# Summer Sessions

Each installation Executive Board will need to decide whether or not to offer any activities during the summer. The 1st VP-Spiritual Life can offer options to the Executive Board. There are three different areas for consideration.

## Individual Spiritual Growth

Brainstorm about ways to foster spiritual growth among individual members despite the transient nature of the summer. Perhaps you can moderate an online discussion. Be sure to allow ladies to opt-in or opt-out. Topics could include:

- Discussion of a particular book of the Bible, great book (especially one that didn't meet the "great Bible study" threshold) or devotional
- Weekly prayer requests and praises
- An open-ended question about a spiritual topic and/or a fellowship topic

## Board Member Spiritual Growth

The summer can be an excellent opportunity to encourage the spiritual growth of board members. Perhaps your board would like to address a particular spiritual discipline or further develop a skill. Possible ideas include:

- Together during the summer, you could all read the same book which encourages the development of a specific discipline such as prayer or outreach
- Provide training and opportunities for board members to present a devotion
- Develop an accountability plan that each board member can use during the upcoming year and if desired, offer an anonymous *Spiritual Check-up* (document BSS-7).

## Group Spiritual Growth

Offering a summer session will bring new ladies to your PWOC. Determine the frequency of your meetings (i.e., weekly, every 1st/3rd week, monthly) and be prepared for widely fluctuating attendance. Some options include:

- A short lesson plan developed by different volunteers
- A video series with lessons that can stand alone from meeting to meeting
- Craft or other outreach activities
- Gathering for a devotional and fellowship time
- Meeting at various locations on the installation with a clearly marked rendezvous point (at the bowling alley, pool, park or playground, for instance)

Feel free to adjust the starting and ending times. Consider the number of children who will be involved. Also, try to make the demands on the organizers and the attendees as light as possible, so that they too are refreshed during the summer.