

The TEAM Leader

Since you are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of your name lead and guide me. Psalm 31:3

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Two of the newer Leader Development Products are ZIP and ZOOM

Put Some Zip into your Zone is a packet of helps for zones and units including: icebreakers/community builders, sketches, hints for successful zone events and, out-of-the-box ideas for zone fellowship, and sample agendas. (LWML Catalog #75201—\$5.00)

ZOOM-Zone Officer Orientation Manual is a complete workshop. *ZOOM* was designed for district leaders to present to zone leaders but it is a helpful tool for anyone! *ZOOM* has mixers, Bible study, directives for zones and officers, qualities of effective leaders, catalog resources, and much more. (LWML Catalog #75202—\$5.00)

For more information, a free catalog, where you can find additional Leader Development resources, or to place an order:

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The Purpose of the Leader Development Committee is to support and encourage present and future leaders.

We want to help you in all levels of the LWML.
The Leader Development Committee



District to District Sharing

One of the goals of the Leader Development Committee is to share ideas. Please send ideas or suggestions, that you have done in your district that have been successful, and we will include them in future issues of *The TEAM Leader*.

E-mail your ideas to:
lwml@lwml.org and
put Leader Development in
the subject box.



Guidance for the LWML leaders

How do you begin as a leader in the LWML?

An effective way to begin your work in the LWML is by determining your role and your present ability to fulfill what is expected. If your role is well defined (a condition you will nearly always find in the LWML), and if you have sufficient time, training and/or experience, then you will probably find your work personally fulfilling and publicly acceptable.

If you find yourself lacking in any way, don't despair! Those who have chosen you probably already know your shortcomings and strengths. When you ask for their assistance, they will be eager to help you succeed. Perhaps the greatest compliment a new leader receives is, "She's not afraid to ask for help!"

Ten Commandments for Leaders

- 1. Thou shalt know the facts.** Be a walking encyclopedia of current and future LWML activities—on the society, zone, district and national levels.
- 2. Thou shalt not procrastinate.** Give thyself ample time to handle all matters in an orderly fashion. Do not assume anything; check and double check each step of the way to a successful completion.
- 3. Thou shalt not dominate thy meetings.** Though thou be a leader, do not become overly proud of thyself and bore others with lengthy speeches and endless preaching. Unless thou can tell jokes well, do not subject the people to thy dull wit and wisdom.
- 4. Thou shalt read all thy mail promptly.** Do not store unopened mail on the shelf. Expecting to take care of it at a later date. Thou may be missing out on urgent business that requires immediate attention.
- 5. Thou shalt keep harmony within the organization.** Do not allow jealousy or hurt feelings to grow. Remind others of their Christian sisterhood and encourage them to show love and kindness to all.
- 6. Thou shalt distribute materials promptly.** Make sure each member receives national and district publications on time. Make additional copies for those women in your church who have not yet joined LWML.
- 7. Thou shalt constantly look for ways to improve yourself and the organization.** Use resources offered by LWML. Attend leader development seminars, read books and listen to tapes that will aid you. Evaluate the activities to see if they are helping to meet your goals. Retain that which is good. Discard that which is ineffective. Do not continue an activity just because it has been done for years.
- 8. Thou shalt start thy meetings on time. Be punctual thyself and set a good example for others.** Show thy enthusiasm and joy in working for the Lord so that others will be begging to take thy office next year.
- 9. Thou shalt remember to thank the members.** Praise and compliment the members who have served on committees and projects. Do not miss an opportunity to recognize a member's contribution.
- 10. Thou shalt remember to thank the Lord.** Thank Him for all the assistance He has given you and for exposing all those hidden talents you never realized you had until you became a leader in the LWML.

(Taken from *Look of a Leader*, available from the LWML Catalog, code #71224)