



Welcome to Mobile!

We are pleased to welcome you to the 38th Biennial Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Convention. You are in for an exciting time as you experience the program — planned and prepared by the 2019 LWML Convention Programming Committee and hosted by the members of the 2019 Convention Host Committee from the Florida-Georgia, Gulf States, and Louisiana-Mississippi Districts.

We pray that you will be inspired by worship and singing, uplifting Bible studies, and motivational mission speakers. You will have many opportunities to meet new people and renew old friendships, as well as enjoy and learn from mission stories offered by the exhibits and other convention activities. We are sure that you will enjoy this convention as we join together **"In Praise to the LORD!"**

This convention manual provides many details that you will need for your convention experience and will serve as a concise summary of the 2017-2019 biennium. Convention manuals often serve as LWML yearbooks, so you may want to save this one for future reference. You will find other necessary items in your convention tote bag, including the first issue of the daily convention newspaper, the convention activity locator, and other items to help you enjoy this convention.

Again, welcome! We are glad you are here.

LWML 2019 Convention Programming Committee
2019 Convention Host Committee



Need help or have a question?

The LWML Information Booth has two locations in the Mobile Convention Center:

1. Lower Level, Center Lobby
2. Upper Level, Center Lobby

The Message Center is located in the Upper Level of the Mobile Convention Center, North Lobby, left of the escalator.





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Convention Information

Announcements

Only announcements of an emergency nature will be made during meetings. Other announcements may be posted on the Message Center, which is located in the Mobile Convention Center, Upper Level, North Lobby, left of the escalator.

Blood Donations

Donations are available by pre-registration only. If you are scheduled to be a blood donor, please go to the Mobile Convention Center, Upper Level, Pre-Function Corridor of the East Ballroom, at the time of your donation on Thursday, June 20.

Child Care

Child care and youth activities (***Camp Insta Friends***) are available by pre-registration only and are located in the Mobile Convention Center, Upper Level, VIP Lounge and Room 243.

Convention Charms and Tie Tac Pins

If you pre-ordered these on your Convention Registration form, you may pick them up at the table in the Registration Area located in the Mobile Convention Center, Upper Level, Pre-Function Corridor.

Convention Polo Shirts

You may purchase a convention logo shirt (if supplies are available) at the Info Tables Area in the Mobile Convention Center, Upper Level, west side of Pre-Function Corridor.

Delegates

All voting delegates must sign in at the Delegate Desk in the Registration Area.

Emergencies

Contact an usher or a hostess in case of an accident or illness while at the Mobile Convention Center. The First Aid Room is located in the Mobile Convention Center, Lower Level, inside entrance of the North Exhibit Hall, and will be open during the hours of convention meetings and activities.

Exhibits and Displays (***Jubilee Junction***)

A variety of exhibits, including many hands-on, interactive activities, are located in the Mobile Convention Center, Lower Level, North Exhibit Hall. Included are displays sponsored by LWML

Committees that feature new LWML products and resources, as well as banners from each district. The banners will be displayed after the morning session Friday until 2 p.m. Saturday.

Jubilee Junction Exhibit Hall Hours

Thursday, June 20:	9 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday, June 21:	11:30 a.m.–2 p.m. 5 p.m.–7 p.m.
Saturday, June 22:	7:30 a.m.–9 a.m. 11:30 a.m.–2 p.m.

Gifts From the Heart Items

When you register, gifts may be brought to the collection and packing area in the Mobile Convention Center, Upper Level, Room 202B. Please bring all items by noon on Friday, June 21, so they can be distributed to local agencies.

Identification

Your badge is your admission to all meetings and all convention events. **Very important:** Please complete the reverse side of your convention badge with your appropriate medical information for emergency purposes.

Information Desk

The Information Desk has two locations in the Mobile Convention Center: (1) Lower Level, Center Lobby; and (2) Upper Level, Center Lobby. The Message Center will be available to post and check for messages.

Lost and Found

The Lost and Found is located in the Mobile Convention Center, Upper Level, South Lobby, near Registration.

LWML Store

The LWML Store is located in the Mobile Convention Center, Lower Level, North Exhibit Hall, in the *Jubilee Junction Exhibit Hall*.

Meals (for those who purchased catered meals)

The Thursday boxed supper will be available to enjoy in the district caucus rooms. The Friday

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boxed salad lunch can be enjoyed at one of the Info Gatherings. The Saturday Special Luncheons can be enjoyed in various locations in the Mobile Convention Center and Renaissance Riverview Mobile Plaza Hotel (see daily newspaper for locations). The Friday and Saturday dinners will be served in the Mobile Convention Center, Upper Level, East and West Ballrooms. Concessions will be open beginning Wednesday in the Mobile Convention Center.

Mission in Motion Pledge Walk

The **Mission in Motion Pledge Walk** will begin at 6:30 a.m. Saturday, June 22. Gather on the South Plaza of the Mobile Convention Center, Lower Level. Prior to the walk, check in at the table marked *Mission in Motion* walk in the Mobile Convention Center, Upper Level, west side of Pre-Function Corridor in the Info Tables Area, to pick up your shirt. Turn in your pledge sheet and donations after you have registered for the convention.

Prayer Chapel (Grace Place)

A room for those who wish to have some quiet moments of prayer will be open at all times, except during worship services and evening programs. It is located in the Mobile Convention Center, Upper Level, Room 202A. Pastors are available for comfort and/or consultation as needed. Speak to an usher, or visit the Prayer Chapel if you wish to speak with a Pastor.

Registration

Confirmation of registration and general information has been mailed. Badges and convention materials will be picked up at the Registration Area located in the Mobile Convention Center, Upper Level, Registration Pre-Function corridor.

Registration Hours

Wednesday, June 19:	5 p.m.–8 p.m.
Thursday, June 20:	7 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday, June 21:	7 a.m.–2 p.m.
Saturday, June 22:	8 a.m.–2 p.m.

Seating

Please follow the instructions of the ushers at all times. Special seating areas are designated for presenters and their families, special guests, and physically and hearing-impaired attendees.

Servant Activities

Servant Connections are Thursday, June 20, in the Mobile Convention Center, Upper Level, East and West Ballrooms. Session times are the following:

9 a.m.–11 a.m.
11 a.m.–1 p.m.
1 p.m.–3 p.m.

Servant activities are available by pre-registration only. Please report and receive your memento at the check-in table marked **Servant Connections** at the Info Tables Area in the Mobile Convention Center, Upper Level, west side of Pre-Function Corridor. Hostesses will be checking name badges at the door for the scheduled time for your servant activities session.

Transportation

A Hotel Shuttle from the downtown LWML hotels of the Admiral and Holiday Inn Downtown will be in service only 2 hours before sessions begin and 2 hours after sessions conclude. The shuttle can be accessed using the elevator near the Upper Lobby entrance of the Mobile Convention Center. The District Charter Buses are being used as convention shuttles and will also arrive and depart from the Mobile Convention Center off Water Street at the drop off and pick up pull-through drive.

Wheelchairs

Wheelchair rental (with prior arrangements) is located in the Mobile Convention Center, Lower Level, near the Administrator Elevator from the parking garage. Handicap parking is located on the basement level of the Mobile Convention Center in the southwest corner of the parking garage.





Convention Personalities



Joe Castillo ♦ INSPIRATIONAL PERFORMER

Joe Castillo is the world's premier Sand Animation artist. He has developed a new way of telling stories with his hands in the sand — SandStories. Joe uses sand, a light table, and music as a medium to create a powerful message. As he creates different scenes, they are displayed on a screen for the audience to see. His unique content stimulates the mind, creative SandStories capture the eye, powerful music engages the ear, and success stories grip the heart. Joe grew up in Mexico City in a bi-lingual home, surrounded by art. His interest in art led him to attend Ringling School of Art. He spent 20 years in advertising and then obtained a Master's of Arts in Biblical Studies and a Master's of Divinity from Asbury Theological Seminary. Joe and his wife, Cindy, have four grown children, six grandchildren, and all call Atlanta, Georgia, their home.



Lynn Corker ♦ MITES IN ACTION SPEAKER

Lynn Corker and daughter, Newell, reside in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where Lynn is employed as a human resources professional at GE Aviation. As a lay missionary since 2011, Lynn has been involved in developing women's ministry in Uganda, the Pearl of Africa. In 2014, she began grassroots efforts for Women of the Pearl. One of her favorite illustrations in Scripture is from Matthew 13:45–46, *Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.* It only seems fitting that God would call her, a pearl lover, to share the Gospel with the beautiful "Women of the Pearl."

2015–2017 LWML Mission Grant #11, Opportunities in Uganda



Laura Davis Hemminger ♦ MITES IN ACTION SPEAKER

Since 2012, Laura Davis Hemminger has served as the Director of Y4Life, the youth and young adult program at Lutherans For Life. She is the daughter of a Lutheran pastor and a Lutheran preschool teacher from Katy, Texas. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in history from Texas A&M University in 2010 and a Master's of Public Service and Administration at A&M's Bush School of Government and Public Service in 2012 with an emphasis on nonprofit management. She completed an internship at a pregnancy resource center in Lynnwood, Washington, and has previously served on the National Board of Directors for Lutherans For Life. Laura and her husband, Mike, currently live in Bremerton, Washington, where they are members at Peace Lutheran Church.

2017–2019 LWML Mission Grant #13, Equipping Youth to Witness for Life — Y4Life



Jean Jaskiorny ♦ MITES IN ACTION SPEAKER

Jean Jaskiorny married her husband, David, in 1986 and joined the LCMS at Trinity Lutheran Church, Glenwood, Iowa. When a new LWML society was formed in 1988, it offered Jean desired fellowship, service, and Bible study. In 2006, Jean was elected LWML Iowa West District Vice President of Gospel Outreach and Mission Servants after serving as Society and Zone President. From 2009 through 2013, she served on the LWML Mission Grants Committee and as its Chairman for 2 years. Missionary service is a calling Jean has experienced as a short-term team member on 14 different teams, both in the United States and in distant countries. Jean and David have two children and two grandchildren.

2017–2019 LWML Mission Grant #4, Tanzanian Sewing Center





Convention Personalities (cont'd)



The Rev. Gregory Manning ♦ MITES IN ACTION SPEAKER

The Rev. Gregory Manning serves as Mission Developer and Pastor of Broadmoor Community Church, New Orleans, Louisiana. He earned a Bachelor of Arts from Wabash College in Crawfordsville, Indiana, and Master's of Divinity from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, his hometown. He served as Pastor at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne and Grace Lutheran Church in Kansas City, Kansas. The Rev. Manning has presented at LCMS National Youth Gatherings and is an international speaker, as well as being an outreach minister in the inner city, communicating God's loving plan in our lives. **2017-2019 LWML Mission Grant #8, NOLA 4H: Hearts for the Hungry, Homeless, and Hurting**



The Rev. Dr. Ulmer Marshall, Jr. ♦ THURSDAY WORSHIP SERVICE PROCLAIMER

The Rev. Dr. Ulmer Marshall, Jr. is the Pastor of Trinity Lutheran, Mobile, Alabama, and Bethel Lutheran, Point Clear, Alabama. His service to God through the LCMS for over 45 years has included LCMS Board of Directors, LCMS Southern District First and Second Vice President, Evangelism Board, President of the Southern District Pastoral Conference, President of the Southern District Black Mission Task Force, President of the Southern District Black Churches, and Board of Regents for Concordia Theological Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri. The Rev. Dr. Marshall graduated from Concordia Teachers College, Seward, Nebraska, and received his Master's of Divinity from Concordia Theological Seminary, Springfield, Illinois. He was honored by Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, with the Servus Ecclesiae Christi Award in 1994 and in 2014 with the Doctor of Divinity Degree-Honoris Causa. He has served as the LWML Gulf States District Pastoral Counselor. He is married to Gwendolyn, the current LWML Gulf States District President. They have one son, Jermaine, and one grandson, Landon.



Donna Pyle ♦ BIBLE STUDY LEADER

Donna Pyle has a passion for studying and teaching God's Word. She has traveled throughout the United States and internationally to speak and teach where God opens doors. Donna has authored over 30 Bible studies, including four DVD Bible study series for LWML and several books with Concordia Publishing House. Donna volunteers as a Houston team leader for Love 146, which seeks to abolish child trafficking. She serves on the Board of Directors at Camp Lone Star, a Lutheran Outdoors Ministries of Texas camp. Donna attends Salem Lutheran Church in Tomball, Texas, where she has been an active LWML member for over 20 years. Donna is a life-long Texan, adventurous traveler, dabbling gardener, and closet chef, but home is always her favorite place to be.



Jaclyn Rychel ♦ MITES IN ACTION SPEAKER

Jaclyn Rychel graduated from Bowling Green State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies. After 15 successful years in sales, marketing, management, and company development, she retired from Biotech Pharmaceutical Industry. Jaclyn served as a missionary volunteer in Haiti after the 2010 earthquake. This experience provided a platform on which to build Ministry in Mission, a nonprofit organization founded in 2013. Recognized Service Organization status of the LCMS was awarded in 2015. Ministry in Mission is a partner with the LCMS Disaster Response team in the Kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Jaclyn and Mark, married 43 years, are members of St. Mark Lutheran Church, Chesterland, Ohio. They have three children and six grandchildren. **2017-2019 LWML Mission Grant #10, Christian Eldercare Home in Haiti**





Convention Personalities (cont'd)



Stephanie Schulte ♦ MITES IN ACTION SPEAKER

Stephanie Schulte serves as West and Central Africa area coordinator for Mercy Medical Work for The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. In this role, she plans and coordinates Community Health Education (CHE) initiatives, health clinics, and the deployment of Mercy Medical Teams (MMTs) to this part of Africa. Stephanie is a registered nurse, and she and her husband, The Rev. Gary Schulte, have been missionaries in West Africa for many years. They have four adult children. *2017–2019 LWML Mission Grant #5, Current Missionary Need and 2017–2019 LWML Mission Grant #17, Nursing Students Serving with Mercy Medical Team*



The Rev. Dr. Brent Smith ♦ KEYNOTE SPEAKER

After 16 years of international ministry and 3 years as LCMS Southeastern District Director for Mission Development, The Rev. Dr. Brent Smith began his service in 2016 as a mission development counselor at Mission Central, which supports LCMS missionaries and mission projects. “It is an honor to work together with the sending church in this multigenerational and multicultural mission effort of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth,” states The Rev. Smith. The five-member Smith family, including three teenagers, is based in his home state of Nebraska in Omaha. This location is relatively close to Mission Central, which allows The Rev. Smith to welcome and deploy missionaries. The Rev. Smith worked in public accounting. Since 1995 his service to the church includes work as a business manager in Central Asia, evangelistic missionary in Russia, and Regional Director for the Eurasia region. The Rev. Smith’s Doctorate focused on strategies for working as Christians in Muslim-majority contexts. Brent is known as the “man in purple overalls.”



Jan Struck ♦ HUMOROUS INTERRUPTER

Jan Struck’s earliest memories revolve around her church home in Indianapolis, Indiana, where she attended a two-room elementary Lutheran school. She completed her formal education at Valparaiso University with a theater/English degree. Jan’s “life story” has included the blessing of mothering three children, teaching school, working in secretarial and administrative positions, retiring as a trainer/consultant in healthcare technology, and experiencing single parenthood after a divorce. Her life is blessed with joy brought by a second marriage and a combined family of six children, their spouses, thirteen grandchildren, and five great grandchildren. Serving the Lord as a speaker and leader of Bible studies, workshops, women’s retreats, and district and national LWML events has involved travel throughout the United States and Canada. Jan brings a fresh approach to the journey of faith and uses her sense of humor as she shares her life with fellow travelers and leaves them laughing. Her trust in Christ is her reason to make a “joyful noise unto God!”





Convention Personalities (cont'd)



The Rev. Dr. Dien Ashley Taylor ♦ SONG LEADER

The Rev. Dr. Dien Ashley Taylor is the Pastor of Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church in The Bronx, New York, and the First Vice President of the Atlantic District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). He has served as an adjunct instructor for Concordia College in New York, Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri, and Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana. As a national and international presenter, Pastor Taylor has designed worship services, preached, taught, and led music for many national, district, zone, and parish LWML events, as well as other events for the LCMS and beyond. His many interests include religion, theology, liturgy, music, history, art, writing, literature, psychology, philosophy, sociology, astronomy, catechesis, education, and spiritual formation.



The Rev. Dr. Gregory S. Walton ♦ SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE PROCLAIMER

The Rev. Dr. Gregory S. Walton, a native New Yorker, grew up in a Lutheran home. He attended Concordia College in Bronxville, New York, and Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri. His parishes include Trinity Lutheran Church, Toccoa, Georgia, and Faith Lutheran Church, Marietta, Georgia. He served many years on the District Board of Directors, first as a representative and then as Vice President of Georgia. The Rev. Dr. Walton was elected President of the LCMS Florida-Georgia District in 2009 and has focused on equipping, empowering, engaging, and connecting people to Jesus. He was re-elected by acclamation to second and third terms and was re-elected to a fourth and final term in June 2018. The Rev. Dr. Walton and his lovely wife, Edith, a public school teacher, have been married for over 34 years and have two sons, Alex and Tim. Alex and his wife, Angie, are parents of Noelle and Zachary. Tim and his wife, Megan, have a son, Fisher.



VOICES of Mobile ♦ SATURDAY EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

The VOICES of Mobile is a highly versatile, auditioned vocal ensemble consisting of students from the University of Mobile in Mobile, Alabama. This highly acclaimed vocal ensemble is now in their 15th year. The VOICES of Mobile maintains a highly visible and consistent performing schedule in churches, schools, conferences, and civic events,

both nationally and internationally. The VOICES of Mobile is produced and directed by Dr. Roger Breland. Former members of VOICES, Andrew and Jenna Goodwin, assist in all areas of the VOICES ministry. Andrew is a member of the acclaimed vocal group VERITAS. Jenna is the Director of Productions at the University of Mobile. The VOICES mission statement is "Honoring Him with our lives and praising Him with our VOICES." Dr. Breland states, "I have traveled the world with these amazing students ... they love God and love people ... they represent their university, their faith, and their music with EXCELLENCE. You will love their concert ... I love their hearts."





Convention Rules

1. Credentials

- a. The Registration Registrar shall report to the Recording Secretary, directly after the opening ceremonies, the number of delegates registered as present with proper credentials, and the Recording Secretary shall make supplementary reports to the convention when required as a result of a change in the registration rolls.
- b. A member registered as an alternate may be transferred from alternate status to delegate at any time during the continuance of business meetings by presenting the request to the Recording Secretary. Upon clearance, the Registration Registrar shall make the official adjustments to the voting rolls, and the newly certified delegate shall retain the position through the remainder of the convention.
- c. Delegates must wear the identification badges issued by the Convention Registrar for seating in the delegate section.

2. Seating

- a. Delegates shall be seated together in sections reserved for them.
- b. Delegates are requested to be in their seats 5 minutes before the time set for the opening of meetings.

3. Conduct of Business

- a. The President shall appoint a committee of three members to approve the convention minutes.
- b. Only registered delegates and other voting members of the convention may introduce business, debate, and vote.
- c. A motion offered from the floor must be presented to the Recording Secretary in writing and signed by the maker.
- d. Speakers from the floor must use one of the microphones and give their name and title or district in order to be recognized.
- e. Discussion is limited to 2 minutes for each speaker. No one may speak more than twice on a question unless consent is granted by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of the delegates.
- f. Voting by electronic ballot is authorized.

4. Communications

- a. All communications for officers and members of the assembly shall be delivered by pages.
- b. At the Chairman's discretion, only urgent announcements will be made from the dais. Others will be posted at the Message Center.
- c. Only the President and/or Public Relations Director may authorize official LWML news releases concerning convention business.
- d. No literature may be distributed in the convention rooms or assembly hall without permission of the Executive Committee.
- e. All cellphones are to be turned off or turned to vibrate.

5. Photographs

- a. It is requested that no photographs be taken during worship services and other devotional periods.
- b. Since the LWML will be taking pictures and videotaping gathering proceedings and activities, your registration for this event gives the LWML permission to use your image and comments in educational, informational, and promotional materials in a variety of media, including electronic media.

Bylaws Article IV Conventions and Representation

SECTION 2

The voting assembly of the convention shall be:

- a. one (1) certified delegate from each zone having ten (10) or fewer units and one (1) certified delegate for each additional ten (10) units or major fraction thereof,* as of January 1 preceding the convention;
- b. voting members of the Board of Directors;
- c. chairmen of standing committees; and
- d. past Presidents of the LWML who are currently members of LWML.

*A major fraction of ten (10) is defined as six (6) or more.

SECTION 3

A member of the voting assembly shall vote in one (1) capacity only. Proxy votes are prohibited.

SECTION 4

- d. In the event neither the delegate nor the alternate is able to serve, a member of the same zone may serve as delegate upon certification in writing by her LWML District President and presentation to the LWML Recording Secretary.

SECTION 5

A majority of the registered voting assembly shall constitute a quorum.





Convention Program

Thursday June 20

9 a.m.–3 p.m. _____ Servant Connections
9 a.m.–7 p.m. _____ Exhibits Open
2:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m. _____ Delegate Orientation; Introduction of Candidates
3:45 p.m.–6:20 p.m. _____ District Caucuses and District Photos
7:15 p.m. _____ Pre-Service Music
7:30 p.m. _____ CONVENTION OPENING and FIRST MEETING
Opening of Convention _____ Patti Ross, President
Lighting of the Convention Candle _____ Adelaide Ross, Granddaughter of the President
Celebration Service with Communion
Ecclesiastical Procession
The LWML Processional Cross _____ David Ross, Son of the President
Proclaimer _____ The Rev. Dr. Ulmer Marshall, Jr., Trinity Lutheran, Mobile, AL
Convention Offering #1 (*see page 15*) _____ LWML Mission Goal 2019–2021
Recession _____ LCMS Clergy

Friday June 21

6:45 a.m. _____ Wake Up With the Word Bible Studies: CPH, Spanish, LWML
8 a.m.–5 p.m. _____ Camp Insta Friends Child Care; Youth Activities Open
8:15 a.m. Singing _____ The Rev. Dr. Dien Ashley Taylor, Song Leader
8:30 a.m. _____ SECOND MEETING
LWML Banner _____ Patti Ross, President
Banner Procession _____ LWML District Presidents and Young Woman
Representatives

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America,
and to the Republic for which it stands,
one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

America the Beautiful _____ LWML District Presidents serving from 2016–2020
Sheila Lutz, Central Illinois | Trish Aamoth, Florida-Georgia | Brenda Piester,
Kansas | Anita Granger, Louisiana-Mississippi | Susan Gruber, Michigan | Diane
Reimold, Mid-South | Marilyn Hiltel, Minnesota North | Shari Miller, Montana |
Katy Gifford, Nebraska South | Barbara Lis, New England | Valerie Biberdorf,
North Dakota | Jeanne Schimmelmman, Ohio | Dianna Just, Oklahoma | Carmen
Nagel, Oregon | Bonnie Karch, Pacific Southwest | Millicent Kwiatkowski, SELC |
Lisa Asmus, South Dakota | Barbara Kaun, South Wisconsin | Debbie Curry, Texas

O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties Above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea.

Call to Order _____ Patti Ross, President
Opening Prayer _____ Marguerite Christman, Convention Manager





Convention Program (cont'd)

Welcome _____ Trish Aamoth, Florida-Georgia; Gwen Marshall, Gulf States;
Anita Granger, Louisiana-Mississippi; LWML District Presidents

Greetings _____ The Rev. Eric Johnson, LCMS Southern District;
The Rev. Dr. Gregory S. Walton, LCMS Florida-Georgia District President

Bible Study #1 _____ Donna Pyle
Introduced by Jennifer Huecker, Vice President of Christian Life

Introduction of LWML Department _____ Jennifer Huecker,
Vice President of Christian Life;
Christian Life Committee and Christian Resources Editors Committee

Electronic Voting Review _____ Barbara Volk, Parliamentarian

Credentials Report _____ Ginger Starrett, Recording Secretary

Proposed Convention Rules _____ Barbara Volk, Parliamentarian

Presentation of Proposed Agenda _____ Ginger Starrett, Recording Secretary

Appointment of Minutes Review Committee _____ Patti Ross, President

Singing _____ The Rev. Dr. Dien Ashley Taylor, Song Leader

Greetings _____ The Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, LCMS President

Amendments to the Bylaws _____ Arlene Naasz, Chairman, Structure Committee

Prayer _____ Mary Smith, Structure Committee Member

Electronic Voting — Bylaws Amendments

Report of the Treasurer _____ Marilyn Schroeder, Treasurer

Financial Report _____ Vanessa Johnson, Business Manager

Introduction of LWML Office Staff _____ Patti Ross, President

Mites in Action Speaker _____ Jaclyn Rychel, Ministry in Mission, Haiti
Introduced by Susan Donnelly, Chairman, Mission Grants Committee

Mission Goal 2019–2021 _____ Marilyn Schroeder, Treasurer

Prayer _____ Leslie Jaseph, Meeting Manager

Electronic Voting — Mission Goal

Announcements _____ Bunnie Koelsch, Chairman, 2019 Host Committee

Closing prayer _____ Mary Marten, Chairman, Christian Life Committee

LUNCH RECESS

Exhibits Open 11:30 a.m.–2 p.m.

Info Gathering Luncheons

2 p.m. Singing _____ The Rev. Dr. Dien Ashley Taylor, Song Leader

2:15 p.m. _____ THIRD MEETING

Opening Prayer _____ Carolyn Blum, Author, *Dedicated!*

Introduction of LWML Department _____ Debbie Larson, Vice President
of Organizational Resources; Growth and Development Committee;
Leadership Development Committee

**Friday
June 21
(continued)**

Voting Body

Board of Directors
voting: _____

Committee Chairmen
voting: _____

Past LWML Presidents
voting: _____

Delegates
voting: _____

Total eligible
voters: _____

Nonvoting Body

Appointed Personnel
and Committee
Members: _____

Other
Registrants: _____

TOTAL: _____

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TOTAL: _____





Convention Program (cont'd)

Friday June 21 (continued)

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Total eligible
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Nonvoting Body

Appointed Personnel
and Committee
Members: _____

Other
Registrants: _____

TOTAL: _____

Greetings _____ The Rev. Bart Day, Lutheran Church Extension Fund, President and CEO

Introduction of The Rev. Dr. Dien Ashley Taylor, Song Leader _____ Nancy Graf Peters,
Editor-in-Chief of the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*

Introduction of LWML Canada President, Linda Long, via video _____ Patti Ross

Keynote Address _____ The Rev. Dr. Brent Smith
Introduced by Kaye Wolff, Vice President of Special Focus Ministries

Grants Presentation _____ Angelina Jauregui, Vice President of Gospel Outreach

Credentials Report _____ Ginger Starrett, Recording Secretary

Prayer _____ Angelina Jauregui, Vice President of Gospel Outreach

Electronic Voting — Mission Grants

Mites in Action Speaker _____ Lynn Corker; Jean Jaskierny
Introduced by Cheri Fish, Mission Editor of the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*

Convention Offering #2 (see page 15) _____ Medical Mission Teams
and Expanding the Disability Ministry in the Dominican Republic

Announcements _____ Bunnie Koelsch, Chairman, 2019 Host Committee;
Marguerite Christman, Convention Manager

Closing Prayer _____ Nancy Heredia, Chairman, Gospel Outreach Committee

DINNER RECESS

Exhibits Open 5 p.m.–7 p.m.

7:30 p.m. _____ **FOURTH MEETING**

Joe Castillo, Sand Artist
Introduction

Saturday June 22

6:30 a.m.–7:30 a.m. _____ Mission In Motion Pledge Walk

6:45 a.m.–7:45 a.m. _____ Wake Up With the Word Bible Studies

7:30 a.m.–9 a.m. _____ Exhibits Open

8 a.m.–5 p.m. _____ Camp Insta Friends Child Care; Youth Activities Open

8:45 a.m. Singing _____ The Rev. Dr. Dien Ashley Taylor, Song Leader

9 a.m. _____ **FIFTH MEETING**

Opening Prayer _____ Caroline Honeycutt, Archivist-Historian

LWML Banner _____ Alicia Starrett-Seidel, President's Page

Procession _____ Past LWML Presidents

Mission Flag Presentation _____ Young Woman Representatives
and 2019 Heart to Heart Sisters Leaders, Teens

Procession _____ Camp Insta Friends Kids and Child Care Workers

Pledge to the Cross _____ Led by Past LWML Presidents

I pledge allegiance to the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and to the faith for which it
stands, one Savior, eternal, with grace and mercy for all. So help me God.





Convention Program (cont'd)

**Saturday
June 22**
(continued)

The League Pledge _____ Led by Past LWML Presidents

In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption, we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us.

