



FROM PRESIDENT PATTI Ready. Set. Go!

It's been an encouraging year for this LWML-Lifer! I've always loved the opportunity LWML gives to Lutheran women to use their God-given gifts in service to the Lord. Whether it's through support of mission grant funding, writing and leading Bible study, meeting the physical needs of God's people, or being in fellowship with other strong women who share similar belief systems, family joys and sorrows, job challenges and servant hearts, LWML **engages** with them.



Caroline Honeycutt,
LWML Archivist-Historian



Joy Anderson, 2017-2019 LWML
Nominating Committee Chairman



Young Woman Representatives from the LWML Florida-Georgia District

Attending seven LWML district conventions in 2018, I have been **encouraged** because I have seen so many more dedicated women coming into LWML — women much younger than me! — bringing with them new ideas, ways of doing what we do best, a fresh look and outlook to our Lord's LWML. I met with many enthusiastic Young Woman Representatives who were just learning about how LWML can **engage** them in outreach to the world. I am so happy to see them giving LWML a good look to see where they may want to invest their time and energy and service in the avenues we have available for them.

During those conventions and during our Assembly of Leaders last November, I also noticed how many younger women have stepped up and are holding positions of responsibility in their districts. Many are district vice presidents or committee chairmen. We have young women serving as our national Graphics and IT department members, Nominating Committee Chairman, and our Archivist-Historian. I think it's fair to say we are trending downward in the average age department!

LWML continues to support mission grants to **equip** young women too! This biennium one of the grants enables nursing students at our Concordia Universities to go on medical mission trips. Another is to afford family grants for MOST Ministries mission trips. Still another, which will be one of the Mites In Action presentations at our upcoming convention, is to equip young people to witness for Life through Synod's Y4Life program.

At our LWML Convention in Mobile, Alabama, June 20-23, 2019, young women will have opportunities to participate as district Young Woman Representatives in special programming. Young women serving on committees will be involved with exhibits and displays, and young women serving in their districts will have opportunities to broaden their knowledge of missions and missionaries with our many exhibitors. All will have opportunities to learn from LWML speakers and leaders through Info Gathering luncheons and Special Interest Luncheons along with other outstanding presenters.

And, above all, they will **enjoy** being together with old, young, and in-between women — strong LWML women of mission who have come together to unite "In Praise to the Lord!"

This LWML-Lifer is encouraged and hopes you are too! See you in Mobile!

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