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My Dearest Sisters and Friends of the Ladies' Circle,

As the Church, we don't usually write testimonials to individuals, however; I think it very appropriate to speak to the spirit of Sisters who cherish the Ladies' Uplift Circle. A few weeks ago, several of our sisters were on their way to a Circle meeting when a tragic, weather related accident occurred and our Sis. Carol Giovannone's life was taken. Sis. Wanda Pandone is presently recovering from trauma and a broken leg, while our senior Sister, Libby Pandone in her 90s, is suffering from two broken ankles and a very badly broken leg involving an artificial knee that damaged her femur.

Our three sisters were planning to share an evening of fellowship and scripture study with the members of their local Ladies' Circle. Their concern that evening was in support of their fellow Sisters. Not only do I request your prayers for the families affected, but also remember their little Circle that has suffered this loss. It is difficult for us to understand why accidents such as this happen, but we are all confident when our Sister Carol met our Lord, Jesus Christ, He welcomed her into the Paradise of God and the unimaginable joys of that place.

In discussing this message with our Apostle Liaison, Bro. John Griffith, he made the following comments, referencing the dedication of our Church members who devotedly support the Church, and its auxiliaries, including the Ladies' Circle. He stated, "Their dedication even to travel in less than favorable conditions to attend a local Circle meeting speaks volumes to we who may only get to a few meetings or just the Semi-annual General Circle Meeting. Sisters count on each other and the Spirit of God draws them closer together to a special fellowship. Know without question that the women of our Church are created and called of God into His service. How much better can we glorify Him than by having our life taken during our time of service to Him? Thank God for our Sisters who hold the Circle's banner of service high for other women to see. May each of us have that same dedication of Church support and the respect for the needs of others. God bless one and all who especially take that extra step to make a difference and raise the spiritual bar of servitude."

Love,
Sis. Karen