We consecrate to our Savior, our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

"Lutheran Women One and All" _____ The Rev. Dr. Dien Ashley Taylor, Song Leader

Bible Study #2 _____ Donna Pyle

Greetings _____ Kurt Buchholz, President and CEO; Lutheran Hour Ministries

Mites in Action Speakers _____ Laura Davis Hemminger, Lutherans for Life Y4Life
Introduced by Char Kroemer, LWML Vice President of Communication

Convention Offering #3 (see page 15) _____ James Storehouse Louisiana
and Spiritual Care for Unaccompanied Refugee Children

Introduction of LWML Department _____ Angelina Jauregui, Vice President of
Gospel Outreach, Gospel Outreach Committee, Mission Grants Committee

Introduction of the Candidates

and Report of the Nominating Committee _____ Joy Anderson, Chairman

Gifts of Love Ministry Report _____ Linda Gage, Carol Von Soosten, Pat Bilow,
LWML Gift Planning Counselors

Tee Up 4 Mites and Mission in Motion Pledge Walk Report _____ Victoria Southern,
Golf Outing Chairman; Catherine Mason, Mission in Motion Pledge Walk Chairman

Announcements _____ Bunnie Koelsch, Chairman, 2019 Host Committee

Closing Prayer _____ Stephanie Kollbaum, Chairman, Graphics Team

LUNCH RECESS

Exhibits Open 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Special Interest Luncheons

2 p.m. Singing _____ The Rev. Dr. Dien Ashley Taylor, Song Leader

2:15 p.m. _____ SIXTH MEETING

Opening Prayer _____ Kathy Pavelock, Chairman, Information Technology Committee

Recognition of Heart to Heart Participants _____ Kaye Wolff,
Vice President of Special Focus Ministries

Introduction of LWML Department _____ Kaye Wolff, Vice President of Special
Focus Ministries; Committee on Young Women; Heart to Heart Sisters Committee

President's Report _____ Patti Ross, President

Report of Mission Grants Election _____ Patti Ross, President

Credentials Report _____ Ginger Starrett, Recording Secretary





Convention Program (cont'd)

Saturday June 22 (continued)

Prayer _____ Beverly England, Product Developer, Marketing Team

Electronic Voting — Officers

Installation of Nominating Committee 2019–2021 _____ The Rev. Mitchel Schuessler,
LWML Junior Pastoral Counselor

Mites in Action Speaker _____ The Rev. Gregory Manning, NOLA 4H
Introduced by Michelle Zollinger, Public Relations Director
and Chairman, Marketing Team

Introduction of Convention Programming Personnel _____ Patti Ross, President

Invitation to 2021 LWML Convention _____ Ruth Thomas, Chairman,
2021 Host Committee, June 24–27, 2021, Lexington, Kentucky

Introduction of Appointed Personnel _____ Patti Ross, President

Announcements _____ Bunnie Koelsch, Chairman, 2019 Host Committee

Closing Prayer _____ Tina Bentley, Member, Information Technology Committee

DINNER RECESS

7:30 p.m. _____ **SEVENTH MEETING**

VOICES of Mobile

Sunday June 23

8:45 a.m. Singing _____ The Rev. Dr. Dien Ashley Taylor, Song Leader

9 a.m. _____ **EIGHTH MEETING**

Opening Prayer _____ Carrie Brumbaugh, Chairman, Committee on Young Women

Final Credentials Report _____ Ginger Starrett, Recording Secretary

LWML Department Introduction _____ Char Kroemer, Vice President
of Communication; Information Technology Committee;
Official Publication Staff; Graphics Team

Mites in Action Speaker _____ Stephanie Schulte; Lauren Awe,
LCMS Mercy Medical Work

Introduced by Melissa Salomón, Chairman, Heart to Heart Sisters Committee

Convention Offering #4 (see page 15) _____ LCMS Disaster Response/Community Relief

Introduction of Convention Programming Committee _____ Patti Ross, President

Announcements and Recognition of Mobile Host Districts _____ Bunnie Koelsch,
Chairman, 2019 Host Committee

Closing Remarks _____ Patti Ross, President

Installation of Officers _____ The Rev. Mitchel Schuessler, LWML Junior Pastoral Counselor

Pinning of the New President _____ Patti Ross and the New President
2019–2023 LWML President Remarks

Adjournment of 2019 Mobile Convention

Sending Worship Service

Proclaimer _____ The Rev. Greg S. Walton, LCMS Florida-Georgia District President

Voting Body

Board of Directors
voting: _____

Committee Chairmen
voting: _____

Past LWML Presidents
voting: _____

Delegates
voting: _____

Total eligible
voters: _____

Nonvoting Body

Appointed Personnel
and Committee
Members: _____

Other
Registrants: _____

TOTAL: _____





Convention Offerings

Convention Offering #1

LWML Mission Goal 2019–2021

The standing rules of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Bylaws state that the offering received at the convention communion service shall be designated as a contribution to the mission goal of the LWML.

\$ _____

Convention Offering #2

Medical Mission Teams

To provide medical care for the impoverished in developing countries;
Medical Mission Teams, Tallahassee, Florida

\$ _____

Expanding the Disability Ministry in the Dominican Republic

For children in group homes and government institutions where God's love thrives; LCMS Dominican Mission Team and the Dominican Lutheran Church

\$ _____

Convention Offering #3

James Storehouse Louisiana

To aid in caring for foster-care children and youth and also to empower communities to be active in improving the foster-care crises, while sharing Jesus' unconditional love;
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church of Covington, Louisiana

\$ _____

Spiritual Care for Unaccompanied Refugee Children

To help break the cycle of child abuse by improving children, families, and communities by introducing the Gospel of Jesus, thereby providing them with a spiritual foundation for the future; Upbring's (formerly Lutheran Social Services of the South) two emergency shelters in Corpus Christi and McAllen, Texas, and transitional foster care in El Paso, Texas

\$ _____

Convention Offering #4

LCMS Disaster Response/Community Relief

To be used for supplies and necessary needs for United States communities devastated by natural disasters (tornadoes, fires, hurricanes) during 2018; funds to be distributed through the LCMS Disaster Response program

\$ _____





Convention Bible Study

"Tell the Story of His Glory" — Part 1

Donna Pyle

Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations

(1 Chronicles 16:23–24).

- Historical Context _____

- Planning to Retrieve the Ark _____

- Fear and Trembling _____

"Tell the Story of His Glory" — Part 2

Donna Pyle

Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations

(1 Chronicles 16:23–24).

- King David: A Man After God's Own Heart _____

- Celebration as the Ark Is Brought Into Jerusalem
 1. There were _____ offerings, which spoke of _____.
 2. There were _____ offerings, which spoke of _____.
 3. They shared a _____ as guests of God's table.
 4. Then they _____, which reminded them of God's _____.
- King David's Beautiful Song of Thanksgiving (1 Chronicles 16:8–36)
 - Verses 8–22 come from Psalm _____.
 - Verses 23–33 come from Psalm _____.
 - Verses 34–36 come from Psalm _____.





Proposed Amendments to LWML Bylaws

The proposed amendments to the LWML Bylaws can be found in Addendum A.

This separate document is included in all voting member packets.

A copy of the Proposed Amendments to LWML Bylaws is also available on the LWML website under Convention Central (www.lwml.org).

ADDENDUM A

Proposed Amendments to LWML Bylaws

38th Biennial LWML Convention
June 20-23, 2019
Mobile, Alabama



Candidates for Office



PRESIDENT

Linda Arnold

Oswego, Illinois
(LWML Northern Illinois District)

LWML: Restructure Task Force Chairman, Vice President of Communication, Convention Programing Committee Chairman, Governance Committee

Chairman, Nominating Committee Chairman

DISTRICT: Short-term Mission Team Task Force Chairman, President, Vice President for Human Care, Mission Inspiration Committee

ZONE: Member

LOCAL: President

CHURCH: New site plant hospitality and worship assistant, volunteer parish nurse, Good Samaritan Fund team, short-term mission team leader and coordinator

COMMUNITY: Team member of Lutheran Emergency Response; assisted with Illinois Project for Local Assessment of Needs (IPLAN), a public health system assessment for DuPage County; coordinated serving opportunities with weServe, The Clinic, and the Community Resource Network; Advisory Board Chairman of Women's Leadership Institute; chapter member and Secretary of Sigma Theta Tau Epsilon Upsilon

EDUCATION: Master's of Science in Nursing Education, Northern Illinois University; Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Lewis University; Lay Ministry certification, Concordia University Wisconsin

OCCUPATION: Retired Professor of Nursing

VISION STATEMENT: *LWML is about relationships. God has modeled for us the perfect relationship within the Trinity, as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit each fulfills His part of God's plan, always honoring and pointing to one another. Jesus has given us the command to "... love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself" (Luke 10:27). This can only be accomplished through relationships.*



PRESIDENT

Debbie Larson

Florissant, Colorado
(LWML Rocky Mountain District)

LWML: Vice President of Organizational Resources, Assembly of Leaders Committee Chairman, Governance and Visioning Committees, Public

Relations Director, Development/Advancement Committee Chairman, Convention Programming and Interdepartmental Committees, Marketing Team Director, Christian Life Committee, Faith Aflame Task Force

DISTRICT: LWML North Dakota District President, Recording Secretary, Convention Co-Chairman, Vice President of Mission Grants, Newsletter Co-Editor, Travel Coordinator for the 2003 Oklahoma City and the 1999 Minneapolis Conventions

ZONE: Christian Life Chairman

LOCAL: President, Vice President, Funeral Committee, Christian Life Chairman, Secretary

CHURCH: Chairman of Evangelism, Vice Chairman of Board of Education, funeral co-coordinator, Endowment Committee, small group Bible study leader, co-editor of church directory, LWML North Dakota District LCMS Planning Council, Vice Chairman of Board of Evangelism

COMMUNITY: Neighborhood Bible study coordinator and leader, Library Book Sale volunteer, Martin Luther School Board of Directors, volunteer Art Teacher

EDUCATION: University of North Dakota

OCCUPATION: Retired office manager and travel agent

VISION STATEMENT: *I see the women of the LWML stepping out in faith, responding to His love with grateful hearts and true joy. As Lutheran Women in Mission share Christ's love and message with the whole world, I see lives transformed for Christ.*





Candidates for Office (cont'd)



VICE PRESIDENT OF ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES

Marie Chow

Seattle, Washington
(Washington-Alaska District)

LWML: Restructure Task Force Chairman, Board of Directors member, Meeting Manager, Executive

Committee member, Leader Development Committee member

DISTRICT: President, Vice President of Servant Resources, Planner, 2009 LWML Convention Host Committee, Publicity Committee Chairman, Executive Committee, Recording Secretary, Board of Directors member, Nominating Committee Chairman

ZONE: Secretary-Treasurer

LOCAL: President, Secretary-Treasurer, Vice President, and Secretary

CHURCH: Puppet Ministry, Social Ministry Committee member, Sunday school administrative assistant, offering steward, greeter, Treasurer, Vice President, bulletin typist, altar guild

COMMUNITY: Leading and Empowering Asian American Professionals (LEAAP), Planning Committee member

EDUCATION: Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, University of Washington

OCCUPATION: Works as a Principal Software Developer for Liberty Mutual Technology Group, Inc., supporting the personal lines claims system with changes through analysis, design, and coding.

VISION STATEMENT: *Lutheran Women in Mission continues to grow and adapt to our ever-changing world, enabling the organization to continue inspiring and encouraging all women to be in the Word, to use their unique God-given gifts and talents to serve Him, and to share the Good News and His love with each other, their neighbors, and people throughout the world.*



VICE PRESIDENT OF ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES

Lois Teinert

Round Rock, Texas
(Texas District)

LWML: Restructure Task Force member, Contracts Administrator, Board of Directors member,

Convention Minutes Review Committee

DISTRICT: President, Short-Term Mission Team participant, Vice President of Servant Resources, Committee on Young Women Chairman, Communication Committee member, Tellers Committee Chairman

ZONE: Nominating Committee Chairman, President, Public Relations Officer, Member Development Chairman, Bylaws Committee Chairman, Christian Growth Committee

LOCAL: President, Mission Service Chairman, Servant Resources/Member Development Chairman

CHURCH: Handbell choir, banner maker, altar parament crafter, Vacation Bible School and midweek school teacher, Council Secretary

COMMUNITY: Assistant to campaign manager for Austin City Council candidate, The Perry Foundation Board member, Threads of Hope volunteer

EDUCATION: University of Texas

OCCUPATION: Office Manager, The Perry Company

VISION STATEMENT: *I envision the women of the LWML boldly stepping out to share Christ's love with women in their congregations and communities. Being equipped with His Word, we can encourage others as relationships are built and strengthened, enabling more women to know and understand the opportunities available to them through the LWML. We appreciate and enjoy God's blessings and grace on our organization and therefore are motivated to be a blessing to others in all areas of our lives.*



Candidates for Office (cont'd)



VICE PRESIDENT OF SPECIAL FOCUS MINISTRIES

Susan Brunkow

Manhattan, Kansas
(LWML Kansas District)

LWML: Leadership
Development Committee
Chairman, Leader
Development Committee,

Board of Directors member, Convention Host
Committee

DISTRICT: President, Vice President of
Communication, District Convention YWR
Coordinator, Leader Development Chairman,
Nominating Committee; led leadership
development sessions for Kansas and Oklahoma
District Conventions and leadership workshops

ZONE: President, Vice President, Nominating
Committee, LWML Convention delegate

LOCAL: President, Vice President, Secretary,
Treasurer, Mission Service Chairman

CHURCH: Sunday school and Vacation Bible
School teacher, capital funding campaign
Chairman, altar guild, LCMS International Student
Ministry host family, Gifts of Love quilting group
member, church decorating committee

COMMUNITY: Guest lecturer at Kansas State
University School of Leadership Studies, Sorority
Housing Corporation member, Neighborhood
Watch coordinator and safe house, Friends of
the Library Board President, handicapped group
home fund-raising, Director

EDUCATION: Bachelor of Science in Home
Economics Education, Kansas State University;
Certificate in Leadership Education

OCCUPATION: Custom weaver, retired interior
design consultant, retired substitute teacher

VISION STATEMENT: *LWML is the primary
group for all LCMS women to nurture
their faith while supporting missions and
missionaries as they share their God-given
talents and blessings by serving the Lord with
gladness to the glory of our Lord and Savior
Jesus Christ.*



VICE PRESIDENT OF SPECIAL FOCUS MINISTRIES

Deaconess Betty Knapp

Marquette, Michigan
(LWML North Wisconsin District)

LWML: Growth and
Development Committee
member, Albuquerque
Convention Bible Study

Leader, Nominating Committee member, Mustard
Seeds Task Force Chairman, Christian Life
Committee Chairman, Human Care Committee
member, LWML Planner, Mission Service
Committee Chairman, Program Resources
Committee, Board of Directors member

DISTRICT: Public Relations Director, Member
Development Committee Chairman, Board of
Directors, Convention Song Leader

ZONE: Secretary, Christian Growth Chairman

LOCAL: Staff liaison for women's ministry

CHURCH: Ministry to youth, education,
visitation, choir director, worship music leader,
stewardship, campus ministry, social ministry,
small group ministry

COMMUNITY: Thrivent Financial, chapter board
member, chaplain's advisory committee;
Marquette General Hospital; Lutheran Society for
Missiology; Concordia College Alabama, former
Board of Regents member

EDUCATION: Master's of Parish Education,
Concordia Teachers College, Seward; Bachelor
of Arts in Theology, Valparaiso University

OCCUPATION: Retired Parish Deaconess.

VISION STATEMENT: *The LWML focuses on
God's Word, actively supports missions,
personally is involved in service, shares the
love of Jesus through fellowship with sisters
in Christ, moves into the future by inviting
women of all walks of life to be a part of a
group that seeks God's will, financially and
prayerfully supports mission grants, and
becomes His hands and feet to the people of
the world who need to know Jesus is our Lord
and Savior.*



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CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE



Candidates for Office (cont'd)



TREASURER

Karla Koehler

Wausa, Nebraska
(LWML Nebraska North District)

LWML: Finance Committee

DISTRICT: Recording
Secretary, Financial
Secretary

ZONE: Member

LOCAL: Treasurer

CHURCH: Youth group Treasurer, youth group sponsor, Sunday school teacher, Vacation Bible School helper, Treasurer

COMMUNITY: Community club activities and fund-raisers, Harvest Dinner committee, Cub and Boy Scout Treasurer, Cub and Boy Scout leader, Booster Club Treasurer, Smorgasbord Committee, adjunct teaching at Wayne State College

EDUCATION: Master's of Business Administration, University of Indianapolis; Bachelor of Science in Business Administration — Accounting, Wayne State College

OCCUPATION: Revenue Tax Specialist, Senior; Certified Public Accountant; Certified Fraud Examiner

VISION STATEMENT: *My vision for the LWML is to bring God's women together to serve our families, churches, communities, and world as we show the love and light of Jesus Christ as we love and support one another. May we also grow in our faith and relationships with Christ and each other.*



TREASURER

Bunnie Koelsch

West Melbourne, Florida
(LWML Florida-Georgia District)

LWML: 2019 LWML

Convention Host Committee
Chairman, HOPE Committee
Board of Directors Chairman;
LWML Finance Committee,
Secretary; 2005 LWML

Convention Host Committee, Registration
Chairman

DISTRICT: President, Convention Chairman,
Treasurer

ZONE: President, Secretary-Treasurer, Nominating
Committee

LOCAL: President, Vice President, Secretary,
Treasurer

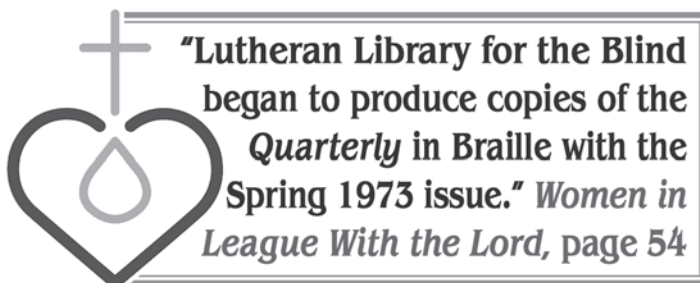
CHURCH: Finance Chairman, Church Council
Secretary, Church Treasurer

COMMUNITY: Served three terms as the City
Council Campaign Treasurer, Eau Gallie Grant
Committee, Beta Sigma Phi City Council
President, Beta Sigma Phi City Council Vice
President

EDUCATION: Brevard Community College and
University of South Florida

OCCUPATION: Retired Accounting/Office
Manager

VISION STATEMENT: *My vision is to encourage the women of LWML to serve the Lord in all areas of their lives and to use their God-given talents to meet this goal. Each of us will recognize these talents, no matter how small or mundane, and will put them to good use in the service of the Lord and LWML; ... whatever you do, do all to the glory of God (1 Corinthians 10:31b).*



**"Lutheran Library for the Blind
began to produce copies of the
Quarterly in Braille with the
Spring 1973 issue." Women in
League With the Lord, page 54**





Candidates for Office (cont'd)



PASTORAL COUNSELOR
The Rev. Donald P. Beaumont

Willowick, Ohio
(LWML Nebraska North District)

MINISTRY: Bethel Lutheran Church, Willowick, Ohio, 2005 to the present

EDUCATION: Alternate Route Certificate, Concordia

Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, 2005;
University of Maryland

LWML COUNSELOR: District Counselor, LWML Ohio District, 2010 through 2014; Zone Counselor, LWML Ohio District, 2006 through 2010

SYNOD/DISTRICT LCMS ACTIVITIES: LWML Ohio District Regional Vice President, 2015 to the present; Circuit Visitor, 2010 through 2015; Delegate to LCMS Conventions, 2010 and 2016

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Chaplain for Lake Health Systems and the Willowick Police Department, U.S. Army veteran, former Chairman of St. John Nottingham Day School, former Board of Directors member for Breckenridge Retirement Village

VISION STATEMENT: *My vision for the LWML is to continue the legacy of being the shining light in the darkened world, to continue to build on the vision begun in 1942, and to assist women in mission to lift up those in need and to support those who serve.*



PASTORAL COUNSELOR
The Rev. Brian B. Noack

Sayville, New York
(LWML Atlantic District)

MINISTRY: Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Sayville, New York, 2004 to the present

EDUCATION: Master's of Divinity, Concordia

Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, 2004;
Bachelor of Arts in Accounting, Concordia College, Seward, 1998

LWML COUNSELOR: District Counselor, LWML Atlantic District, 2012 through 2016; Zone Counselor, LWML Atlantic District, 2008 to the present

SYNOD/DISTRICT LCMS ACTIVITIES: Delegate to LCMS Conventions 2013 and 2016; member of 2016 Synod Floor Committee on Finance; Circuit Visitor, 2015 to the present; member of Pastoral Conference Planning Committee, 2016 through 2017.

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Chaplain for Sayville Fire Department and Community Ambulance Company, member of Sayville Area Clergy Association

VISION STATEMENT: *The LWML "serves the Lord with gladness" by seeking ways to share the love of Jesus with all people, supporting the work of the Gospel through mites, praying for the Church's mission, and relying on God's promise that His Word will not return empty, but will accomplish what He intends.*



"By achieving the international mite goal of \$500,000 for the 1973-1975 biennium, the entire league raised over \$2,000,000 for mission projects during that period, when the districts' 75% is added."

Women In League With the Lord, page 54





Candidates for the Nominating Committee



Sylvia Bean

Clovis, New Mexico
(LWML Rocky Mountain District)

LWML: Mission Grants Committee, Board of Directors, Co-Host of 2017 LWML Convention, Gospel Outreach Committee

DISTRICT: President and Vice President of Servant

Resources, Vice President of Gospel Outreach, Mission Grants Committee, Leader Development Committee

ZONE: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer

LOCAL: President, Vice President, Christian Growth, Treasurer

CHURCH: Chairman and member of Board of Christian Education, Chairman and member of Board of Evangelism, Sunday school and Vacation Bible School teacher and substitute

COMMUNITY: Served as Director, President, Vice President, and Secretary of Altrusa International Club of Clovis, NM, Inc.; coached Odyssey of the Mind; member of LYF and band boosters, and group leader of Campfire Girls, Inc. and Boy Scouts of America

EDUCATION: Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education, University of North Texas

VISION STATEMENT: *My vision for LWML is that women of all ages are empowered, engaged, and equipped by the Gospel so they are enabled to use their God-given gifts and talents to serve their Lord with gladness whenever and wherever He has need of them.*



Ann Marie Bollas

Painesville, Ohio
(LWML Ohio District)

LWML: Growth and Development Committee, Human Care Committee, Board of Directors

DISTRICT: President, Recording Secretary, Christian Life Committee

Chairman, Structure Committee

ZONE: President, Vice President, Retreat Committee, Structure Committee

LOCAL: President, Vice President, Christian Life Committee Chairman

CHURCH: Missions Outreach Chairman, coffee hour coordinator, handbell choir, Sunday Prayer Circle leader, Sunday school administrator and teacher, Vacation Bible School team to Alaska, usher, and Stephen Minister

COMMUNITY: Heart Walk (American Heart Association), Alzheimer's Walk

EDUCATION: Lakeland Community College

OCCUPATION: Legal Secretary

VISION STATEMENT: *We are the link that brings LCMS women of faith together, as we continue to concentrate our efforts to accomplish the purpose for which the LWML was founded. That is to do what is necessary to develop and maintain a greater mission consciousness among all women of our Synod. We work together united in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to lovingly serve others, grow in faith, and gather mites to fund mission grants, which will be used to accomplish His Will to share the Gospel Message of the Hope and Salvation of Christ around the world.*



"At Mobile, women, for the first time, led the convention Bible studies. Sharing the honor were Pauline (Mrs. James) Groerich, Minte Brohm, and Carrie (Mrs. Willis) Wright, the first black woman to address an international LWML convention." *Women In League With the Lord*, page 53



Candidates for the Nominating Committee (cont'd)



Carrie Brumbaugh

Lyman, Wyoming
(LWML Wyoming District)

LWML: Committee on Young Women Chairman and member, Host Committee Guest Services Chairman, Board of Directors member

DISTRICT: President, Assistant Christian Life

Committee Chairman, Parliamentarian, Vice President Servant Resources, Financial Secretary

ZONE: President, Convention Chairman, Recording Secretary

LOCAL: President, Leader Development

CHURCH: Organist, Recording Secretary, Sunday school teacher

COMMUNITY: Town Planning and Zoning Commission, Girl Scout leader

EDUCATION: Bachelor of Music, University of Wyoming

OCCUPATION: Elementary music teacher

VISION STATEMENT: *God has blessed us in the LWML! My prayer is that we will continue to serve others, praising God and proclaiming His love; that we encourage the faith of our sisters in Christ through the study of God's Word, and assist them in using their gifts in the LWML; that everyone with whom we come into contact will be blessed and see His love through our joy in our Savior Jesus Christ!*



Lynnette Campbell

Concord, California
(LWML California-Nevada-Hawaii District)

LWML: Board of Directors member

DISTRICT: President, Convention Hostess

ZONE: President of Member Development, Vice President

of Servant Resources, served on Nominating Committee 3 separate years

LOCAL: Member

CHURCH: Chairman Board of Lay Ministries, Board Chairman of First Lutheran School, member of the LCMS California-Nevada-Hawaii District Stewardship Committee

COMMUNITY: Xenophon Therapeutic Riding Center volunteer, serves at Giving Thanks community meal on Thanksgiving each year

EDUCATION: Master's of Science in Chemistry, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Bachelor of Science in Chemistry, University of Southern California

OCCUPATION: Formerly a Research Chemist and Senior Data Analyst at Chevron Chemical Company. Retired in 2006. Now serving as a disciple of Christ.

VISION STATEMENT: *I believe that the LWML will continue to fulfill its mission by encouraging women of all ages and ethnic groups to be in God's Word so that they are able to help others see and use the gifts that God has given them, to help others where God has need of them.*



Leslie Colligan

Dedham, Massachusetts
(LWML New England District)

LWML: Mission Grants Committee, Board of Directors, Mission Servants Committee, 2013 Convention Host Committee

DISTRICT: President, Web Servant, Convention

Committee Chairman, LWML New England District Representative to the LCMS District Mission Board

ZONE: President

LOCAL: Bible Study host

CHURCH: Short-term mission trips to Poland, Board of Evangelism member, Chairman of Board of Stewardship, Board of Christian Care Chairman, Call Committee Chairman, Altar Guild Committee





Candidates for the Nominating Committee (cont'd)

COMMUNITY: Human Rights Committee Coordinator, Dedham Feed the Need Race Committee, Serve New England — Food Distribution Community Building Program

EDUCATION: Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education, Gordon College

OCCUPATION: Part-time Art Director — Teaching Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities

VISION STATEMENT: *Lutheran Women's Missionary League is a flourishing empowered organization, in which each LCMS woman is encouraged to be in God's Word and prayer and are being equipped to joyfully live in "His presence," serving others in our homes, in our communities, and through global missions.*



Mary Harrington
Shell Lake, Wisconsin
(LWML North Wisconsin District)

LWML: Board of Directors member, Delegate to Oklahoma City Convention

DISTRICT: President, Leader Development Committee, Mission Grants Director, District Convention Co-Chair,

Nominating Committee

ZONE: President, Secretary

LOCAL: President, Vice President, Secretary, Prayer Chain leader, Bible Study leader

CHURCH: Women's Bible Study leader, Vacation Bible School teacher, Board of Stewardship, Fellowship Board, Youth Board, and LYF leader

COMMUNITY: Board Member for Glenview Assisted Living Home, Relay for Life, Shell Lake Library Board, Shell Lake Art Center Programming Committee, eyeglass mission trips with Wisconsin Lions Mission.

EDUCATION: Associate of Science in Dental Hygiene, University of Minnesota

OCCUPATION: Retired Dental Hygienist

VISION STATEMENT: *My vision is that Lutheran Women in Mission will continue to offer opportunities to be in God's Word, to serve their neighbor — whether across the street, across the state, or around the world. We need to share our blessings, not just count them. Our network of Christian fellowship is a treasure of great worth.*



Whitney Lee
Stephenville, Texas
(LWML Texas District)

LWML: Young Woman Representative to 2011 Peoria LWML Convention

DISTRICT: Nominating Committee, Vice President of Communication, Christian Life Committee, Young

Woman Representative Committee, District Young Woman Representative

ZONE: Nominating Committee, Vice President of Communication, Young Woman Representative

LOCAL: Vice President

CHURCH: Personnel Committee, Nominating Committee, Sunday school teacher, Vacation Bible School Director, Capital Campaign Committee, Stewardship Committee

COMMUNITY: Texas Health Resources Community Impact Leadership Council, Meals on Wheels Texas Board member, Faith Homeschool Cooperative teacher, Rajin Cajun Event Committee member, Dancing for the Stars participant

EDUCATION: Bachelor of Arts in Communication, Tarleton State University

OCCUPATION: Executive Director for Cross Timbers Fine Arts Council.

VISION STATEMENT: *My vision for LWML is to create a space where women of all backgrounds work together to share their JOY in God's love.*

CANDIDATES FOR
THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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Candidates for the Nominating Committee (cont'd)



Crystal Miller

LaVista, Nebraska
(Nebraska North District)

LWML: Growth and Development Committee Chairman, Board of Directors member

DISTRICT: President, Vice President Christian Life, Meeting Manager, Young

Woman Representative

ZONE: President

LOCAL: President, Treasurer

CHURCH: Director of Adult Ministry, Director of Stewardship, Octoberfest Committee member, Strategic Planning Leader

COMMUNITY: Sarpy County Quilt Guild member, Pi Alpha Alpha member, Society of Research Administrators, National Council of University Research Administrators

EDUCATION: Master's of Public Administration, University of Nebraska and Bachelor of Science in Psychology, Nebraska Wesleyan University

OCCUPATION: University of Nebraska Medical Center, Departmental Administrator

VISION STATEMENT: *My vision for the LWML is for each woman of the LCMS to become active seekers of the path our Lord has laid out for each one of us. Beginning in the study of His Word, becoming bold in our confession of Christ, and planting the seeds of faith in the vocations where He has placed us. Focusing on being mission minded, but open to change, resulting in encouraging all women to be partners in God's plan for the LWML and the blessings that He grants through service in this organization.*



Brianne Stahlecker

Seward, Nebraska
(Nebraska South District)

LWML: Committee on Young Women member, LWML Information Technology Committee member, Young Woman Representative to 2013 Pittsburgh LWML Convention

DISTRICT: Leader Development Committee Chairman, Committee on Young Women member, Young Woman Representative to District Convention

ZONE: Leader Development Committee

LOCAL: President, Vice President of Servant Resources

CHURCH: High School Girls Retreat Committee, choir, basketball Coach, 8th Grade School Play Director

COMMUNITY: 4th of July Concordia University Nebraska Alumni booth, volunteer; 500th Reformation Celebration Committee, Concordia University Nebraska; HOPE Squad Advisor; Parent Teacher League (PTL) Teacher Representative

EDUCATION: Master's of Education, Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska, and Bachelor of Science in Education, Concordia University, Seward

OCCUPATION: Middle School Language Arts Teacher at St. John Lutheran School

VISION STATEMENT: *My vision for the LWML is that women of all ages in the LCMS feel welcomed by and into the LWML to be the hands, feet, and voice of the Lord as they serve the Lord with gladness throughout the world.*





Voting Results – Candidates for Office

PRESIDENT

Linda Arnold	Votes received _____	Total votes cast _____
Debbie Larson	Votes received _____	Votes (necessary for election) _____
Write in _____	Votes received _____	Invalid Ballots _____

VICE PRESIDENT OF ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES

Marie Chow	Votes received _____	Total votes cast _____
Lois Teinert	Votes received _____	Votes (necessary for election) _____
Write in _____	Votes received _____	Invalid Ballots _____

VICE PRESIDENT OF SPECIAL FOCUS MINISTRIES

Susan Brunkow	Votes received _____	Total votes cast _____
Deaconess Betty Knapp	Votes received _____	Votes (necessary for election) _____
Write in _____	Votes received _____	Invalid Ballots _____

TREASURER

Karla Koehler	Votes received _____	Total votes cast _____
Bunnie Koelsch	Votes received _____	Votes (necessary for election) _____
Write in _____	Votes received _____	Invalid Ballots _____

PASTORAL COUNSELOR

The Rev. Donald P. Beaumont	Votes received _____	Total votes cast _____
The Rev. Brian B. Noack	Votes received _____	Votes (necessary for election) _____
		Invalid Ballots _____

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Sylvia Bean	Votes received _____	Total votes cast _____
Ann Marie Bollas	Votes received _____	Votes (necessary for election) _____
Carrie Brumbaugh	Votes received _____	Invalid Ballots _____
Lynnette Campbell	Votes received _____	
Leslie Colligan	Votes received _____	
Mary Harrington	Votes received _____	
Whitney Lee	Votes received _____	
Crystal Miller	Votes received _____	
Brianne Stahlecker	Votes received _____	
Write in _____	Votes received _____	

VOTING RESULTS – CANDIDATES
FOR OFFICE

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2019-2021 Proposed Mission Grants

Total of All 2019-2021 Mission Grants Proposals: \$2,325,525.00

2019-2021 Proposed Mission Goal: \$2,100,000.00 — Mites Goal: \$1,470,000.00

1. Mission Outreach for At-Risk Young Women in Africa — Lutheran Hour Ministries \$100,000

Through its ministry centers, Lutheran Hour Ministries is offering programs that provide a powerful force for physically and spiritually changing the lives of young women. These programs are able to disrupt the cycle of poverty and prostitution by teaching income-producing trades for economic independence and success. They are a means for sharing the Gospel and connecting young women with the church. The purpose of this grant is to identify young women in prisons after they have been arrested for prostitution or small crimes, provide rehabilitation through counseling sessions and voluntary Bible studies for those young women expressing a desire to reform, and connect them with the church.

