



Over 4700 women and men from around the world filled the Peoria Civic Center from June 23–26, 2011, for the 34th biennial convention of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. The following pages tell only part of the story of those who came to "play in Peoria." Read the rest of the story at lwml.org.



Convention Opening Worship



Opening day events include a gathering of friends, a golf outing, servant activities, special exhibits, and a Communion Worship Service.







Who Said It ?

A. "Live on the edge — courageously, intentionally, compassionately, sacrificially."

B. "Who will the church stop for? The broken, the hurting, the other?"

C. They told how Chinese believers courageously share faith their with family, friends, and coworkers in the USA and abroad.

D. "Take others to the edge so that they may see Jesus too."

E. "Never have I been more thankful for a second chance to live with conviction now, for you, Lord."

F. Her mother served on the convention host committee; he achieved a life-long dream to play banjo at an LWML convention.

G. "Let's jump in where we are needed!"

H. "Don't mess with the LWML ... Join us as we live on the edge."

I. The LWML partnered with them when they served the Tagakaulo people of the Philippines.

J. This singer-songwriter taught us many of her original compositions, including "Being with Jesus."

K. "Can't be a Barnabus? Be a 'Barnababe': stay in the Word, tell it like it is, and demonstrate honesty and humility; speak encouragement."

L. "What will you tell people when you go home? Be Jesus with skin on. Be natural. Step out in faith. God will bless you."



President Matthew & Mrs. Harrison



Katie Stam



Rev. Jeff Johnson



Dr. Ken Klaus



Dr. Joe Meyer



Lana Gibbons



Rev. Todd & Kim Roeske



Deb Burma



Heidi Floyd



President Kay Kreklau



Dr. Reed Lessing



Dr. Paul and Becky Shaw

L. President Kay Kreklau
H. Dr. Klaus; I. The Roeskes; J. Lana Gibbons; K. Dr. Lessing,
E. Katie Stam; F. President and Mrs. Harrison; G. Heidi Floyd;
A. Deb Burma; B. Rev. Johnson; C. The Shaws; D. Dr. Meyer;

Accompanied by members of their extended family on a variety of instruments, Sibling Harmony (Kim, Kurtis, and Kevin Bueltmann) used guitars, drums, vocal harmonies, and multi-media to perform Christian songs that engaged and inspired audience members of all ages.



2011–2013 Biennium Mission Grants

1. Support for Lutheran Orphanages – Haiti	\$70,000
2. Lutheran Braille Workers Plate Embossing Device	\$100,000
3. Lutheran Bible Translators (LBT) Spread God's Word Through Print and Audio	\$97,344
4. Outreach to At-Risk Children – Detroit, Michigan	\$55,000
5. Cancer Care Package Ministry	\$100,000
6. Crow Indian Ministry – Montana	\$69,999.64
7. Exodus 2:6 Project: Spiritual Care in Disasters – Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma	\$50,000
8. Children's Nutrition and Care – Vietnam	\$72,255
9. Grace Place for LCMS International Missionaries	\$75,000
10. Pregnancy Center: Newborn Protection – Malaysia, Southeast Asia	\$54,500
11. The Lutheran Malaria Initiative – Kenya, East Africa	\$100,000
12. Two Graduate Scholarships for International/Minority Students – Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri	\$50,000
13. Project JOEL — Outreach to Youth – Central/South America	\$75,000
14. Children's Developmental Disabilities Group Home and Rehabilitation Center – Dominican Republic	\$100,000
15. Missionary Family Care and Education	\$100,000
16. Gospel Outreach Through Open Arms Child Care	\$65,000
17. Haskell Indian Nations University Lutheran Campus Ministry Expansion – Lawrence, Kansas	\$100,000
18. Financial Support for LCMS Prison and Jail Ministry Conference	\$27,500
19. Physical and Spiritual Nourishment for the Impoverished – United States/Mexico Border [partial funding]	\$28,470.36