



# News Release

Lutheran Women's Missionary League

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## LWML BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HELD IN BRIDGETON, MISSOURI



The Board of Directors (BOD) of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) met February 1-3, 2013, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Bridgeton, Missouri. Special guests included LWML—Canada President Iris Barta, and two other leaders of LWML—Canada, Fran Porteous, and Lorraine Kaija. LWML President Kay Kreklau shared, "It is a joy and privilege to continue to share ideas with, and serve alongside, our Canadian sisters as we serve our Lord in the many tasks He places before us to do in His name."

In addition to conducting business and worshipping together, the BOD members visited the LCMS International Center, including the Concordia Historical Museum, and historic Trinity Lutheran Church. Details about the continuing preparations for the 35th Biennial LWML Convention to be held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, June 27-30, 2013, were discussed. The LWML Convention Host Committee was the host for the Board of Directors dinner on Saturday evening. The six LWML District Presidents from the hosting districts provided some light-hearted moments as they shared interesting facts about the Pittsburgh area.

The 80 attendees at the meeting brought *Gifts from the Heart* to help support the ministry of Christian Friends of New Americans, which partners with LCMS congregations for purposes of cross-cultural ministry among immigrants and refugees in the greater St. Louis area. Dr. Allan R. Buckman, Chairman of Christian Friends of New Americans, and his wife, Carol, shared about the ministry of the organization and expressed thanks for the more than 500 items gathered to help support the work being done in the urban areas of St. Louis.



The attendees had the opportunity to send email Valentines to LCMS missionary children by drawing the children's names that were pasted on small hearts. One of the current LWML mission grants, Missionary Family Care and Education for \$100,000, has been funded. A Mite Challenge during the BOD meeting resulted in \$1,676.78 being gathered. The offering from the Sunday morning worship was \$1,741.00. These funds totaling \$3,417.78 will help pay for the remaining mission grants for the 2011-2013 biennium.

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*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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