



**I collect frogs and butterflies...AND this is my precious, new morning MUG I simply wanted to share with you! Full of hot, steaming morning brew, it's HOLY GROUNDS FOR THOUGHT.....
.....*I HAVE YOU ON MY HEART !*
said Paul & Timothy to the saints in Philippi.
Philippians 1:7: It is right for me to feel this way about you all, since I have you in my heart...for all of you share in God's grace with me.**

From Hebrews 12: 2-3, we read: Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the **JOY** set before him, endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him, who endured such opposition from sinful men, **so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.** {NIV, my LWML Today's LIGHT, gifted me by Pres. Cynthia Behrens in 2008.}

We are now days away from our New Years' DISTRICT Board of Directors meeting, with the Executive Committee meeting Friday evening, February 19, in Eugene, Convention site for our 2016 Biennial Convention. And the Zone Presidents will gather over an evening dinner Friday night of their own...to reflect largely on **fixing our eyes** on the future of our aging Organization {the LWML and I share the same 74th birthday recently!} and where we will take our Mission Vision in the next Biennium? ...**while not growing weary nor losing heart.**

February, so often laced with Valentine's Day & Presidents Day, is graced with a seemingly early Ash Wednesday and our first two Lenten Wednesday services. Hearts, cupids, a Hallmark treasure trove, need not be overblown, lest we focus on our Hebrews theme, fixing our eyes on Jesus and our blessed relationship and dependence on Him and the priceless gift of his endurance on the cross.

And the privilege the women of the Oregon District have to complete our Mission goal, funding some thirteen worthwhile Gospel Outreach Projects on three continents of the world, and stepping up to the home-run plate for our team, to offer their services as officers, leaders, is large on my mind on the Nomination Committee. God bless the five candidates who have answered that call, and placed their names in nomination. Five major offices sit vacant still...and the Call goes on....**I HAVE YOU ON MY HEART**, said Paul & this Pat, that you will feel the calling to be that woman in our ranks and the privilege to serve on the Executive Board in some capacity reflecting the gifts & talents God has blessed you with.

Bless the missionary Grant recipients who have placed their names in offering to come speak to us and share at our biannual Zone rallies already, be it Spring or Fall. We have seven available northwest mission grants where the monies have stayed local so that these mission-hearted persons and servants may come and share in pictures, testimonies, and song....what our God has done for us and the needy in need of the Water & Word.

Pray with me, then, that President Carolyn and her Executive Committee & Board of Directors may come prepared to bring this biennium to a victorious conclusion, and that the preparations for the Convention, the fruits of Emerald and Myrtlewood working together.... that The GRACE RACE of 2016~2018! will be one we shall all want to run, side by side, sister-to-sister, enduring all opposition, such that **none will grow weary nor lose heart.**

I close now, with I Peter 4:10 As each has received a gift use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's grace. (RSV) God Bless, Patricia Reck, Chair Leader Development ☺

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