



Running the Race ... Looking to Jesus

Lutheran Women's Missionary League 39th Biennial Convention

June 24-27, 2021

Lexington, Kentucky



Convention Highlights

Wednesday, June 23

5–8 p.m. Registration is Open

Thursday, June 24

7 a.m.–7 p.m. Registration is Open
9 a.m.–11 a.m. Servant Connections: Session 1
9 a.m.–3 p.m. Blood Drive is Open
9 a.m.–6 p.m. Bluegrass Meadows
Exhibit Hall is Open

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Servant Connections: Session 2
11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. H2H Sisters Sending Service
1–3 p.m. Servant Connections: Session 3
2:30–3:30 p.m. Delegate Orientation
3:45–6:20 p.m. District Caucuses
4–5:30 p.m. Boxed Supper Available
6:45 p.m. Pre-Service Music

7 p.m.

First Meeting

Worship Service with Communion
Convention Offering #1:
2021–2023 LWML Mission Goal

Friday, June 25

6:45–7:45 a.m. Wake up with the Word
Bible Studies
7 a.m.–2 p.m. Registration is Open
8 a.m.–5 p.m. King's Kids Clubhouse
8 a.m. Singing

8:15 a.m.

8:15 a.m. **Second Meeting**
District Banner Procession
Bible Study
Adoption of Bylaw
Amendments
Mission Goal Report
Mites in Action Speaker
Lunch Recess
Info Gatherings
Bluegrass Meadows
Exhibits Hall is Open

1:45 p.m.

2 p.m.

Third Meeting

Convention Offering #2:
King's Community Outreach in
Fort Wayne, Indiana
Keynote Speaker Linda Reiser
Mission Grants Report
Mites in Action Speaker
Dinner Recess
Bluegrass Meadows
Exhibits Hall is Open
Winner's Circle Celebration in
Bluegrass Meadows!

5–7 p.m.

5–7 p.m.

7–9 p.m.

Saturday, June 26

6:45–7:45 a.m.

8 a.m.–2 p.m.

8 a.m.–5 p.m.

8:15 a.m.

8:30 a.m.

8:30 a.m.

12 p.m.

12–1:30 p.m.

12–2 p.m.

2:15 p.m.

2:30 p.m.

4:15 p.m.

4:30–5:30 p.m.

5–7 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 27

8:45 a.m.

9 a.m.

11:15 a.m.

Wake up with the Word

Bible Studies

Registration is Open

King's Kids Clubhouse

Singing

Fourth Meeting

Past LWML Presidents and
Mission Flag Procession

Convention Offering #3:

Gifts for All God's Children's
Connecting Kids to Christ Center
in Detroit, Michigan

Bible Study

LCMS Missionaries

Mites in Action Speaker

Lunch Recess

Special Interest Luncheons

Bluegrass Meadows

Exhibits Hall is Open

Singing

Fifth Meeting

Mites in Action Speaker

Voting for Officers

Dinner Recess

Photo Finish Mission Walk

Dinner

Entertainment: Billie Reneé &
Cumberland Gap

Singing

Sixth Meeting

Convention Offering #4:

POBLO International Ministries in
Clinton Township, Michigan

Mites in Action Speaker

Recognition of Lexington

Host Districts

Installation of Officers

Adjournment

Sending Worship Service

This Convention Highlights page gives you an overview of convention programming. Please refer to the Convention Program on pages 11–15 for a more detailed description of meetings and activities.

Welcome to Lexington!



Welcome to the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) 39th Biennial Convention in Lexington. The convention program has been planned and prepared by the 2021 LWML Convention Programming Committee and is being hosted by the members of the 2021 Convention Host Committee from the Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio Districts.

We pray you will be inspired and grow by the worship and singing, uplifting Bible studies, and motivational mission speakers. You will have many opportunities to meet new people and renew old friendships, plus fellowship at meal times. There are mission opportunities presented by the many informational exhibits in the Bluegrass Meadows Exhibit Hall and at our Winner's Circle Celebration. Enjoy your time together as sisters and brothers in Christ as we are "Running the Race ... Looking to Jesus."

This convention manual provides many details you will need for your convention experience and will serve as a concise summary of the 2019–2021 biennium. Convention manuals serve as our LWML yearbook, so be sure to save this one for future reference. You will find valuable items in your convention tote bag, including the first issue of the convention newspaper, *The Finish Post*; the convention activity locator; and other items to help you enjoy this convention.

Need help or have a question? The LWML Information Desk location is in the Atrium of the Central Bank Center.

Again, welcome! We are glad you are here.

**LWML Convention Programming Committee
2021 Convention Host Committee**

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Convention Information

Announcements: Only announcements of an emergency nature will be made during meetings. Other announcements may be posted on the Whova app (see "Whova App" on page 4 for more details).

