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Upcoming Events:

- August 18-20, 2023—Camp Linn Haven LWML Retreat
- Sept.30, 2023—Metrolina Zone Rally, Charlotte, NC
- Oct. 1, 2023—LWML Sunday
- April 13, 2024—Joy Event, Charlotte, N.C.
- Sept. 20-21, 2024—Carolinas Dist. Conv., Cary, NC



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Greetings!

I hope everyone has been enjoying a wonderful Summer!

I was delighted to attend this year's 40th Biennial National LWML Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin as your District President. It was wonderful having around 50 people from the Carolinas District attend the convention. Denise Johnson attended training for Heart to Heart Sisters prior to the Convention.

Alexis Shook & Amelia Luecke represented the Carolinas District as our Young Women Representatives. They had special events and activities during the convention.

During the convention the voting body adopted a \$2,350,000 mission goal for the 2023-2025.

The newly elected officers for the 2023–2027 term are:

- President: Eden Keefe, LWML Kansas District
- Vice President of Organizational Resources: Arlene Naasz, LWML South Dakota District
- Vice President of Special Focus Ministries: Karol Selle, LWML North Wisconsin District
- Treasurer: Anita Werner, LWML Rocky Mountain District
- Pastoral Counselor: Rev. Mark Maas, LWML Wyoming District

The LWML appoints many volunteers to national committees. If you would like to offer your time and talents, please fill out the Personnel Resource Profile Form which can be found online at <https://lwml.360unite.com/get-involved>.

God's Blessings,
Paula R. Daniels
Carolinas District President



2023-2025 LWML National Mission Grants

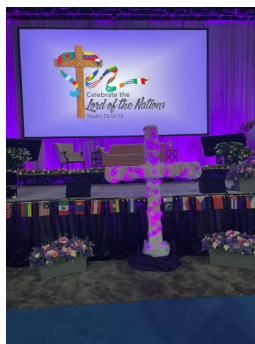
Here is the list of Mission Grant Recipients:

- 1.Orphan Grain Train Servant Center — Orphan Grain Train, U.S. \$100,000
- 2.A Healing Space for At-Risk Children — Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, North Dakota \$100,000
- 3.Serving God’s Children with Special Needs — Journeys Lutheran School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin \$100,000
- 4.Fortifying Faith in Those with Vision Impairment — Lutheran Braille Workers \$100,000
- 5.Disaster Response Team — Trinity Lutheran Church, Tyler, Texas \$50,000
- 6.Mobile Kitchen — Forged by Fire Services, Gulf Coast Region, U.S. \$85,000
- 7.Upheld by God’s Hand, Mental Health Outreach — LCMS Life Ministry \$96,500
- 8.Expanding Gospel Proclamation Worldwide — Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri \$100,000
- 9.Equipping Young Leaders — LCMS Youth Ministry \$50,000
- 10.Set Apart To Serve — LCMS Office of Pastoral Education \$100,000
- 11.Lutheran Women in Mission Finish the Job — Ministry in Mission, Haiti \$85,000
- 12.Sharing Christ Crucified with High School Youth — Lutheran High School of Greater New Orleans, Louisiana \$35,000
- 13.Water and the Word — Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya \$80,000
- 14.Enhancement of Deaf Ministry and Outreach — Ephphatha Lutheran Mission Society, U.S. \$47,000
- 15.Feeding Haitian Children Through Gospel and Meals — Trinity HOPE \$58,082
- 16.Care for Street Children of Western Kenya — Capstone Ministries \$50,000
- 17.Nurturing Faith for the Aging — Lutheran Ministries Media (Worship Anew) \$100,000
- 18.Zoe’s Home Support — Zoe’s Home, Trinity Lutheran Church, Clinton, Missouri \$75,000
- 19.Tanzania Children’s Homes — Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania, Africa \$74,500
- 20.Sharing Christ with Women and Children in Kazakhstan — Lutheran Hour Ministries \$100,000
- 21.Healthy Together: Healthy Workers, Healthy Church — Lutheran Family Services \$106,000
- 22.Expanding Gospel Outreach to Hispanics in the United States — Lutheran Hour Ministries \$100,000
- 23.A Legacy of Love for Special Needs Children — Lutheran Special Education Ministries \$100,000
- 24.God’s Word for Central & South American Missions — Lutheran Heritage Foundation \$100,000
- 25.Bringing God’s Word to India — India Bible Translation Project \$100,000
- 26.Life Connection Events and Kits — Lutherans for Life \$70,000
- 27.Siouxland Lutheran Hispanic Ministry — Hope Lutheran, South Sioux City, Nebraska \$50,000
- 28.Growing Our Place: Care for Special Needs Students — Our Place After School Care, Inc., Nebraska \$20,000
- 29.Repairs for St. Paul’s Lutheran School — St. Paul’s Lutheran School, Cullman, Alabama \$50,000
- 30.Showering Love on the Least of These — Mercy Holistic Ministry, California \$100,000
- 31.Breaking Generational Poverty in Detroit— Camp Restore Detroit, Michigan, Partial Payment of \$58,988.62



