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FROM PRESIDENT DEBBIE



A Horse of a Different Color

The theme of our 2021 LWML Convention in Lexington, Kentucky, is “Running the Race ... Looking to Jesus”. What an appropriate theme as we jump the hurdles of COVID-19, civil unrest, hurricanes, fires, and political campaigns. This year has felt like a marathon, and through it all we are surrounded by HIS grace!

In the center of this issue you'll find information and a registration form for next summer's convention. I invite you to attend, to “run” to Lexington, and experience the joy and exhilaration of worshipping with thousands of your sisters and brothers in Christ.

You've heard the phrase, “Well, that's a horse of a different color.” The term is used to point out a difference rather than a likeness. In Lexington, however, they really do have a horse of a different color! Big Lex is a legend based on a celebrated racehorse named after the city, and a famous painting of Big Lex depicts him as a very blue horse. The legend states that Big Lex turned blue from grazing in nourishing bluegrass pastures his entire life.

As you approach the city of Lexington, you'll see horses running gracefully through the bluegrass of Kentucky. These horses run with dignity and elegance — another definition of grace. The grace we share is God's grace. This undeserved gift from God covers us with His mercy and forgiveness and leads us to show His compassion and generosity to those around us. May God's grace surround you with HIS warmth. May God's arms surround you with HIS protection and bring you HIS peace. You don't need to come to Lexington to experience God's grace, but I can promise you HIS grace abounds at all LWML gatherings.

During this LWML Convention, based on Hebrews 12:1-2, *Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God, we will focus on Jesus, celebrate our salvation, and share HIS grace with others through witness and mission grants.*

As LWML looks to Jesus, I invite you to join your sisters and brothers in Christ from around the country celebrating God's grace, even as we continue to run the race with Jesus as our Leader.

Walking by faith, surrounded by HIS grace.