Blood Donations: Donations are accepted by preregistration only. If you are scheduled to be a blood donor, please go to Exhibit Hall A1, Level Three, Central Bank Center, at the time of your donation on Thursday, June 24.

Child Care: Child Care and Youth Activities (King's Kids Clubhouse) are available by pre-registration only.

Convention Charms and Tie Tac Pins: If you pre-ordered these on your convention registration form, you may pick them up at the table in the Registration Area located in the Pre-Function Area, Level Three, Central Bank Center.

Convention Polo Shirts: You may purchase a convention logo shirt (if available) at the Information Tables Area in the Atrium, Level One, Central Bank Center.

Delegates: All voting delegates must sign in at the Delegate desk in the Registration Area.

Emergencies: Contact an usher or hostess in case of accident or illness while at the Central Bank Center and Rupp Arena. The First Aid room is located in the Rupp Arena between sections #33 and #34 and will be open during the hours of convention meetings and activities.

Exhibits and Displays: Bluegrass Meadows

A variety of exhibits, including many hands-on, interactive activities, are located in Exhibit Hall B, Level Three, Central Bank Center. Included are displays sponsored by LWML Committees that feature new LWML products and resources, as well as banners from each district. The banners will be displayed after the Friday morning session until 2 p.m. Saturday.

Bluegrass Meadows Exhibit Hall will be open as follows:

Thursday, June 24, 2021	9 a.m.–6 p.m.
Friday, June 25, 2021	11:30 a.m.–1:45 p.m. and 5–7 p.m.
	Winner's Circle Celebration 7–9 p.m.
Saturday, June 26, 2021	12–2 p.m.

Gifts from the Heart Items: These may be brought to the collection and packing area in Clubroom B, Level Two, Central Bank Center. Please bring all items by Friday, June 25, at 12 p.m. so they can be distributed to local agencies.

Identification: Your badge is your admission to all meetings and all convention events. **Very Important:** Please complete the emergency card and insert in your convention badge with your appropriate medical information for emergency purposes.

Information Desk: The Information Desk is located in the Atrium, Level One, Central Bank Center.

Lost and Found: Lost and Found is located in the Pre-Function Area, Level Three, Central Bank Center.

LWML Store: The LWML Purple Rose Store is located in Bluegrass Meadows Exhibit Hall, Exhibit Hall B, Level Three, Central Bank Center.

Meals: Thursday and Sunday boxed meals will be available in the Lobby Area, Level Three, Rupp Arena. Friday boxed salad lunch can be enjoyed at one of the various Info Gatherings. Saturday Special Luncheons can be enjoyed in various locations in the Central Bank Center (see daily newspaper for locations). Friday and Saturday dinners will be served in various locations (see convention newspaper for locations). Concessions will be open beginning Wednesday in the Rupp Arena.

Convention Information, continued

Mission Pledge Walk: The Photo Finish Mission Walk will begin at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, June 26. Prior to the Walk, check in at the table in the Atrium, Level One, Central Bank Center, at the Information Tables Area to pick up your T-shirt, turn in your pledge sheet and donations, after you have registered for the convention. On Saturday for the Photo Finish Mission Walk, gather in Triangle Park across Vine Street from Rupp Arena.

Prayer Chapel (Grace Place): A room for those who wish to have some quiet moments of prayer will be open at all times, except during worship services and evening programs. It is located in Meeting Room 1, Level Two, Central Bank Center. Pastors are available for comfort and/or consultation as needed. Speak to an usher or go to the Prayer Chapel if you wish to speak with a pastor.

Registration: Confirmation of registration and general information have been mailed. Badges and convention materials will be picked up at the Registration Area located in the Pre-Function Area, Level Three, Central Bank Center. Registration will be open as follows:

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Seating: Please follow the instructions of the ushers at all times. Special seating areas are designated for presenters and their families, special guests, and physically and hearing-impaired attendees. There will be no communion given on the level three tier in Rupp Arena.

Servant Activities/Servant Connections: Servant Activities are on Thursday, June 24, in Exhibit Hall C, Level Three, Central Bank Center. Session times are 9–11 a.m., 11 a.m.–1 p.m., and 1–3 p.m. These activities are available by pre-registration only. Please report and receive your memento at the check-in table marked “Servant Activities” at the Information Tables Area in the Atrium, Level One, Central Bank Center.

Transportation: Hotel shuttles, from the outlying LWML hotels, will be in service two hours before sessions begin and two hours after sessions conclude. The shuttles will pick up in the corded area in the parking lot across High Street. Tour buses may pick up on the Vine Street side outside the Atrium, Level One, Central Bank Center. (See the convention newspaper for updated information, if changed.) District Charter Buses, serving as convention shuttles, will arrive and depart on High Street in front of the Central Bank Center stairs.

