

# LUTHERAN WOMEN OF AUSTRALIA

Christian women ~

- Meeting together
- Studying together
- Working together

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LWA consists of women of the Lutheran Church of Australia meeting together for Bible study and Christian fellowship, and working together to benefit the local congregation, wider church, community and world.

LWA was formed in 1966. Since then, its national executive committee of five ladies has coordinated the work done by over 6000 members in five states. The National Council of LWA meets periodically to plan LWA conventions. The council consists of the five members of the Executive Committee, two pastor-counsellors, and two representatives from each state.

The State organisations oversee the work done throughout that particular state. Some States are subdivided into Zones.

The true heart of the LWA is the individual member of the local guilds/fellowships, meeting regularly with other women of all ages, young or old, single or married, with or without children.

## WHO ARE THE GUILDS OR FELLOWSHIPS?

**Those looking for:**

- **Growth in Christian faith and in understanding the Word of God;**
- **Stimulation through meeting other Christian women from all walks of life, sharing their Christian journey together;**
- **Friendship with others who share a common purpose (within the will of God) in the world;**
- **Opportunity for service through involvement in the work of congregation and church;**
- **Membership in a group whose head and master is Jesus Christ the Living Lord.**

## WHAT DOES A GUILD OR FELLOWSHIP DO?

It meets regularly at a time that suits its members, to be stimulated, enriched and challenged.

Activities include some or all of these, and more:

- Studying and discussing the Word of God and topics relating to our faith, life and service;
- Assisting the pastor and his family wherever possible;
- Caring for each other and supporting one another;
- Helping the congregation by organising an on-going caring ministry to the sick, sad, lonely and needy (men and women), and even raising money for special projects;
- Arranging social functions for the congregation, fellowship evenings and other occasions that bring people together;
- Participating as a Christian group as community events;
- Organising outings with other groups, visits to hospitals, nursing homes and other institutions;
- Attending and involvement in retreats, conventions, rallies, fellowship days and seminars;
- Engaging speakers on topics of interest and benefit to members;
- Supporting the projects of States and LWA.