LWML 2023 Convention

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YWR—Alexis Shook

YWR Alexis Shook Report

Convention was absolutely amazing! I am so grateful for the opportunity to have been able to go and be in fellowship with so many Lutheran women. We had the opportunity to meet so many people including now former president Debbie Larson and LCMS president Matthew Harrison, or my personal favorite, my godmother's cousin Ruth who I had never met before and honestly didn't even know existed until that day. Unfortunately my godmother was not in attendance, but I did get the opportunity to eat lunch with Ruth, and we even took a selfie together to send to my godmother!

We also got to meet so many people from different organizations that are doing amazing things to help people and further God's kingdom. One that I'm very passionate about is the dignity for girls organization, who work to send reusable pads and hygiene kits to girls in Africa so that they can continue to go to school and not be forced to fall behind. This is an issue that I've been passionate about for a long time, and I'm very excited to be able to help this organization in their mission to help these girls.

All in all, the convention was a blast, and I'm excited to be able to share everything I saw and did with everyone at home!



LWML Sunday



2023 Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday

Traditionally celebrated the first Sunday in October, Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday can be celebrated any time.

Psalm 24:7-10: 7 Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. 8 Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle! 9 Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. 10 Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory! Selah

Throughout human history, God pictured the coming redemptive King through various images of His promise, providence, provision, and protection for His people. The Gospel is our only hope, as the King of glory comes in, with, and through the Gospel, as we were buried with Him in Baptism and raised with Him to a new life!

Jr. Pastoral Counselor

Dear Sisters in Christ,

It was an honor for me to be able to attend The LWML National Convention in Milwaukee last month. It was inspiring to hear about all the mission projects that LWML mites have sponsored and how much good they have done for God's Kingdom. Northern Wisconsin District President Dwayne Lueck had a powerful message during the opening worship service emphasizing that all of us have been chosen to share the Good News of what Jesus has done! The Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz also had a great message about how God has chosen us for this time and this place and given us vital work to do. I greatly enjoyed the presentation by the Lutheran Ladies' Lounge—they really made me laugh. I cheered when the new mission grants were announced with a prayer that all the grants would be fully funded. It was a great convention!



But the highlight of the convention for me had to be being able to help serve communion to the approximately 4000 people who were there for that opening service. It was impressive to me to be able process in with nearly eighty pastors. I was honored to be able to share with the people who were at that service the chalice with the blood of Christ in, with, and under the wine. Why was that such a thrill for me? Actually every time I serve communion I feel much the same way. For me to be able to share the body and blood of Christ with God's people is always thrilling. I mean, just think what is going on in the Supper. Christ comes to us with His gifts of His body and blood to assure us that He still loves us and forgives us. We come forward confessing our sin, knowing what we deserve, knowing we have failed to live as God would have to us live, and Christ comes to us and proves to us His love and forgiveness by giving us the blood He shed for us on the cross and His body that was nailed to that cross for us. We come forward being overwhelmed by our sin and failure, but we leave with peace in our hearts and souls and strengthened in our desires to live all the more for Jesus. When you think about what is going in the Holy Supper, I am sure you understand why that was a true highlight of the convention for me.