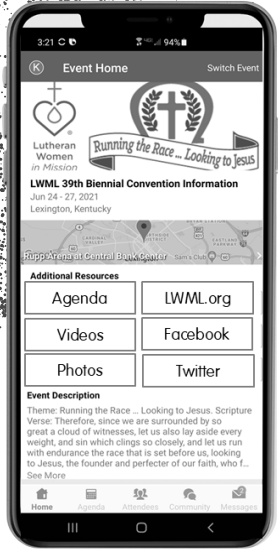
Wheelchairs: Wheelchair rental (with prior arrangements) is located in the Pre-Function Area, Level Three, Central Bank Center.

Whova App: This is the official convention event app where you can view convention information and network with other attendees. ►



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2. **Sign in** using the email address you used for convention registration, create a password, and type in your name.

Convention Personalities

The Rev. Dr. David P. E. Maier — Opening Worship Proclaimer

The Rev. Dr. David P. E. Maier has supported the LWML for nearly 40 years. Currently serving as LCMS Michigan District President presents him with many opportunities to speak to LWML women at their gatherings. Rev. Maier also serves on the Christian Outreach for Africa Board, which coordinates many Christian outreach and development opportunities on the continent of Africa. His name will certainly be familiar to many. His father is Dr. Walter A. Maier, Jr., son of the first Lutheran Hour Speaker, Dr. Walter A. Maier. But mostly he will tell you he is a child of God. Rev. Maier loves our convention Scripture verse and looks forward to delivering the message at the opening worship. He believes we should not worry about situations over which we have no control, but REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS! He and his wife, Pat, live in Michigan where they are joyfully surrounded by their four children and five grandchildren.



The Rev. Dr. Ryan Peterson — Sending Worship Proclaimer

The Rev. Dr. Ryan Peterson serves as Vice President of Administration and Chief Campus Executive at Concordia University Ann Arbor. He has a passion for the youth of our church and that is where his focus lies. Rev. Peterson has been active in the LCMS Michigan District Youth Gatherings, the LCMS Youth Ministry, Camp Arcadia, and the National Youth Gathering. During the 2019 Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, he shared a Bible study he wrote: “How Do I Know? A Simple Approach to Complex Decisions,” dealing with the significant decisions facing youth today. Over the years, he has become increasingly aware of the impact LWML has had on mission work, primarily through mission grants which supply assistance for church workers and college students. Rev. Peterson said, “Praise be to God for the incredible and committed mission of LWML! The commitment to missions in various forms — but always with eyes fixed on Jesus — is an inspiration.” Coincidentally, the convention’s Scripture verse is his favorite Bible passage.



Linda Reiser — Keynote Speaker

Linda Reiser served as our LWML President from 2003–2007. While she no longer needs to drive 31,000 miles as she did during her presidential term, she is still busy doing God’s work. Linda now works with the Mission of Christ Network and the LCMS Nebraska District’s Lutheran Church Extension Fund Committee, and their Lutheran Ministry Foundation. She is a member of the LWML Gift Planning Committee, and, in her local church, she is part of their Mission-Ministry Council. When Linda does find spare time, she plays golf and has been a big supporter of the Tee Up 4 Mites Golf Outing at LWML conventions. Her confirmation Bible verse (as well as her favorite verse) is Psalm 37:4: *Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.* Studying God’s Word allows Him to shape her and use her for His purposes. Linda believes God has called each of us for a purpose, and she prays that women find that purpose by serving as a Lutheran Woman in Mission.



Deaconess Heidi Goehmann — Bible Study Leader

Deaconess Heidi Goehmann asks her blog readers, “Where do I find my worth?” Her answer: “It’s a complicated question with a less complicated answer: Jesus.” She believes that “like most things in life, the belief in a God who loves me enough to die for me, who has a plan to bring me hope and a future, changes everything, including my concept of where I find my worth.” This is the basis for Heidi’s practice as an experienced licensed clinical social worker with a demonstrated history of working in the religious institutions industry. She advocates for mental health, relationships, and Jesus. She produces resources to help Christians lovingly respond to those with mental health issues. Hearing her grandmother’s



LWML friends talk about the needs of their neighbors, and how they might help, planted the seed for her career path. Heidi wants every young woman to feel the inclusion that she felt with those caring LWML women she knew as a young girl.



