- Promote balance: serve as a model for balance between professional and personal needs and obligations.
- Take pride in the success of their mentees: recognize that students may rise to greater levels than those who trained them.

WHAT A MENTOR DOES NOT DO

- Protect from experience: do not assume the role of problem solver for the mentees.
- Take over: do not do what the mentees should be doing themselves.
- Force: do not attempt to force a mentee in one direction.
- Use undue influence: do not use a sense of obligation to influence the mentee's professional decisions.
- Lose critical oversight: do not allow friendship to shade over into favoritism.
- Condemn: do not convey to the mentees that honest mistakes are career-altering disasters.



DEAF PEOPLE AMONG US

In almost every larger town and city there are Deaf people living and going about their lives, just like you. When we say Deaf, we mean those Americans whose first language is American Sign Language. You may not notice them because they look just like you! The only difference is that your language is based on sound while theirs is visual, and if you do not see Deaf people signing together, you would never know that there are Deaf people among us.



One of the challenges for Deaf people is to find a church that they can attend. In order for them to participate in God's giving out His gifts of forgiveness and life in your churches on Sunday morning, there would have to be an interpreter. Interpreters give Deaf

people access to God's House on Sunday and the salvation He has provided in His Son Jesus. Michigan District Deaf Ministry can help your church serve Deaf people in your community. You can call the district office and they will put you in touch with staff who can guide your church to better love and serve your Deaf neighbors.

Submitted by Rev. Thomas Dunseth

Go to lwml.org/deaf-ministry to learn about the LWML outreach to our Deaf Sisters.

If you or anyone you know would be interested in working with the deaf community, please contact Kaye Wolff at kayewolff@aol.com.