
FROM PRESIDENT DEBBIE

Step by Step, in His Hands

Oh, how our Lord has blessed
the LWML! More than 3,000
women and men met in Mobile,
Alabama, in June to give
Praise to the LORD! Lutheran
Women in Mission, almost
80,000-strong from 40 districts,
prayed for this convention,
while nearly 6,000
participated via Livestream.

We continue to give praise,
for God has showered
His people with blessings.
We will step forward, boldly
declaring our faith and
sharing Jesus' love in response
to all that God has given us.



One of the greatest gifts our Lord gave us is the opportunity to make disciples of all nations. Christ gave us the Great Commission, not because He wasn't capable of discipling the nations, but to allow us to witness and serve. Deliberate and joyful witnessing strengthens our faith and keeps us centered on Jesus. Serving with fellow Christians gives us confidence to be bold in speaking about our Savior and allows us to discover and develop our spiritual gifts.

I'm a planner, and I wake each morning thinking about my list for the day. I often focus on my desires and my plans. How God must laugh! I'm so thankful my heavenly Father knows the plans He has for me and continues to equip me with the discipline to seek His will and trust in Him.

In June, I had the not so delightful experience of having a vestibular virus in my ears. Each step took concentration as the world spun around me. My equilibrium was off, and I couldn't focus my eyes. My whole world was unbalanced. Do you know what I could do? Pray! I love this Bible passage: *The Lord is exalted, for He dwells on high; He will fill Zion with justice and righteousness, and He will be the stability of your times, abundance of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge; the fear of the Lord is Zion's treasure* (Isaiah 33:5–6). Our steps may feel unsure, but we walk with Jesus on the solid foundation of faith!

This issue of the *LWQ* focuses on "the next step." As we begin a new biennium and step forward as Lutheran Women in Mission, with Christ as our Leader and Lord, we will stand strong, serving the Lord with gladness. We will continue to be in the Word, strengthening our understanding of God's will and offering resources and programs for continuing education and inspiration for all women.

We will continue to reach out to the world. LWML has a history of showing mercy through our Mite Boxes (mission giving) and mission service. We will continue blessing others in these ways because God has blessed us.

I am honored to serve as your LWML President. I will look to our Leader as we all take each step forward with a confidence that comes from knowing our Lord and Savior.

Each step, surrounded by His grace.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debbie Larson".