

## **NEWS RELEASE:**

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### **LWML Board Meeting Conducted Online**

During the first weekend of February 2011, the United States experienced one of the most widespread snowstorms in decades. The central region of the nation experienced power outages as well as airport and interstate closures. Peoria, Illinois, located in the center of the country, was at the heart of this powerful storm.

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Board of Directors meeting scheduled for this same weekend on February 4-6, 2011, in Peoria was cancelled due to the weather conditions and travel limitations. "This decision was made for the safety and well-being of all the board members from across the nation," explains LWML President Janice Wendorf.

The Convention Programming and Executive Committees of the LWML were already in Peoria preparing for the board meeting and were faced with the challenge of how to conduct an electronic meeting, share much needed information with all 40 LWML district presidents, and vote on important organizational issues. The Bylaws of the LWML (Article X Section 2 item d.) allow business to be conducted electronically in an emergency situation when members cannot meet face to face. Missouri law for non-profits requires that the LWML receive unanimous written consent to do this by a quorum vote. A unanimous affirmative vote was obtained from the board members using fax machines and scanners and President Wendorf called the meeting to order.

This historic online and ongoing meeting will be conducted until the board's necessary business has been accomplished. A special e-mail address has been set up for the purpose of conducting LWML votes. In addition to business, important information is being shared with the board through audio and visual means using WebEx conferencing about the upcoming LWML convention to be held June 23-26, 2011, in Peoria under the theme *Being with Jesus – Living on the Edge*. Hats, gloves, scarves, and mittens collected by the board members for their Gifts from the Heart offering were distributed to local needs throughout the nation as well as in the Peoria area.

President Jan shares: "All the board members have worked long and hard to communicate and assimilate everything that was scheduled for the board meeting. A wonderful sense of cooperation and team work has been displayed. I am thankful that the Lord has provided ways to communicate that help us to get information out in a timely manner."

*Please remember LWML in your estate plan.  
Our legal name is: "Lutheran Women's Missionary League."*

**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.**

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