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75 years



THEN & NOW LWML Family

The definition of family has expanded in the 75 years of LWML history. Nuclear families were the norm then; now blended families, single-parent families, and multicultural families are common. Additionally, we also have an LWML family, with members sharing their love of LWML through generations. All support the organization's basic purpose: **MISSIONS!**



THEN — AND NOW!

Clara Schmitt, LWML's first president [pictured above], opened her home to five grandchildren after her daughter's husband passed away. Her grandson, Rev. Kenneth Young, recalls Clara working every day in her husband's business and taking care of the family, all while doing her volunteer work with the LWML. Alice Decker [left], Rev. Young's daughter (Clara's great-granddaughter), carried the 75th Anniversary banner and gave the opening prayer as Lutheran Women in Mission gathered at the convention in Albuquerque this past June. She has served as a missionary in Guatemala and Haiti. Continuing with the family dedication to mission service, Alice's daughter, Nicole Boeder (Clara's great-great granddaughter), served in South Africa, Poland, Jamaica, Guatemala, and Kenya.



Current LWML President Patti Ross was introduced to the LWML by her mom, Anita Mahnken. Patti, like Clara so many years before, enjoys spending time with her grandchildren.

"My family has always been very close — loving, supporting, and enjoyable! I find those traits also in my LWML family, and I hope you do too!"

LWML President, Patti Ross, 2015–19



Ida Mall, LWML President 1991–1995, was appointed LWML Public Relations Director in 1983, a position her daughter, Michelle Zollinger, currently occupies.

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