

# 4 Districts Hold September Conventions

## **Carolinas District**

Cary, North Carolina, was the site of the Carolinas District LWML convention, held September 16-19. Brenda Isaac, Carolinas District LWML President, presided over the final convention of her term with an attendance of 97. The theme of the convention reminded participants that "God Reigns" (Isaiah 52:7). Delegates voted on a new mission goal and mission grants. Debbie Roseman was elected to serve as district president for the next four years. In the convention opening service, the district's Senior Counselor said he was "preparing to go to heaven and planning to take as many people with him that he can."

**Three LWML district conventions were held during the weekend of September 24-26.**

## **Chesapeake District**

"Rooted in Faith — Growing in Christ" was the inspirational theme of the Chesapeake District LWML convention in Richmond, Virginia. Lutheran Women in Mission num-

bering 194 focused on the theme based on Colossians 2:6-7: *So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.* District LWML President Joan Kelly lowered the gavel at the final meeting of her presidential term and Debra Poese was elected as the new president. Dr. John Sound encouraged attendees by saying, "Life isn't about how you survive the storm but how you dance in the rain."

## **Nebraska South District**

Nebraska South District LWML President Sharon Goertzen presided over the first meeting of her term held in Kearney, Nebraska, under the jubilant theme "He Shall Reign Forever and Ever" based on Psalm 146:10. Convention activities and events based on the theme were enjoyed by convention attendees. Worship and praise highlighted the convention as God was glorified. A sign made by the children at an orphanage to greet the short-term team arriving in Malawi read, "It's the plan

of the living God for you to be here." Kathy and Betty, two women from the district, commented, "God used the challenge to the LWML districts to encourage us to go on a short-term mission trip. It changed our lives!"

## **Southern Illinois District**

The Southern Illinois District LWML met in convention at Centralia, Illinois. There were 240 attendees who traveled to participate in convention events and activities under the theme "Grow in Grace." District President Brenda Schoenbeck presided over convention events and activities at the final meeting of her term. Helen Mayer was elected to serve the next four years as district president. Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School, Centralia, Illinois, Principal Curtis Wudke shared, "Eleven percent of our students indicate no religious preference and are unchurched. LWML tuition assistance enables us to offer quality education to children in an environment where they can hear the Word of God and experience Christian examples of living. We thank you for partnering with us."

## **CONVENTION CENTRAL :: LWML Plays in Peoria**

You are invited to come to the 34<sup>th</sup> Biennial LWML Convention at the Peoria Civic Center, June 23–June 26, 2011. Exciting convention activities are being designed around the convention theme "Being with Jesus — Living on the Edge." They will include inspiration from Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus, Rev. Dr. Reed Lessing, Deb Burma, Heidi Floyd, and song leader Lana Gibbons. Invite your friends to join you as thousands of women rally in Peoria, Illinois, for this experience of a lifetime! Visit [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org) for the latest in Peoria convention news!



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