

Courageous, Dangerous ... Christians!

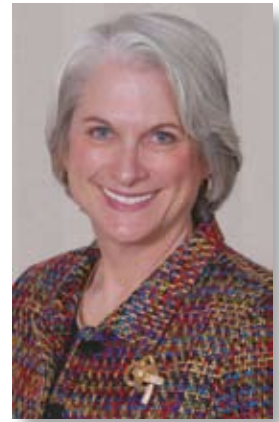
By Jan Wendorf

As I pondered the theme of this issue of the *Quarterly*, I needed to do some personal soul-searching and, as your President, some organizational soul-searching.

The question I asked myself was, "Are we allowing women to remain complacent in their faith lives, or are we raising up women who are courageous and dangerous Christians?"

With the *Ablaze!* movement fully underway in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, what kind of Christians should we be seeing? *Ablaze!* began as a vision of LCMS World Mission to involve every member of the LCMS, its partner church bodies, and partner mission agencies in one focused and concentrated effort to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with those who do not yet know Him. The goal is to reach 100 million unreached and uncommitted people with the Gospel by the year 2017, the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

I would like to look at myself, my friends, Lutheran Women in Mission, and other Christians as those who share the common cause of bringing the life-changing message of the Gospel to those around us. I would also like to see a new excitement and determination in His people to be totally committed to the Great Commission — Christians who are totally mission-minded and courageous and bold for the work of the Lord. Nothing on this earth can stop them!



And they are dangerous to the devil, the world, and the flesh ... Christians who stop and disturb the work of anyone or anything that stands in the way of the proclamation of the Gospel.

Martin Luther wrote this about the faith God gives to His people: "Faith is a living, bold trust in God's grace, so certain of God's favor that it would risk death a thousand times trusting in it. Such confidence and knowledge of God's grace makes you happy, joyful and bold in your relationship to God and all creatures. The Holy Spirit makes this happen through faith. Because of it, you freely, willingly and joyfully do good to everyone, serve everyone, suffer all kinds of things, love and praise the God who has shown you such grace."

I believe God is bringing about a change in the hearts of His people, moving them from complacency to commitment. I want to believe the LWML of today is providing resources and gatherings that will raise up women who are courageous and dangerous! Women who are in the Word, of the Word, and walking daily with their Lord as they serve Him totally.

Courageous? Dangerous? Christian? *Definitely!*

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