Thank you for privilege of attending my second LWML convention. Hopefully I will be able to attend many more!

In Christ's Great Love,
Pastor Scott D Johnson
Carolina's District Jr. Pastoral Counselor

CCC Editor

November Newsletter

Deadline: October 30, 2023

Delivery Method: Mail

Need information from: Sr. Pastoral Counselor article, Mission of the Quarter, Mission Grants, Pres., V-P news, Zone & Society news. Joy Event invitation, Treasurers report, District Convention Chairman, Camp Linn Haven report,



Catawba Valley Zone

The Catawba Valley Zone held their Spring Zone Rally on Sunday, May 7th, at Bethel Lutheran Church. Teirsa Lane was the guest speaker and she spoke on how the backpack program got started at Camp Linn Haven. Gifts from the heart that were collected consisted of school supplies to put in the backpacks for Camp Linn Haven. Pastor Scott Johnson from St. John's installed Rev. Michael Daniels from Redeemer Lutheran Church in Catawba as the Catawba Valley Zone Pastoral Counselor. Afterwards everyone enjoyed refreshments provided by the ladies of Bethel.

On Sunday, July 16th the Catawba Valley Zone hosted an LWML Prayer service at St. John's in Conover. Ladies from the Foothill Zone joined us and after the service, light refreshments were enjoyed.

St. John's GEMS News

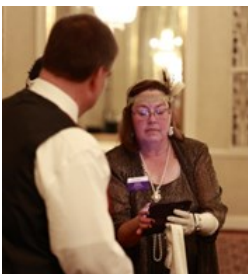
The girls have been busy. They Made One hundred eye glass cases and sent to the national convention for Most Ministries. The girls delivered the hats that they knitted to the dialysis center, made LWML book-markers for Mother's Day and handed out to the ladies in the congregation. They have been busy collecting empty pill bottles for Mathew 25 Ministries, coloring cards to send to Phil's Friends and putting kits together for the homeless. At their last meeting they covered clothes hangers with yarn for use in the Sharing Center Due to upcoming vacations and the girls going to camp their next meeting will be in September.

Submitted by
Kim Cater, Catawba Valley Co-Zone President

Catawba Valley zone rally and the GEMS delivering hats to the dialysis center.



National Convention Pictures



Eastern Zone

The 40th Biennial Convention in Milwaukee, WI 'Celebrate the Lord of the Nations'

From the Foothills Zone, we were delighted that four of our ladies, representing four churches, were able to attend, with over 3,500 others, Penny Schrum, Augustana; Denise Caldwell, Our Savior; Linda Tilley, St Stephens, and of course our Carolinas District President, Paula Daniels, Salem. We enjoyed the flight to Milwaukee, a few of the sights that could be seen from the Miles for Mites Walk around the River Walk. It was indeed a busy time, up early to be in attendance as a delegate, break for lunch, back again for business for four days. Whew!! In all that, we were able to participate in servant events and in the Miles for Mites. For our Servant Event, Phil's Friends, we hand tied blankets for cancer patients and worked with some lovely ladies from Omaha, NE, who invited us to stay with them for the next LWML Convention 2025 in Omaha, NE. On our Riverwalk, we had a chance to have our photo made with the 'Bronze Fonz'. I'm sure everyone knows who Fonzie is and how popular he is in Milwaukee! St Stephens Vicar, Peter Frank, asked Linda to look up the 'Security Guard' in the beautiful Milwaukee Convention Center. It was kinda eerie, how real the figure looked, but we behaved. The awesome Opening Service on June 22 included 4000 worshippers, 309 singers in the choir, 30 sets of communion ware and 2500 communion cups. For Linda, this was her first National Convention and for Denise, her third. We are truly blessed that we were able to attend and we thank everyone who supported us. It was truly amazing to see and hear about all the organizations that LWML supports.



National Convention Pictures



Metrolina Zone

In May the ladies from Prince of Peace in Charlotte coordinated with a local group who provides portable shower units to help the local homeless. They filled 32 lunch bags to hand out to those who came to use the facilities



The Metrolina Zone invites all to attend our September 30th. Zone Rally



Together
Acts 2:42-47

Come join us at the LWML Metrolina Fall Rally!