2. Lutheran Secondary Education for Hispanics — Walther Christian Academy, Melrose Park, Illinois \$75,000

This Lutheran high school was established in 1954 and is serving 16 local congregations. Over the years, the demographics of the school have changed, and the emphasis is now reaching out to local Hispanic students. The focus of this school is still to make available an excellent Lutheran secondary education to all who desire to enroll at Walther Christian Academy. This grant will support translation and printing of admission and student service materials, provide financial aid for Hispanic students from families with documented financial needs, make available personnel to guide families through the admission process, and support students through their high school years.

3. Lights for Christ Scholarships — Divine Savior Lutheran Church, Zacapa, Guatemala \$95,000

The Lights for Christ Program developed by Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Wichita, Kansas, and Divine Savior Lutheran Church in Zacapa, Guatemala, will impact 12 impoverished Guatemalan children and their families who live in the Zacapa garbage dump by offering the life-saving Gospel of Christ, food and clothing, health and sanitation care, and school transportation for “the poorest of the poor” with scholarships to attend Divine Savior Lutheran School. This education program covers most of their basic needs and equips these children in grades 7 through 12 to reach out into their community with the Gospel. This request funds 90% of the projected costs for these youth to continue their education

through high school. Since this scholarship program began, Guatemalan children and their families are worshipping at Divine Savior on a regular basis.

4. Music Outreach, Classes, and Resources on the Border — Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care, El Paso, Texas \$98,400

The ministry of Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care (YLMHC) impacts the lives of 400 to 500 students with educational programs, classroom space, and equipment. For the past 17 years, YLMHC’s music ministry has proven successful in reaching out to the unchurched by witnessing to the mercy and grace of Christ. The Adelante Ministries offer music classes and leadership training to youth and adults while also providing service to the church and community. Through involvement in this music program, many students have come to faith in Christ. This grant will enable YLMHC to better equip their classroom and rehearsal space so they can serve and teach a greater number of students. It will also allow them to adapt existing space for music instruction, purchase recording equipment, create video tutorials for online instruction, fund a music intern position, and purchase musical instruments for students unable to afford their own.

5. Teach Me Too—Preschoolers with Learning Needs — Lutheran Special Education Ministries \$100,000

Lutheran Special Education Ministries (LSEM) has seen a growing desire for early intervention support of children with learning needs. In 1976, LSEM began serving children with special learning needs in the Detroit area and has since expanded programs and services to include a presence in Lutheran schools nationwide. Their pilot program is Let It Shine Academy at Bethany Lutheran Church, in Austin, Texas. The Teach Me Too program was designed to administer intervention strategies, address the unique needs of children with autism spectrum disorder and other unique needs such as hyperactivity issues, decreased or delayed social skills, developmental or speech delays, sensory integration difficulties, or other learning differences. As a resource for families, this program provides assessments, consultations, and materials to help children on an individual basis. This grant would help fund Teach Me Too, expand the Let It Shine Academy, provide teacher training, and offer scholarship funding for children whose families cannot afford the cost of the Let It Shine Program.





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6. Restoring Hope for Detroit Children and Families — Camp Restore Detroit \$100,000

Detroit has experienced economic disaster and leads the nation with 57.3% of their children living in poverty without food or opportunity. Camp Restore Detroit provides a safe nurturing Christ-centered place for these children, their families, and other adults. This camp provides a place for the children to come and learn about God's love as they participate in art, theater, and music classes and receive homework help while receiving assistance with basic educational and developmental skills. In addition, adults are offered parenting, finance, and résumé-building classes. This grant will fund the renovation of two previously abandoned houses into community outreach centers, along with the house furnishings and outreach materials.

7. Sri Lanka Multipurpose Building Construction — Office of International Mission \$50,000

The Lutheran Church has operated in Sri Lanka since the 1920s. Over the years, Lutherans in Sri Lanka have suffered numerous tests and trials. The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has four very active congregations and seven preaching stations. There are three pastors for the 11 congregations. The need to train pastors is evident by the interest and enrollment in pre-seminary classes. For many years, the Ceylon Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sri Lanka has needed a sanctuary for Immanuel Lutheran Church, a central administrative office, and facilities to offer the theological classes for future pastors, which will provide a permanent Lutheran seminary. Plans for a building to house the sanctuary, administrative offices, and theological classrooms have been designed. This grant will assist in funding the construction of the Sri Lanka Multipurpose Building.

8. Rooted, Celebrating, Growing — Camp Omega, Waterville, Minnesota \$50,000

Camp Omega, Waterville, Minnesota, has a long history of serving the youth in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) Minnesota South District. Camp Omega plans to build an Adult Family Retreat Center to provide family, congregational, and district meeting space with 25 modern rooms serving small and large groups. A key function of the Adult Family Retreat Center will be to hold retreats and inservices for the LCMS Minnesota South District and LCMS. This grant will equip the 2000 square foot meeting room with projection and sound equipment so the meetings and seminars can be easily conducted. The space can be subdivided into two 1000 square foot rooms, and each room will have its own retractable room-sized screen and sound system that can be interconnected, allowing the projectors to project the same image when the spaces are combined.

9. Hope and Healing Hub of Downtown Lincoln — University Lutheran Chapel, Lincoln, Nebraska \$50,000

God has used the ministries of the University Lutheran Chapel (ULC) to reach students with the Good News of Jesus Christ. The connection between ULC, international students, and young adults in the downtown community is an important one that will provide those in need with Christian counseling services in a comfortable, easily accessible space. Research shows young adults are especially susceptible to depression, leading to suicide and making it the second most common cause of death among college students. ULC sits on the very edge of the University of Nebraska campus in the heart of Lincoln. It is the hope of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, Nebraska District, to use this building and its location as a hub of hope and healing for the students and young adults in the downtown community. It is our prayer that the students and community members who use this Hope and Healing Hub might be drawn into a relationship with Jesus, leading to faithful participation in the Word and Sacrament ministry offered there. This grant will make the building more inviting while offering Christian counseling services through GracePoint Institute for Relational Health.

10. God's Grace for This Generation — LAMP Ministry, Inc. \$100,000

LAMP Ministry, Inc. has ministered for nearly 50 years in northern Canada where many villages are reachable only by aircraft or seasonal roads. Currently, nearly one million indigenous people live in these isolated areas with approximately one-half of them under 14 years of age. The most alarming statistic is that over 15% of the children and youth will actually take their own lives out of despair and hopelessness. When LAMP goes into these communities with Vacation Bible School, Bible studies, and personal witnessing, these communities will have access to Christian education for faith in Christ. To fulfill their mission of sharing the Gospel in the next few years, LAMP will need to expand their staff of full-time missionary pilots to four or five. LAMP will need to recruit and train 100 to 200 more volunteer missionaries committed to serve at least 5 years. This grant will provide the funds to help LAMP reach its goal.

11. God's Word Changes Everything — Lutheran Bible Translators \$95,000

Martin Luther wrote, "I wish that this book alone, in all languages, would live in the hands, eyes, ears, and hearts of all people." When people have God's Word, it changes their lives in ways they could not imagine. Lutheran Bible Translators is training people from churches in Ethiopia and Tanzania to translate the Bible



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into their own languages as a part of seminary training. This will be 4-year project with 15 trainees working each year. The funds will be used to equip pastors and lay leaders in the translation of God's Word in the numerous local dialects for the benefit of their Tanzanian and Ethiopian people in their everyday worship.

12. Mobile Medical Mercy Mission Bus for Guatemala — Lutheran Church of Guatemala and Child Beyond International \$100,000

Although Guatemala is a beautiful country, many people suffer in extreme poverty. Over 50% of the children are malnourished and have no access to any form of medical or dental care. Most have no prenatal or postnatal care and often die from preventable diseases. Immanuel Lutheran Church, Hood River, Oregon, and the Lutheran Church of Guatemala have partnered together to share God's physical and spiritual healing with as many souls as possible. They have developed a network of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod partner churches to send medical professionals and mission teams to Guatemala on short-term medical mission trips. To reach these isolated villages, they need the right tool, primarily a Mobile Medical Mercy Mission Bus. The funds will be used to purchase and retrofit a bus with medical equipment. Bible school equipment will also be purchased, enabling the teams to heal both the physical and spiritual needs of the Guatemalan children. Although the physicians tend to their physical needs, the ministers and lay leaders go into the villages and set up Bible classes, VBS, and worship services. Child Beyond International will continue to support this ministry financially.

13. Touching the Living Word — Lutheran Braille Workers \$100,000

Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW) has been bringing the Gospel to blind and visually impaired people around the world since 1943. In its 76-year history, LBW has produced and distributed for free over 14 million volumes of Braille, large print, and audio materials. Many volunteers help produce these Bibles and other materials using zinc plates, Braille presses, specialized paper, covers, and spiral bindings. Currently, these materials are published in 11 languages and sent to over 130 countries. They have published over 220,000 volumes over the last 42 months as the demand keeps increasing. This incredible volume takes its toll on the production equipment since each page requires separate zinc plates that are produced by a plate-embossing device. The primary challenge facing LBW's goal is having the machines and technology available to produce the zinc plates. With this

grant, LBW will be able to purchase a PUMA plate embossing device capable of creating the necessary number of zinc plates to meet production needs. It will also allow the production of more plates in different languages, reaching a greater number of people with the Good News of Salvation.

14. Teaching the Faith through Music — St. Paul's Music Conservatory, Council Bluffs, Iowa \$78,600

St. Paul's Music Conservatory (SPMC) is a parish-based mission that serves children in the Council Bluffs community with the message of Jesus Christ and a heart of mercy that bridges cultural barriers. The conservatory is based out of the church and has an enrollment of over 100 students studying music from Christian instructors who serve as role models and evangelists to whomever they teach. Through these lessons, the students learn about Jesus through Christian music. Over the last 2 years, SPMC has produced a Christmas CD and a piano book, *Hymns of the Season*, the start of a catalog of resources. These resources, presenting the Gospel, music, and Christian art, will move children forward both in faith and as musicians. This grant will enable SPMC to create the resources they can share with Spanish-speaking mission sites all across the United States and to help other churches set up their own music ministry.

15. Mission Outreach Among the Oromo — The LCMS Missouri District \$37,175

Kansas City, Missouri, has been blessed by an influx of Ethiopian immigrants — specifically, the Oromo — the largest people group of that nation's population. The Oromo Evangelical Lutheran Mission Society (OELMS) reaches Oromo-speaking immigrants, assisting them in finding places to worship. The Oromo people began worshiping at Christ Lutheran Church in Kansas City and have since outgrown the sanctuary, moving into the gym. Pastor Abdi Megerssa Selbana was identified as a potential pastor when he was originally in the United States. He is currently serving as a religious worker in the church, planning to enter the seminary and become ordained, which will enable their church to become officially affiliated with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Although they meet in the gymnasium, they need a movable altar and a movable baptismal font. Since the congregation members are all immigrants and starting a new life in this country, their resources are limited. They are only able to pay one-half of their pastor's salary. This grant will help with salary, benefits, education, and supplies for this vital, growing church.





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16. Making Jesus Known in the United States Ethnic Communities — Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri \$100,000

Throughout the country, there are many devoted first-generation immigrants serving in full-time ministry, reaching out to their ethnic communities and sharing the Gospel. Many of these church workers are enrolled in either of two Concordia Seminary programs — the Center for Hispanic Studies (CHS) or the Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology (EIIT). Both share the mission to make Christ known in their respective ethnic communities. CHS has a 4-year program taught in Spanish and includes students from many Hispanic-Latino cultures. The EIIT program already has students who have been working in Word and Sacrament ministry as part of their culture. These students often have strained financial circumstances that make it difficult to pay for this necessary education. Most hold two and three jobs to make ends meet but are willing to go to great lengths in the service of Christ and His Gospel. It is vital that they have the Biblical foundation to go with their passion for ministry. This grant will go toward funding the education costs of these devoted students and church workers.

17. Expanding Broadcast of *Worship Anew* — Lutheran Ministries Media, Inc., Ft. Wayne, Indiana \$80,000

Worship Anew, is a weekly, 30-minute Lutheran broadcast program of music, scripture, and prayers with a Lutheran pastor delivering a message designed to feel one-on-one, which reaches many who are facing life's difficult struggles such as health issues, loss of loved ones, and depression. Sharing God's Word through every program, this grant would dramatically increase the reach of the broadcast into millions of homes. Through the purchase of airtime on local TV stations, DVD subscriptions, and webcasts, the message of the Gospel is shared with countless households. As good stewards, *Worship Anew* has a strong sustainability plan and strong partnerships with a state-of-the-art production facility on the campus of Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

18. Expanding Congolese and Arabic Refugee Work — Christian Friends of New Americans \$30,000

Christian Friends of New Americans (CFNA) addresses the spiritual and physical needs of refugees and immigrants in the St. Louis area. CFNA partners with Lutheran congregations, schools (Lutheran and public), secular organizations, and religious organizations and especially with the Lutheran Women's Missionary League to build relationships with new Americans. Volunteers cover a range of programs and services, helping build relationships through computer classes,

English as a second language, health and wellness screenings, household items, after-school tutoring, and more. Connecting refugees with supportive Christian friends and having ethnic leaders leading Bible studies bring the focus of witnessing about Jesus as Savior at every opportunity. Those already connected with a church often reach out and invite others in their ethnic groups to join them. Congolese and Arabic (mostly Syrian) refugees overcome barriers working toward English fluency, obtaining health care, guidance, and friendships. Introducing them to Jesus and giving Lutheran volunteers opportunities to "make a difference" in lives through CFNA is of most importance. Grant monies would sustain the ministry and assist with outreach and translation work.

19. Water and the Word for Rural Schools in Kenya — Evangelical Lutheran Church, Kenya \$80,000

In 2008, a man from Nebraska traveling in East Africa saw the need for clean water and sought a way to help. Through contact with a social worker and educator in Nakuru, Kenya, he devised a system of installing water-harvesting equipment (rain gutters and tanks), filters, handwashing stations, and clean water storage to be installed in schools in Kenya. In 2016, members of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod from Nebraska took over the management of the project. They visit Kenya every year, traveling to schools to assess their water needs. Teams from the United States install rain gutters and tanks for storage. Handwashing stations and clean water "buckets" are placed in every classroom. They teach personal hygiene, handwashing, and the importance of drinking only clean water. Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) clubs, made up of students and staff, are formed to be responsible for the clean water program. The grant will help the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya (ELCK) to extend their ministry of Word and Sacrament by expanding the clean water project for their schools and orphanages.

20. Women's Witness and Mercy Asia — Mission Central \$100,000

Asia is a harvest field ripe for the Gospel. Women in Mission realize that our grants to missionaries in the field bring God's Word to a dying world. Asia is predominately secular with Buddhist, Muslim, Hindu, and other false religions. Throughout Taiwan, Thailand, Hong Kong, Macau, and Southeast Asia, 10 women conduct various mission works, such as teaching, acts of mercy, and witnessing the Gospel. Some have husbands and families working alongside of them, whereas others work with a team or alone. One missionary teaches 242 students about Jesus in Taiwan, and another has served



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for 10 years planting seeds of mercy and witnessing in Southeast Asia. Whether teaching English as a second language in Thailand or building relationships to open doors for sharing the Gospel, each woman in the mission field helps in the growth of God's Kingdom. This grant will help support these women in their unique mission setting in Asia.

21. Digital Media Development — Lutherans For Life \$30,000

The mission of Lutherans For Life (LFL) is to equip Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices for life. Life issues, such as abortion, embryo experimentation, and physician-assisted suicide, are not political or personal choices but matters of the heart that affect people, neighbors, loved ones, and family. In America, some 30 million women have undergone abortions since 1973 of whom 54% identify as Christians. Suicide rates nationwide are rising. Physician-assisted suicides are escalating. Digital media offer an open mission field to address these and other life issues. Yet much online communication degenerates, disrespects, and devalues life. LFL believes our Savior is calling us to speak the truth in love. This grant would fund infographics, memes (pop culture snapshots with captions), shareable video clips, webinars, and podcasts. This digital media initiative will serve as a visual witness and virtual conversation for Lutheran individuals and congregations to engage people using social networks such as YouTube, Facebook, iTunes, and Instagram.

22. Holy Cross Lutheran Mission Plant — Pittsburgh Area Lutheran Ministries \$100,000

The mission of Pittsburgh Area Lutheran Ministries (PALM) is to facilitate cooperation among The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregations in the Pittsburgh region and outlying areas in supporting the mission work of the church. The Hazelwood neighborhood of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, is under redevelopment. PALM sees this revitalization as an opportunity to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to start Holy Cross Lutheran Mission Plant, which will grow with the community. PALM, in partnership with First Trinity Lutheran Church, will place a vicar in Hazelwood to develop relationships with the residents there. Support of this grant will allow Gospel outreach through Holy Cross Lutheran Mission Plant.

23. Ministry in Motion — Trinity Lutheran Church, Mobile, Alabama \$58,000

Trinity Lutheran School, modeled after the ministry of Rosa J. Young, has remained a stronghold of Christ-centered education in a community dealing with intergenerational poverty and the challenges of urban living. Today, Trinity serves 200 students,

from infants through fifth grade, and reaches another 45 students daily from four public schools through its after-school program and Good News Bible Club. Daily prayer, chapel, and devotions help children, many from unchurched homes, spiritually develop in knowing God loves them. Grant funds are needed to purchase a handicapped-accessible church bus for school children, older adults, neighbors, and church members to participate in church and school ministries.

24. Wind River Indian Reservation Transportation — Wind River Lutheran Mission \$40,000

Wind River Lutheran Mission (WRLM) works with the Shoshone and Arapaho tribes and is currently the only existing full-time mission with a pastor living on site. In this high poverty area of Native Americans, children receive little or no support when it comes to Christian education. A large part of this ministry focuses on outreach to the children of the Wind River Reservation. Very few children can acquire transportation to attend Bible classes at Fort Washakie and Crowheart. Parents allow WRLM staff to pick up their children and take them to Sunday school or VBS. In most instances, this is the only opportunity to share the Gospel of Christ with children living on the reservation. With a suitable vehicle purchased with this grant money, children will be able to continue the approximately 88-mile round trip for Sunday school at Fort Washakie and the 60-mile round trip for "Monday" school at Crowheart.

25. Sharing the Good News — Main Street Living Northland \$53,200

Main Street Living Northland is a weekly televised ministry that has the potential to reach 157,000 households in the Duluth-Superior television market. The goal is to deliver a message of hope and Good News of Jesus Christ to as many people as possible, which may include the elderly, ill, or shut-ins. The audience may also include people with transportation issues that prevent them from going to church, those without a church home, or nonbelievers seeking an introduction to Jesus Christ. The 30-minute program is available on TV, cable, and the internet and includes all the elements of a traditional church service. This grant will support one year of production and broadcast fees that will be matched by money raised from local congregations.

26. Equipping Missionaries to be Reconcilers — LCMS Office of International Mission \$62,500

The priority of a missionary is to bring the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ to people who have never heard the Good News or know of God's peace and reconciliation. Many times, the native church bodies





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face insurmountable disagreements among themselves. Due to many cultural differences, language barriers, and poor living conditions, missionaries may face many personal, professional, and spiritual challenges. There is a rising need of wellness training for our missionaries. The goal is to be proactive in equipping them with reconciliation training. By expanding the existing worker retreat program to include specialized training, the missionaries can both maintain personal relationships in Christ and, in turn, share this gift of reconciliation with those to whom they minister.

27. Preparing Leaders for Tomorrow — LCMS School Ministries \$80,000

The need for well-trained leaders for our Lutheran schools is already great and increasing. To address the critical shortage of school administrators, the School Leadership Development Program has been redesigned to better equip educators with the tools needed to lead Lutheran schools in the 21st century. God's children are well served, and His kingdom is expanding with the help of knowledgeable educators. These grant funds will provide training to equip 30 qualified candidates for placement as administrators in LCMS schools who will directly affect thousands of students, helping them grow as disciples of Christ.

28. LCMS Deaconess Ministry — LCMS Office of International Mission \$90,000

LCMS deaconesses are women who are full-time professional church workers, trained to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ through a ministry of works of mercy, spiritual care, and teaching the Christian faith. The LCMS Deaconess Ministry program will provide LCMS students the opportunity to become a church professional, learning and training to understand the diaconal leadership and the work of deaconesses as applied to body and soul ministry. This grant will provide educational and financial support to our partner churches who introduced deaconess training programs within their church bodies similar to the Philippines, Latvia, Liberia, Indonesia, Malaysia, and India.

29. Christ's Mercy in Russia — LCMS Office of International Mission \$70,000

The mission of the Christian Counseling Centers of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ingria, St. Petersburg, Russia, and the Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church, Novosibirsk, Russia, is to spread Christian knowledge of salvation, sanctity of human life, marriage, and family. These ministries provide counseling services, computer training as a means of evangelization, and the development and distribution of educational materials in support of single-mother

families. The culture of a de-Christianized society has caused a high rate of abortions. Funds from this grant will provide services in their community, especially for crisis pregnancy counseling, educational brochures about pregnancy, pregnancy test kits, ultrasound services, baby supplies, and other items to support women who choose not to abort their babies. All of these programs are aimed at sharing God's love and bringing the women to faith in Christ Jesus.

30. Christ for You, Anytime, Anywhere — KFUO Radio \$60,000

Since 1924, KFUO has been reaching people far and wide with the message of Jesus Christ by using the latest technology. In the last century, technology has advanced at an unprecedented rate and continues to develop with each new year. Incorporating the newest forms of communication methods into KFUO's ministry, they can more effectively reach the younger generation and the generations to come with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Even our nation's military can listen wherever they are stationed. Aging family and friends who are confined to their homes can still be gathered to the Word through an iPad or similar device. Prison Ministry also uses KFUO as an effective way of sharing the Gospel. This grant will assist the station in sharing the Gospel and staying current in the digital age.

31. Pre- and Post-Seminary Training for Local Church Workers — Mission Training Center, Africa \$62,650

In villages across Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia, most local congregations are led by helpers, evangelists, or seminary-trained and ordained pastors. Both the before-seminary and after-seminary men are eager for opportunities to study theology in a community that will enable them to better serve their congregations. To enable those to whom the church has called into service as lay leaders of these congregations, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Africa Mission Training Center provides continuing education opportunities for local pastors and their wives. The course may be taught by a church leader, a local seminary professor, or a missionary engaged in the work God has given him. This grant will provide basic theological training for lay leaders of congregations who serve under a pastor responsible for between 5 and 15 congregations. The training material allows the local pastor to work through a total of 22 workbooks (over 2 years) with his lay leaders. Lay leaders gather with their pastor for 5 days once a month. The program provides limited financial assistance to offset the costs of food and transportation.



Proposed Mission Grants WHEREAS Statements

1. Mission Outreach for At-Risk Young Women in Africa — Lutheran Hour Ministries \$100,000

WHEREAS, the mission of Lutheran Hour Ministries, based on the clear teaching of Scripture, is Bringing Christ to the Nations — and the Nations to the Church; and

WHEREAS, Lutheran Hour Ministries' ministry centers in Kenya and Cameroon, Africa, were established to carry out Gospel outreach to the millions of people in the region in culturally appropriate ways, and connected them to faith in Jesus Christ; and

WHEREAS, Lutheran Hour Ministries has developed outreach ministry programs to rescue and rehabilitate at-risk young women from a life on the streets or in prison, and to counsel and train them in a vocation, all from a Christian perspective; and

WHEREAS, Mission Outreach to At-Risk Young Women in Africa is sharing the vital message of salvation through a powerful Christian witness of love and forgiveness and changing the lives of women and youth, as well as the infants and children who are imprisoned or impoverished and impacted with their mothers; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates gathered at the 2019 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Mobile, Alabama, vote the sum of \$100,000 to help fund Mission Outreach for At-Risk Young Women in Africa.

2. Lutheran Secondary Education for Hispanics — Walther Christian Academy, Melrose Park, Illinois \$75,000

WHEREAS, Walther Christian Academy in Melrose Park, Illinois, has, as its mission, to provide an excellent education that is Christ-centered for students in sixth through twelfth grades; and

WHEREAS, the demographic make-up of the neighborhood surrounding Walther Christian Academy has significantly changed over the past 10 years to include more Hispanic families; and

WHEREAS, many of these families want their children in a strong Christian school but are unable to pay full tuition; and

WHEREAS, the majority of these students require additional financial and social and emotional support to successfully complete high school and be accepted into college; and

WHEREAS, a 2-year grant totaling \$75,000 is requested to fund admissions materials, student financial aid, and a portion of bilingual admissions staff salaries to support these students and their families to ensure high school graduation and college acceptance; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates gathered at the 2019 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Mobile, Alabama, vote the sum of \$75,000 to help fund Lutheran Secondary Education for Hispanics.

3. Lights for Christ Scholarships — Divine Savior Lutheran Church, Zacapa, Guatemala \$95,000

WHEREAS, Christ teaches us to make disciples of all nations; and

WHEREAS, the people who live in the municipal landfill in Zacapa, Guatemala, have very limited means to support their children spiritually and physically; and

WHEREAS, the Lights for Christ Program offers spiritual and academic education and physical substance to the children of the municipal landfill and teaches the children to reach out into the community to spread the Gospel; and

WHEREAS, donations are currently inadequate to fund the Lights for Christ Program for children in grades 7 through 12; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates gathered at the 2019 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Mobile, Alabama, vote the sum of \$95,000 to help fund Lights for Christ Scholarships.

4. Music Outreach, Classes, and Resources on the Border — Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care, El Paso, Texas \$98,400

WHEREAS, music reaches the heart and touches the soul of all and is a vital part of our praise and worship as Lutherans; and

WHEREAS, there is an ongoing need to train musicians for service in the church and community; and

WHEREAS, Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care has a longstanding history of excellence in outreach and music education on the border; and

WHEREAS, Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care is uniquely situated to meet this need but requires improved facilities and additional equipment to expand and enhance this important work; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates gathered at the 2019 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Mobile, Alabama, vote the sum of \$98,400 to help fund Music Outreach, Classes, and Resources on the Border.

5. Teach Me Too—Preschoolers with Learning Needs — Lutheran Special Education Ministries \$100,000

WHEREAS, in Luke 18:16, Jesus called children to him, saying, *Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God.*; and





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WHEREAS, national statistics indicate that 1 in 5 children in the United States has a learning need, 1 in 68 has autism, and that early intervention is shown as being key to long-term academic, social, and behavioral success; and

WHEREAS, reaching out to these children and their families in their time of need is an opportunity to witness to them of God's love and salvation for ALL His children; and

WHEREAS, Lutheran Special Education Ministries' commitment to serving children, their families, schools, churches, and the community has been evident for over 140 years; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates gathered at the 2019 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Mobile, Alabama, vote the sum of \$100,000 to help fund Teach Me Too—Preschoolers with Learning Needs.

6. Restoring Hope for Detroit Children and Families — Camp Restore Detroit \$100,000

WHEREAS, Christ has charged us in His Holy Word to share the Gospel and minister to the poor; and

WHEREAS, Detroit has experienced economic disaster, leading the nation with 57.3% of the children living in poverty without food or opportunity; and

WHEREAS, Camp Restore Detroit has found a need within the community to provide a safe, nurturing, and Christ-centered place for these children, their families, and other adults to come where children can learn about God's love as they participate in art, theater, and music classes, and receive homework help while receiving assistance with basic educational development, while parents and other adults will have additional opportunities to participate in classes on subjects such as parenting, finances, résumé building, as well as joining small groups; and

WHEREAS, with much renovation, there is an opportunity to use previously abandoned houses to fulfill this need; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates gathered at the 2019 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Mobile, Alabama, vote the sum of \$100,000 to help fund Restoring Hope for Detroit Children and Families.

7. Sri Lanka Multipurpose Building Construction — Office of International Mission \$50,000

WHEREAS, the LCMS has been active in Sri Lanka since 1927 and is evidenced by four congregations and seven preaching stations; and

WHEREAS, the need to train pastors and deacons is evidenced by interest and enrollment in pre-seminary

classes founded by LCMS missionaries in January 2017; and

WHEREAS, the local congregation and Sri Lankans, in general, do not have the financial means to establish and support such a building program (the average weekly pay for a worker is \$10); and

WHEREAS, the church in Sri Lanka has obtained the necessary permission from the Board of Directors of the LCMS to move forward with a building project that will include a new sanctuary for Immanuel Lutheran Church, room for seminary training and housing, office for the Ceylon Evangelical Lutheran Church, and a preschool (total cost, \$350,000 for construction, not including furnishings); therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates gathered at the 2019 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Mobile, Alabama, vote the sum of \$50,000 to help fund Sri Lanka Multipurpose Building Construction.

