

2005-07 Goal Exceeded

The Lord greatly blessed our mite gathering this past biennium with a total of \$1,680,106.00, which exceeded the 2005-07 goal by \$55,106.00. That additional amount will go toward the 2007-09 mission goal.

Together in Prayer

During this month full of summer fun and family activities, let us continue to join Together in Prayer Every Monday at Noon. As we pray, let us remember to rejoice in the Lord always.

But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation always say, "The LORD be exalted!" Psalm 40:16 (NIV)

Dear Lord, I thank You for the days of summer that bring much needed time of rest to help me to regain my energy and to continue the race You have set before me. Lord, hear my prayer and bless those You have chosen to serve You as part of the LWML. May Your Holy Spirit guide them as they use their gifts and talents in service to you. Dear Lord, bless those who have faithfully served You through Lutheran Women in Mission and give them hearts that will continue to joyfully let Your light shine through them wherever You lead them. In the precious Name of Jesus. Amen.

LWML on the Move

LWML will have displays at the International Lutheran Laymen's League Convention in Duluth, Minnesota, July 26-29, and at the National Youth Gathering in Orlando, Florida, July 28-31. If you attend, stop by and say "hello." LWML also had a display at the LCMS Convention in Houston.

LWML ROCKed!

More than 5,000 women and men joined to "ROCK! Rest on Christ the King" at the 32nd Biennial LWML Convention in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where delegates elected Jan Wendorf as president and adopted a record-setting \$1.7 million mission goal. The goal is \$75,000 higher than last biennium's goal and is the highest in the LWML's 65-year history. This money will help support the 18 new mission grants chosen by delegates. Visit <http://www.lwml.org/conventions/friday.html> for a list of the new grants.

Des Moines, Iowa, was selected as the convention site for 2015.

Terry Kieschnick, first lady of the LCMS and wife of LCMS President Gerald Kieschnick, gave a "sparkling" keynote address. Terry compared women to diamonds, which share imperfections, unique cuts and colors. She encouraged women, "God's diamonds," to use their gifts in mission and leave a legacy.

Dr. Mary Manz Simon, noted speaker and author, led the daily Bible studies, titled "Rock On." Processions of banners from the 40 LWML districts and flags from 38 of 50 countries in which the LWML has



Outgoing LWML President Linda Reiser, left, welcomes the new president, Jan Wendorf.

supported a mission grant opened the sessions.

Other highlights of the convention included two Mission Pledge Walks, a 65th anniversary celebration, a talent show, an evening with jazz singer Erin Bode, servant activities, presentations by missionaries, plus much more!

For more information about the convention, including additional election results, pictures, the official convention press release and the daily convention newsletter, go to <http://www.lwml.org/conventions/lutheran-women-in-mission-conventions.htm>

A link to pictures is under the box on the right side of each day's highlights page.

Convention Offerings

The following are convention offering totals as of July 11, 2007:

#1 - 2007-09 Mite Goal.....	\$53,780.25	#3 - Financial Aid	
		to Seminaries.....	\$51,293.94
		(each seminary will receive	\$25,646.97)
#2 - 65th Anniversary.....	\$89,327.35	#4 - Heart to Heart.....	\$41,687.91
(70% LCMS World Mission; Education of			
Missionary Children: \$62,529.15; 30% to			
LWML Endowment: \$26,798.20)		Total Offerings	\$236,089.45
			(as of 7/11/07)

The LWML, with a membership of over 250,000, is the official women's auxiliary of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The LWML focuses on affirming each woman in her relationship with Christ to enable her to be in ministry among the people of the world. For over 60 years the LWML has been encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries and to financially support global mission.

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