When: Saturday, September 30, 2023 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Where: All Saints Lutheran Church 17030 Lancaster Highway, Charlotte

🎵 We'll sing – We'll pray – We'll play a game or two.. 🙏

We'll hear about the LWML National Convention from Amelia Lueke,
one of the Carolina District Young Women Representatives...

We'll discuss next year's Joy Event...

Program: We'll hear from Nathan and Sarah Federwitz and their
upcoming work with Lutheran Bible Translators...



Gifts from the Heart: Baby Wipes, Diapers and Baby Wash/Shampoo
To be given to the Monroe and Lancaster Pregnancy Centers.
A \$10 registration fee is requested to cover the cost of lunch and other items.



VP Mission Outreach

Dear Sisters in Christ:

The following 2022-2024 Biennium Mission Grants that were approved are listed below. Please note Grant status as of June 2023.

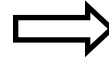
Nancy Nolley
Vice-President Mission Outreach

	Mission Grant Recipients	Grant Requested Amount	Status
1.	Financial Assistance for Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne	\$5,000	Paid
2.	Professional Church Work Student Assistance	\$7,500	
3.	Bible Books for Indonesia's Muslim Public Schools	\$4,000	Paid
4.	Start International Friendship Centers (IFC's) in the Carolinas District	\$5,000	
5.	Scholarships for "in crisis" Professional Church Workers to Attend Healing Retreats	\$4,000	Paid
6.	Feeding Haitian Children Spiritually and Physically	\$5,000	
7.	Lutheran Hands and Hearts Helping with Haitian Earthquake Response	\$1861	

VP Mission Outreach



Kevin Bueltmann &
Dave Anderson
*Shepherd's Canyon Retreat
Center.*



*Lutheran Heritage
Foundation*



Thank You—Joy Event—Gifts from the Heart



BIRTHRIGHT OF COLUMBIA

1316 Richland Street
Columbia, S.C. 29201

(803)765-0165

"It is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth,..."

August 3, 2023

Shirley Marquardt
The Lutheran Women's Missionary League-Carolinas District

Dear Shirley,

Thank you so much to your group for featuring Birthright of Columbia during your Joy Event that was recently held at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church. We are so blessed by the efforts of your group. The baby items that were collected will be used for our semi annual Community Baby Showers, in conjunction with the USC School of Nursing. Many of our moms will not have baby showers, and these events let them experience the love that comes from a baby shower! The \$315 that was also collected at your event will be used for door prizes for the showers. Thank you for believing in our Mission of help and hope.

Please pray for a 32 year old woman who was abortion minded when she initially visited Birthright. She and her husband have 6 children and she doesn't know how they can raise a 7th child. She has now changed her mind and decided to keep the baby. Please pray that she will continue to feel confident with this decision and joyfully welcome this new baby, and that many blessings and help will come as a result of embracing this new life.

God bless you all.

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Terry Haddley".

Terry Haddley

Mission of the Quarter

If you have a mission opportunity that takes place in the Carolinas District (NC & SC) that you would like to apply for a Mission of the Quarter, please contact Margaret White, Mission of the Quarter Chairman, at mwhite15@embarqmail.com or call 252-430-4353 for more information. You can find the MOQ form on our Carolinas District website at <http://carolinaslwml.webs.com/mission-grants>.

Please remember the new deadline for MOQ money to be sent in to the financial secretary... **15 Days after the end of the quarter!**

We continue to pray for our MOQ projects. Thank you for supporting these mission activities as we seek to be Jesus' hands and feet to those in need of His love and care!