8. Rooted, Celebrating, Growing — Camp Omega, Waterville, Minnesota \$50,000

WHEREAS, Camp Omega of Waterville, Minnesota, celebrates longer than a 50-year history of serving the youth of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, Minnesota South District; and

WHEREAS, the Boards of Directors for both the Minnesota South District and Camp Omega have committed to expand this ministry to better serve adult, congregational, and professional growth ministries by building an Adult and Family Retreat Center; and

WHEREAS, a key function of this Adult and Family Retreat Center will be planning retreats, professional in-services, and informational in-services sponsored by the Minnesota South District and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod; and

WHEREAS, this facility will best serve these educational and professional growth opportunities by being equipped with a Public Address system, electronic presentation system, and Wi-Fi access installed in the meeting rooms; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates gathered at the 2019 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Mobile, Alabama, vote the sum of \$50,000 to help fund Rooted, Celebrating, Growing.

9. Hope and Healing Hub of Downtown Lincoln — University Lutheran Chapel, Lincoln, Nebraska \$50,000

WHEREAS, statistics show that suicide rates among young adults have tripled since the 1950s, and 12 people, ages 15 through 24, commit suicide each day; and

WHEREAS, salvation through Jesus Christ is the greatest hope the Church can give a hurting world; and



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WHEREAS, partnerships between The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Nebraska District, GracePoint Institute for Relational Health, Concordia University Nebraska, and local LCMS congregations will provide staff and opportunities to share the love and hope of Jesus with the hurting people in the community; and

WHEREAS, renovations at the University Lutheran Chapel adjacent to the campus of the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, are needed to make space for the ministry of the Hope and Healing Hub for the 32,000+ students and young adults in the area; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates gathered at the 2019 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Mobile, Alabama, vote the sum of \$50,000 to help fund Hope and Healing Hub of Downtown Lincoln.

10. God's Grace for This Generation — LAMP Ministry, Inc. \$100,000

WHEREAS, there are nearly one-half of a million indigenous children living in the remotest areas of northern Canada who have limited access to Biblical education and Gospel proclamation unless LAMP sends volunteer missionaries; and

WHEREAS, LAMP Ministry, Inc. is committed to recruiting, training, supporting, and sending volunteer missionaries to teach the Scriptures and proclaim the Gospel in remote northern communities (*Equipping the Saints*, Ephesians 4:12); and

WHEREAS, the sad reality is that unless LAMP goes into these northern communities to hold Vacation Bible School, offer Bible studies, and provide one-on-one testimony to the hope they can have, through faith in Jesus, these indigenous children will likely not have any source of personal, organized, Christian education or witness to the Gospel; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates gathered at the 2019 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Mobile, Alabama, vote the sum of \$100,000 to help fund God's Grace for This Generation.

11. God's Word Changes Everything — Lutheran Bible Translators \$95,000

WHEREAS, The Great Commission of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, commands us to reach out to all at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS, we have recently celebrated the 500th anniversary of the Reformation and will soon be celebrating the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's translation of the New Testament into the German language, commonly spoken by his people; and

WHEREAS, Bible translation is a cornerstone of the proclamation of the Gospel and inaugurates the arrival of the clear Gospel to communities throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, Christians in Ethiopia, Tanzania, and elsewhere have requested us to work through Lutheran Bible Translators to assist with God's work to communicate the Gospel clearly to people to whom they are called to proclaim the mighty works of God; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates gathered at the 2019 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Mobile, Alabama, vote the sum of \$95,000 to help fund God's Word Changes Everything.

12. Mobile Medical Mercy Mission Bus for Guatemala — Lutheran Church of Guatemala and Child Beyond International \$100,000

WHEREAS, our Lord Jesus in His Holy Word has declared that whatever we do for the least of His brothers and sisters, we do for Him; and

WHEREAS, bringing spiritual and physical healing in His name to His desperately poor but beloved people of Guatemala honors His declaration and fulfills His Great Commission; and

WHEREAS, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Hood River, Oregon's Guatemala mission nonprofit organization, Immanuel Agape Ministries (doing business as Child Beyond International) is in mission partnership with the Lutheran Church of Guatemala (LCG) and has the full approval of this grant by the LCG Bishop, The Rev. Abdiel Orozco, a medical physician himself; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates gathered at the 2019 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Mobile, Alabama, vote the sum of \$100,000 to fund the Mobile Medical Mercy Mission Bus for Guatemala.

13. Touching the Living Word — Lutheran Braille Workers \$100,000

WHEREAS, the Bible declares, *And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations ...* (Matthew 24:14a), and He uses our hands to help share the Gospel; and

WHEREAS, Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW), one of the largest producers of the Bible in Braille throughout the world, is daily asked to send God's Word to people who are blind or visually impaired; and

WHEREAS, LBW has been sending Braille Bibles and other Christian materials in multiple languages to over 130 countries worldwide for free; and





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WHEREAS, the requests for the Bible in Braille have only increased, along with the need for zinc plates in production of these materials; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates gathered at the 2019 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Mobile, Alabama, vote the sum of \$100,000 to help fund Touching the Living Word — Lutheran Braille Workers.

14. Teaching the Faith through Music — St. Paul's Music Conservatory, Council Bluffs, Iowa \$78,600

WHEREAS, Christ our Lord has called His Church to spread the Good News to every nation (Mt. 28:19–20, John 20:21–23); and

WHEREAS, God's gift of music is a most powerful tool through which to spread the Gospel to young and old in every nation or culture (Col. 3:16, Ps. 5:11, Ps. 9:11, Ps. 57:9); and

WHEREAS, domestic and foreign mission fields are both filled with opportunities to spread the Gospel through music, yet the LCMS has no specific music development agency actively supporting our workers in those fields as it relates to resource development, resource acquisition, or programming; and

WHEREAS, St. Paul's Music Conservatory offers not only a proven model for Gospel outreach through music, but it is also creating music resources for use in parish-based music conservatories around the world, as well as providing strategic development services for those outreaches; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates gathered at the 2019 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Mobile, Alabama, vote the sum of \$78,600 to help fund Teaching the Faith through Music.

15. Mission Outreach Among the Oromo — The LCMS Missouri District \$37,175

WHEREAS, the Ethiopian in the book of Acts was seeking to clearly understand the Word of the Lord, so too are today's Ethiopians of Kansas City, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, God provided both the messenger, Phillip, and the means of water in the desert for a baptism, God has also found a native pastor for this new worshipping community and a host in Christ Lutheran Church of Platte Woods, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, this unexpected and blessed partnership between Christ Lutheran Church and the Oromo Evangelical Church is now a cause for celebration and an invitation to the LWML to walk with Pastor Abdi and the Oromo in these early years of ministry; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates gathered at the 2019 Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Convention in Mobile, Alabama, vote the sum of \$37,175 to help fund Mission Outreach Among the Oromo.

16. Making Jesus Known in the United States Ethnic Communities — Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri \$100,000

WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is making important efforts to share the Gospel according to Lutheran tradition throughout U.S. immigrant and ethnic communities and embracing the rapidly increasing ethnic and cultural diversity of 21st century America; and

WHEREAS, the theological education provided by Concordia Seminary's Center for Hispanic Studies (CHS) and Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology (EIIT) programs enables highly devout, dedicated immigrant church workers to bring many people of different cultural backgrounds closer to Christ from the basis of a strong Biblical foundation; and

WHEREAS, these ethnic church workers live with considerably strained financial circumstances and do not have nearly enough of the resources to fund their education costs; and

WHEREAS, the congregations that these church workers serve, as well as their LCMS districts, often are unable to support these education costs due to their own financial constraints; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates gathered at the 2019 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Mobile, Alabama, vote the sum of \$100,000 to help fund Making Jesus Known in the United States Ethnic Communities.

17. Expanding Broadcast of *Worship Anew* — Lutheran Ministries Media, Inc., Ft. Wayne, Indiana \$80,000

WHEREAS, The Great Commission moves us in Mark 16:15 to *Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation*; and

WHEREAS, *Worship Anew* (formerly known as *Worship for Shut-Ins*) is taking God's Word to a growing population of those who are aging and the unchurched; and

WHEREAS, *Worship Anew* seeks to share Christ's love via television ministry throughout the United States and around the world; and

WHEREAS, *Worship Anew* will reach millions of new homes through this vital broadcast expansion on a new nationwide station; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates gathered at the 2019 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Mobile, Alabama, vote the sum of \$80,000 to help fund Expanding Broadcast of *Worship Anew*.



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18. Expanding Congolese and Arabic Refugee Work — Christian Friends of New Americans \$30,000

WHEREAS, Congolese and Arabic refugees living in low-income, crime-infested areas of the city struggle to care for their families, to learn English, to get medical help, to cope with trauma, and usually do not know Jesus, Christian Friends of New Americans (CFNA) is committed to expand work and witness among them; and

WHEREAS, CFNA seeks to follow Jesus' commission to teach and baptize, reaching out to many people of all nations, and recognizes that the time of transition is often when refugees are most open to new ideas when meeting Christ's ambassadors; and

WHEREAS, CFNA has been befriending and telling Bible stories of God's love to refugees and immigrants in the St. Louis area for 16 years, searching for effective opportunities to serve people, has well-established outreach programs that always include sharing Scripture and meeting critical needs (Adult English Classes, After-School Tutoring, Health Screenings, LWML Heart to Heart Sisters, Bible Studies, Furniture and Supplies Distribution, Scholarships to Lutheran Schools, Drivers Education, Teaching Job Skills and Swimming) and, by God's grace, is blessed with a sufficient number of caring Christian personnel (more than 250 volunteers giving 19,000-plus hours last year, 67 partner churches and organizations, a staff of 19 including 5 full-time); and

WHEREAS, the mission imperative of LCMS and LWML "for such a time as this" supports funding Gospel outreach and expanded services to vulnerable people such as these refugees; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates gathered at the 2019 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Mobile, Alabama, vote the sum of \$30,000 to help fund Expanding Congolese and Arabic Refugee Work.

19. Water and the Word for Rural Schools in Kenya — Evangelical Lutheran Church, Kenya \$80,000

WHEREAS, the children in Kenya struggle to have water in their schools and often walk miles each day to gather water; and

WHEREAS, the pastors of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya (ELCK) would like to provide sound Biblical teachings in their sponsored schools; and

WHEREAS, the ELCK is in fellowship with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod; and

WHEREAS, the LWML has been richly blessed by our Lord and has a duty to spread his love and Gospel; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates gathered at the 2019 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Mobile, Alabama, vote the sum of \$80,000 to help fund Water and the Word for Rural Schools in Kenya.

20. Women's Witness and Mercy Asia — Mission Central \$100,000

WHEREAS, the Women in Mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League are eager to fulfill their mission statement to assist and enable every woman of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world; and

WHEREAS, women doing missionary work in Asia are *ready and willing to give a reason for the hope they have ...* (1 Peter 3:15) to the hungry souls lining up to receive hope and truth in Christ, and whose given talents in the field include nurses, managers, teachers, coordinators, and deaconesses; and

WHEREAS, the cost to support any missionary, let alone their projects of the heart, is at least \$50,000 a year; and

WHEREAS, this gift will be used to support our sisters in their unique mission in Asia or to help keep them there or get them there; and

WHEREAS, Mission Central will correspond with these missionary women so they can do their very best for their Lord and Savior, Jesus, in Asia with help from LWML; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates gathered at the 2019 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Mobile, Alabama, vote the sum of \$100,000 to help fund Women's Witness and Mercy Asia.

21. Digital Media Development — Lutherans For Life \$30,000

WHEREAS, life issues such as abortion, embryo experimentation, and assisted suicide afflict millions of our neighbors with fear, grief, and guilt that drive them away from God's grace, and;

WHEREAS, digital avenues such as the internet, smartphones, and social media offer an open mission field to connect to these individuals, particularly the younger generations, before they face such situations, but current online conversations surrounding life issues regularly become volatile, most of all for Christian advocates of life's sanctity, since our values and perspectives run counter to both fallen human nature and prevailing public opinion, and;

WHEREAS, Lutherans For Life, a Recognized Service Organization of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, has, for 40 years, become familiar with and effective in equipping Lutherans to be





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Gospel-motivated voices for life, declaring with courage how God's loving grace gives immeasurable importance to every human being, no matter what age, appearance, or ability, and demonstrating with compassion that His Word of forgiveness and resurrection in Christ Jesus brings a better way than death to address suffering and resolve difficulties, and;

WHEREAS, Lutherans For Life has the passion and expertise to translate these life-giving truths into digital content including images, video clips, webinars, and podcasts and to distribute them for Lutherans to use to respect and protect the least of these among us but lacks only sufficient financial resources for this initiative; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates gathered at the 2019 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Mobile, Alabama, vote the sum of \$30,000 to help fund Lutherans For Life Digital Media Development.

22. Holy Cross Lutheran Mission Plant — Pittsburgh Area Lutheran Ministries \$100,000

WHEREAS, the Hazelwood neighborhood of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, has a shrinking Christian presence, creating the opportunity for Pittsburgh Area Lutheran Ministries (PALM) to create connections and bring the saving Word through Holy Cross Lutheran Mission; and

WHEREAS, PALM and First Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Pittsburgh already support several LCMS Campus Ministries in Pittsburgh, the Pittsburgh Lutheran Center for the Blind, First Trinity Homeless Ministry, and Pittsburgh Lutheran Deaf Ministry; and

WHEREAS, PALM and First Trinity jointly desire to staff Holy Cross Mission with a vicar but do not have the financial resources to do so; and

WHEREAS, PALM has contacted The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's Urban & Inner-City Mission for grant funding that is limited to \$10,000, causing the PALM Board of Directors to seek additional grant resources; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates gathered at the 2019 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Mobile, Alabama, vote the sum of \$100,000 to help fund Holy Cross Lutheran Mission Grant.

23. Ministry in Motion — Trinity Lutheran Church, Mobile, Alabama \$58,000

WHEREAS, Christ has called us to be servants to one another and to love our neighbors as ourselves. *For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many*

(Mark 10:45); and *You shall love your neighbor as yourself* (Mark 12:31); and

WHEREAS, Trinity Lutheran Church and School, modeled after the ministry of Rosa J. Young, is serving an impoverished community with proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ and teaching with a Christ-centered Gospel to educate children to prepare them for a brighter future; and

WHEREAS, funds are needed to purchase a handicapped-accessible sturdy and well-built church bus for older adults, school children, neighbors, and church members to participate in church and school ministries on and off campus; and

WHEREAS, our current vans are 15 years old and difficult for older adults and children to board and ride safely, and the community we serve needs transportation; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates gathered at the 2019 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Mobile, Alabama, vote the sum of \$58,000 to help fund Ministry in Motion.

24. Wind River Indian Reservation Transportation — Wind River Lutheran Mission \$40,000

WHEREAS, we are given the Great Commission of *Go, therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ...* (Matthew 28:19); and

WHEREAS, the people of the Wind River Indian Reservation are in need of the Good News of Christ; and

WHEREAS, the transportation needs of the people of the Wind River Indian Reservation are great, and the Wind River Lutheran Mission is unable to finance the cost of reliable transportation; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates gathered at the 2019 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Mobile, Alabama, vote the sum of \$40,000 to help fund Wind River Indian Reservation Transportation.

25. Sharing the Good News — Main Street Living Northland \$53,200

WHEREAS, believers are charged to preach the Gospel to every creature, and that includes people who, for a variety of reasons, may be unable to attend a traditional service in a brick-and-mortar church; and

WHEREAS, Main Street Living Northland provides a weekly modified church service, including liturgy, Bible readings, sermon, and hymns; and

WHEREAS, Main Street Living Northland television ministry has the involvement of 15 congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod but needs



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financial support to produce and broadcast this service to a potential 157,000 households; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates gathered at the 2019 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Mobile, Alabama, vote the sum of \$53,200 to help fund Sharing the Good News — Main Street Living Northland.

26. Equipping Missionaries to be Reconcilers —LCMS Office of International Mission \$62,500

WHEREAS, 2 Corinthians 5:20, states, *Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.*; and

WHEREAS, God, who through Christ reconciled us to Himself and entrusted to us and our missionaries the message of reconciliation and has made the message of reconciliation the central message our missionaries seek to share; and

WHEREAS, when reconciliation training has been made available to our missionary teams, it was described as a "life-changing application of the Gospel to everyday life" for both missionaries and the indigenous people to whom they witness; and

WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Office of International Mission by expanding the existing worker retreat program to include specialized training, the missionaries can both maintain personal relationships in Christ and, in turn, share this gift of reconciliation with those to whom they minister; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates gathered at the 2019 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Mobile, Alabama, vote the sum of \$62,500 to help fund Equipping Missionaries to be Reconcilers.

27. Preparing Leaders for Tomorrow — LCMS School Ministries \$80,000

WHEREAS, Lutheran schools are one of the Synod's premier agencies for Witness, Mercy, and Life Together serving 220,000 students, many coming from families who are not connected with Christ through a church home; and

WHEREAS, the Holy Spirit, working through the powerful integration of God's Word by 21,748 teachers serving in 1,992 Lutheran schools, results in the opportunity to change many lives being transformed as 51% of the student body has been identified as non-Lutheran or unchurched; and

WHEREAS, Lutheran schools connect our congregations with their communities in unparalleled ways, whereby excellent school leadership is critical to the overall quality, effectiveness, and sustainability of Lutheran schools; and

WHEREAS, between 2015 and 2020 it is projected that approximately 40% of Lutheran school administrators will retire from service in our schools, causing a tremendous void in critical leadership; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates gathered at the 2019 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Mobile, Alabama, vote the sum of \$80,000 to help fund Preparing Leaders for Tomorrow.

28. LCMS Deaconess Ministry — LCMS Office of International Mission \$90,000

WHEREAS, Our Lord Jesus Christ bids us to make disciples, to baptize, and to catechize; and

WHEREAS, Our Lutheran Confessions tell us, "Love, care, and be concerned for those in need, actions motivated by the Gospel"; and

WHEREAS, Christ's mandate and example of love remains our supreme example for life in this world, caring for the needy, body and soul; and

WHEREAS, LCMS Deaconess Ministry works both domestically and internationally to form women who are theologically trained to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ through acts of mercy, spiritual care, and teaching the Christian faith; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates gathered at the 2019 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Mobile, Alabama, vote the sum of \$90,000 to help fund the LCMS Deaconess Ministry.

29. Christ's Mercy in Russia — LCMS Office of International Mission \$70,000

WHEREAS, Jesus speaks to us through Matthew 25:40, *"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."*; and

WHEREAS, the LCMS is in fellowship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ingria in Russia (ELCIR) and the Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church (SELC), who provide mercy work with the Word and care for souls at the Pregnancy Counseling and Family Support Program in Novosibirsk, along with the Hope Center in St. Petersburg, Russia; and

WHEREAS, the abortion rate in Russia is currently about 480 abortions for every 1000 live births; and

WHEREAS, the needs are tremendous to provide crisis pregnancy counseling, educational materials, ultrasound services, and counseling for families struggling with additional and many types of Christian education; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates gathered at the 2019 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Mobile, Alabama, vote the sum of \$70,000 to help fund Christ's Mercy in Russia.





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30. Christ for You, Anytime, Anywhere — KFUE Radio \$60,000

WHEREAS, Jesus speaks in Matthew 18:20, *Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them*, and in Romans 10:17, *so faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the Word of Christ.*; and

WHEREAS, KFUE is the longest continually operating Christian radio station in the United States and owned and operated by The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod; and

WHEREAS, KFUE.org continually provides on the radio, online, on-demand, and mobile-app worship opportunities, Bible studies, Christian education, and conversation to those who many times are isolated around the world, in the military, prisons, and nursing homes, or those frequently confined to their homes; and

WHEREAS, KFUE's programming includes Bible studies, theological and social commentary, and Lutheran sacred music, providing witness to all generations wherever located, including in countries where we do not have missionaries; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that delegates gathered at the 2019 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Mobile, Alabama, vote the sum of \$60,000 to help fund Christ for You, Anytime, Anywhere.

31. Pre- and Post-Seminary Training for Local Church Workers — Mission Training Center, Africa \$62,650

WHEREAS, in villages across Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia, most local

congregations are led by helpers or evangelists, and others are led by seminary-trained and ordained pastors. Both groups — those who are pre-seminary and those who are post-seminary — are eager for opportunities to study theology in a community to enable them to better serve the congregations God has entrusted to their care; and

WHEREAS, to enable those whom the church has called into service as lay leaders of congregations in Kenya, Malawi, Tanzania, and Uganda to engage the work God has put before them with a foundation in theology through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, Africa Mission Training Center program; and

WHEREAS, to provide continuing education opportunities for local pastors and their wives in Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia; and

WHEREAS, this program provides basic theological training for lay leaders of congregations who serve under a pastor who is responsible for between 5 and 15 congregations. The training material allows the local pastor to work through a total of 22 workbooks (over 2 years) with his lay leaders. Lay leaders gather with their pastor for 5 days once a month. The program provides limited financial assistance to offset the costs of food and transportation and often a small stipend for the church's national coordinator; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates gathered at the 2019 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Mobile, Alabama, vote the sum of \$62,650 to help fund Pre- and Post-Seminary Training for Local Church Workers.



CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS DVD WITH MISSION GRANTS

Videos of convention highlights and adopted 2019–2021 Mission Grants will be available in digital formats for download (at no cost) in early Fall 2019. Go to www.lwml.org/2019-convention for details. DVD copies will be available for \$6. Watch for ordering information on the LWML website, Facebook, in eNews, and in the Fall 2019 *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*.



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| _____ | _____ | 1. Mission Outreach for At-Risk Young Women in Africa — Lutheran Hour Ministries \$100,000 |
| _____ | _____ | 2. Lutheran Secondary Education for Hispanics — Walther Christian Academy, Melrose Park, Illinois \$75,000 |
| _____ | _____ | 3. Lights for Christ Scholarships — Divine Savior Lutheran Church, Zacapa, Guatemala \$95,000 |
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| _____ | _____ | 7. Sri Lanka Multipurpose Building Construction — Office of International Mission \$50,000 |
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| _____ | _____ | 13. Touching the Living Word — Lutheran Braille Workers \$100,000 |
| _____ | _____ | 14. Teaching the Faith through Music — St. Paul's Music Conservatory, Council Bluffs, Iowa \$78,600 |
| _____ | _____ | 15. Mission Outreach Among the Oromo — The LCMS Missouri District \$37,175 |
| _____ | _____ | 16. Making Jesus Known in the United States Ethnic Communities — Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri \$100,000 |
| _____ | _____ | 17. Expanding Broadcast of <i>Worship Anew</i> — Lutheran Ministries Media, Inc., Ft. Wayne, Indiana \$80,000 |
| _____ | _____ | 18. Expanding Congolese and Arabic Refugee Work — Christian Friends of New Americans \$30,000 |
| _____ | _____ | 19. Water and the Word for Rural Schools in Kenya — Evangelical Lutheran Church, Kenya \$80,000 |
| _____ | _____ | 20. Women's Witness and Mercy Asia — Mission Central \$100,000 |
| _____ | _____ | 21. Digital Media Development — Lutherans For Life \$30,000 |
| _____ | _____ | 22. Holy Cross Lutheran Mission Plant — Pittsburgh Area Lutheran Ministries \$100,000 |
| _____ | _____ | 23. Ministry in Motion — Trinity Lutheran Church, Mobile, Alabama \$58,000 |
| _____ | _____ | 24. Wind River Indian Reservation Transportation — Wind River Lutheran Mission \$40,000 |
| _____ | _____ | 25. Sharing the Good News — Main Street Living Northland \$53,200 |
| _____ | _____ | 26. Equipping Missionaries to be Reconcilers — LCMS Office of International Mission \$62,500 |
| _____ | _____ | 27. Preparing Leaders for Tomorrow — LCMS School Ministries \$80,000 |
| _____ | _____ | 28. LCMS Deaconess Ministry — LCMS Office of International Mission \$90,000 |
| _____ | _____ | 29. Christ's Mercy in Russia — LCMS Office of International Mission \$70,000 |
| _____ | _____ | 30. Christ for You, Anytime, Anywhere — KFUO Radio \$60,000 |
| _____ | _____ | 31. Pre- and Post-Seminary Training for Local Church Workers — Mission Training Center, Africa \$62,650 |



In Praise to the LORD! ✠ 38th Biennial LWML Convention

VOTING RESULTS —
MISSION GRANTS SELECTIONS



Report from the President



PATTI ROSS
President

Serve the LORD with Gladness!
(Psalm 100:2)



The past 2 years have afforded me an incredible view of the Lord's generosity of gifts to women in our church. I've been to conventions, sat in meetings, seen works of mercy, learned from Bible studies, experienced love and encouragement, and am constantly thankful to be with such a group of women as the LWML — Lutheran Women in Mission. God has blessed us to be the best women's auxiliary of any Christian denomination! We shall continue in that mode if we keep our focus on Jesus Christ and His command to go into the world and make disciples. Whether we do that ourselves or through the support of missionaries, that is our goal and our vision.

I cannot say enough about the dedication of the women with whom I have served in the LWML. They engage in mission work, equip other women to spread the Gospel message at home and abroad, encourage one another as women in the church, and enjoy what they are doing as they dedicate their work to their Savior, Jesus Christ.

I thank God for the opportunity I have had to serve Him through the LWML. It has been an honor. The future will hold challenges and change, possibilities and puzzlement; so we, as LWML women, must keep our focus and keep working

together. We must continue to reach out to all women in the church, women of all ages, ethnicities, and personalities — making available the opportunities for them to discover and use their God-given gifts in ministry. Spreading the Gospel will never end until Christ returns; until that day, LWML has work to do! We must ask ourselves, "What does God want me to do today — everyday!"

Activities of the President, as they relate to the LWML primary targets, over the past 2 years, include the following:

Nurturing Faith in Christ

- Participated in personal Bible study through my church Sunday School, women's Bible study, *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* studies, and LWML events;
- Participated in the production of the DVD Bible study, "Where Love Abides";
- Reviewed all Bible studies, devotions, the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* studies, eNews, the LWML website, and social media postings to increase opportunities for every woman to be nurtured in faith with quality materials;
- Encouraged women to try writing Bible studies and devotions and submit them to the LWML; and



Report from the President (cont'd)

- Grew in faith as I saw, first-hand, the love of God for His people and sharing that love with other people.

Making Our Faith Meaningful

- Worked with the Communication Department and the LWML Office to increase communication through engagement with social media, an LWML App, and the President's Blog to encourage all LWML women to engage together in mission knowledge and in outreach;
- Continued to use the goals adopted at the Strategic Planning Event in 2016 to focus and guide work of committees to ensure that districts would be strengthened;
- Participated in a MOST Ministries trip to Guatemala;
- Participated in a mission trip with LCMS Deaconess Ministries Director, Grace Rao, to the Philippines; and
- Engaged with grant recipients through correspondence, conference attendance, and check presentations.

Sharing Encouragement

- Appointed qualified women to serve on committees, teams, and task forces;
- Continued the study and discussion of revisions to the bylaws;
- Met with many women through the seven district conventions, during which I represented LWML and shared my "Engage, Encourage, Equip, and Enjoy" theme. I pray I was able to convey encouragement for your work and your personal place in God's plan for His people;
- Received encouragement from past LWML Presidents, members of the current Executive Committee, Board members, and LWML members from across the states as we continued our work together;
- Encouraged district leaders to attend the Assembly of Leaders event, which included district Junior Counselors and three members from each district; and
- Remained thankful for the support and encouragement received from my husband, immediate family, and church family.

Activities of the President in 2017

- Approved all postings in social media, products, committee output, contracts, publications, and vouchers;
- Prepared official calls and agendas for Executive Committee meetings and Board of Directors meetings;
- Attended WebEx meetings of committees and task forces;
- Assisted with the appointment of personnel to LWML committees and task forces, and approved appointments;
- Assisted in planning the Interdepartmental meeting 2017 and Assembly of Leaders 2018;
- Worked with the Development/Advancement Committee and the LWML Office staff on the Giving Tuesday fund-raiser;
- Composed the Annual Christmas letter, and worked on District Days through social media;
- Made assignments for Executive Committee Representatives at district conventions;
- Attended taping of DVD Bible study, "Where Love Abides"; and
- Attended meeting of Gifts of Love Gift Planning Advocates and Gift Planning Counselors.

Meetings Attended in 2017

- Post-Convention Executive Committee: June 25, Albuquerque, NM;
- "Where Love Abides" taping: July 21–22, Tomball, TX;
- Executive Committee: August 15–19, St. Louis, MO;
- Staff exit interview: August 31, St. Louis, MO;
- Anders CPA and Advisors Office personnel job postings: August 31, 2017;
- Convention Action Team: September 12–14, Tulsa, OK;
- Taping of "Where Love Abides" Bible study: September 29–October 2, Silver Creek, NY;
- Gifts of Love Training: September 29–October 2, Dunkirk, NY;
- Convention Programming Committee, Executive Committee, Interdepartmental Committee: October 22–28, St. Louis, MO;
- Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) Leadership Conference: November 17–19, New Orleans, LA; and





Report from the President (cont'd)

- Restructure Task Force: December 7–9, St. Louis, MO.

WebEx Meetings Attended in 2017

- Finance Committee: August 7, September 25, and November 6;
- Executive Committee: September 5, October 17, and November 29;
- Assembly of Leaders: September 6;
- Convention Host Committee: November 11;
- Development/Advancement Committee: September 9;
- Governance Committee: October 7;
- Interdepartmental 2017 Committee: October 3; and
- Investment Committee: October 16 and November 2.

