

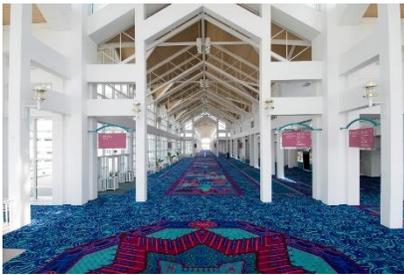


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2019 LWML CONVENTION REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN



Come to beautiful Mobile, Alabama June 20–23 for the 2019 LWML Convention, “In Praise to the LORD!”

New Information:

- Convention offerings to support local and global mission ministries-
Offering #1- 2019–2021 LWML Mission Goal.
Offering #2- Expanding the Disability Ministry in the Dominican Republic & Medical Mission Teams.
Offering #3- James Storehouse Louisiana & Spiritual Care for Unaccompanied Refugee Children.
Offering #4- LCMS Disaster Response/Community Relief.
- Two special recognition opportunities-
 - 1) LWML would like to honor our overseas missionaries, those currently serving and those who have served in the past, and give them an opportunity to visit with old friends and be recognized for their service. A Friday night reception will be held for overseas missionaries. There will be a table in the registration area for them to sign up for the reception and to receive a special recognition ribbon for their name badge.
 - 2) LWML would like to recognize our LWML women in active duty and veteran military with a special ribbon to wear on their name badge which may be received at a special table near the registration area.

To register and to read about all the joyful events of convention, Visit <http://www.lwml.org/2019-convention>.



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LWML BOARD OF DIRECTORS MET JANUARY 23–26 IN ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI



Thursday morning, January 24, the LWML Board of Directors visited and toured Concordia Seminary St. Louis, Missouri. Although it was a chilly day outside on campus, the members of the LWML Board of Directors were warmly greeted with welcoming remarks from Concordia Seminary President Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer. After visiting with President Meyer in the Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus, the Board divided into three groups and were led on tours of the campus by seminary students and made stops into the Food Bank and the new location of the LWML Office.

Following their wonderful experience at Concordia Seminary, the LWML Board of Directors visited The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod International Center (IC) in suburban St. Louis, Missouri. Upon arrival, they were treated to lunch while hearing messages from mission departments supported by LWML mission grants. Mission Advancement Grants and Foundations Coordinator Mary Hamilton presented LWML President Patti Ross with two completely filled Mite Boxes from their LCMS IC in house Mite Box challenge. Executive Director of the Office of International Missions Rev. Dan McMiller spoke of missions around the world and Executive Director of the Office of National Missions Rev. Robert Zagore emphasized, “making the salvation of the world a priority.” Assistant Director of Ministry to the Armed Forces and Operation Barnabas Rev. Dr. Steven Hokana as well as Short Term Mission Teams Director Erin Alter extended their gratitude for the support received through LWML mission grants. The Board then was led on a tour of the IC which included seeing KFYO Radio station and a studio where interviews for *The First Rosa* movie were filmed. A highlight for all was the opportunity to visit with LCMS President Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison in his office. The eventful day concluded with a group photo taken in the chapel by Erik M. Lunsford, LCMS Managing Photojournalist.

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Other items at the LWML Board of Directors (BOD) included:

- The exciting reveal of the results of the 2019 LWML BOD MITE CHALLENGE! The official total for the Mite Challenge contributed at BOD was \$25,711.27. In addition, there were several donations sent to the LWML Office throughout January designated for the challenge, making the total well over \$26,000. LWML Pastoral Counselors Rev. Robert Mundahl and Rev. Mitch Schuessler were great sports in this friendly challenge to raise funds towards the LWML Mission Goal in order to fund our 22 mission grants. The real winner is the 2017–2019 Mission Goal!



- The well received announcement of a new LWML Gift Planning Counselor. Along with current Gift Planning Counselor Pat Bilow, Gift Planning Counselor Linda Gage gave this announcement, “Our prayers have been answered, dear sisters in Christ! God has led the LCMS Foundation and LWML to have Carol von Soosten join the Gifts of Love team as our second full-time Gift Planning Counselor. Carol currently serves on the LWML Executive Committee as Strategic Plan Facilitator. She brings a wealth of knowledge, experience, and passion which will, no doubt, be a great blessing to LWML families as she serves with Gifts of Love. The Mid-West region will be her primary area of service. She will start on February 18 with Foundation email: Carol.vonSoosten@lwnd.org. Please join me in welcoming Carol to our Gifts of Love Team. Carol is a lifelong Lutheran with almost 25 years of joyful service in various positions in the LWML. She graduated from Lutheran elementary and high schools and has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication from Concordia, Nebraska. Her previous experience in leadership and development blends with her enthusiasm for all Lutheran Women in Mission. She has development work experience in academic and non-profits from Washburn University and Topeka Lutheran School Foundation in Topeka, Kansas, and All Faiths Receiving Home in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She and her husband Mark live in southern Illinois where they attend church and Mark is a Lutheran school principal at Trinity Lutheran Church and School. Her desire to share Christ’s love by helping develop gift plans which provide for families and ministry makes her passionate about sharing the word about the free services available from the LCMS Foundation.” To learn more about Gifts of Love Ministry, visit <http://www.lwml.org/gifts-of-love>.



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LWML DISTRICTS ARCHIVIST-HISTORIANS MET IN ST. LOUIS, JAN. 20–22

LWML district archivist-historians met in St. Louis, January 20–22 to attend a boot camp workshop to learn more about preserving their districts' history. Under the leadership of LWML Archivist-Historian Caroline Honeycutt, the women participated in seminars and a working visit to the Concordia Historical Institute on the Concordia Seminary St. Louis campus. They too were able to stop by the new LWML Office while on the Concordia Seminary campus.



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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