



Networking Newsletter, Summer 2009  
 “May the righteous flourish” Psalm 72: 7



Dear Friends:

Last week I attended a conference in Calgary with the administration team from our District office. It was a great blessing to be this conference with the team. The day was entitled “Gifted to Lead” and focussed on women in church leadership roles. Nancy Beach from the Willow Creek Association in Illinois was the speaker. If you are interested in learning more about the day, please be in touch with us, we can make some of the resources from the event available to you. I

have learned over the years to ask the Lord to give me one specific thing that I can take away from a conference or speaker. This time, it was a word: *flourish*.

Nancy used this word several times during the last part of the day. As I have returned back to my home office and connected with ministry spouses over the phone and email this word, flourish has turned into my prayer for all of you.

Summer time will bring a bit of a break in routine for many of us. Some of you will be feeling a great need for some solid rest. We can’t flourish in any aspect of our lives when we are tired. In the dictionary, flourish is defined as “to grow vigorously or thrive.” My garden has been doing well lately, as long as I water it. But this year, due to the lack of rain I have needed to be very intentional about caring for my garden otherwise it won’t flourish. It takes an intentional focus to ensure that we *are* flourishing.

Each time any of us travel on an airplane, we watch and hear the safety procedures from the cabin crew. We are reminded by them to put on our own oxygen masks before we take care of any children who are travelling with us. Often, we get this one backwards...we make sure everyone else is flourishing and attended to and then, look after ourselves.



May I pray for you? *Dear Lord, Thank you for each ministry spouse and their families in our Western District. May each one know that it is Your greatest desire to see us flourish, thrive and be restored with vitality. Let this summer be one of joy and blessing for each woman. Amen*

I will be away for the month of July. Britton Cowman will be able to answer any of your questions or concerns during my vacation time. Her email is [bcowman@cmawdo.org](mailto:bcowman@cmawdo.org).

**Remember the fall date for the Ministry Spouse Retreat in Devon: September 26<sup>th</sup>!**  
**(invitation is attached!)**

Blessings in Christ,

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