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LWML SELC District Convention held May 18–20, 2018.

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LWML SELC District Vice President Millie Kwiatkowski and the Western Zone welcomed everyone to Zion Lutheran Church, Norridge, Illinois, at the opening worship service. The convention theme, “Hope—God’s Faithfulness” edified the theme verse from Jeremiah 29:11–12, *For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you.* LWML SELC District President Sharon Roegge was not able to attend because of health reasons and was dearly missed, but she stated, “God has provided willing servants to fill in and I know He will bless this convention.” Saturday was filled with uplifting Bible Studies, a Mite Walk-a-Thon, and a service project benefiting Phil’s Friends. Featured mission speakers included Phil Zielke, President of Phil’s Friends, a ministry to people with cancer; Tim Hetzner, President of Lutheran Church Charities, with comfort dogs and Deaconess Kathy O’Day, Lutheran Church Charities Director of Disaster Response; and Rev. Hesham Shehab, pastor at Salam Christian Fellowship, Lombard, Illinois, and missionary to immigrants from the Middle East and North Africa. Sharla Fritz, an inspirational speaker and vocalist from Aurora, Illinois, provided entertainment. Convention business included approving mission grants totaling \$10,400. Gifts from the Heart were collected and donated to Lutheran Church Charities and Phil’s Friends.

Following the Sunday morning worship service, Emilie Stoller, the Young Woman Representative to the 2017 LWML Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico shared her convention experiences.



LWML Vice President of Organizational Resources Debbie Larson brought greetings from the LWML. She shared, “This has been a weekend packed with inspiration. The women and men of the SELC District are serving and sharing Jesus’ love with joy!”



The LWML Executive Committee recently met in Mobile, Alabama and is rolling out the **purple** carpet for you to join them, “In Praise to the LORD” for the 2019 LWML Convention at the beautiful Arthur R. Outlaw Mobile Convention Center located on the picturesque Mobile River and adjacent to refreshing Mobile Bay.



**June 20–23, 2019
Ya'll Come!**

Lutheran Women in Mission — The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is the official women's auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Since 1942, the LWML has focused on affirming each woman's relationship with Christ, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries, and to support global missions.

The LWML is the leading group for LCMS women where each woman is welcomed and encouraged to use her unique God-given gifts as she supports global missions and serves the Lord with gladness.

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