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<u>Rebirth of home birth topic</u>

for discussion March 12 at WLU

More and more Canadian mothers are considering--and indeed having--their children delivered in their homes, instead of in hospitals.

This trend has led to an evening of discussion on the development, The Rebirth of Home Birth, to be held March 12 at Wilfrid Laurier University at 7:30 p.m. in the Paul Martin Centre.

Linda and Dean Mellway and Irene and Jim Galway, two Kitchener-Waterloo couples who recently opted to have their children delivered at home, will speak.

In addition Elsie Cressman, a nurse-midwife and a former missionary in Africa for 23 years, will discuss home delivery. She presently is a nurse at the K-W Hospital. The evening will open with a 26-minute film, Midwife.

After the formal presentation, there will be discussion over refreshments. The meeting will open with a 26-minute film, Midwife.

It came about because of the interest in home delivery by two Wilfrid Laurier University students, Jane Vock of Mitchell, and Carolyn Miller of Etobicoke. They arranged the program with the assistance of their professor, Dr. Juanne Clarke.

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