



2021 LWML Convention Sketch Running the Race



Props:

- Purple hat (or hat with purple ribbon)
- large bag containing
 - 2021 LWML convention flyer
 - horseshoe
 - laurel (greenery)
 - banner with “Running the Race ... Looking to Jesus”
 - cross
 - picture of the convention logo

Cast: Three women



Scene: Two women standing together, next to a table.

Woman #1: I wonder why Birdie isn't here?

Woman #2: She said she would meet us here. Oh, here she comes!

(Birdie hurriedly rushes in, carrying a big bag and wearing a purple hat.)

Birdie: Hi there! I am so excited! How do you like my new hat? Doesn't it look grand? Where are your hats? Aren't you getting ready to go?

(Woman #1 and Woman #2 looking perplexed/confused)

Woman #1: What are you talking about? Hat?

Woman #2: Getting ready? Going where? What's all the excitement about?

(Birdie is searching in her bag and pulls out the convention flyer.)

Birdie: Don't you know? We have been invited to a race in Lexington, Kentucky! June 24 to 27, 2021. A BIG race! *(She puts down the flyer on the table, pulls out a horseshoe, holds it up, then lays it on the table. She continues to dig in her bag.)*

Woman #2: A horse race! Lexington! Of course, Lexington is the “horse capital” of the world.

Woman #1: And they still talk about the legend of Big Lex, the horse. How he turned blue from grazing on the bluegrass pastures.

Woman #2: The fastest runner of his time! He won so many races!

Birdie: Yes, it is a BIG RACE! There will be processions of banners and flags and dignitaries. *(Pulls out greenery and drapes it over the table.)*

Woman #1: And there is so much to do in Lexington, shopping, and the one of the kind crafts only found in Kentucky, and distilleries ...

Woman #2: ... Visiting horse farms and maybe a tour to the Ark Encounter.

Birdie: ... And mission speakers, Bible studies, and servant activities, and ALL the ladies in their PURPLE. *(Pulls out banner and hands it to the two women, then pulls out a cross.)* The opening worship service is always ... worshipping with thousands, all who are in this race, keeping their focus on Jesus.

Woman #1: What kind of race are you talking about? What does this horseshoe, and laurel, and banner have to do with ...

Woman #2: ... Bible studies and mission speakers? And thousands at a worship service?

Birdie: *(Holding up the convention flyer and cross.)*
Why the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League convention!!! June 24 to 27, 2021 in Lexington, Kentucky. These women have always looked to Jesus and never hold back any time they can race ahead and share the love of Jesus with others by doing servant activities and Bible studies. And now, they are racing to Lexington to celebrate with several thousand of their closest friends from around the country. And that means you, too, **you** are invited!

(Holding up the horseshoe upside down so it looks like Omega.)
And you know Jesus is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and end. Doesn’t this horseshoe look like the Greek letter, Omega?

(Holding up the greenery.)
This laurel that is draped over a winning horse, reminds me of the victory we have in Christ, when we win our life race.

(Woman #1 and Woman #2 hold up the banner.)
So, everyone in this race is running under the banner “Running the Race ... Looking to Jesus.”

Woman #1: So, you are inviting everyone to come to Lexington and celebrate ...

Woman #2: ... celebrate the victory we all have through Jesus!

Birdie: (*Moving to be behind the banner, holding up the convention logo above the banner.*)
Yes, you got it!!! So, are you coming? (*Faces the audience.*) Are you ready to
LOOK TO JESUS?

Woman #1: (*Faces the audience*) To RUN THE RACE WE HAVE BEFORE US...

Woman #2: (*Faces the audience*) And SHARE THE JOY OF THE LORD!

#1 & #2: We will be there!!!

All: See you in Lexington, Kentucky, June 24 to 27, 2021!

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