Activities of the President 2018

- Answered correspondence via email messages, letters, and telephone calls;
- Wrote for the home page, eNews, the President's blog, and the *Quarterly* President's page;
- Represented the LWML at various events, radio interviews, and videos;
- Reviewed all print, product, and social media postings of the LWML, and wrote articles for same;
- Prepared agendas and call letters for the Board of Directors and Executive Committee;
- Wrote and submitted quarterly progress reports for LCMS Board of Directors meetings;
- Supervised the work of the LWML Office staff;
- Assisted with personnel employment issues and job realignments in the LWML Office;
- Helped plan and implement the LWML Office move to the campus of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO;
- Received and approved vouchers for payment through the Tallie program;
- Signed all contracts, legal documents, and other official papers for the LWML;
- Maintained contact with the Structure Committee concerning proposed bylaws amendments;
- Received notification from District Presidents of societies accepted into the membership;
- Received notifications from District Presidents of societies that have disbanded;

- Wrote thank you letters for Giving Tuesday, Christmas Appeal, Help | Love | Grow matching grant, and to individual donors as needed;
- Attended and presented at Best Practices for Ministry, February 21–24, Phoenix, AZ;
- Represented LWML at the Multiethnic Symposium, Concordia Seminary; Lutheran Hour Ministries SENT event, Milwaukee, WI; LCMS Prison and Jail Ministry Conference, St. Louis, MO; and the LCEF Leadership Conference, San Diego, CA;
- Delivered keynote speech at Lutheran Braille Workers 75th Anniversary Celebration, Yucaipa, CA;
- Traveled to the Philippines with LCMS Deaconess Ministry Director, Grace Rao, for 8 days (October 21–29):
 - ❑ Participated in deaconess' mission outreach;
 - ❑ Visited Philippine Lutheran Seminary, Baguio, Lutheran Church in the Philippines (LCP) headquarters in Manila;
 - ❑ Participated in a Joint Reformation service for Manila congregations;
 - ❑ Met the LCP Women's League President, Miriam Palomique Valeriano;
 - ❑ Met The Rev. Antonio del Rio Reyes, LCP President and his wife, Arlene Zerna-Reyes; and
- Consulted with LCMS Foundation and Gifts of Love Gift Planning Counselors on hiring a second full-time Gift Planner.

Meetings Attended in 2018

- **2018 District Conventions.** Prepared a mini-report for district conventions;
- Prepared a letter of greeting for district convention manuals;
- Prepared the President's address;
- Prepared interest sessions;
- Attended seven LWML district conventions:
 - ❑ Oklahoma: Lawton, OK, April 13–14;
 - ❑ Gulf States: Birmingham, AL, April 27–29;
 - ❑ Eastern: Niagara Falls, NY, June 1–3;
 - ❑ Iowa East: Cedar Rapids, IA, June 15–16;
 - ❑ North Wisconsin: Stevens Point, WI, June 24–26;
 - ❑ Texas: Waco, TX, July 5–8; and





Report from the President (cont'd)

- ❑ Florida-Georgia: Orlando, FL, September 28–30;
- Reviewed the financials with the Treasurer, Finance & Operations Committee, and Investment Committee, and conferred with CPA audit firm;
- Conferred with Phil Krupski, LCMS Foundation, and Gifts of Love Ministry counselors, Pat Bilow and Linda Gage, regarding financing the Gifts of Love Program for LWML and hiring of second full-time Gift Planner, July 31, August 1;
- Attended Best Practices in Phoenix with Carol von Soosten, Melissa Salomón, and Kaye Wolff, presenting outreach to multicultural women;
- Attended Convention Programming Committee and Executive Committee meetings, Mobile, AL, May 14–19;
- Attended Grant restructure meeting with LCMS representatives, Dr. Phil Frusti and Vicki Biggs, July 26;
- Attended LWML Office dedication and ribbon cutting, November 6;
- Attended Assembly of Leaders, November 7–10; and
- LCEF Leadership Conference, November 16–18, San Diego, CA.

Wonderful experiences with many women who love the Lord! Thank you to all who hosted me!

WebEx Meetings Attended in 2018

- Executive Committee: January 11, March 5, April 10, August 15, September 17, and October 16;
- Investment Committee: January 15 and April 16;
- Finance & Operations Committee: January 18, May 8, June 11, and August 13;
- eNews: February 13;
- Assembly of Leaders (AOL) Planning: April 12, August 13, and September 24;
- Mobile Host Committee: May 5, May 19, and December 8;
- Gifts of Love: May 22 and December 18;
- Convention Programming Committee, May 13;
- Development/Advancement Committee: March 13 and October 10; and

- As President, served as *ex officio* member of all LWML committees, task forces, and special teams.

Activities of the President 2019

- Attended Mission Grants Selection Meeting: January 8–10, St. Louis, MO;
- Attended Finance & Operations Committee WebEx: January 15 and February 4;
- Attended Executive Committee WebEx: January 17, March 11, April 1, May 1, and June 3;
- Attended Convention Programming Committee: January 20–22, St. Louis, MO;
- Attended Executive Committee: January 22–26, St. Louis, MO;
- Attended Board of Directors Meeting: January 23–26, St. Louis, MO;
- Prepared report for the 2019 LCMS Tampa, FL, convention;
- Attended 2019 Host Committee Meeting: February 8–9, Mobile, AL;
- Attended Best Practices Ministries Conference: February 20–23, Phoenix, AZ;
- Attended Concordia Seminary St. Louis Vicars and Deaconess Interns Dinner and Presentation: March 25;
- Attended Gifts of Love meeting and training event: April 10–12, St. Louis, MO;
- Attended Vicar and Deaconess Interns Dinner and Presentation: April 12, Ft. Wayne, IN;
- Attended Executive Committee: June 17–21, Mobile, AL;
- Attended Board of Directors: June 18–20, Mobile, AL; and
- 38th Biennial Convention: June 20–23, 2019, Mobile, AL.

Thank you for letting me represent all the wonderful women of the LWML. My prayer is always that I do and say what is pleasing in God's sight and yours.





Reports from Elected Officers



What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things
(Romans 8:31–32)?

VICE PRESIDENT OF CHRISTIAN LIFE ♦ Jennifer Huecker

At the 1942 LWML Convention, The Rev. Oscar Fedder stated, “When the Lord taps you on the shoulder ... you must not turn Him down. If He thought you were incapable, He would not have chosen you.” This statement was again published in the 2017 LWML Convention Manual. Trusting in God’s guidance and serving with talented Christian women, counselors, officers, and committee members continues to be a joy and true blessing. It is my privilege and delight to have this opportunity as we serve together in praise to God.

The Christian Life Department is comprised of two committees, Christian Life and Christian Resources Editors. Their reports are also in this manual. Throughout the past 2 years, we have reviewed, edited, and submitted products and resources for doctrinal review. We have maintained contact with authors for the purpose of publishing Bible studies, resources, and information that are available for download on the LWML website.

As Vice President, I have served on the Assembly of Leaders Committee, the Visioning Committee, and Chairman of the Development/Advancement Committee. I have attended all Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings, as well as WebEx meetings. As an LWML Representative, I attended the Association of Lutheran Development Executives (ALDE) Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and the Best Practices for Ministry Conference in Phoenix, Arizona. I was privileged to attend, join in fellowship, and present the LWML President’s Report to district conventions in the LWML Utah-Idaho District, LWML Southern Wisconsin District, LWML Iowa West District, and LWML Southern Illinois District.

Nurturing Faith in Christ

- Prepared and attended interactive Bible studies;
- Received encouragement from attending regular worship and received the Lord’s Supper in my home congregation;
- Continued to witness as a Sunday school teacher;
- Reviewed Daily Mustard Seed Devotions; and
- Continued to spend time in daily communication with God in prayer.

Making Our Faith Meaningful

- Helped prepare the 2018 and 2019 LWML Prayer Service;
- Reviewed and provided Bible studies and resources online;
- Promoted the Giving Tuesday social media event;

- Assisted in presentations at Assembly of Leaders meetings;
- Continued to encourage support for mission grants; and
- Provided information about LWML and the opportunities for involvement.

Sharing Encouragement

- Supported Christian Life Committee members;
- Wrote home page articles for the LWML;
- Maintained support of District President’s mentees;
- Corresponded with other LWML officers to receive and offer encouragement; and
- Participated in local, area, and district events.





Reports from Elected Officers (cont'd)



***Oh come, let us
sing to the LORD;
let us make a
joyful noise to
the rock of our
salvation***

(Psalm 95:1).

***Be still, and
know that I am
God. I will be
exalted among
the nations, I will
be exalted in the
earth***

(Psalm 46:10).

VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATION ♦ Char Kroemer

In Praise to the LORD! The 2019 LWML Convention theme says volumes. We are assembled in Mobile, Alabama, to celebrate God's goodness as we *serve the LORD with gladness* (Psalm 100:2a). It has been and continues to be an honor and a privilege to serve the Lutheran Women's Missionary League as your LWML Vice President of Communication. Thank you. As we continue to seek His will and direction for all we do, may it be to His glory and honor.

As an elected officer, I attended five transition meetings via WebEx (conference calls), eight face-to-face Executive Committee (EC) meetings, six Convention Programming Committee (CPC) meetings, and two Board of Directors (BOD) meetings. I attended the 2017 Interdepartmental (ID) meeting and the 2018 Assembly of Leaders (AOL) Committee meetings and trainings, one LWML convention, four LWML district conventions (three as an LWML representative), one Association of Lutheran Development Executives (ALDE) conference as an LWML representative, and 30+ WebEx meetings for the EC, special LWML gatherings, and committee-related business. Have these couple of years been busy? Yes, but the joy that has permeated throughout far exceeds the work involved. The camaraderie that exists within the LWML is beyond words. The joy of serving and the Christian fellowship and encouragement received have been wonderful. To God be the glory!

Nurturing Faith in Christ

- Continued to pray for the LWML, its leaders, and those around the world with whom we share Jesus' joy and love;
- Participated in a woman's Bible study, completed personal devotions, and shared quiet time with my husband;
- Helped teach Sunday school; and
- Prepared devotions for meetings as assigned.

Making Our Faith Meaningful

- Helped review articles, documents, products, programs, and posts for the LWML website and social media;
- Participated, prepared, and completed responsibilities for 2017 ID and 2018 AOL meetings and the 2019 LWML Convention; and

- Responded to email requests and correspondence as needed.

Sharing Encouragement

- Served as pianist and organist for worship services, and accompanied our church choir;
- Wrote articles as assigned for the LWML website, and helped prepare handouts and other information for presentations; and
- Attended LWML group, zone, and district gatherings and events, and helped encourage LWML Oregon District, fulfilling the responsibilities as a member of the Board.

Special Assignments

- 2018 AOL Committee member
- Visioning Committee member
- CPC member and Secretary
- EC representative to the 2018 ALDE





Reports from Elected Officers (cont'd)



VICE PRESIDENT OF GOSPEL OUTREACH ♦ Angelina Jauregui

Serving the Lord has always been my passion, but serving the Lord through LWML is quite an honor. I have learned so much during this biennium. I have met many women with the same passion and more. LWML has enriched my life and has made me a better person. I have the privilege of working with such gifted and talented women on the Gospel Outreach and Mission Grants Committees. As I continue serving the Lord, I thank God that He has enriched me with knowledge to serve Him better in the work He wants me to do. I want to encourage women of all ages to take a closer look at the work of the LWML. Find an area where you can serve the Lord with gladness and use your God-given gifts to make our organization even better. I am available to assist each woman of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to affirm her relationship with the Triune God so that she is able to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world, a world so desperately in need of the Gospel.

I attend St. John's Lutheran Church in Montebello, California, where I serve as the Executive Director. I serve my society, zone, district, and national LWML in various offices and committees. This has been possible only through His guidance and the support of many women involved in dedicating their time and sincere commitment and energy to reaching others with God's Word.

Last year, I was truly honored to attend three District conventions (Washington-Alaska, Oregon, and Ohio), and the National Hispanic convention in Houston, Texas. I enjoyed the meetings with the Young Woman Representatives (YWRs) and Heart to Heart (H2H) Sisters who were so excited about having the opportunity to serve the Lord with so much energy. As a member of the Executive Committee, I attended numerous WebEx meetings, Investment Committee meetings, Assembly of Leaders meetings, and the Mission Grants Selection Committee. The greatest honor of my office was selecting LWML women to deliver mission grant checks personally. Thank you to many LWML District Presidents, Past Presidents, and Vice Presidents who agreed to deliver mission grant checks to LCMS Recognized Service Organizations and churches receiving funds with which our Lord has blessed our mite offerings.

... my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain

(1 Corinthians 15:58).

Nurturing Faith in Christ

- Worshiped and communed regularly;
- Participated in Bible Studies, LWML local meetings and activities;
- Prayed daily for family, friends, LWML sisters, pastors, missionaries, our country, and first responders; and
- Supported those serving in the armed forces.

Sharing Encouragement

- Encouraged the Gospel and Mission Grants writing;
- Reviewed committee submissions;
- Wrote home page articles;
- Worked with the Mission Grants Committee to revise the mission grants process and to prepare an Assembly of Leaders presentation; and

- Reviewed, processed, and prepared 81 mission grant proposals with the Mission Grants Committee.

Making Our Faith Meaningful

- Shared mission information and the story of mites with women and children at church;
- Shared photos with Mission Grants Committee members for the Your Mites Make a Difference posts;
- Shared LWML websites with participants of the Hispanic Convention;
- Shared information regarding mission grants at the Hispanic Convention;
- Shared a dialog with H2H Sisters at the Oregon convention; and
- Prepared materials for and taught a confirmation class to a group of youth at my church.





Reports from Elected Officers (cont'd)



***Rejoice always,
pray without
ceasing, give
thanks in all
circumstances;
for this is the will
of God in Christ
Jesus for you***
(1 Thessalonians
5:16–18).

VICE PRESIDENT OF ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES ♦ Debbie Larson

I have been honored to oversee the Growth and Development, Leadership Development, and Structure Committees. These dedicated and talented women have generously given of their time to God's glory. It is a privilege to work side by side with the members of the Executive Committee (EC), the Board of Directors (BOD), committee members, and the members of my district and home congregation.

As an elected member, I attended and participated in EC, BOD, Interdepartmental, Assembly of Leaders, and special assignment committee meetings. I have participated in WebEx meetings, conference calls, and conferences as requested.

Nurturing Faith in Christ

- Read daily Scripture readings, devotions, and prayer;
- Attended weekly worship, and led neighborhood Bible studies;
- Prepared presentations, and wrote articles, letters, reports, and devotions as requested;
- Continued to keep all leaders and members of LWML in my prayers; and
- Continued to pray for all those touched by Jesus through the LWML.

Making Our Faith Meaningful

- Updated bylaws per amendments approved at the June 2017 Convention;
- Completed the editing of the *Leaders Manual* and renaming it *Procedures Manual* in readiness for changes that may take place if the proposed bylaw amendments are adopted;
- Ensured that the Handbook is available in sections on the LWML website, making it more efficient to keep it updated;
- Prepared for and participated in the Interdepartmental meetings, as well as meetings with my department chairmen;
- Reviewed LWML districts' proposed bylaw amendments going into their 2018 district conventions; and
- Submitted proposed LWML bylaw amendments for approval, on behalf of the Structure Committee,

to the EC and BOD, to be brought to the Convention in Mobile, AL.

Sharing Encouragement

- Represented the LWML at four LWML district conventions and attended two others;
- Maintained constant communication with the counselor and chairmen of my committees, facilitating meetings as requested;
- Mentored, with joy, several District Presidents; and
- Proofed, edited, and approved new and updated resources, articles, devotions, letters, and website text for my department.

Special Assignments

- As a member of the EC Visioning and Governance Committees, I completed assignments as given;
- As advisory member of the 2017 Restructure Task Force, I participated in all meetings, proposed restructuring documents, and arranged for all documents to be shared with the districts; and
- As Chairman for the 2018 Assembly of Leaders training, under the theme "Follow the Leader" in St. Louis, I hosted and chaired WebEx meetings, communicated with all speakers, session leaders, and LWML District Presidents as participants enthusiastically took ideas back to their districts for training.





Reports from Elected Officers (cont'd)



Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain

(1 Corinthians 15:58b NIV).

VICE PRESIDENT OF SPECIAL FOCUS MINISTRIES ♦ Kaye Wolff

Glory to God in the highest! What an honor it has been to serve the Lord with my brothers and sisters as a member of the LWML Executive Committee (EC) for the past 4 years.

As Vice President of Special Focus Ministries, I served as a teacher and student, a mentor and mentee. I was responsible for the oversight of the Heart to Heart (H2H) Sisters Committee, the convention program for the H2H Sisters and the H2H District Leader Training, as well as the Committee on Young Women and the convention program that welcomed and encouraged young women representatives (YWRs) to participate in the LWML. We offered orientation and activities for youth at the convention and initiated an outreach with the focus on our sisters in the LCMS who are deaf or hard of hearing.

As an elected officer, I attended meetings of the EC, Board of Directors (BOD), and completed committee assignments as appointed by the LWML President. The duties of the office included enabling the committees to support the women they serve, communicating by text, telephone conference, email, and WebEx. I wrote and edited social media posts and performed other duties at the request of the President.

I had the pleasure of serving as LWML Representative and session presenter at four 2018 District Conventions. I also had the privilege of presenting an LWML workshop at the 2018 Best Practices Conference, a Webinar for LCMS Rural and Small Town Missions, and was an exhibitor at the 2019 Campus Ministry Conference. Thank you for electing me and trusting me to carry out the work of this position. To God be the glory!

Nurturing Faith in Christ

- Studied God's Word privately and publicly;
- Attended regular worship and communion;
- Prepared LWML devotions and prayers as requested for meetings;
- Wrote and presented Bible studies for two retreats and two districts;
- Led a Bible study for the LWML Michigan District Convention; and
- Prayed for the LWML, prayer partners, mentees, and LCMS partners.

Making Our Faith Meaningful

- Wrote LWML home page and Giving Tuesday inspirational articles;
- As a department, wrote encouraging and informational articles for the LWML website and *LWQ*;
- Produced resources to help equip and engage multicultural women, young women, and youth; and

- Started an initiative to welcome our deaf and hard of hearing sisters into active participation in the LWML.

Sharing Encouragement

- Shared love and encouragement as I met with YWRs, H2H Sisters, pastors, and youth while attending the Louisiana-Mississippi, New England, Nebraska North, and Nebraska South District Conventions;
- Presented a Webinar "Reaching Young Women" for LCMS Rural and Small Town Mission; and
- Mentored four District Presidents.

Special Committee Assignments

- Finance & Operations Committee
- Governance Committee member
- Assembly of Leaders (AOL) Planning Committee member





Reports from Elected Officers (cont'd)



***Blessed shall
you be when
you come in, and
blessed shall
you be when you
go out***

(Deuteronomy 28:6).

RECORDING SECRETARY ♦ Ginger Starrett

It has been a joyful and rewarding experience to serve as the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Recording Secretary. I was blessed to experience the wonderful changes that the Lord brought to the LWML in the last 2 years — a new LWML Logo, the LWML Office dedication on the grounds of the St. Louis Seminary, Mission Grant checks presented all over the United States, and a Giving Tuesday that surpassed previous numbers. The Lord has truly blessed the LWML this biennium.

I continue to give thanks for the many men and women whom I have met over these past 2 years, all faithful servants who share a passion for the mission of the LWML. I am especially grateful to have served beside the dedicated counselors and women of the Executive Committee (EC). With unwavering devotion, they serve the Lord through the LWML, giving their time and talents to do the work of the Lord's kingdom. May the Lord who has given so much continue to bless the Lutheran Women in Mission.

Nurturing Faith in Christ

- Worshiped and communed regularly;
- Served on the Altar Guild in my home congregation;
- Participated in Bible studies and LWML and Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) daily devotions;
- Attended the district retreat; and
- Offered prayers daily.

Making Our Faith Meaningful

- Participated in LWML Society-, Zone-, and District-wide events, and promoted the mission grants;
- Served on local and district boards;
- Represented the LWML at the Atlantic, Central Illinois, and Northern Illinois District Conventions;
- Shared my personal LWML story with the Young Women Representatives (YWRs) at the Atlantic and Central Illinois District Conventions;
- Participated in Giving Tuesday, and LWML Mite Challenges;
- Participated in Joyful Response, and society Mite Box giving;
- Actively shared the joys of the LWML;
- Prepared minutes for the 2017–2019 LWML EC meetings;
- Prepared minutes for the 2017–2019 LWML WebEx/Zoom EC meetings;
- Prepared minutes for the 2017–2019 LWML BOD meetings;

- Prepared minutes for the 2017 LWML Albuquerque Convention;
- Attended the taping of LWML Bible study, "Where Love Abides" written by Donna Pyle, at Gage Farm;
- Served as the Governance Committee Chairman and member of the Visioning Committee and Development/Advancement Committee;
- Participated in the 2018 Assembly of Leaders;
- Attended the Association of Lutheran Development Executives (ALDE) Ignite Conference;
- Compiled committee reports, district statistics, delegation information, and seating chart for the 2019 Convention; and
- Attended meetings required of this office and as a committee member and Chairman.

Sharing Encouragement

- Encouraged, engaged, and prayed for my District President mentees;
- Prepared devotions and prayers for the EC and Board of Directors (BOD);
- Served as a mentor for the women within my district and church; and
- Prayed for the Mission Grants Committee, EC, BOD, LWML Nominating Committee, and 2019 Convention Committee.





Reports from Elected Officers (cont'd)



***Commit your
way to the Lord;
trust in him,
and he will act***
(Psalm 37:5).

TREASURER ♦ Marilyn Schroeder

Thank you for the privilege and honor to serve as Treasurer of LWML. It is truly a joy to serve in this capacity and an even greater joy to serve our awesome God alongside you through the in-gathering of mite dollars for funding our adopted mission grants. Serving on the Executive Committee (EC) has been memorable. Thank you for your prayers.

As an elected officer, I attended all called meetings of the EC, Board of Directors (BOD), and multiple WebEx meetings for the committees I have chaired, including the Finance & Operations Committee, Investment Committee, and Convention Programming Committee (CPC).

I was privileged to represent the LWML at three district conventions — English, North Dakota, and New Jersey — and was in attendance at my own LWML Iowa West District Convention. This biennium started with excitement as the LWML unveiled and embraced its new logo. A significant growth in mite dollars was seen, which were particularly generated through LWML's annual Giving Tuesday event that was initiated in 2015 with outstanding results.

Nurturing Faith in Christ

- Regularly attended worship and the Lord's Supper;
- Engaged in reading *Today's Light* daily devotion, LWML's Mustard Seed Devotions, and the Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) devotion via email;
- Attended Bible study at my church as often as possible;
- Prepared devotions and prayers for EC, BOD, and CPC meetings as requested; and
- Regularly prayed for mission grants, mite in-gatherings, and special prayer request needs.

Making Our Faith Meaningful

- Reconciled monthly mite donations, and posted reports on the LWML website;
- Reviewed multiple LWML policies, and updated the same when applicable;
- Attended the Gift Planning Advocates annual training meeting;
- Attended the taping of the new LWML Bible study, "Where Love

- Abides," written by Donna Pyle and filmed at the Gage Vineyard;
- Served as lay member on the LWML Iowa District West Board of Directors; and
- Served as Parliamentarian on the LWML Iowa West District Board of Directors.

Sharing Encouragement

- Encouraged and supported elected and appointed officers, as well as other volunteers in person and in prayer;
- Wrote a 2-Minute Tuesday, and LWML home page articles as requested;
- Helped facilitate a gathering of District Treasurers at this convention to share fellowship and be updated on responsibilities for their position as Treasurer;
- Attended the dedication and ribbon cutting at the LWML Office located on the campus of Concordia Theological Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri; and
- Attended my local, zone, and society events whenever possible.



Reports from Pastoral Counselors



SENIOR PASTORAL COUNSELOR ♦ The Rev. Robert Mundahl

Thanks be to God for the honor of being your Senior Pastoral Counselor over the past biennium. To be able to support and encourage the women of the LWML and to see how God has blessed them with great gifts and talents is a privilege I will always cherish. The Gospel of salvation through our Savior Jesus Christ is at the heart of everything we do. Guided by our Primary Focus for the 2017–2019 biennium, the Executive Committee has worked to assist Lutheran Women in Mission through the following:

Nurturing Faith in Christ

LWML Pastoral Counselors delight in leading devotions and Bible studies for the various committees and groups to which they are appointed. It was a blessing to partner with Junior Counselor Schuessler in the worship of our Lord, providing guidance to the many resources that show up in print or on social media, giving support and counsel to those who asked and closely working with the Executive Committee and Board of Directors. The Word of God, by the power of the Holy Spirit, empowers and guides us all in a life of Praise to the Lord. God has blessed you with various gifts for service within His church. Let us be found faithful to the Lord and His Holy Word.

Making Our Faith Meaningful

God's gift of faith in Jesus our Savior is the most blessed thing I have ever received. To know that my sins are forgiven and heaven is my home frees me up to serve the Lord with gladness. That service brings meaning to me when I see the eternal difference it makes in people's lives. As God creates faith in their hearts, I rejoice. During this biennium, I have sought to make that a critical part of my work. Helping you to see the blessings God has given you as a platform for being a blessing to others is essential. Let your faith shine to all the world — praise be to God.

Sharing Encouragement

One of the major blessings found within the LWML is the connection and support we experience through our sisters and brothers in Christ. Knowing of His love for all people, we are encouraged to see every woman — every person — as a valued part of God's Church. We accept them as redeemed children of our Father in Heaven and support them in the wondrous relationships that follow. As Senior Counselor, I sought to encourage you to cherish every sister and brother in Christ who God has brought into your life. May we grow stronger together as members of the LWML.

As we gather in Mobile, Alabama, **In Praise to the LORD**, I thank the women of the LWML for these past 4 years of engaging service. May the joy and peace of the Lord go with you all as you continue to be Lutheran Women in Mission. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!





Reports from Pastoral Counselors (cont'd)



JUNIOR PASTORAL COUNSELOR ♦ The Rev. Mitchel Schuessler

Albuquerque 2017 seems to have faded into the mists of yesterday as we find ourselves drawn to Mobile, Alabama, in 2019. In these 2 years since we last gathered in Convention, the Lord has done amazing things in my life and in the lives of many Lutheran Women in Mission. I rejoice that He brought me to be the Junior Pastoral Counselor. The Lord has been good to the LWML through this time, giving us much to celebrate **In Praise to the LORD!**

Nurturing Faith in Christ

In serving as the Junior Pastoral Counselor, this is an area in which I have been actively involved with the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors, and the various committees on which I serve. Working closely with Counselor Mundahl, I have had the opportunity to lead Bible studies, preach sermons, and lead devotions and worship services. Keeping us focused in the Word of God, the Holy Spirit has been nurturing the faith of the Lutheran Women in Mission.

Making Our Faith Meaningful

My mission statement for the LWML is that the LWML should continue to reach out with the message of the Gospel to the women of the LCMS, using every opportunity and means to make available that which will help them grow in faith and showing faith in action through the mission grants. As Junior Pastoral Counselor, I have sought to find ways to make the mission of the LWML meaningful to women around the LCMS. As I doctrinally review a wide variety of resources, from program resources to Bible studies, home page articles to 2-Minute Tuesday articles, I seek to ensure that these resources remain biblically based Lutheran-centered materials that will nurture and encourage the Lutheran Women in Mission. As the committees work to develop resources, I find that they continue to move forward, ensuring that the resource is making the mission of the LWML meaningful for all women, no matter what age or culture of which they are a part.

Serving as Junior Pastoral Counselor has been spiritually uplifting and personally enlightening for which I give thanks to the Lord for each and every opportunity that I have been given to reach out with the message of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I thank the Lord and each one of you for allowing me to serve in this position.

Sharing Encouragement

I have found that I have been greatly blessed by the encouragement shared by the women in the LWML. On national, district, zone, and group levels, the women of our church have encouraged me in service to the Lord. Even as I have been encouraged, so I have endeavored to encourage the Lutheran Women in Mission in Word and fellowship. At the first Board of Directors meeting, we received encouragement from Napoleon Bone-a-part, as we learned how all of us are connected in the Church no matter where we find ourselves. I think of a picture that I took in Albuquerque of all the women who elected me as Junior Pastoral Counselor, and I have endeavored to encourage all who I have come in contact with.



Reports from Appointed Officers



And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus
(Philippians 4:7).

MEETING MANAGER ♦ Leslie Joseph

It has been a blessing and privilege to serve as LWML Meeting Manager these last 4 years. The Meeting Manager plans and coordinates travel, lodging, catering, and meeting support for all LWML events held during the biennium, except for the convention. I am grateful to God for providing this opportunity to assist the women and men who faithfully serve LWML.

Nurturing Faith in Christ

- Read daily email "Mustard Seed" devotion and *Today's Light*;
- Attended regular worship;
- Attended regular Sunday Bible study;
- Attended church small group meetings as scheduled; and
- Prepared and presented devotions at the Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings as assigned.

Making Our Faith Meaningful

- Worked in cooperation with the manager of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Travel and Meeting Planning;
- Reviewed, approved, and forwarded vouchers to LWML Office for payment of all meeting billing;
- Monitored travel and meeting expenses;
- Chaired Convention Site Committee;
- Served as member of Development/Advancement Committee and Convention Action Team;
- Sent and managed travel memo, dietary restrictions, and acknowledgment-release forms for all meetings;
- Presented information for District Presidents during the Board of Directors meeting in January 2018 and January 2019;
- Initiated planning for 2018 and 2019 meetings;
- Reviewed documents as requested;
- Arranged travel, lodging, catering, and meeting support for:
 - ❑ Seven Executive Committee meetings in St. Louis, Missouri, and Mobile, Alabama;

- ❑ Three Board of Directors meetings in St. Louis, Missouri, and Mobile, Alabama;
- ❑ Six Convention Programming Committee meetings in St. Louis, Missouri, and Mobile, Alabama;
- ❑ LWML Past Presidents' meeting in St. Louis, Missouri;
- ❑ Archivist-Historian Bootcamp in St. Louis, Missouri;
- ❑ Nominating Committee meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota;
- ❑ Interdepartmental meeting in St. Louis, Missouri;
- ❑ Convention Action Team in Tulsa, Oklahoma;
- ❑ Assembly of Leaders meeting in St. Louis, Missouri;
- ❑ Mission Grants Selection Committee meeting in St. Louis, Missouri;
- ❑ Gifts of Love Ministry Team Training meeting in St. Louis, Missouri; and
- ❑ 2019 LWML Convention, in Mobile, Alabama.