July/August/September 2023 "I Will Give You Rest", Camp Linn Haven, Linville, NC

"I Will Give You Rest" is a campaign at Camp Linn Haven to replace mattresses in the cabins. The cost to replace mattresses in 19 cabins and purchase covers is \$36,000.00. Linn Haven is a Christian camp that provides certain weeks for families, teens, preteens, quilters, seniors, and artist to enjoy a week in the mountains in a safe, friendly Christian atmosphere. Morning and evening devotions are held each week. During the Teen week, the teens fill back packs with school supplies as a servant event to give to Avery County, NC schools. During all of the weeks the people that come to camp enjoy the beauty of God's creation, make new friends, enjoy Christian fellowship and have a chance to reflect on God's blessings. By helping with the campaign, it will provide a comfortable mattress that will help give campers a good night rest allowing them to awake refreshed and ready to enjoy God's beauty in their surroundings, make lasting friendships, and deepen and strengthen their relationship with their Lord and Savior.

October/November/December 2023 St. Stephens Healthcare Ministry, Hickory, NC

St. Stephens Healthcare Ministry is an ongoing mission which consist of monthly blood pressure checks and providing funds for people unable to pay for their medicine or visits to their physician. These funds are available to a recipient every three months if needed. All recipients are approved by the Pastor. Also cards of Get Well, Thinking of You, Sympathy, etc. are mailed to people in need of being thought of each week.

January/February/March 2024 Eastern Catawba Cooperative Ministry (ECCM), Newton, NC

ECCM began in 1969 as a crisis ministry funded and operated by local churches, including Concordia Lutheran Church in Conover and the Dorcas Society of Concordia. It has grown through the years: more people live in the area, many jobs were lost or devalued when manufacturing landscape changed, and consequently there is more poverty and hunger. Typical assistance (motto is "A helping hand up, not a hand out") consists of food, clothing, referrals, life skills coaching, and assistance with utility bills. For many years, much of Catawba County was served by a sister organization, Cooperative Christian Ministry of Hickory (CCM), while ECCM ministered to crisis needs in the rest of the county. However, recently CCM closed its food pantry and clothing ministry in order to focus entirely on its medical clinic outreach. This leaves ECCM, still supported by local churches and staffed mostly with volunteers, to respond to the crisis needs of persons throughout Catawba County. It is a recognized 501(c)3 organization with nearly all donations going directly to clients.

Margaret White, Mission of Quarter Chairman

Pre-Convention Seminars

FOCUS ON JESUS

While at convention I was privileged to attend the Focus on Jesus Seminary. Here is a description of what the program is about.

Focus on Jesus is a series of presentations about Lutheran Women in Mission and is based on the mission statement of the LWML. This information can be shared as a refresher at a local, zone or district event. It can be shared with women new to the congregation or a woman in the congregation who is unfamiliar with Lutheran Women in Mission. This program is broken down into 5 presentations.



Facts – Who We Are: If you are new to LWML, or are interested in more information about the organization as we FOCUS on Jesus, we will look at the fact about Lutheran Women in Mission.

We are Christian Women, We are in God’s Word, We are mission-focused, We are sisters in Christ who value and benefit from each other, and we are Servant Leaders. LWML’s vision statement is each LCMS woman is welcomed and encouraged to use her unique God-give gifts as she serves the Lord with Gladness and supports global missions.

Our Preparation for Service- How We Equip

Engage and involve each woman in the congregation. Recognize and reach out to all women as God’s children, each with God-given gifts. Promote and encourage the use of the LWML resources in innovative ways: podcast, group resources, mite calendar, mailbox member program, videos, emails, blog, social media, downloadable resources.

Leadership Development: Resources and guidance for leader development and mentoring, event planning and training. Create Resources and products for all stages of life: the Word: bible studies, devotions; Program resources; LWML Store; Lutheran Woman’s Quarterly.

Christ Centered – Why We Go

Inspire women to be in the Word. There are bible studies made specifically for LWML. Volunteer to be the facilitator for a regular group Bible study. There are many wonderful resources on the LWML website for your use. Connect people to scripturally-based resources in multiple formats such as LWML on the web, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Pinterest, YouTube, the LWML app, president’s blog and the LWML podcast.

Unified Message – We Proclaim Christ Near and Far

Pray for missions and missionaries. Each month LWML provides resources about one of the biennium’s mission grants. Two of the resources are a prayer guide with five different prayers and a devotion specific to the grant. Invite a missionary to speak at your church, take advantage of the various coloring resources on the website to connect with missionaries, or use the Gospel Outreach Missionary Care Flyer which contains valuable information on how to put together and send a care package.

