



The Prophet Isaiah, in one of my favorite books in the Bible, speaks to **COMFORT FOR GOD'S PEOPLE** in Chapter 40, and I chose for us this month, **Isaiah 40: v.30 Even youth shall faint and be weary; and young men shall fall, exhausted; v.31 but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not be faint.**

Greetings Dear Friends,

At the foot of the throne, *referencing my Feb. HUG, from the footstool to His throne..... WE are on the threshold* of something new....a giant step, the welcome mat at *the thresholds\** of our hearts (\* a point of new beginning or entry). We welcome the new logo of the LWML!

Ten years ago I chaired the 2010 LWML – Oregon District Convention at Eagle Crest, June 11~13, under Pres. Cynthia Behrens, when Carolyn Stucky took office. It was a huge and rewarding experience. Our theme was based on Isaiah 40:31. Later that summer, I was at Factory Outlets and found a warm, fleecy beige jacket with a huge, winged eagle embossed across the back, and I thought, "What a wonderful keepsake of that 2-year-long job." I took it to the embroidery shop, had the theme stitched across the back: "On Eagle's Wings"... above the wings, and "Isaiah 40:31" was placed horizontally across the shoulder seam. A few weeks later I'm in line at Wal-Mart when a fine looking chap taps me on the shoulder and says, "Hey lady, I really like your jacket. Blessings on your day!" And I thought wow, what a great way to witness. It gives me warm fuzzy chills remembering that day. I wear it often still, and if the line is stalled, I wait, and just turn around to those behind and just give a big warm smile. We know the messages in His book of love are worth stitching like a reader board, and being lifted like eagles on His wings makes us want to smile, light up the world, and share in our witnessing, any little way we can.

Comforting each other now, and reaching out through sight and sound; it seems we have arrived at the "Age of ZOOM," (not Aquarius☺!) We have stumbled through and been wearied by a year of our world being obscured as we knew it. We have fallen and been exhausted exploring, or failing at, the venues that keep us knit together. Stepping this Spring month onto the threshold of year two, many exciting and refreshing new themes have come to us, in preparation for the Louisville Convention, that I am boldly excited about, and comforted by. And ZOOM is fast becoming a theatre platform for us to re-connect. They used to say, remember, like Mikey: "Try it, you might like it?" or personally, I didn't even like it until I tried it!

For a decade now we have been "*the Face of the LWML.*" Now our new President is inviting us to be "*the Heart of the LWML.*" Our hearts beat to be lifted up with wings and fly like eagles.....and I love how a new mission statement reminds us "We are the heart because we are HIS" as we see that word buried in the new heart logo. To be convicted of something, namely our faith, and then buried in and with it, is a powerful statement in and of itself. I laud the person who designed this new "welcome" logo, a welcome mat for the threshold of our hearts.

So I went hopelessly excited to the recent, most successful Spring BoD meeting: on "ZOOM." It was a *first for me* from my office; seeing a sea of the dozens of faces I miss and hearing their voices too. We can all become 'Zoomies'! I think: hold Bible studies weekly, have our monthly Society meetings; give our women the Heart to look forward to staying in touch online or by phone. Lonely, bored and forgotten should not ever be in the vocabulary of our membership, if we are to survive this pandemic. Shared were a multitude of reports from the Officers on how we have kept our Mighty Mites coming in to Coleen, that we have funded two Gospel Outreach projects already, and from Nicole Knutson a nudge to "friend" on the *Facebook* page, our own site: **Oregon District LWML.** It's been there for years and is a great way to see what's going on in our Zones including good news & photos sent to her. Bless Char Kroemer for linking each and every one of us on screen; I think we have a graduating ZOOM "Class of 2020-21" on board. She makes it so easy for us. We are crossing the threshold into "year two" and we cling to this scriptural promise of **COMFORT** more than ever. Why? Because we are God's people and we wait on the Lord and are renewed.

Blessings to you all. *Pat Reck, Leader Development Chr.*