Sharing Encouragement

- Sent thank-you email messages to meeting site hotels;
- Sent encouragement cards and email messages to members of the Executive Committee;
- Represented LWML at the South Dakota and Missouri District Conventions; and
- Prayed for women and men working in the LWML.





Reports from Appointed Officers (cont'd)



STRATEGIC PLAN FACILITATOR ♦ Carol von Soosten

I am humbled, honored, and incredibly blessed to have served my Lord and Savior as your LWML Strategic Plan Facilitator. I thank God for the blessings of a supportive husband, family, and my brothers and sisters in Christ who serve on the LWML Executive Committee (EC) and Board of Directors (BOD). The servant leaders of the LWML constantly amaze and astound me with the volume of excellent resources they produce, the capacity for care and love in their hearts, and their dedication and service to their Lord and this organization.

The Strategic Plan Facilitator is responsible for focusing the vision of the organization. The vision for last 2 years was accomplished by focusing on the following strategic goals:

- Bring the joy and energy of missions and missionaries to LCMS women.
- Communicate a fresh image to LCMS pastors and church workers.
- Effectively promote who we are and our resources within our congregations.
- Train and mentor future generations.
- Compete for people's time.
- Recognize the need for prioritizing time in the Word.

It is my prayer that together, as Lutheran Women in Mission, we continue to focus on these goals while reaching out to those around us in love. It is important for us to **Engage, Equip, Encourage, and Enjoy** while we serve the Lord with gladness! To God be the glory!

***Always be joyful.
Never stop praying.
Be thankful in all
circumstances,
for this is God's
will for you
who belong to
Christ Jesus***

(1 Thessalonians
5:16–18 NLT).

Nurturing Faith in Christ

- Studied daily God's Word;
- Offered daily prayers for EC, BOD, and LWML committee members;
- Prepared devotions, and led prayers as assigned for EC and BOD meetings; and
- Joyfully participated in weekly worship and personal and group Bible study.

Making Our Faith Meaningful

- Reviewed LWML articles, news releases, issues of the eNews, promotional items, correspondence, products, resources, and programs;
- Revised the LWML Primary Focus statements;
- Reviewed the LWML Mission Statement, Vision Statement, and recommended updating;
- Corresponded with the LWML President and officers, LWML District Presidents and officers, and Lutheran women as needed;
- Attended all regular and WebEx meetings of the LWML EC, BOD, Interdepartmental, and Visioning Committee; and
- Completed responsibilities for 2019 Convention.

Sharing Encouragement

- Shared Jesus with people encountered while traveling for LWML;
- Responded to requests for information and guidance;
- Attended LWML local, zone, and district events;
- Represented LWML at 2018 LWML district conventions for Kansas, Rocky Mountain, and Indiana;
- Promoted LWML as part of a group to host a dinner and reception to students at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in 2018;
- Shared general LWML information and details about grants and funding at the Association of Lutheran Mission Agencies in 2018; and
- Represented LWML as part of a team at the synodical Prison Ministry Conference in 2018.

Special Assignments

A joy-filled privilege to serve on these additional committees:

- 2017–2019 Visioning Committee Chairman
- 2017 Interdepartmental Committee Chairman





Reports from Appointed Officers (cont'd)



Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid
(John 14:27).

PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR ♦ Michelle Zollinger

In praise to the Lord, I thank our Triune God for the opportunity to have served as LWML Public Relations Director (PRD) these past 2 years. Serving as LWML PRD to promote the mission and vision of the LWML through interaction with LCMS entities has been a joy!

It has been a privilege and pleasure to work together with the LWML Executive Committee (EC), Board of Directors (BOD), Committees, and LWML Office staff. These servants have been an inspiration to me as I experienced their trust in the Lord and their gracious devotion for one another. Appreciation is extended to my family for their support and technological wisdom.

Nurturing Faith in Christ

- Studied God's Word, read electronic Mustard Seed Devotions, and prayed daily; and
- Prepared devotions and led prayers as assigned for EC and BOD meetings.

Making Our Faith Meaningful

- Served as Chairman of the Public Relations Team;
- Collaborated with LWML Office staff in publishing eNews issues #210–#224. Wrote eNews issues #225–#264;
- Supplied materials for articles in

the *Reporter*, negotiated advertisement contract renewals in *The Lutheran Witness* and the *Reporter*, and conferred with LWML Graphics Team for advertisement submissions;

- Corresponded with the President, officers, and LWML as needed;
- Coordinated 2018 and 2019 LWML Sunday materials, resources, and publicity;
- Authored LWML website home page articles;
- Participated in assessment and approval of LWML Store products and new products for development;
- Secured photographer for LWML meetings and 2019 LWML Convention, and took photographs as needed;
- Wrote or updated EC biographies, LWML past Presidents' biographies, and biographies for all convention personalities;
- Served as a member of the Convention Programming, Development/Advancement, and Assembly of Leaders Committees; and
- Completed PR responsibilities for 2019 LWML Convention.

Sharing Encouragement

- Offered kind words and shared Jesus with people encountered during LWML travels;
- Responded to requests for information and permission for logo use;

- Coordinated new free-standing display banners and table drapes for conference exhibits, as well as a new processional banner and podium cloths;
- Prepared exhibit and attended the Beautiful Feet Conference, Concordia University, Minneapolis, Minnesota, in November 2017;
- Provided oversight of arrangements for all LWML exhibits at Lutheran events and conferences; created and updated an events calendar;
- Arranged and attended the LWML reception dinner for seminary students at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri, March 2018 and 2019; coordinated and/or attended the LWML reception dinner for seminary students at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, May 2018 and April 2019;
- Represented LWML at 2018 LWML district conventions for Mid-South, Minnesota South, and Chesapeake, including a breakout session at Chesapeake;
- Organized a fellowship dinner for the LCMS Southern District Circuit's 11 pastors and their wives with the EC and Convention Programming Committee, May 2018; and
- Served as LWML Louisiana-Mississippi District Vice President of Human Care from 2014–2018.





Reports from Special Appointed Personnel



ARCHIVIST-HISTORIAN ♦ Caroline Honeycutt

Activities of the Archivist-Historian since June 2017

- Attended the LWML Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico.
 - While at the convention, setup and organized the 75th Anniversary Historical Booth, which was also a gathering place for the Past Presidents; other District Archivist-Historians helped as well.
 - Worked with the LWML Office staff on the shipment of items to and from the convention, as well as sending materials back with staff members to the Concordia Historical Institute (CHI).
 - Lead a pre-convention 2-hour seminar for the District Archivist-Historians.

Activities of the Archivist-Historian

- Responded to an email inquiry pertaining to archival information.
- Coordinated with staff members of the CHI on items sent for filing.
- In January 2018, coordinated the following for the upcoming Bootcamp:
 - Coordinated with staff members of the CHI for a day trip during Bootcamp to enable participants to visit the archives; and
 - Completed a presentation, and created materials for Bootcamp.
- Lead the 2019 Archivist-Historian Bootcamp from January 20 through 22 in St. Louis, Missouri.
- Presently researching and planning to live-stream the next Bootcamp for those who are unable to travel.
- Worked at CHI from January 22 through 23, 2019.
- Presently working on the display for the 2019 LWML Convention in Mobile, Alabama.

Meetings

- Attended Archivist-Historian Bootcamp, St. Louis, Missouri, January 2019.
- Attended the LWML Board of Directors, St. Louis, Missouri, January 2019.



CONVENTION MANAGER ♦ Marguerite Christman

It has been a joy and privilege to serve the LWML this biennium as the Convention Manager. My tasks have been focused on this convention, "In Praise to the LORD!" It is my prayer that God will bless all who attend this 38th Biennial LWML Convention. May they return home led by God's power to praise and proclaim the Lord among all the nations. It is hoped that each attendee has been able to sing and rejoice in celebration of God's Word, will continue to be able to tell of His salvation for all, declare His glory among the nations, and go forth in His joy in their home, congregation, community, and throughout the world wherever God sends them.

As Convention Manager:

- Attended and reported to all meetings of the Board of Directors and also to all meetings of the Convention Programming Committee as an advisory member.

Convention Manager, Marguerite Christman, continued on page 60



Reports from Special Appointed Personnel (cont'd)

***Sing to the Lord,
all the earth! Tell
of his salvation
from day to
day. Declare his
glory among the
nations***

(I Chronicles 16:23–24a).

CONVENTION MANAGER ♦ Marguerite Christman (cont'd)

- Acted as the liaison to the Mobile Host Committee, attended all of their meetings, and worked closely with Host Committee Chairman, Bunnie Koelsch.
- Reviewed and updated the LWML Convention Guidelines with the collaboration of Convention Manager Assistant, Maureen Consiglio.
- Set up and moderated Host Committee meetings using WebEx technology.
- Along with the LWML Audio Visual Director, toured and discussed potential convention sites for 2023.
- Served as a member on the 2023 Convention Site Committee, and assisted in reviewing and fine tuning the convention site application process.
- Served as the LWML contact with the Mobile Convention Center.
- Along with the assistance of the LWML Treasurer, gathered information and created the 2019 Convention Budget.
- Carried out convention contracts after negotiation and signature by the LWML President.
- With the Food Services Manager, planned, arranged, and coordinated catering needs of convention attendees.
- Accepted the responsibilities for convention registration and the work of the Convention Registrar.
- Worked with the Exhibits Coordinator regarding exhibits and their needs at the convention.
- Assembled the information and materials for the convention insert in the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*.
- With the Housing Manager, supervised and monitored the District Charter Buses Housing blocks at several LWML contracted hotels, and coordinated the LWML room block at the Renaissance Mobile Riverside Plaza Hotel with the LWML Meeting Manager.
- With the Transportation and Tours Manager, worked with the tour company to offer some excellent tours for the LWML convention attendees in addition to a Western Caribbean Cruise after the convention.
- Contacted and contracted with shuttle transportation to and from the airport to the convention hotels for those who are flying; in addition, contacted and contracted hotel shuttle transportation for those housed at the Admiral and Holiday Inn Downtown hotels.
- Assisted speakers, special guests, and staff with their convention arrangements.
- Prepared expense documentation for all convention invoices to be paid.
- Maintained a professional membership in the Religious Conference Management Association, and attended two annual conferences.
- Helped welcome and inform new members of the Convention Management Team in being responsible for three specific areas of the convention process: (1) Convention Housing Manager, Ruth Weckwerth; (2) Convention Food Services Manager, Vickie Ozburn; and (3) Convention Transportation and Tours Manager, Claire Carlson. All are learning their positions and are active in carrying out their responsibilities.





Reports from Special Appointed Personnel (cont'd)



***Oh give thanks to
the Lord,
for he is good;
for his steadfast
love endures
forever
(Psalm 118:1).***

PARLIAMENTARIAN ♦ Barbara Volk

Activities of the Parliamentarian

- Answered parliamentary questions from LWML officers and chairmen and districts.
- Met with the Structure Committee at the 2017 Interdepartmental Meeting.
- With the Structure Committee Chairman, presented an interest session on bylaws and parliamentary procedure at the 2018 Assembly of Leaders.
- Reviewed and edited structure and parliamentary resources on the Structure Committee webpage.
- Reviewed proposed bylaw amendments from LWML districts.
- Served as a member of the LWML Restructure Task Force.
- With the Structure Committee, developed proposed bylaw amendments to implement the recommendations of the LWML Restructure Task Force.
- Planned Mobile convention booth and pre-convention workshop with the Structure Committee.
- Served as parliamentarian for the LWML Carolinas District.
- Participated in three mission trips to Laotchikit, Haiti.

Meetings Attended

- LWML Restructure Task Force, October 9, 2017, WebEx
- LWML Interdepartmental Meeting, October 26–28, 2017, St. Louis, Missouri
- LWML Restructure Task Force, December 7–9, 2017, St. Louis, Missouri
- LWML Board of Directors Meeting, January 24–27, 2018, St. Louis, Missouri
- LWML Structure Committee Special Meeting, May 4–6, 2018, Denver, Colorado
- LWML Structure Committee, July 23, 2018, WebEx
- LWML Assembly of Leaders, November 7–10, 2018, St. Louis, Missouri
- LWML Board of Directors Meeting, January 23–26, 2019, St. Louis, Missouri



“The Mobile convention encouraged societies to distribute the *Lutheran Woman’s Quarterly* to every woman in the congregation. With women’s suffrage being adopted in many congregations, women were encouraged to seek and accept new responsibilities at all levels of the organized church.” *Women In League With the Lord*, page 52



Reports from Standing Committees



CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMITTEE

Mary Marten, Chairman

Left to right: Mary Marten, Ruth Badciong, Diana Schnack

Purpose Statement

To provide materials to engage, encourage, and equip women to grow in their Christian faith and service.

Primary Focus

- **Nurturing Faith in Christ** — By God's grace, we offer each woman personal opportunities to be in the Word and to use her unique gifts in God's service.
- **Making our Faith Meaningful** — We equip and challenge each woman to make a significant difference in the lives of all people.
- **Sharing Encouragement** — We value each other in Christ, and we accept and encourage each woman to grow in her relationship with others.

Committee Activities

- Attended Fall 2017 Interdepartmental Meeting;
- Amended and prepared reports for the 2018 and 2019 Board of Directors meetings as the Committee Chairman;
- Compiled Resource Packets to be given to District Presidents at the 2018 Board of Directors Meeting;
- Edited Bible study *Where Love Abides*, authored by Donna Pyle and released in the summer of 2018;
- Prepared the New Bible study *Living the Task-Filled Life*. Authored by Jan Brunette and released online in October 2018;

- Developed the New Bible study, *A Missionary? Me?* Compiled and authored by Missionaries and Karol Selle and is available at this 2019 LWML Convention;
- Prepared three new booklets of Mustard Seed Devotions, *Comfort and Hope*, *Joy in our Daily Lives*, and *In Praise to the Lord* and is available at this 2019 LWML Convention;
- Secured New Women's Day' Getaway Event, *Grab Your Shoes and Go!* authored by Terri Bentley and released online in the Spring of 2019;
- Prepared Christian Life Newsletters *Christian Life Connection*;
- Created Heart Blessings Cards, available online in the Spring of 2019;
- Prepared Christian Life 2019 LWML Convention booth with the Christian Resources Committee; and
- Authored two new Mustard Seed Devotions for use in the Christian Resources Program Helps.



Mobile is one of four cities that have hosted more than one convention. What other cities have hosted more than one convention?





Reports from Standing Committees (cont'd)



CHRISTIAN RESOURCES EDITORS COMMITTEE

Diane Grebing, Chairman

Left to right: Tina Landskroener, Linda Koeller,
Diane Grebing

***The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the word of our God
will stand forever***

(Isaiah 40:8).

Purpose Statement

The purpose of the Christian Resources Editors (CRE) Committee is to review and update Program Helps and to solicit authors as needed to produce a 2-year planning guide that provides programming ideas and helps promote growth in faith and relationships with sisters in Christ.

Objectives

- Solicit and receive submissions of devotions, Bible studies, sketches, and additional materials to help nurture faith in Jesus for the “woman in the pew”;
- Produce a 2-year planner for the 2019–2021 biennium that includes icebreakers, devotions, Bible studies, and mission service projects for Lutheran Women in Mission;
- Provide monthly updates to the Program Helps webpage of programming helps from the 2019–2021 *reSOURCES* planner;
- Provide quarterly advertisements of items from the *reSOURCES* planner for inclusion in the *Lutheran Woman’s Quarterly*;
- Highlight on the Program Helps webpage additional program helps for each month from archived devotions, Bible studies, and sketches; and

- Promote the use of the *reSOURCES* planner by Lutheran Women in Mission.

Committee Activities

- Attended Fall 2017 Interdepartmental Meeting;
- Sent in the report of CRE activities to the Vice President of Christian Life for her report at the 2018 Board of Directors meeting;
- Gratefully accepted, reviewed, edited, and prepared for posting new devotions, Bible studies, and programs submitted by gifted LWML authors;
- Selected for monthly posting on the LWML Program Helps webpage a featured icebreaker, devotion, Bible study, mission service project, and sometimes a sketch from the 2017–2019 *reSOURCES* planner;
- Planned, solicited writers, edited, reviewed, and facilitated the production of the 2019–2021 *reSOURCES for Planning Programs (RPP)*, which starts in September, 2019, and ends in August, 2021, to be available for purchase in print and free for downloading from the Program Helps webpage;
- Submitted quarterly advertisements to the *Lutheran Woman’s Quarterly* of icebreakers, devotions, Bible studies, mission service projects, and sometimes sketches or special programs from the 2019–2021 *reSOURCES* planner; and
- Participated with the Christian Life Committee to prepare a joint booth for the 2019 LWML Convention.



Reports from Standing Committees (cont'd)



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Kathy Pavelock, Chairman

Left to right: Dawn Zerkel, Kathy Pavelock, Tina Bentley

Purpose Statement

- To encourage the use of the website and social media platforms as resources for being in mission, service, and fellowship with other women.
- To update and maintain the website.
- To facilitate LWML presence and branding in social networking.
- To provide resources and suggestions for technical support and education.

Committee Objective

The overall objective of the Information Technology Committee is to engage, encourage, and equip Lutheran Women in Mission using information technology so that they are empowered to use social networking and other information technology resources to tell others the Good News.

Committee Activities

- Attended and participated in the October 2017 Interdepartmental Meeting;
- Participated in several WebEx meetings;
- Sent out reminders for 2-Minute Tuesday and website home page articles;
- Sent out reminders to District Presidents for individual District Social Media Focus days;
- Posted the weekly LWML Blog written by President Patti Ross;
- Solicited and designed ideas, and prepared, reviewed, and posted social media content for Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter on a daily basis;

- Worked with LWML Office staff, and assisted where needed with website content updates;
- Coordinated a podcast test, and planned for several podcasts to be created using "Praying the Psalms" as created for the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*. These podcasts are to be made available via the website and/or LWML application;
- Assisted individuals with technology-related questions posted as comments on social media or sent via email messages;
- Assisted the Vice President of Communication, Christian Life Committee, and Gospel Outreach Committee with technology needs for their breakout sessions during the 2018 Assembly of Leaders;
- Provided information technology/projection support during the 2018 Assembly of Leaders;
- Planned a Website/Technology Pre-Convention Seminar for the Mobile Convention; and
- Planned an Information Technology Committee booth for the Mobile Convention.

LWML's Social Media Reach (as of January 2019)

- Facebook (TheLWML) — 13,507 likes; 13,163 followers
- Twitter (@TheLWML) — 2,663 tweets; 1,181 followers
- Instagram (lwmlnational) — 464 followers
- Blog (<http://blog.lwml.org/>) — 14,438 subscribers
- Pinterest (theLWML) — 961 followers
- YouTube (theLWML) — 222 subscribers
- Google+ (+LwmlOrg) — 55 followers





Reports from Standing Committees (cont'd)



OFFICIAL PUBLICATION STAFF COMMITTEE

Lutheran Woman's Quarterly

Nancy Graf Peters, Editor-in-Chief

Back row, left to right: Sharon Rapp, Amy Gill, Sheila Lutz, Cheri Fish

Front row, left to right: Linda Guteres, Nancy Graf Peters, Becky Wehrspann

Many, Lord my God, are the wonders you have done, the things you have planned for us. None can compare with you; were I to speak and tell of your deeds, they would be too many to declare
(Psalm 40:5 NIV).

Now then, stand still and see this great thing the Lord is about to do before your eyes

(1 Samuel 12:16 NIV).

Purpose Statement

The purpose of the Official Publication Staff Committee is to produce the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly (LWQ)*, inform women of LWML activities, provide topics for study and discussion, and promote the mission of the LWML.

Articles from the current issue, archives of past issues, Bibles studies (English and Spanish), study helps, and information on how to subscribe to the digital and print editions can be found online at the *Quarterly* home page at lwml.org.

The Editor-in-Chief thanks The Rev. Kenton Wendorf for his invaluable counsel and encouragement as the appointed *LWQ* Doctrinal Reviewer.

The *LWQ* staff acknowledges Department Coordinator, Char Kroemer, and Pastoral Counselor, The Rev. Mitchel Schuessler, for their faithful care and support of our work together.

Thanks be to the living God for His sure promises and never-ending guidance, for the peace and joy that comes from knowing Jesus as Lord and Savior, and for the Spirit-led gifts with which He graced the creative, dedicated, and enthusiastic *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* staff:

- ❑ **Bible Study Editor:** Sharon Rapp
- ❑ **Christian Living Editor:** Sheila Lutz
- ❑ **Features Editor:** Becky Wehrspann
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- ❑ **News Editor:** Linda Guteres
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- ❑ **Editor-in-Chief:** Nancy Graf Peters

***Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* Themes This Biennium**

- "Being Family" (Spring 2018)
- "Overload" (Summer 2018)
- "Showers of Blessings" (Fall 2018)
- "Peace Among the Pieces" (Winter 2018)
- "Ready, Set, Go" (Spring 2019)
- "Letting Go" (Summer 2019)
- "The Next Step" (Fall 2019)
- "Beautiful Scars" (Winter 2019)



Reports from Standing Committees (cont'd)



GOSPEL OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Nancy Heredia, Chairman

Left to right: Mary Scharenbrock, Nancy Heredia, Candy Habich

Purpose Statement

To engage, encourage, and equip women to share their faith in Jesus Christ, their loving Savior, with people of their communities and the world.

- **Paint the Planet Purple Feedback** — A webpage highlighting mission service activities. Women are encouraged to send pictures of servant events, in-gathering items, and other outreach activities.
- **I Love to Tell the Story** — Showcases stories of how women shared their faith with others. Our desire is for readers to be encouraged to share their faith in simple, everyday situations.

Encourage sensitivity in women toward those who are hurting and in need.

- **Monthly Mission Service Activities** — Each activity includes links to resources, relevant Bible verses, and a prayer. Activities are published a month in advance to allow those who like to plan early. The archive page of past activities was streamlined as an index of links.
- **A Year's Worth of Service Activities** — This "year at a glance" is aligned with the three LWML Primary Focus Areas, allowing for long-range planning.
- **LWML Toolkits** — One long document was separated into a single document per kit. Several kits were updated to add new resources and new Baptism, Teacher, and First Responder Kits.
- **Gifts from the Heart** In-gathering Recipients
 - Board of Directors meetings:
 - ❑ 2018 — Lutheran Hope Center
 - ❑ 2019 — Historic Trinity Lutheran Church
 - 2018 Assembly of Leaders — Christian Friends of New Americans
 - Mobile 2019 LWML Convention:
 - ❑ Lutheran World Relief

- ❑ Women's Resource Center
- ❑ Penelope House
- ❑ Home of Grace for Women
- ❑ NOLA 4-H: Hearts for the Hungry, Homeless, and Hurting

Provide ideas, resources, and encouragement to empower women to serve God through globally serving others.

- **Webpage Redesign** — To simplify navigation, content was combined into a single webpage with two headings, Sharing God's Word (outreach) and Demonstrating Jesus' Love (service).
- **Caring for Missionaries Resources** — The missionary care flyer and Skype instruction bookmark were revamped with a fresh look and a new Gospel Outreach (GO) logo.
- **Communication with District Counterparts** — The flow of communication was improved through Constant Contact emails sent to district officers whose duties align with GO objectives.
- **Assembly of Leaders Presentation** — The GO Committee prepared and presented material for one of the breakout sessions at the 2018 Assembly of Leaders.
- Wrote 2-Minute Tuesday and LWML home page articles as requested.
- Helped facilitate a gathering of district Treasurers to share fellowship and be updated on the responsibilities for their position as Treasurer.
- Attended the dedication and ribbon cutting at the LWML Office located on the campus of Concordia Theological Seminary in St. Louis.
- Attended local, zone, and society events whenever possible.





Reports from Standing Committees (cont'd)



MISSION GRANTS COMMITTEE

Susan Donnelly, Chairman

Left to right: Sylvia Bean, Susan Donnelly, Jane McKinstry, Jan Simmons, Leslie Colligan

***Turn to me
and be saved, all
the ends of the
earth!
For I am God
and there is
no other
(Isaiah 45:22).***

Purpose Statement

To review and select mission grant proposals for the Mission Grants ballot. We inform, encourage, challenge, and motivate women to support mission grant recipients.

The committee creates resources and promotes awareness of the grants for all the members of the LWML, illustrating the link between our mites and those people in great need of the love of Jesus. Through our mites, we have been blessed to reach out and share the Gospel with the world, bringing people to salvation with the help of the Holy Spirit.

In this biennium, our committee has:

- Kept in prayer the members of the LWML, as well as the grant recipients;
- Wrote the grant stories, prayers, devotions, bulletin bytes, and Facebook blurbs for each grant that was published throughout the biennium;
- Attended the Fall 2017 Interdepartmental Meeting, and planned for the committee activities of the biennium;
- Updated the Mission Grant Proposal Guidelines and the Mission Grant Proposals — How to Get Started;
- Contacted the grant recipients, asking for follow-up information and pictures;
- Wrote "Your Mites are Making an Impact" for the website;
- Participated in WebEx meetings to share pertinent information;
- Planned, prepared, and presented a PowerPoint presentation for the 2018 Assembly of Leaders;
- Gathered district mission grant information as the LWML district conventions were completed;
- Received and prayerfully evaluated the 2019–2021 Mission Grant Proposals;
- Recommended Mission Grant Proposals for the ballot;
- Wrote summaries of each Mission Grant Proposal for the convention manual;
- Planned and staffed an exhibit for the convention hall at the Mobile convention; and
- Planned and produced a joint pre-convention seminar with LCMS Mission representatives for the 2019 LWML Convention.

We all loved working on this committee and have been blessed by the experience.



Reports from Standing Committees (cont'd)



GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Crystal Miller, Chairman

Left to right: Deaconess Betty Knapp, Deaconess Rachel Jaseph, Crystal Miller
Not pictured: Ann Marie Bollas

***I planted, Apollos watered,
but God gave the growth.
So neither he who plants
nor he who waters is anything,
but only God who
gives the growth
(1 Corinthians 3:6-7).***

Purpose Statement

- To engage groups so they may grow in faith and in relationships as sisters in Christ;
- To engage all LCMS church workers and build relationships as we partner in spreading the Gospel;
- To encourage participation in LWML events and activities, involving women and church workers and spreading awareness of LWML missions and service;
- To equip groups by providing resources that connect women with the mission and ministry of the LWML; and
- To enjoy the benefits of *Serving the Lord with Gladness*.

Committee Activities

- Church Workers in Mission
 - ❑ Prepared LWML and Church Workers in Mission video to be presented at St. Louis and Fort Wayne LCMS Seminaries; and
 - ❑ Designed packets to be presented to seminarians at LWML events beginning in the spring of 2019.

- LWML University
 - ❑ Redesigned LWML 101-104 into a video format, along with accompanying PowerPoint presentation and scripts.
- Mailbox Members Program
 - ❑ Developed an action plan to implement Mailbox Member program at the 2019 LWML Convention in Mobile, Alabama.
- Assembly of Leaders
 - ❑ In partnership with the Leadership Development Committee, presented two sessions on Leadership Development and Volunteer Recognition;
 - ❑ In partnership with Vice President of Organizational Resources, prepared and presented a general session on care and support of church workers; and
 - ❑ Prepared introduction packets to be used at seminary events, and shared the packets with the Pastoral Counselors in attendance.
- Social Media
 - ❑ Prepared social media posts on growth and development topics.
- 2019 Convention in Mobile
 - ❑ Collaborated with the Leadership Development Committee to create programming, and presented the *Become a Leader You Would Follow* pre-convention seminar; and
 - ❑ Collaborated with the Leadership Development Committee for interactive exhibit.
- Correspondence
 - ❑ Responded to questions in need of ideas, input, and support from districts, zones, and local groups.





Reports from Standing Committees (cont'd)



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Susan Brunkow, Chairman

Left to right: Deb Vinkemeier, Susan Brunkow, Cheryl Killham

Purpose Statement

To support and encourage present and future leaders as they discover their unique God-given gifts and participate in a meaningful and encouraging servant leadership role.

Committee Activities

- Implemented a bimonthly Tips for Leading with Confidence email program for current and future LWML leaders;
- Updated the Leadership Development webpage to enable users to find resources more effectively;
- Collaborated with the Growth and Development Committee to create and present *SALT – Sharing Active Leadership Techniques* and *Engage and Retain Volunteers* sessions at the Assembly of Leaders meeting;
- Developed the *Purple Feud* leadership game to promote leadership training;
- Communicated with district and zone leaders dealing with specific leadership concerns;
- Updated and reformatted all current Leadership Development Resources: *The Planning Zone*, *Lucy Leader Is In*, *LWML Event Tips*, *Creative LWML Events*, *A Little Preparation Goes a Long Way*, and *Inviting Women to Become Involved* resources;
- Created new leadership resources: *Lucy Leader Is In – Meet the Officers*, *Team Building Activities*, the *LWML Event Planning Timeline*, and the *District Presidents Mentoring Guide*;
- Provided a list of talking points to the Executive Committee to be used with district leaders to promote leadership training and development;

- Interviewed district young women, resulting in a list of best practices for recruiting and retaining young women in LWML;
- Collaborated with the Growth and Development Committee to create programing, and presented the *Become A Leader You Would Follow* pre-convention seminar at the 38th Biennial LWML Convention in Mobile, Alabama;
- Submitted articles to the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* promoting Leadership Development activities and resources; and
- Prepared an interactive display for the 38th Biennial LWML Convention.

The Leadership Development Committee appreciates the assistance of Vice President of Organizational Resources, Debbie Larson; Pastoral Counselor, The Rev. Robert Mundahl; and the Growth and Development Committee, Information Technology Committee, Graphics Team, LWML District Presidents, our families, and our LWML sisters. We pray this work will enable women to be Engaged, Encouraged, and Equipped to Enjoy serving our Lord as leaders in the LWML.

***Be strong and courageous and do it.
Do not be afraid and do not be
dismayed, for the Lord God,
even my God is with you.
He will not leave you or forsake you
until all the work for the service of the
house of the Lord is finished***

(1 Chronicles 28:20).



Reports from Standing Committees (cont'd)



STRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Arlene Naasz, Chairman

Left to right: Barbara Volk, Mary Smith, LaDonna Stanosheck, Arlene Naasz

But all things should be done decently and in order
(1 Corinthians 14:40).

Purpose Statement

To keep the bylaws and related resources flexible while maintaining the legal status of the organization.