Serving Others – How We Help

Acknowledge and value all acts of service. Remember church workers in their ministry. Use the resources found on the website of ideas on how to appreciate and support the church workers in your life. Develop servant activity ideas such as Gifts from the Heart, mission service activities.

Lutheran Women in Mission is for all Lutheran women in mission, no matter their station in life or their age. LWML strives to provide materials to serve others at all ages and to serve God and spread the good news of Jesus. I hope that you will use this new program in your congregation, local group, zone or district.

For more information on this program please contact **VP of Christian Life, Kim Cater** at lwmlkfcater@gmail.com.

Pre-Convention Seminars

Technology Assistance Information Technology Seminar – 40th Biennial Convention Presented by the 2021-2023 Information Technology Committee.

The Seminar Goals were:

- Know the LWML resources available through the LWML website - -
- LWML on social media – District administration guidelines
- LWML Style Guide
- LWML Brand Guide
- District’s Leaders Guide – specific for your District.
- Engage with online forms software to develop registration and other types of forms.
- Develop an action plan to create engaging district websites.
- Become familiar with technology tools and ways to use them.
- Know how to contact ITC members.

We learned that if we want to find out about the district administration guidelines you need to access:

<https://www.lwml.org/online>

Did you know there is a LWML Style Guide found at www.lwml.org/logos-style-sheet?

There is an Official Stylebook of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod listing styles that are to be used in all LWML publications and communications.

The ITC gave us a live demonstration as to how to access some of these tools. This is just a small portion of the information they shared.

Blessings,
Shirley Marquardt



“More Than Meeting Minutes” Report – Pre-Convention Seminar – June 22, 2023

The National LWML Recording Secretary, Brenda Piester, shared a precise, informative PowerPoint about the responsibilities of a Recording Secretary for any level of LWML. The PowerPoint was so extensive that she couldn’t finish sharing all the information. Part of the situation was that there were many questions asked by participants. Yet, many points of importance were shared. Participants paired together to answer questions about what Recording Secretaries are to include and not include in the meeting minutes. It was a fun, competitive game to help all learn and put into practice the right way of recording minutes. Recording Secretary Piester is to send the PowerPoint to participants for future reference, to help everyone to write the minutes of meetings correctly. I was blessed to be paired for the game, with a Recording Secretary who was an expert, and a joy to work with for the right answers. But I must add that so many of the questions had common sense answers, which made them easy for me to get the right answer too.

Mary Ann Boone



Pre-Convention Seminars

Church Workers in Mission Seminar

Church Workers in Mission Seminar at the National LWML Convention in Milwaukee. First, as a 1st timer the Convention was so uplifting and inspiring. Really made you want to go out and do more.

LWML has a fairly new committee called Church Workers in Missions. Molly Dixon is the chair. She and her team encouraged anyone to contact them directly if you need any assistance. Contact info is on the site.

This section of the website has all the information and resources new Pastors; Deaconesses, Pastoral Counselors and all other church workers may need.

There is brochure that gives an overview of what LWML is and what resources are available. These include bible studies, devotionals, LWML Sundays, and Prayer Services.

There are also resources specific to District Presidents, Zone Presidents and Pastoral Counselors. These include Installation of Officers, Installation of District and Zone Workers. The LWML Pledge, songs and a Blessing for participants. It also includes an interactive schedule and responsible of the Pastoral Counselor.

A section on encouragement of church Workers is included with ideas on thanking our church works and things we can do to inspire and thank them for their involvement with LWML.

Go online to check out these ideas and lots of others to equip all of our church workers.

<https://www.lwml.org/church-workers-in-mission>

**Thanks,
Kimberly**

Putting my training as a **Heart-to-Heart Sister** into a small report seems almost impossible. I had an intense 4 days of sessions and training. I learned that culture does not just apply to different ethnic groups.

Do you know that every woman in your church that has been confirmed should be a member of LWML? Do you have a program that fits the needs of young women?

