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LWML Districts

Lutheran Women in Mission continues to celebrate its 75th Anniversary, honoring our past and imagining our future. Our basic purpose … MISSIONS … is changeless! LWML districts keep 75% of the mites they collect and send 25% to LWML to support the organization’s operations and grants, which are chosen at biennial conventions by delegates from all districts.

THEN: At the 1942 LWML organizational meeting, 15 districts sent delegates. Since then, new districts joined, while others combined, changed boundaries, split, or changed names. Today, the LWML comprises 40 districts.

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LWML SELC District is the smallest district, with three zones, 24 societies, and an estimated 240 members. It’s also the youngest district, having been formed in 1986. Current president is Sharon Roegge.

Measuring more than 736,000 square miles, the LWML Washington-Alaska District covers the most territory. Marie Chow currently serves as district president.

With an estimated roll call of 6,500, the LWML Florida-Georgia District claims the largest number of members. Trish Aamoth is their current president.

LWML Michigan District contains the greatest number of societies (327) and zones (29). The current president is Susan Gruber. Susan’s mom, Vi Gruber, began her term as LWML Michigan District President in 1976, exactly 40 years prior.

As I travel to the various districts, it is exciting to see the many different characteristics existing in each one! As we all come together in the national organization to tackle bigger mission grants, leadership training, and Bible study, it reminds me of the many members of the body of Christ with their unique properties, but brought together as one Body — the Church!

LWML President, Patti Ross, who also served as LWML Oklahoma District President from 2004–08.

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