Committee Objectives

- To review and provide guidance for proposed district bylaw amendments;
- To maintain a file of current district bylaws;
- To keep the LWML bylaws and the Handbook current; and
- To provide information and resources on bylaws and parliamentary procedure.

Committee Activities

- Communicated with District Bylaws Chairmen and District Presidents regarding procedures for the bylaws review process;
- Assisted each district as proposed amendments were submitted;
- Maintained a Bylaws Status Chart, tracking the progress of sending in proposed district bylaw amendments, sharing comments on proposed amendments, and receiving the updated set of district bylaws;
- Responded to numerous questions and concerns with input from the Parliamentarian and Department Coordinator as appropriate;

- Reviewed thirty sets of district bylaws, shared findings with committee members, and sent suggestions for changes to selected districts;
- Studied the report findings of the Restructure Task Force;
- Attended the 2017 Interdepartmental Meeting in St. Louis;
- Attended a Structure Committee bylaws review and editing meeting in May of 2018;
- Reviewed several drafts of the LWML bylaws for review by the Executive Committee;
- Presented a breakout session at the 2018 Assembly of Leaders training event; the session was led by the Parliamentarian and committee Chairman;
- Participated in the planning and creation of the committee's exhibit for the 2019 Mobile Convention; and
- Worked together to plan a training session on Structure and Bylaws as a pre-convention seminar at the Mobile Convention.

Over the past biennium, we have grown together as a committee, helping to share each other's joys and burdens. We have been blessed with working with fellow sisters in Christ throughout all our LWML Districts. By reviewing the district bylaws, it is easy to see that although we may do things differently, we are all working to serve God with gladness and spread the Gospel message. A special thank you to Debbie Larson, our Department Coordinator, who has guided us, given us direction, encouraged us, and prayed for us as we strived to make bylaws beautiful.





Reports from Standing Committees (cont'd)



COMMITTEE ON YOUNG WOMEN

Carrie Brumbaugh, Chairman

Left to right: Kimberlea Lessman, Brianne Stahlecker, Abby Faske, Carrie Brumbaugh

Purpose Statement

- To produce and facilitate the Young Woman Representative (YWR) Program for the LWML Convention;
- To energize and mentor young women to connect and grow in relationships as sisters in Christ; and
- To equip and encourage young women to become more involved in their congregation and the mission of the LWML.

Committee Objectives

- To educate and inspire young women to strengthen their relationship with their Savior Jesus Christ;
- To establish a positive, joyful, and educational experience for the YWRs at the 2019 LWML Convention in Mobile, Alabama;
- To encourage districts to continue incorporating their Young Women in Mission in local and district events; and
- To provide ideas for Youth in Mission activities that encompass multiple generations.

Committee Activities

- Met at the Interdepartmental meeting, and continued our work via media, to accomplish our goals and prepare for the Mobile convention;
- Wrote, submitted, and updated the Young Woman page in the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*, including a spotlight on a young woman, devotional thought and prayer, and a creative activity for all young women;
- Revamped the Young Women webpage to add resources to help local groups include Young Women in Mission at home and district events, as well as adding resources young women can use as they strive to make LWML a part of their lives;
- Provided weekly posts on Facebook with encouragement, Bible verses, and LWML news and activities to grow in relationships as sisters in Christ;
- Compiled a list of responses from districts concerning what they do at the local and district level to include young women and youth at their conventions and other events to share so we can all learn from one another;
- Worship regularly, study God's word, and pray for each other; and
- Smile and share God's love as Lutheran Women in Mission.



"Trying to involve younger women, eight districts brought the first youth representatives to the Mobile convention."

Women In League With the Lord, page 52





Reports from Standing Committees (cont'd)



HEART TO HEART SISTERS COMMITTEE

Melissa Salomón, Chairman

Left to right: Melissa Salomón, Anita Beyersdorf,
Toyin Akinde Fakuajo, Mai Nhia Tha

***... a great
multitude that
no one could
number, from
every nation,
from all tribes
and peoples
and languages,
standing
before the throne
and before
the Lamb***

(Revelation 7:9).

Purpose Statement

- To motivate, equip, challenge, and provide mentoring opportunities within the LWML for multicultural women to serve the church, participate in the LWML, witness to the world, and grow in relationships.
- To produce and facilitate the Heart to Heart (H2H) Sisters District Leaders program for the LWML Convention.
- To provide resources to facilitate the H2H Sisters District Program.

Committee Objectives

- To equip districts with the resources to facilitate an H2H Sisters Program effectively at the district level;
- To support district leaders as they establish connections with H2H Sisters District Leaders, build relationships, and nurture cultural understanding of various multicultural women by a mentorship structure within the LWML; and
- To identify, nurture, and provide training at a pre-convention program in Mobile, Alabama, and equip a new group of women who will serve as H2H Sisters District Leaders in their districts.

Committee Activities

- Created a Manual for how to develop a District H2H Sisters Program;
- Received applications for the 2019 pre-convention training of new H2H District Leaders, and developed the materials used for that training;
- Updated the H2H Sisters webpage with new resources with the help of the Information Technology Committee;
- Provided mentoring and encouragement to H2H Sisters from previous training.
- Assisted districts with their H2H Sisters activities;
- Assisted with the translation of Bible studies in Spanish for publication for each issue of the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*;
- Facilitated several articles featuring H2H Sisters for the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*; and
- Created training videos to be used as pre-convention learning for the incoming class of H2H Sisters District Leaders.

Our committee gives special thanks to our department coordinator, Vice President of Special Focus Ministries, Kaye Wolff, for all her guidance and encouragement.





Reports from Teams, Task Forces, and Special Focus Committees

CONVENTION SITE COMMITTEE

Leslie Jaseph, Chairman

Purpose Statement

The purpose of the Convention Site Committee is to encourage and assist districts in eligible regions to bid to host the LWML Convention, evaluate proposals, meet with bidding convention and visitors bureaus, report approved sites to the Executive Committee, and prepare materials for the Board of Directors.

Committee Activities

- Maintained communication with the Northern Region District Presidents for the 2023 Convention; and
- Met with the Western Region District Presidents in January 2019 to discuss the process for 2025.

The Convention Site Committee sincerely appreciates the work of all the Northern Region districts and Presidents from Iowa East, Iowa West, Minnesota North, Minnesota South, North Dakota, North Wisconsin, Northern Illinois, South Dakota, and South Wisconsin as the process unfolded and is grateful to the Western Region District Presidents as they begin the process for the LWML Convention in 2025.

Convention Site Committee

Marguerite Christman; Maureen Consiglio;
The Rev. Mitchel Schuessler, Pastor Advisor;
The Rev. William Engfehr, Advisory; Leslie Jaseph, Chairman

Lutheran Women in Mission

FAITHFULNESS

COMPASSION

GRACEFULNESS

PROPORTIONATE GIVING

GLOBAL PRESENCE

God's love motivated Him to give us His best. Likewise, we have opportunities to share.

Mite Box

- As you give, pray for all mission grants.

Memorial Envelopes

- May be ordered free of charge by calling (800) 325-3040 or by shopping online at www.lwml.org/store.

Joyful Response®

- An electronic, automated method to make mite contributions.

LWML Endowment Fund

- Earnings from this fund are used to train and equip LWML leaders, provide programming, and carry out the LWML mission.

Gifts of Love Ministry

- Explore the many benefits available with an LWML Gift Planning Counselor.

Designate Dollars to LWML

- Thrivent Choice Dollars may be designated to the charitable organization of your choice.
- Use GoodSearch as your search engine. Each time you search the internet, a donation is made.
- Shop with AmazonSmile or GoodShop, and if you have designated LWML as your chosen organization, then a donation will be made with approved purchases.

Learn more about all these options on the LWML website at www.lwml.org.

Freely you have received, freely give (Matthew 10:8).





Reports from Teams, Task Forces, and Special Focus Committees



GRAPHICS TEAM

Stephanie Kollbaum, Chairman

Left to right: Dana Peick, Judy Newell;
Diane Frauendienst; Stephanie Kollbaum;
Cheryl Rackov

... to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love

(Ephesians 4:12-13, 15-16).

The Graphics Design Team has been blessed to share their God-given abilities and talents to provide various resources to the women of the LWML. Each new request has been an opportunity to praise God for His gifts to us and the opportunities we have to be a part of God's ministry through the LWML.

Purpose Statement

The purpose of the Graphics Team is to provide graphic design support for the work of the LWML and to promote the creative and professional look of the LWML.

Committee Activities

- Provided graphic art support for LWML products.
- Assigned a designer to each LWML committee and task force graphic request.
- Graphic design work and formatting included but was not limited to:
 - ❑ Monthly mission grant information pieces for the website;
 - ❑ 2018 and 2019 prayer services and LWML Sundays;
 - ❑ New LWML history book;
 - ❑ The 2019 LWML Convention manual, logo, and flyer;
 - ❑ Feed Your Mite Box posts for social media;
 - ❑ New 2019 LWML Convention banners;
 - ❑ *Lutheran Witness* and *Reporter* ads;
 - ❑ Bible studies *A Missionary? Me?* and the *Task-Filled Life*;
 - ❑ Mustard Seed Devotion booklets;
 - ❑ New retreat program;
 - ❑ Cover for the new Resources information packet;
 - ❑ eNews copy;
 - ❑ Mission Service activity posts for the website;
 - ❑ Special invitations for Concordia Seminary dinners;
 - ❑ The Gospel Outreach Committee logo;
 - ❑ New LWML stickers with the new logo;
 - ❑ Social media graphics;
 - ❑ LWML Office graphic requests; and
 - ❑ Document cover requests.





Reports from Teams, Task Forces, and Special Focus Committees (cont'd)



PUBLIC RELATIONS TEAM

Michelle Zollinger, Chairman

Left to right: Bev England, Michelle Zollinger,
Beth Weber

Purpose Statement

The purpose of the Public Relations Team (formerly known as the Marketing Team) is to create a consistent message and heighten the awareness of LWML's mission, as well as enhance our visibility to all women of the LCMS.

With willing and humble hearts, we are grateful to have served our Lord by sharing the message of our Savior's love and blood-bought gift of redemption. We thank the LWML Office staff; LWML Communication Department; LWML Junior Pastoral Counselor, The Rev. Mitchel Schuessler; and LWML Strategic Plan Facilitator, Carol von Soosten, for assisting us with fulfilling our team's purpose.

Enjoy wearing purple and gold, "In Praise to the LORD!"

Committee Objectives

In completing the Public Relations Team's objectives, the following was accomplished:

- Promoted products and programs to inspire Bible study, missions, service, participation, and fellowship;
- Supported and promoted LWML resources and products through eNews, news releases, *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* (LWQ) articles, free downloads, or flyers;
- Managed the LWML Store, which included market research, product design and development, preparation of product approval forms and presentation to LWML Executive Committee, inventory review, ordering, sales, and promotion;
- Chose items, created the theme, and wrote all copy for inclusion on the "Shop LWML" page of the LWQ;
- Provided and staffed an LWML Store at LWML meetings, 2018 Assembly of Leaders, and 2019 LWML Convention;
- Coordinated all 2018 and 2019 LWML Sunday materials;
- Assisted with event registration, preparation, design and set-up, and shipping as needed for exhibits for LWML and other LCMS events;
- Wrote and orchestrated public relations sketches at LWML meetings;
- Created the 2019 LWML Convention invitational sketch, 2019 LWML Convention promotional flyer, 2019 LWML Convention bulletin bytes, and assisted with arrangements of 2019 LWML Convention Past District Presidents' dinner;
- Arranged the fabrication of the LWML banner, podium cloths, and stoles with the new LWML logo for LWML conventions;
- Supported 2017 and 2018 Giving Tuesday promotion;
- Contributed social media posts for publication as needed;
- Organized and assisted with LWML's presence at the Theological Symposium, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri, September 2018;
- Assisted with the new LWML Office renovation, product display case, signage, and dedication event; and
- Attended the 2017 LWML Interdepartmental Meeting.



Reports from Teams, Task Forces, and Special Focus Committees (cont'd)



RESTRUCTURE TASK FORCE

Marie Chow, Chairman

Back, left to right: Debbie Larson, Sheila Lutz, Christie Steffens, Lois Teinert, Barbara Volk, The Rev. Robert Mundahl

Front, left to right: Patti Ross, Marie Chow, Gloria Edwards

Directive

To review and outline in detail the structure of the LWML and how it would function and communicate if the LWML followed through with Phase Two of the recommendations made by the 2015 Board of Directors Structure Task Force.

Activities

- Prepared reports for the Executive Committee and Board of Directors as Committee Chairman.
- Completed the proposed restructure of the LWML Board of Directors.

- Presented proposed restructure at the 2018 Board of Directors Meeting and District Presidents Meeting at the 2018 Assembly of Leaders.
- Created the following presentation materials to be used in the districts to communicate the proposed restructure that were posted on the secured LWML website:
 - ❑ PowerPoint presentation
 - ❑ Word document of Frequently Asked Questions
 - ❑ Review of the proposed bylaw amendments that reflect proposed restructure



CONVENTION PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE

Marilyn Schroeder, Chairman

Left to right: The Rev. William Engfehr, Patti Ross, Michelle Zollinger, Char Kroemer, Marilyn Schroeder, Marguerite Christman, The Rev. Robert Mundahl

The LWML Convention Programming Committee (CPC) was appointed by the LWML President. It assisted the Executive Committee (EC) in handling its responsibility to plan and supervise the program of the 38th biennial convention. Regular reports were made to the EC.

Activity of the CPC with approval of the EC included the following:

- Convention theme "In Praise to the LORD!" established and approved.
- Convention goal statement and objectives written and approved.
- Convention logo developed and approved.
- CPC convention budget developed and approved.
- Convention worship leaders, speakers, and presenter selected:
 - ❑ Worship: The Rev. Dr. Ulmer Marshall, Jr. and The Rev. Dr. Gregory S. Walton
 - ❑ Keynote speaker: The Rev. Dr. Brent Smith
 - ❑ Bible Study Leader: Donna Pyle





Reports from Teams, Task Forces, and Special Focus Committees (cont'd)

CONVENTION PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE (cont'd)

- ❑ Song Leader: The Rev. Dr. Dien Ashley Taylor
- ❑ Humorous Interrupter: Jan Struck
- Mites in Action speakers selected:
 - ❑ Lynn Corker: 2015–2017 Mission Grant #11, Opportunities in Uganda
 - ❑ Laura Davis Hemminger: 2017–2019 Mission Grant #13, Equipping Youth to Witness for Life — Y4Life
 - ❑ Jean Jaskiorny: 2017–2019 Mission Grant #4, Tanzania Sewing Center
 - ❑ The Rev. Gregory Manning: 2017–2019 Mission Grant #8, NOLA 4H Hearts for the Hungry, Homeless and Hurting
 - ❑ Jaclyn Rychel: 2017–2019 Mission Grant #10, Christian Eldercare Home in Haiti
 - ❑ Stephanie Schulte and Lauren Awe: 2017–2019 Mission Grant #17, Nursing Students Serving with Mercy Medical Team
- Inspirational evening: Acclaimed sand artist, Joe Castillo, selected and approved.
- Saturday evening entertainment: VOICES of Mobile selected and approved.
- Pre-convention and post-convention devotions written and approved.
- Day Tours and post-convention tours arranged.
- Servant Connections planned.
- Tee Up 4 Mites golf outing planned on the prestigious Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail in Mobile.
- Mission in Motion Pledge Walk planned and scheduled in the Cooper Riverside Park, adjacent to the Mobile Convention Center.
- Hotel and transportation contracts signed.
- Identified “Jubilee Junction” as the official name of the convention exhibit hall.
- Camp Insta Friends (child and youth program) activities planned and approved.
- Meals, special luncheon, and plated invitation-only dinners scheduled.
- Wake up in the Word Bible studies Friday and Saturday mornings approved.
- Gifts from the Heart entities identified and approved.

CONVENTION PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE

Marilyn Schroeder, Chairman and LWML Treasurer
Marguerite Christman, Convention Manager
The Rev. William Engfehr, Audio Visual Director
Char Kroemer, Vice President of Communication
The Rev. Robert Mundahl, Senior Pastoral Counselor
Patti Ross, LWML President
Michelle Zollinger, Public Relations Director

PLANNED GIVING COUNCIL

Eden Keefe, Chairman

The Planned Giving Council is appointed by the LWML President to support the **Gifts of Love (GOL) Ministry Team** and to act as a liaison to the Executive Committee. Council members privileged to serve this biennium are listed on the next page. We are truly thankful that we have the opportunity to assist this vital ministry.

The council primarily meets via WebEx. Members review the GOL Ministry budget and financial reports, make recommendations to the Executive Committee, provide annual training for new and existing Advocates and Supporters,

support the **Help | Love | Grow** campaign, provide assistance with special events and projects, provide the vision for the future, and keep the GOL Ministry Team in their prayers. In addition, our Pastoral Counselor provides Stewardship Notes for the weekly GOL eNewsletter.

This biennium, the Council worked with the GOL Ministry Team to provide resources for both national and district use. Most notably were the **District LWML Endowment Fund** and **Gift Acceptance Policy**. These resources will be invaluable for districts preparing to receive estate gifts. Perhaps

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Reports from Teams, Task Forces, and Special Focus Committees (cont'd)

PLANNED GIVING COUNCIL (cont'd)

some of you attended the pre-convention seminar to assist your district with Gift Acceptance and Endowment policies! All documents are available on the lwmlgiftplan.org website under Resources.

A highlight in September 2017 was the training event for our Advocates and Supporters, which followed the videotaping of "Where Love Abides" by Donna Pyle at Don and Linda Gage's Farm and Vineyard. It also gave the GOL Ministry Team and Council the opportunity to invite the donors who provided funds for the production of video Bible studies to be part of the event. A Spring 2019 training event was held in St. Louis, with the added bonus of meeting our newest Gift Planning Counselor, Carol von Soosten. We hope you have the opportunity to meet her!

One of our goals is to expand the donor base of support for the **GOL Ministry** to continue to offer professional gift planning services to our LWML members free of charge and without funding through the LWML operating budget. The second phase of **Help | Love | Grow** was launched in the fall of 2018. We were blessed to again have \$50,000 in matching funds from Gloria Edwards and Cheryl Keithly for this campaign. Thank you to the leaders

and donors who committed their financial support! Thank you for spreading the word about this vital ministry — and how it benefits not only our members and member families but also the LWML and other charitable organizations with present and future gifts. Thank you to those who are sporting a **Legacy Circle ribbon** on their name tag because they have included the LWML in their estate and/or gift plan! We are excited to recognize your vision and commitment. May God guide and bless our efforts in the coming biennium, that all may be done to expand His kingdom and for His glory.

PLANNED GIVING COUNCIL MEMBERS

Rebecca Bessell, Gift Planning Advocate

Linda Gage, Gift Planning Counselor, Advisory

Phil Krupski, LCMS Foundation, Advisory

Linda Reiser, Member

Patti Ross, LWML President and Advisory

Marilyn Schroeder, Treasurer and Executive Committee Member

The Rev. Mitchel Schuessler, Pastoral Counselor, Advisory

Eden Keefe, Chairman



NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Joy Anderson, Chairman

Left to right: Linda Fees, Karen Morrison, Joy Anderson, Sherrie Smith, JoNette Brogaard

The 2017–2019 Nominating Committee was elected at the 2017 convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico, for the purpose of preparing a slate of qualified candidates for the 2019 convention, which is now being held in Mobile, Alabama. This

biennium has been full of prayer, seeking God's plan and the daily reminder that God equips the called. We are thankful for all who submitted nominations, encouraged the nominees, and kept these individuals and the nomination process in prayer.





Reports from Teams, Task Forces, and Special Focus Committees (cont'd)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (cont'd)

In October 2018, the committee met in Prior Lake, Minnesota, supported by our faithful Pastoral Counselor, The Rev. Robert Mundahl. Nominations were carefully reviewed and prayerfully considered in the selection process and preparation of the convention ballot. The slate of candidates, with brief biographical information, was prepared for the spring 2019 issue of the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*. The list of candidates with more detailed biographies are provided in this manual.

The Nominating Committee is honored to have served our Lord and LWML and are humbled to have been entrusted with such a task. The Lord blessed us with many gifted individuals who were willing to say "YES" to be workers in His harvest fields. The committee would like to thank all those who were willing to submit their names for

an elected position. We would also like to thank those who kept us in prayer and encouraged us along the way.

We pray that God will bless the convention delegates and guide them in the election process. May the Lord richly bless those of you who are elected at this convention and equip you for the tasks ahead. To those not elected, we pray that you find hope in knowing the Lord has a plan for you and will reveal how He wants you to serve Him next.

***For it is God who works in you,
both to will and to work
for his good pleasure
(Philippians 2:13).***

FINANCE AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Marilyn Schroeder, Chairman

The Finance and Operations Committee, a Special Committee under Article XIV, Section 2, of the LWML Bylaws, consists of the LWML Treasurer as the Chairman, four additional members, and a Pastoral Counselor and the Business Manager who serve as Advisors. The LWML President is an *ex officio* member.

Purpose Statement

The purpose of the Finance and Operations Committee is to review and evaluate all business and financial practices of the LWML. All decisions of this committee are presented to the Executive Committee for approval, and, when necessary, to the Board of Directors.

Committee Activities

- Met regularly via WebEx.
- Confirmed committee membership as appointed by the LWML President.

- Reviewed and analyzed all LWML financial reports.
- Reviewed and updated LWML Office staff position descriptions as necessary.
- Discussed and approved applicable benefits and compensation for the LWML Office staff.
- Approved hiring LWML Office staff. Staff Accountant, Jayne Klein, joined the LWML Office staff in December 2017, and Business Manager, Vanessa Johnson, joined the staff in October 2018.
- Discussed and approved the budget for the 2019 LWML Convention in Mobile, Alabama.
- Reviewed and approved the following policies:
 - ❑ Accounting Policies and Procedures
 - ❑ Board Designated Funds Policy
 - ❑ Endowment Policies (Internal and External)
 - ❑ Operating Reserve Policy
 - ❑ Salary and Benefits Policy
 - ❑ Spending Policy
 - ❑ Whistleblower Protection Policy

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Reports from Teams, Task Forces, and Special Focus Committees (cont'd)

FINANCE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE (cont'd)

- Reviewed various insurance coverages for both national and district levels.
- Closely worked with the Staff Accountant and Business Manager regarding financial records and accounting procedures.
- Reviewed the LWML Office Employee Handbook.
- Regularly communicated with the LWML President and the Executive Committee.

Finance and Operations Committee

Vanessa Johnson, Business Manager

The Rev. Robert Mundahl, Pastoral Counselor

Jill Pierce, Advisor

Patti Ross, LWML President and *ex officio* member

Marilyn Schroeder, Chairman

Karla Koehler, Member

Anita Werner, Member

Kaye Wolff, Member

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

Marilyn Schroeder, Chairman

The Investment Committee officially formed in November 2014. The Committee consists of the LWML Treasurer as Chairman, three additional members, the Business Manager, and a Pastoral Counselor as advisors. The LWML President serves as an *ex officio* member.

The Investment Committee meets as often as necessary to conduct the investment business of the LWML. The investment business purposes are to preserve the principal of the Endowment Funds, to grow the principal over time, and to generate income in support of the LWML's ministry objectives.

Committee Activities:

- Met via WebEx multiple times during this biennium.
- Met quarterly with LCMS Foundation Consultant to review LWML's investment portfolio.
- Reviewed quarterly investment statements as shared by the Foundation.

- Worked with the Finance & Operations Committee to review applicable policies. All were approved by the Executive Committee.
- Reviewed and approved the existing Investment Policy.
- Reviewed and updated the district and LWML Gift Acceptance Policies.
- Recommended release of funds from the Quasi Training Fund for expenses incurred with the Board of Directors Assembly of Leaders Meeting held November 2018. Executive Committee and Board of Directors provided approval at its meeting in January 2019.

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

Vanessa Johnson, Business Manager

The Rev. Robert Mundahl, Pastoral Counselor

Patti Ross, LWML President and *ex officio* member

Angelina Jauregui, Mary Kay Mages, Wayne

Price, Sandy Thompson, Advisory Members

Marilyn Schroeder, Chairman





Reports from the LWML Office

***Have I not
commanded you?
Be strong and
courageous. Do
not be frightened,
and do not be
dismayed, for
the Lord your
God is with you
wherever you go***
(Joshua 1:9).



***"For the first
time, a Native
American
addressed the
LWML convention
in Mobile,
Alabama,
in 1973."
Women In
League With
the Lord,
pages 51-52***

BUSINESS MANAGER ♦ Vanessa Johnson

In September 2018, the headquarters for the Lutheran Women's Missionary League moved to the lower level of Loeber Hall on the Concordia Seminary campus in St. Louis, Missouri. The purpose of the LWML Office staff is to act in a supportive role to executive leadership and perform day-to-day tasks that are consistent with the management of a \$6 million nonprofit organization. Our professional staff is devoted to fulfilling the mission of LWML each day. The staff consists of four full-time and two part-time employees.

The primary responsibilities of the staff include the following:

- Providing assistance to the various committees, districts, zones, and societies;
- Overseeing and managing convention registrations;
- Maintaining mailing lists and donor database information;
- Upholding accounting processes and procedures in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles;
- Overseeing cash and investment requirements;
- Communicating with the Board of Directors regarding financial matters;
- Preparing and presenting financial statements and related schedules;
- Maintaining a digital platform that includes content for the website and social media that engage audience segments and lead to measurable action;
- Managing the development, distribution, and maintenance of all print and electronic collateral materials;
- Preparing the biennial operating budget;
- Handling accounts payable processing and payments, along with accounts receivable invoicing and receipts;
- Updating the website;
- Receiving, processing, recording, and acknowledging donations;
- Overseeing LWML Store inventory balances;
- Determining product pricing for the LWML Store;
- Maintaining historical records; and
- Addressing telephone and website inquiries.

Significant achievements of the LWML staff in the 2017–2019 biennium include the following:

- Hired the Business Manager in October 2018;
- Increased awareness about the LWML by forging new relationships with Seminary students and families;
- Launched Donate Your Change fund-raising, which benefits both the national and district mite goals;
- Improved LWML Store in-house sale processing and inventory tracking;
- Examined accounting processes and reporting to simplify and provide clarity and to improve accuracy; and
- Continued to focus on controlling costs and targeting areas of revenue generation in all facets of the organization.





Reports from the LWML Office (cont'd)



GIFT PLANNING COUNSELOR, GIFTS OF LOVE MINISTRY Linda Gage, Chairman

Gifts of Love Ministry Team at the LCMS International Center

Front row: left to right: Marge Bruning, Karen Bartos, Linda Koch, Eden Keefe, Barb Virus, Sandy Hardies, Ruth Ann Arbeiter **Back row: left to right:** Lois Anderson, Marilyn Schroeder, Peg Henderson, Rebecca Bessell, Pat Bilow, Linda Gage, Mary Kay Mages, Cheryl Keithly
Not pictured: Bonnie Karch, Beth Marth, Linda Reiser, Mary Rinda, Patti Ross, Pat Beach-Schutte

With thanksgiving to God for the dedicated volunteers and generous donors who have a heart to further God's kingdom, our Gifts of Love Ministry (the official Gift Planning Ministry of LWML) has been instrumental in equipping, encouraging, and engaging our members in returning God's blessings, while blessing their family and heirs. Carrying out our LWML vision since 2007, Gifts of Love Ministry has stewarded countless gifts to LWML (both immediate and deferred) for the sake of the Gospel and many other LCMS ministries.

Our dedicated Planned Giving Council, with Eden Keefe as our Chairman, supports, prays, and plans for Gifts of Love current and future ministry opportunities. Linda Gage serves as our full-time Gift Planning Counselor across the nation with Pat Bilow serving part-time in the areas of Ohio, Michigan, and Indiana. A second full-time Gift Planning Counselor will join this team in 2019. They provide professional services to our members at no cost and assist with planned giving, ensuring that the donor's family is also provided for in a wise and God-pleasing manner.

Ten volunteer Gift Planning Advocates expand awareness within their districts and have received specialized training and support. They meet quarterly by webcam and include: Lois Anderson, Utah-Idaho; Ruth Ann Arbeiter, Southern Illinois; Rebecca Bessell, Eastern; Marge Bruning, Chesapeake; Sandy Hardies, Michigan; Peg Henderson, Florida-Georgia; Cheryl Keithly, Pacific Southwest;

Mary Kay Mages, Minnesota South; Beth Marth, Ohio; and Mary Rinda, English. Four trained Gift Planning Supporters, Bonnie Karch, Linda Koch, Pat Schutte, and Barb Virus, assist in the Pacific Southwest and also meet quarterly by webcam.

LWML launched their Gifts of Love Legacy Circle in 2017 for those who have included LWML in their estate and/or gift plan. The purpose of the Legacy Circle is to give glory to God for those donors who are giving witness to the value of LWML in their lives and for their vision inspired by the Holy Spirit to build LWML ministries for generations to come. If you have named LWML in your estate or gift plan, please complete and return the Legacy Circle enrollment form found in your convention packet in the Gifts of Love Legacy Circle brochure.

If you wish more information on how you can make the very best gifts to family and ministry through your estate or gift plan, please contact me. I would be delighted to serve you. You can also find additional information on our website: www.lwmlgiftplan.org. Consider inviting me



Linda Gage, Gift Planning Counselor

or one of our dynamic Advocates or Supporters to speak at your next zone or district event. You will provide your women with the opportunity to put their faith in action through their gift plan and make an eternal difference as God's Word is spread and His kingdom expands. Thank you for your partnership in the Gospel today that makes an eternal difference for tomorrow!





