



**Women's Ministries**  
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**Women's Ministries Leaders, Pastor's Wives and Women Pastors:**

**Greetings in His Name!**

It is indeed with a humble heart and spirit I write this letter to you today. Since accepting the invitation to take on this role, I have been blessed by the many calls, emails and cards encouraging me. Thank you so much for giving me such a great stamp of approval on my leadership. Thank you especially to Pastor Dean Brenton for his confidence in me.

For those of you who may not know me very well, I am currently pastoring with my husband (Pastor Shawn Bowers) in Bishop's Falls. We are in our second year of ministry there and I am privileged to be on staff as Assistant Pastor. My husband and I have been married for 22 years and we have two beautiful children, Shauna (19) and Greg (16).

Pastor Catherine Snow has led our Women's Ministries for the past eight years. She has been a tremendous leader and mentor. She has brought her vision, under God, to the women of Newfoundland and Labrador and it is our desire as those that will continue on to honour that vision and move it forward. She will be greatly missed but I feel so blessed to know that she is standing with us and behind us as we continue on. Let us all pray that as she continues her journey that she will be blessed and led by the Holy Spirit. We thank you and honour you, Catherine, for the Woman of God that you are. We love you.

Many of your groups have been busy as we have moved into this Fall season. We trust that as you endeavour to move this ministry forward that you will be blessed from God's hand as we honour Him in all we do. Women's Ministries is about women doing ministry for God, wherever we are, finding our place, to do service for Him. It should be

a place where all women, of all ages are accepted and encouraged to use their talents and abilities. We may not all be the same, but I trust we have the same desire, to honour our Lord and Saviour. Let this be the year that we will reach “beyond ourselves” to minister to those that are around us, whether in our home, our workplace, our neighbourhood or our town. God has a place of ‘ministry’ just for you.

### **LEAD TEAM**

As you will notice, the Lead Team members have attached a reminder of their specific areas to encourage you in the local church. If you need to contact them regarding these areas, please do not hesitate to do so. They are here to serve you.

We will have some changes on the Lead Team due to the recent resignations. As I have now taken on the role of Director, we will be endeavouring to fill the role I had as ‘Administration and Presbytery Ministry Reps Coordinator.’ Also at our meetings in September, Sandra Noel indicated her decision to step aside at this time as ‘Overseas Missions Coordinator.’ We did not honour Sandra at the Conference, at her request, as she did not want to take away from us honouring Pastor Catherine. However, we want to assure you that we will be honouring Sandra for her 14 years of service to our Provincial Women’s Ministries team. We appreciate you Sandra for your contribution, wisdom and support to the Lead Team. You are an amazing lady! We wish you God’s best in the next step of your journey.

I would like to introduce you to Diane Porter, our newest Lead Team member. Diane is our new Communications Coordinator and we look forward to working with her.

### **HANDBOOK**

We are in process of putting together the final touches on a new Women’s Ministries Handbook (Mission Canada Women) that we are hoping to have in the hands of our women leaders early in the new year. It is our desire that we will have opportunity during the upcoming Spring Retreats to do an in service regarding these handbooks.

### **DESIGNATED OFFERINGS**

We are so thankful to each of our women’s groups for their faithfulness in their giving. Let us continue to especially promote our Pennies for Pioneers fund. It is this fund that helps many of our Home Missions churches and their needs. Let us promote, promote, promote! Let’s step out of our comfort zone ladies and dream big and present a goal for 2011 that will surpass even our goal of 2010. **YOU CAN DO IT!**

The other designated offerings are as follows:

**Literature Fund – March**

**Missionary Christmas Fund – April (Let’s really promote this offering as it helps to provide for our missionaries for the Christmas season).**

**Turkana Nursery School – October**

## **Missionary Care Fund (taken during our September Conference.)**

All of these offerings are very important and we trust that you are highlighting them throughout the year.

## **PROVINCIAL WOMEN'S MINISTRIES CONFERENCE 2011**

Our 2010 Conference was amazing! The ministry from the Word from Liz Curtis Higgs was outstanding. I'm sure many of us were challenged to be confident in who we are in God. Rochelle Newman and her team led us in beautiful worship. We celebrated our fiftieth anniversary as women continuing to appreciate our past, thankful for the present and what God is doing but so looking forward to the future as we **MOVE FORWARD IN GOD**.

We are currently in process of making plans for our 2011 conference. Make sure you make your plans early as you will not want to miss it! As we reached capacity numbers this past year, don't wait until the last minute to put your plans into motion. We are continuing to expect great things from God for the women of our province.

## **EMMANUEL CONVENTION CENTRE**

Mrs. Verna Warr, our chef, is requesting our groups to send in good quality, durable mugs for the kitchen of ECC. These items can be purchased and sent directly to Emmanuel Convention Centre, c/o Mrs. Verna Warr, P.O. Box 1409, Lewisporte, NL A0G 3A0.

## **SPRING RETREATS**

The following numbers were reported as registered at our Spring Retreats 2010 :

Clareville - 227 (Retreat Rep: Shelley Lidstone)

Lewisporte - 328 (Retreat Rep: Sheila Purchase)

Bishop's Falls - 310 (Retreat Rep: Kim Foster)

Corner Brook - 185 (Retreat Rep: Linda Doucette)

Griquet - 123 (Retreat Rep: Joy Baker)

Happy Valley-Goose Bay, Labrador - 126 (Retreat Rep: Catherine Snow)

The total ladies that were reported as registered at our Spring Retreats this year is 1,299. We give God the glory for what He is doing among our women.

I would like to express a special thank you to all those who were involved in making these Retreats such a great success, especially our Retreat Reps and host churches.

We were unable to host a retreat in the Presbytery 1 & 2 area due to being unable to find a retreat rep. We trust ladies that we will be able to have something in place for this area for the upcoming new year.

### **NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR WOMEN**

Enroute to the Future – Diamonds/ A National Conference for Women of Influence is taking place in Moncton, New Brunswick from January 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011. All information regarding this conference can be found on the PAOC website – [www.paocevents.ca/diamonds](http://www.paocevents.ca/diamonds) or you can email [women@paoc.org](mailto:women@paoc.org). You can also contact me for a brochure to be sent out to you by mail.

Ladies, let's make a special effort to attend this conference and join with the women from across Canada. Why not put a request forward to your Pastors/Church Board about helping to send some of your leadership to this event.

### **CONCLUSION**

The next correspondence that we will be sending to you will be regarding our Spring Retreats and the upcoming 2011 Conference. We would ask that you would pray with us that as we are planning these events that we would be directed and guided by the Holy Spirit. We desire God's plan for these events.

Again, thank you for all you do to make Women's Ministries relevant in your church. We appreciate your support and for all you do to promote this ministry among your women. We are so blessed in this province of Newfoundland and Labrador to have such a fine calibre of women.

Again, thank you for standing with me and the Lead Team as we endeavour to continue to move this ministry forward to honour God. If you ever need to talk with me or to receive guidance regarding your group, don't hesitate to contact me. I am here to serve. My contact information is below.

**Ladies, looking forward to what God has in store for the women of Newfoundland and Labrador.**

In His Service for the Kingdom,

Pastor Mary

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