

**Introduction of the
WOMAN'S MISSIONARY FEDERATION
Of the ASSOCIATION of FREE LUTHERAN CONGREGATIONS
(WMF of AFLC)**

In 1962 the women of the AFLC banded together to help further the work of the church. The society they formed became the Women's Missionary Federation, working at home and abroad to further love in the Kingdom of God, to unite the women of the AFLC in missions and Christian education, and to organize missionary activities in the local congregations.

This resource manual has been designed to aid local WMF groups to work for these greater goals. The WMF gives financial support to the following AFLC Departments (**WMF Projects**):

Christian Education

World Missions

Home Missions

WMF General Fund

This resource manual contains ideas to encourage each individual member of the WMF to get personally involved in each mission.

Also included in this resource manual is important information regarding the responsibilities of the District and National WMF officers, as well as ideas for special programs and services a local WMF may wish to hold throughout the year.

It is our hope that the contents of this resource manual will be helpful to your WMF group for drawing hearts to Christ, building up of congregations, , and encouraging one another in our Christian walk as we work together in the Kingdom of God.

OUR NAME

The National and District organization of the women of the AFLC is called the Women's Missionary Federation of Association Free Lutheran Congregations (WMF of AFLC), however congregational women are free to use that name or a specialized name for their local women's group.

WMF of AFLC Incorporated

The WMF was incorporated in 2009 and we are under the umbrella of the Coordinating Committee. The Coordinating Committee asked that we incorporate because of liability issues - insurance coverage for any unforeseen accidents that could happen during a large gathering. (Stages breaking, someone falling and injuring themselves, etc.) It protects us if a lawsuit occurred for something like this that could hurt our WMF or the AFLC for that matter. Since we are not our own corporation like the Missions Corporation or the Schools Corporation, we are under the Coordinating Committee.

OUR COMMISSION

The Lord Jesus Christ, our Shepherd and Teacher, used various persons to be His witnesses. Women were also called to serve, as indicated in Mark 15:40, 41. We dedicate ourselves to the great commission of the Lord Jesus Christ when He said, *“Go into all the world, and preach the gospel to all creation” (Mark 16:15).*

OUR PURPOSE

The purpose of the WMF is “To awaken and deepen interest in and love for the Kingdom of God at home and abroad, thus sharing in the great missionary enterprise of the Christian Church through:

- a) monthly WMF Bible studies.
- b) The distribution of literature and information concerning the missions of the Women’s Missionary Federation.
- c) Personal involvement and financial contributions to the ministries of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations through its regularly established boards.

To unite all the women of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations into the deeper fellowship of consecrated service for the missions, the charities and the Christian Education program of our Association.

To organize missionary activities and children’s missionary groups wherever possible.”

WE LIVE IN HIM – We are the branches

“I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing” (John 15:5).

You are a “branch” which bears fruit as you participate in God’s work.

WE WORK IN HIM – We are servants

“Remember the word that I said to you. A slave is not greater than his master. If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you; if they kept My saying, they will keep yours also” (John 15:20).

You are a “servant” as you help fulfill God’s will in Christian service.

WE SPEAK IN HIM – We are witnesses

“And you will bear witness also, because you have been with Me from the beginning” (John 15:27).

You are a “witness” for Him through your support of the ministries of WMF.