Convention Host Committee



Front Row (left to right): The Rev. Alan Koch, Cheryl West, Phyllis Derda, Lois Ford, Nancy Hughes, Bunnie Koelsch, Joan Koch, Tori Cooper, Deb Buenrostro, Loraine Rathman, The Rev. David Hartung **Middle Row (left to right):** Andrea Ferguson, Scarlet Holcombe, Kathy Abbott, Gwen Marshall, Judy Lessmann, Ruth Ann Balzer, Daisy Olmstead **Back Row (left to right):** Mary Anne Brutkiewicz, Jerlean Hudson, Jackie Morris, Lydia Landes, Cherie Endrihs, Linda Peters, Gayle Caruso, Lori Dorman **Not pictured:** Trish Aamoth, Anita Granger, Jean Roehrs

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Front Row (left to right): Char Kroemer, Angelina Jauregui, Patti Ross, Debbie Larson, Kaye Wolff, Jennifer Huecker

Back Row (left to right): The Rev. Mitchel Schuessler, Ginger Starrett, Carol von Soosten, Michelle Zollinger, Leslie Jaseph, Marilyn Schroeder, The Rev. Robert Mundahl

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Ginger Starrett, Recording Secretary

Carol von Soosten, Strategic Plan Facilitator

Kaye Wolff, Vice President of Special Focus Ministries

Michelle Zollinger, Public Relations Director



"The first LWML president to travel to an overseas sister auxiliary convention, Florence Montz attended the eighth congress of the Liga das Senhoras Luteranas do Brazil in 1975. The Brazilian women unanimously voted to affiliate with the LWML and were represented at the 1975 convention in St. Paul, Minnesota. Missionary speakers at LWML conventions strengthened its overseas links."

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Board of Directors District Presidents

District Presidents Class of 2018–2022



Front Row (left to right): Gwen Marshall, Gulf States; Susan Bell, Eastern; Teresa Tester, Chesapeake; Jane Morris, Iowa West; Cheryl Wulfert, Carolinas

Back Row (left to right): Darlene Keca, English; Deb Vinkemeier, Minnesota South; Martha Dubke, California-Nevada-Hawaii; Margaret Kistler, Iowa East; Linda Guteres, Atlantic; Marge Gruber, Indiana



Front Row (left to right): Barbara Schaer, Wyoming; Susan Harnos, New Jersey; Diane Grebing, Southern Illinois; Marilee Ryan, Washington-Alaska

Back Row (left to right): Lois Anderson, Utah-Idaho; Sally Handrick, Missouri; Lisa Stirtz, Nebraska North; Janice Gerzevske, Northern Illinois; Debbie Yocky, Rocky Mountain; Becky Haltaufderheid, North Wisconsin

District Presidents Class of 2016–2020



Front Row (left to right): Shari Miller, Montana; Diane Reimold, Mid-South; Katy Gifford, Nebraska South; Marilyn Hiltel, Minnesota North

Back Row (left to right): Anita Granger, Louisiana-Mississippi; Brenda Piester, Kansas; Sheila Lutz, Central Illinois; Trish Aamoth, Florida-Georgia; Susan Gruber, Michigan



Front Row (left to right): Debbie Curry, Texas; Millicent Kwiatkowski, SELC; Valerie Biberdorf, North Dakota; Barbara Lis, New England

Back Row (left to right): Lisa Asmus, South Dakota; Barbara Kaun, South Wisconsin; Dianna Just, Oklahoma; Carmen Nagel, Oregon; Bonnie Karch, Pacific Southwest; Jeanne Schimmelmenn, Ohio



New LWML Member Societies

With joy, we welcome to the following new or reactivated societies that have been accepted as members of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League during the 2017-2019 Biennium.

ATLANTIC DISTRICT

HEARTS

Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church

The Bronx, New York

CAROLINAS DISTRICT

Women of St. Luke's

St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Lincolnton, North Carolina

CENTRAL ILLINOIS DISTRICT

Violetas de Cristo Rey

Christ the King Lutheran Church

East Moline, Illinois

CENTRAL ILLINOIS DISTRICT

Trinity Ladies

Trinity Lutheran Church

Pekin, Illinois

CHESAPEAKE DISTRICT

Redeemer Women in Mission

Redeemer Lutheran Church

Fredericksburg, Virginia

FLORIDA-GEORGIA DISTRICT

Peace Lutheran LWML

Peace Lutheran Church

Decatur, Georgia

FLORIDA-GEORGIA DISTRICT

Agape Women's Society

King of Kings Lutheran Church

Jasper, Georgia

FLORIDA-GEORGIA DISTRICT

Women of Hope

Hope Lutheran Church

Jacksonville, Florida

FLORIDA-GEORGIA DISTRICT

Serving Our Savior

Trinity Lutheran Church

Port Charlotte, Florida

FLORIDA-GEORGIA DISTRICT

The Women of Bethel

Bethel Lutheran Church

Clearwater, Florida

FLORIDA-GEORGIA DISTRICT

Women of St. Michael Society

St. Michael Lutheran Church

Fort Myers, Florida

FLORIDA-GEORGIA DISTRICT

Women of Trinity

Trinity Lutheran Church

Athens, Georgia

GULF STATES DISTRICT

Concordia Lutheran Church LWML

Concordia Lutheran Church

Montrose, Alabama

INDIANA DISTRICT

South Sudanese Women of

Resurrection Lutheran Church

Resurrection Lutheran Church

Louisville, Kentucky

MID-SOUTH DISTRICT

LWML Sisters of the Heart

Athens Lutheran Church

Athens, Tennessee

MINNESOTA NORTH DISTRICT

LWML Society

Lord of Glory Lutheran Church

Elk River, Minnesota

MINNESOTA NORTH DISTRICT

LWML

Christ Evangelical Lutheran

Church

Superior, Wisconsin

MINNESOTA SOUTH DISTRICT

LWML

Family of Christ Lutheran Church

Houlton, Wisconsin

MISSOURI DISTRICT

Our Savior LWML

Our Savior Lutheran Church

Buffalo, Missouri

MISSOURI DISTRICT

Lydia's Circle

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

Houston, Missouri

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

LWML

Our Savior Lutheran Church

Topsfield, Massachusetts

NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT

Women's Guild/LWML

First American Lutheran Church

Mayville, North Dakota

OHIO DISTRICT

LWML Lady Bugs

Lighted Cross Lutheran Church

Ashtabula, Ohio

SOUTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT

Prince of Peace

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

West Salem, Wisconsin

SOUTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT

Women of Messiah

Messiah Lutheran Church

Beloit, Wisconsin

TEXAS DISTRICT

Aroma Mujer

Comunidad Cristiana Expansion

Lutheran Church

Rockwall, Texas

TEXAS DISTRICT

Genesis LWML

Genesis Lutheran Church

Buchanan Dam, Texas

TEXAS DISTRICT

Lutheran Women In Mission

Concordia Lutheran Church

Bedford, Texas





Past Presidents and Conventions



Left to right: Ida Mall, Gloria Edwards, Virginia Von Seggern, Linda Reiser, Janice Wendorf, Kay Kreklau

Clara Schmitt[†] 1942–1947

August 31–September 1, 1943 ♦
Fort Wayne, IN
Serve the Lord with Gladness
1945 — Canceled due to the war.
July 18–19, 1947 ♦ Chicago, IL
Serve the Lord with Gladness

Sadie Fulk Roehrs[†] 1947–1953

July 27–28, 1949 ♦ Cleveland, OH
Thy Kingdom Come
July 25–26, 1951 ♦ New York, NY
For Such a Time as This
July 28–29, 1953 ♦ Portland, OR
Saved to Serve

Lillian Preisinger[†] 1953–1959

1955 — Canceled due to segregation policies in New Orleans, LA.
April 20–21, 1956 ♦ Denver, CO
Occupy 'Til I Come
July 31–August 1, 1957 ♦
Minneapolis, MN
Talk Ye of All His Wondrous Works
July 22–23, 1959 ♦ Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Labour with More Love

Emma Hoppe[†] 1959–1963

July 26–27, 1961 ♦ Pittsburgh, PA
Living with My Lord
July 17–18, 1963 ♦ Kansas City, MO
The Harvest Is Great

Eula Hankel[†] 1963–1967

July 20–21, 1965 ♦ San Diego, CA
The Lord Is My Light
July 18–20, 1967 ♦ Washington, D.C.
Beautiful Savior, Lord of the Nations

Evelyn Hartman[†] 1967–1971

July 20–22, 1969 ♦ Houston, TX
Thrust with Trust
June 22–24, 1971 ♦ Louisville, KY
Declare His Glory

Florence Montz[†] 1971–1975

June 25–28, 1973 ♦ Mobile, AL
Together in Christ
July 21–24, 1975 ♦ St. Paul, MN
Saints Alive!

Helen Morris[†] 1975–1979

August 8–11, 1977 ♦ Laramie, WY
Lift Thine Eyes
July 16–19, 1979 ♦ Omaha, NE
Sow the Seed

Helen Gienapp[†] 1979–1983

June 22–25, 1981 ♦ Milwaukee, WI
Come to the Living Waters
June 20–23, 1983 ♦ Detroit, MI
Reach Out with Christ

Alberta Barnes[†] 1983–1987

July 22–25, 1985 ♦ Ames, IA
Give God Glory — Praise His Name!
June 22–25, 1987 ♦ Fort Worth, TX
Radiant with God's Love

Betty Duda[†] 1987–1991

June 26–29, 1989 ♦ Rapid City, SD
Seek His Face Always
June 27–30, 1991 ♦ Cleveland, OH
Celebrate the Jubilee — Glorify His Name

Ida Mall 1991–1995

June 17–20, 1993 ♦ Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
One in Spirit — One in Purpose
June 22–25, 1995 ♦ Kansas City, MO
Live by God's Design

Gloria Edwards 1995–1999

June 26–29, 1997 ♦ Charlotte, NC
Hold Up the Light
July 1–4, 1999 ♦ Minneapolis, MN
Let Freedom Ring

Virginia Von Seggern 1999–2003

July 5–8, 2001 ♦ San Jose, CA
Because He First Loved Me
June 19–22, 2003 ♦ Oklahoma City, OK
Lord of My Heart ... Our Hope

Linda Reiser 2003–2007

June 16–19, 2005 ♦ Tampa, FL
ROCK! Rest On Christ the King
June 21–24, 2007 ♦ Sioux Falls, SD
Rest on Christ the King

Janice Wendorf 2007–2011

June 25–28, 2009 ♦ Portland, OR
Look to the Hills ... God Reigns
June 23–26, 2011 ♦ Peoria, IL
Being with Jesus — Living on the Edge

Kay Kreklau 2011–2015

June 27–30, 2013 ♦ Pittsburgh, PA
Quenched! By the Water
June 25–28, 2015 ♦ Des Moines, IA
Bountiful! Sow • Nourish • Reap

Patti Ross 2015–2019

June 22–25, 2017 ♦ Albuquerque, NM
Jesus Christ Above All!
June 20–23, 2019 ♦ Mobile, AL
In Praise to the LORD!

[†]Resting in the arms of Jesus.



The Lutheran Women's Missionary League by District

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League holds its biennial convention on a rotation basis with regions named as follows:

East

Atlantic
Carolinas
Chesapeake
Eastern
Indiana
Michigan
New England
New Jersey
Ohio

North

Iowa East
Iowa West
Minnesota North
Minnesota South
Northern Illinois
North Dakota
South Dakota
North Wisconsin
South Wisconsin

West

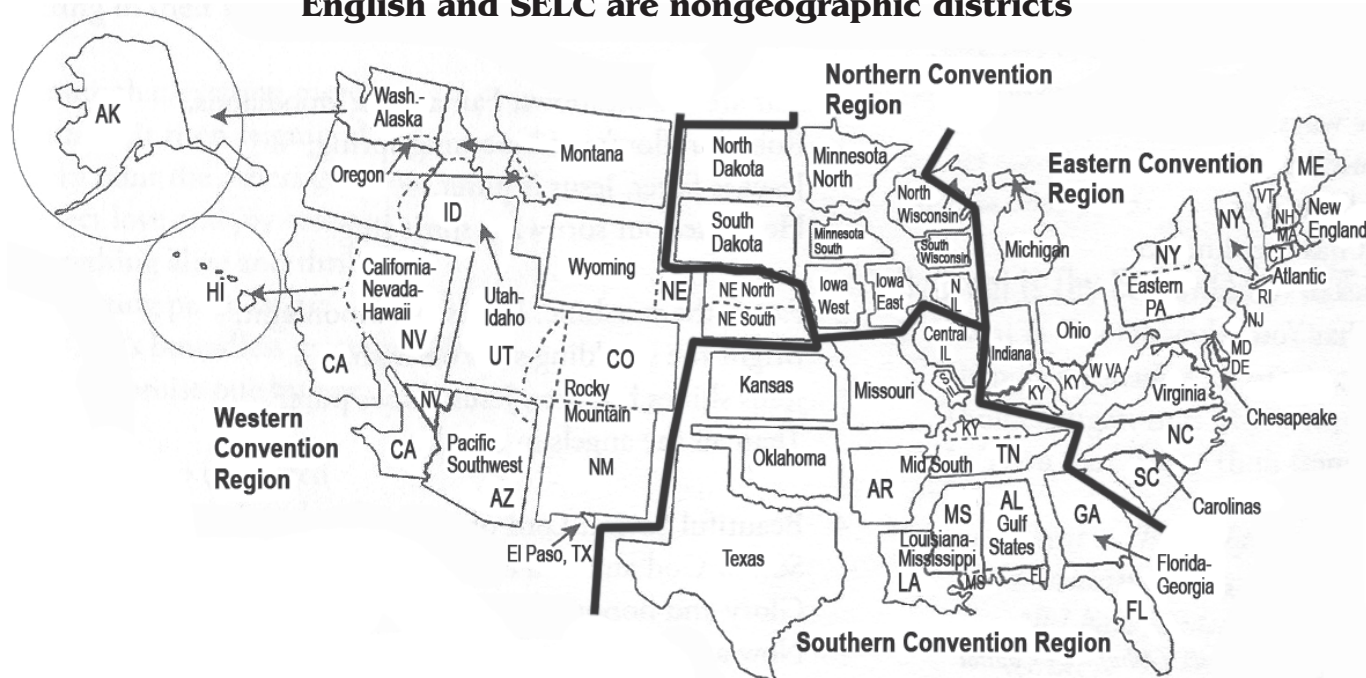
California-Nevada-
Hawaii
Montana
Nebraska North
Nebraska South
Oregon
Pacific Southwest
Rocky Mountain
Utah-Idaho
Washington-Alaska
Wyoming

South

Florida-Georgia
Gulf States
Central Illinois
Southern Illinois
Kansas
Louisiana-Mississippi
Mid-South
Missouri
Oklahoma
Texas

MAP OF LWML DISTRICTS

English and SELC are nongeographic districts



Contact district personnel and information by visiting the LWML website at:
www.lwml.org/districts

The Rotation Calendar

2019 – South	2027 – South	2035 – South
2021 – East	2029 – East	2037 – East
2023 – North	2031 – North	2039 – North
2025 – West	2033 – West	2041 – West



In Praise to the LORD! ✠ 38th Biennial LWML Convention

THE LUTHERAN WOMEN'S
MISSIONARY LEAGUE BY DISTRICT



1. 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

1 The sun comes up; it's a new day dawning.
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes. *Chorus*

Chorus

*Bless the Lord, O my soul; O my soul. Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name*

2 You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing.
10,000 reasons for my heart to find. *Chorus*

3 And on that day when my strength is failing,
the end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending —
10,000 years and then forever more. *Chorus*

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2. All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night *LSB #883*

1 All praise to Thee, my God, this night
For all the blessings of the light.
Keep me, O keep me, King of kings,
Beneath Thine own almighty wings.

2 Forgive me, Lord, for Thy dear Son,
The ill that I this day have done,
That with the world, myself, and Thee,
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.

3 Teach me to live that I may dread
The grave as little as my bed.
Teach me to die that so I may
Rise glorious at the awe-full day.

4 Oh, may my soul in Thee repose,
And may sweet sleep mine eyelids close,
Sleep that shall me more vig'rous make
To serve my God when I awake!

5 When in the night I sleepless lie,
My soul with heav'nly thoughts supply;
Let no ill dreams disturb my rest,
No pow'rs of darkness me molest.

△ 6 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.

Tune: Thomas Tallis, c. 1505–1585; setting: The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941

Text and music: Public domain

3. Amazing Grace — My Chains Are Gone

1 Amazing grace How sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see. *Chorus*

Chorus

*My chains are gone, I've been set free.
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
and like a flood His mercy rains.
Unending love, Amazing grace*

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
and grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed. *Chorus*

3 The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures. *Chorus*

4 The earth will soon dissolve like snow
the sun forbear to shine
but God who called me here below
will be forever mine. *Chorus*

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Publishing); Vamos Publishing (Administered by Capitol CMG Publishing);
worshiptogether.com songs; Chris Tomlin, Louis Giglio, John Newton)*

4. Beautiful Savior *LSB #537*

1 Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee, Truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

2 Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky.

4 Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine!

Text: Münsterisch Gesangbuch, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904

Tune: Silesian, 19th century; setting: Service Book and Hymnal, 1958

Text and music: Public domain



Songs (cont'd)

5. Christ Be My Leader **LSB #861**

- 1 Christ be my Leader by night as by day;
Safe through the darkness, for He is the way.
Gladly I follow, my future His care,
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.
- 2 Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth,
Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.
Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand,
Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.
- 3 Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;
Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, b. 1926

Tune: Irish; setting: Lutheran Service Book, 2006

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6. With the Lord Begin Your Task **LSB #869**

- 1 With the Lord begin your task; Jesus will direct it.
For His aid and counsel ask; Jesus will perfect it.
Ev'ry morn with Jesus rise, And when day is ended,
In His name then close your eyes; Be to Him commended.
- 2 Let each day begin with prayer, Praise, and adoration.
On the Lord cast ev'ry care; He is your salvation.
Morning, evening, and at night Jesus will be near you,
Save you from the tempter's might, With His presence cheer you.
- 3 With your Savior at your side, Foes need not alarm you;
In His promises confide, And no ill can harm you.
All your trust and hope repose In the mighty Master,
Who in wisdom truly knows How to stem disaster.
- 4 If your task be thus begun With the Savior's blessing,
Safely then your course will run, Toward the promise pressing.
Good will follow ev'ry-where While you here must wander;
You at last the joy will share In the mansions yonder.
- 5 Thus, Lord Jesus, ev'ry task Be to You commended;
May Your will be done, I ask, Until life is ended.
Jesus, in Your name begun Be the day's endeavor;
Grant that it may well be done To Your praise forever.

Text: Morgen- und Abend-segen, Waldenburg, 1734; tr. W. Gustave Polack, 1890-1950, alt.

Tune: Peter Frank, 1616-1675; setting: The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941

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7. Gathering of Daughters

Tune: "Hark the Voice of Jesus Calling" (LSB #827)

- 1 There's a gathering of daughters
Hearts set on life's highest goal
Who have found the living waters
Meant for every thirsting soul
Sisters moved to share God's favor
With their siblings everywhere
Spirit-linked to Christ the Savior
Living out His daily prayer.
- 2 Every minute a reunion
Rich in memories and dreams
Of a close worldwide communion
Binding dedicated teams
Like their mentors since creation
So God's daughters still today
Practice their unique vocation
Caring in their special way.
- 3 Picture that exciting meeting
With their risen reigning Lord
Every saint the others greeting
Perfect love and joy restored
Everything alive and thrilling
Everlasting peace begun
See God's boundless grace fulfilling
Every promise one by one.
- 4 Many wait to be united
All of whom are loved to be
In one family united
For a deathless destiny
Singing glory Alleluia
To the Father to the Son
Honor blessing Alleluia
To the Spirit — Holy One.

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8. Go, My Children, with My Blessing **LSB #922**

- 1 Go, My children, with My blessing, Never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are My own.
In My love's baptismal river I have made you Mine forever.
Go, My children, with My blessing — You are My own.
- 2 Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure.
Here you heard My dear Son's story; Here you touched Him,
saw His glory.
Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.





Songs (cont'd)

3 Go, My children, fed and nourished, Closer to Me;
Grow in love and love by serving, Joyful and free.
Here My Spirit's power filled you; Here His tender comfort
stilled you.
Go, My children, fed and nourished, Joyful and free.

4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;
I the Lord will smile upon you And give you peace:
I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, My children; I will keep you And give you peace.

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919

Tune: Welsh, 18th century; setting: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

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9. Great Is Thy Faithfulness LSB #809

1 Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be. *Refrain*

Refrain

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866-1960

Music: William M. Runyan, 1870-1957

Text and music: © 1923, renewed 1951 Hope Publishing Co.

10. How Great Thou Art LSB #801

1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed; *Refrain*

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,

How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,

How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; *Refrain*

3 But when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in —
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin; *Refrain*

4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!" *Refrain*

Text: Carl Gustaf Boberg, 1859-1940; tr. Stuart W. K. Hine, 1899-1989

Tune: Swedish; arr. and harm. Stuart W. K. Hine, 1899-1989

Text and music: © 1953, renewed 1981 Manna Music

11. I Love to Tell the Story

1 I love to tell the story Of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory, Of Jesus and His love.
I love to tell the story because I know it's true.
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do. *Chorus*

Chorus

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,

To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

2 I love to tell the story; 'Tis pleasant to repeat
What seems each time I tell it more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story; For some have never heard
The message of salvation from God's own holy Word. *Chorus*

3 I love to tell the story for those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'Twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. *Chorus*

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12. In Christ Alone

1 In Christ alone my hope is found,
His is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground;
firm thru the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace;
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All.
Here in the love of Christ I stand

2 In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness;
scorned by the ones He came to save
Til on that cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid.
Here in the death of Christ I live

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12. In Christ Alone (cont'd)

- 3 There in the ground His body lay;
light of the world by darkness slain
then bursting forth in glorious day
up from the grave He rose again
and as He stands in victory
sin's curse has lost its grip on me
for I am His and He is mine.
Bought with the precious blood of Christ
- 4 No guilt in life no fear in death.
This is the power of Christ in me
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny
no power of hell, no scheme of man
can ever pluck me from His hand.
Until He returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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13. Go Tell It on the Mountain LSB #388

- 1 While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light. *Refrain*

Refrain

*Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born!*

- 2 The shepherds feared and trembled
When lo, above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior's birth. *Refrain*

- 3 Down in a lonely manger
The humble Christ was born;
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*

*Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work II, 1873-1925, stanzas, alt.
Tune: African American spiritual; setting: Hugh Porter, 1897-1960*

14. "How Shall They Hear," Who Have Not Heard LSB #831

- 1 "How shall they hear," who have not heard
News of a Lord who loved and came;
Nor known His reconciling word,
Nor learned to trust a Savior's name?

- 2 "To all the world," to ev'ry place,
Neighbors and friends and far-off lands,
Preach the good news of saving grace;
Go while the great commission stands.
- 3 "Whom shall I send?" Who hears the call,
Constant in prayer, through toil and pain,
Telling of One who died for all,
To bring a lost world home again?
- 4 "Lord, here am I:" Your fire impart
To this poor cold self-centered soul;
Touch but my lips, my hands, my heart,
And make a world for Christ my goal.

*Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, b. 1926
Tune: Georg Joseph, 17th century, adaptation
Setting, Cantica Spirituality, 1847.
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15. Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee LSB #803

- 1 Joyful, joyful we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,
Praising Thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.
- 2 All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee;
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

- △ 3 Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Fountainhead of love divine:
Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit!
Joyful, we by grace are Thine!

*Text: Henry Van Dyke, 1852-1933, alt.
Music: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827;
Adapt. Edward Hodges, 1796-1867
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Songs (cont'd)

16. Lord I Lift Your Name on High

- 1 Lord I lift your name on high
Lord I love to sing your praises
Lord I love to sing your praises
I'm so glad you're in my life
I'm so glad you came to save us
- 2 You came from Heaven to earth to show the way
from the earth to the cross by debt to pay
From the cross to the grave; from the grave to the sky;
Lord I lift Your name on high.

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17. Lutheran Women One and All

- 1 Lutheran women, one and all, We have heard the Gospel call.
We by faith have seen our Lord Crucified and then restored.
We have seen Him pay the price, For our sins a sacrifice.
Him we Lord and Christ acclaim And unite to praise His name.
- 2 Lutheran women, young and old, Well we know His challenge bold;
Help to take the Gospel light To a world in darkest night,
By example in the home, By inviting those who roam,
By our prayers for sinners lost, By our gifts for missions' cost.
- 3 Lutheran women, coast to coast, In the Lord a mighty host,
Let us all united be In the Holy Trinity,
One in faith, in hope, and love, Working for the Lord above,
Till, our earthly labors done, We in heaven shall all be one.

Tune: LSB #892, LW #495; TL #574; Elmer A. Kettner

18. Serve the Lord With Gladness

- 1 "Serve the Lord with gladness!" It is He alone
Who redeemed us sinners, Guides us as His own
To enjoy the blessings; Of His love and grace,
Will at last in glory; Meet us face to face.
Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:
"Serve the Lord with gladness!" Glorify His name!
- 2 "Serve the Lord with gladness!" He gave us command
To proclaim His Gospel; Now in every land
So that fellow sinners; May, like us, be best.
Leading them to Jesus, We can serve Him best.
Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:
"Serve the Lord with gladness!" Glorify His name!
- 3 "Serve the Lord with gladness!" There's no greater joy
Than to serve the Master, Work in His employ.
As we build His kingdom; Angels, too, rejoice
Over every sinner; Brought to hear His voice.
Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:
"Serve the Lord with gladness!" Glorify His name!

Tune: LSB #662, LW #518, TLH #658; Professor Ernest Lewerenz

19. Shine, Jesus Shine

- 1 Lord the light of your love is shining.
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us.
Set us free by the truth You now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me. Chorus

Chorus

*Shine, Jesus, shine. Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze. Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river; flow. Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.*

- 2 Lord, I come to your awesome presence.
From the shadows into your radiance
By the blood I may enter your brightness;
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me. Chorus

- 3 As we gaze on Your kingly brightness,
so our faces display Your likeness
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here may our lives tell Your story
Shine on me, shine on me. Chorus

*CCLI #48295254; Graham Kendrick — 1987 Make Way Music
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20. Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying LSB #826

- 1 Hark, the voice of Jesus crying, "Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests waiting —
Who will bear the sheaves away?"
Loud and long the Master calleth; Rich reward He offers thee.
Who will answer, gladly saying,
"Here am I, send me, send me?"
- 2 If you cannot speak like angels, If you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus, You can say He died for all.
If you cannot rouse the wicked With the judgment's dread
alarms, You can lead the little children,
To the Savior's waiting arms.
- 3 If you cannot be a watch-man, Standing high on Zion's wall,
Pointing out the path to heaven, Off'ring life and peace to all,
With your prayers and with your bounties
You can do what God commands;
You can be like faithful Aaron, Holding up the prophet's hands.
- 4 Let none hear you idly saying, "There is nothing I can do."
While the multitudes are dying And the Master calls for you.
Take the task He gives you gladly,
Let His work your pleasure be;
Answer quickly when He calleth,
"Here am I, send me, send me!"

*Text: Daniel March, 1816-1909, sts. 1-2, 4, alt.; unknown, st. 3, alt.
Tune: Joseph Barnby, 1838-1896; setting: The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941*





Songs (cont'd)

21. God of Grace and God of Glory LSB #850

- 1 God of grace and God of glory,
On Your people pour Your pow'r;
Crown Your ancient Church's story;
Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.
- 2 Lo, the hosts of evil round us
Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.
- 3 Cure Your children's warring madness;
Bend our pride to Your control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
Less we miss Your kingdom's goal,
Less we miss Your kingdom's goal.
- 4 Save us from weak resignation
To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of Your salvation
Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
Serving You whom we adore,
Serving You whom we adore.

Text: Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1878-1969

Tune: John Hughes, 1873-1932; setting: Henry V. Gerike, b. 1948

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22. Greet the Rising Sun LSB #871

- 1 Greet the rising sun, Sining with bright force,
Like an athlete strong, Set to run the course;
Birds soar high above, Wild-flow'rs bloom below;
With the day's new light, Glad to work I go.
- 2 Father, hear my prayer, Keep me safe today;
Sanctify my thoughts, All I do and say;
As I teach the young And esteem the old,
May Your bounteous grace By my life be told.
- 3 Lord, I will today On Your love rely;
Let no evil thought Cloud the clear blue sky.
Joyful and content With life's simpler things,
Knowing all I need From Your kindness springs.

Text: Zhao Zichen, 1888-1979; tr. Stephen P. Starke, b. 1955

Tune: Chinese; setting: John R. Eggert, b. 1946

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23. Give Me Jesus

- 1 In the morning when I rise, In the morning when I rise,
In the morning when I rise, Give me Jesus. *Refrain*

Refrain

Give me Jesus, Give me Jesus.

You may have all the rest, Give me Jesus.

- 2 Dark midnight was my cry, Dark midnight was my cry,
Dark midnight was my cry, Give me Jesus. *Refrain*
- 3 Just about the break of day, Just about the break of day,
Just about the break of day, Give me Jesus. *Refrain*
- 4 Oh, when I come to die, Oh, when I come to die;
Oh, when I come to die, Give me Jesus. *Refrain*
- 5 And when I want to sing, And when I want to sing;
And when I want to sing, Give me Jesus. *Refrain*

Text and tune: African American spiritual; setting: Larry L. Fleming, 1936-2003

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24. The Lord Now Sends Us Forth (*Enviado soy de Dios*)

Enviado soy de Dios, mi mano lista está para construir con él
un mundo fraternal.

Los ángeles no son enviados a cambiar un mundo de dolor
por un mundo mejor; me ha tocado a mí hacerlo realidad.
Ayúdame, Señor, a hacer tu voluntad.

The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give, to
make of all the earth a better place to live.

The angels are not sent into our world of pain to do what we
were meant to do in Jesus' name; that falls to you and me
and all who are made free. Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your
will today.

Text: Anonymous, Central America; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923

Music: Anonymous, Central America. English text: © 1998 Augsburg Fortress

25. Glory, Glory, Hallelujah!

- 1 Glory, glory, hallelujah! since I laid my burden down.
Glory, glory, hallelujah! since I laid my burden down.
- 2 I feel better, so much better, since I laid my burden down.
I feel better, so much better, since I laid my burden down.
- 3 Feel like shouting, "Hallelujah!" since I laid my burden down.
Feel like shouting, "Hallelujah!" since I laid my burden down
- 4 I am climbing Jacob's ladder, since I laid my burden down.
I am climbing Jacob's ladder, since I laid my burden down.
- 5 Every round goes high and higher, since I laid my burden down.
Every round goes high and higher, since I laid my burden down.

Text: African American spiritual

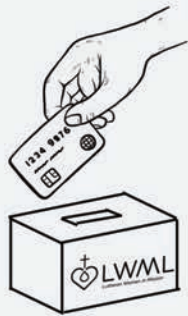
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