

More LWML Districts Meet in Convention

LWML SELC District

Laura Bergmann opened her first convention as LWML SELC District President at St. John Lutheran Church, Massillon, Ohio, on May 16, 2014, under the theme, “To the Ends of the Earth.” LWML President Kay Kreklau’s passion for Christ’s mission was evident as she shared her message with the 49 in attendance. She said, “The Time is NOW to

engage and encourage every woman. Show them you care.” Rev. Chunlin Hu shared stories of his mission work in China and Montreal. Christian humorist Elaine Bickel entertained and inspired. Mission grants were selected for the next biennium and God’s work continues as these women serve with gladness.

LWML South Dakota District

The LWML South Dakota District met May 30-31, 2014, under the theme “Shout for the King” based on Psalm 98:6b, in Mitchell, South Dakota. LWML District President Arlene Naasz led the delegates in selecting new mission grants. Of the 284 in attendance, 44 were first-timers and 16 were Young Women Representatives (YWRs).

Speaker Gloria Schaefer encouraged all attendees to see the hand of God in every detail of their lives and “to thank Him for the gift of YOU.” Mission speakers and Bible studies inspired, and a pledge walk and servant activities rounded out a wonderful weekend filled with His grace and love.

LWML Mid-South District

Women and men gathered in Fort Smith, Arkansas, on June 6-8, 2014, for the LWML Mid-South District Convention. “Life Flows Through the Valley” was the convention theme, based on Psalm 23:4. Ramona Stevenson presided over her first LWML District Convention, leading 217 attendees through election of officers and selection of mission grants. Keynote speaker Patricia Nuffer from Hands of Mercy provided inspiration and the YWRs lead the closing service using cardboard confessions. Hope and joy abound in the Mid-South District!

LWML Eastern District

The LWML Eastern District gathered in convention on June 6-8, 2014, in Buffalo, New York, celebrating 70 years in mission. The convention theme “Walk in the Light” was based on John 8:12. Keynote Speaker Past LWML President Linda Reiser shared her thoughts on sharing and spreading His Light. Mission speakers, Bible studies, great entertainment, and servant activities filled the weekend. LWML Eastern District President Rebecca Bessel passed the gavel to incoming President Kathy Pavelock.

The Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) is the official women’s auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Since 1942, the LWML has focused on affirming each woman’s relationship with Christ, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries and to support global missions. Prior Issues of LWML eNews are available at <http://www.lwml.org/events/news/enews.php>.

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