When you have your meetings at your church, do you take into consideration if the single mom or the high school student feels or what obstacles they face to be able to come to a meeting? I would love to come to your society meeting and do a short program to help you learn about all the different cultures that are in your church. Wouldn't it be wonderful to have all the women in each of our congregations involved in LWML?

I am hoping to work with the current Heart to Heart committee in our district to have an ethnic celebration and would like to have sessions at the convention and also a booth.

We have two congregations that are starting young women LWML groups and also one congregation that has started a young girl LWML group and another one that is planning to start one. Pray that our district will grow in wisdom and women as we use some of the training I received at the convention.

Thank you for giving me the privilege of representing the Carolinas district as your heart to Heart sister at the LWML Convention!

In His Service
Denise Johnson



Pre-Convention Seminars

Structure/ByLaws

On June 23, 2023, I attended the Structure/Bylaws Pre-Convention Seminar 2023 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin at the LWML 40th Biennial Convention. The Workshop was conducted by the LWML Structure Committee. The seminar highlighted Bylaw Amendments – What’s the Big Deal? We should make bylaws as simple as we can.

Why are bylaws important?

Bylaws contain an organization’s own basic rules relating to itself, rather than to the parliamentary procedure that it follows (Robert Rules of Order). They define the primary characteristics of the organization the bylaws prescribe how the organization functions and include all rules that the organization considers so important that they cannot be changed without notice and a large majority. They can’t be suspended.

Amendments to the Bylaws is to change something previously adopted. Special requirements for this motion’s adoption should be specified in the bylaws.

At the seminar steps in making a motion and amending a motion was also discussed.

Bylaw Amendments and Notice was discussed. A 90-day notice is required before a vote can be taken. We cannot ask for a motion at our Convention if the notice has not been sent.

Standing Rules are different from Policies and Procedures.

We should review our District and Zone Bylaws every other year. Dates on Bylaws are important (use footnotes).

Keep the Bylaws as simple as possible. District Bylaws should include the Five (5) Basics: Name, Purpose, Members, Convention and Parliamentary Authority.

Resources are available on the LWML Website: lwml.org, Go to Menu, Select About and select an option.

Sophia Wilkerson

Carolinas District Structure Chair

National Convention Pictures



CAROLINAS DISTRICT LWML CONVENTION

Resurrection Lutheran Church, Cary, NC.

September 20-21, 2024



Guest Speaker: Deb Burma

Deb has spoken at national and regional conferences across the country, as well as retreats and ministry events. She has led workshops and sectionals for the Best Practices for Ministry (BPM) Conferences, the Women's Leadership Institute's National Conferences, and more. Her ministry travels have taken her to 27 states and Canada, aboard a Caribbean cruise ship, and continue to lead her down the street to her home church.

Raised on a ranch in South Dakota, Deb and her family shared adventures residing in five different states before calling Nebraska home. Deb is a follower of Jesus, a pastor's wife, and the proud mother of three amazing young adults. She's a blogger, a women's ministry leader, and a self-proclaimed coffee/chocolate connoisseur. (She never travels without chocolate in one hand and a flavored hot latte in the other!) Above all, Deb is a grace-filled woman of God.

The convention theme will be based on Psalm 48, based on Deb Burma's most current Bible Study, *"Be Still & Know"*.



Convention Co-Chairs-

Mary Ann Boone, Central Zone & Gay Van Etten, Eastern Zone

**Carolinas District Webpage: www.carolinaslwml.webs.com
Find district news, mission grant updates, CCC's, upcoming events and forms.**

The **Church Workers in Mission (CWIM)** Committee has received the lists of new deaconess interns, vicars, deaconesses, and pastors from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne. The individual listed below will soon be moving to our district.

Associate Pastor Devin Murphy
Deaconess Grace Berg
Pastor Dakota Monday
Vicar Daniel Brummet
Vicar Timothy Schleusener

Hope Lutheran Church
Island Lutheran Church
Saint Paul Lutheran Church
Saint Stephens Lutheran Church
Our Savior Lutheran Church

Wake Forest, NC
Hilton Head Island, SC
Whispering Pines, NC
Hickory, NC
Raleigh, NC

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