Jan Struck — Humorous Interrupter

Jan Struck created and played characters such as Ruby Begonia, Aunt Jane, Marta Von Bora, and Needa Mhytes at many LWML conventions. “I grew up with humor and laughter. Always. My whole family is nuts,” Jan said in a recent interview. Jan learned how to do comedy and developed stage presence and timing in high school. “It started with speech and drama club, and I just loved it,” she said. “I wanted to teach high school English and direct plays, so at Valparaiso University, I studied theater and English.” Jan’s life has been anything but funny, but her faith and her family have helped her through the tough times. “The Lord showed me that my gift is in my everyday humor. I see things in a warped and silly way; I see humor in things other people don’t. That’s my gift and I can use that to share the Word.” Jan feels blessed to be involved in an organization that is all about telling His Story.



Abby Goehring — Humorous Interrupter

Abby Goehring has a passion for working with young children. After earning a degree in education, she began teaching in 2008. Abby feels her classroom is her mission field, serving as a role model for her students. She loves her job because each day in the classroom is new, and you just never know what kids are going to say! Maybe that is where she gets her sense of humor and why she enjoys making people laugh. Abby first became involved in LWML when she volunteered to be her zone’s Young Woman Representative to the LWML Texas District Convention. She served in various capacities, but always working with young women or teens. Abby made her debut as a humorous interrupter at her 2018 LWML Texas District Convention and has been involved with LWML at all levels. It has become a part of who she is, and she looks forward to bringing a smile to everyone’s face in Lexington.



Mark Senechal — Song Leader

Mark Senechal believes he is a nomad since being called to full-time worship ministry more than 20 years ago. He has served in churches and schools throughout the country, landing in Missouri where he serves as director of worship at Christ Memorial Lutheran Church in St. Louis. He has a great appreciation for the LWML because his mother, a past LWML Eastern District officer, taught him to put his pennies in the Mite Box because God would do wondrous things with them. Mark’s favorite Scripture verse is *Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy* (Psalm 33:3 NIV), calling him to praise our Lord with joy and enthusiasm.



The Rev. John Carrier — Mites in Action Speaker

2019–2021 Mission Grant #7, Restoring Hope for Detroit Children and Families — Camp Restore Detroit

The Rev. John Carrier developed a heart for urban outreach while serving as a pastor in Chicago. He now serves as executive director of Camp Restore Detroit. As a pastor at Mount Calvary in Detroit, he finds his church becoming an outreach station in his neighborhood. Jeremiah 29:11, *For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope*, is the theme verse for the camp. Rev. Carrier says, “This is why we are here, God’s people bringing His ‘Light’ to the ‘darkness’ of our City.” The “Light” imagery is especially appropriate in Detroit, where not long ago bumper stickers about Detroit asked, “Would the last one to leave please turn the lights out?” In his neighborhood, most streets are dark, but even the deepest darkness is dispelled by the Light of God’s love in Christ Jesus!

Lorene King — Mites in Action Speaker**2017–2019 LWML Mission Grant #15, Sharing Jesus with People with Disabilities — Bethesda Lutheran Communities**

Lorene King, Vice President of Philanthropy at Bethesda, serves as a fundraising executive and leads a team of eight major gift officers. At the time of her appointment, Mike Thirtle, President and CEO of Bethesda said, “Lorene is the perfect fit for this role – a highly accomplished fundraising executive with a strong Christian faith and a commitment to our mission.” She works with the executive leadership team to raise support and funding for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities to ensure that all have the opportunity to lead and live their best lives possible. Lorene lives in Daytona Beach, Florida, where she supports the Crisis Pregnancy Center and Food Brings Hope, a local nonprofit for children impacted by food insecurity.

**Ruth Richert Martin — Mites in Action Speaker****2017–2019 Mission Grant #21, Family Scholarships for Short Term Mission Trips — MOST Ministries**

Ruth Richert Martin is the executive director of MOST Ministries. For the past 31 years, she has been ministering to the physical and spiritual needs of lost and hurting people in over 50 countries. Ruth served on the Board of Directors for the LCMS Michigan District from 2006–2018. Her responsibilities at MOST Ministries include overseeing the relationships between national church leaders in the mission field and the missionaries. Ruth directs MOST Ministries’ Development Program and their public relations efforts. She has tremendous respect for the LWML. Ruth first served as a page at the LWML Michigan District Convention at Concordia University Ann Arbor when she was in middle school. She believes that “LWML members are the workhorses of the LCMS and are an indispensable partner with MOST Ministries in carrying out the Great Commission. It’s truly amazing what the LWML has done and continues to do to further God’s kingdom!”

**The Rev. Jeffrey Mueller — Mites in Action Speaker****2019–2021 LWML Mission Grant #6, Mobile Medical Mercy Mission Bus for Guatemala — Lutheran Church of Guatemala and Child Beyond International**

The Rev. Jeff Mueller returned to his home congregation, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Hood River, Oregon, feeling blessed to have experienced several unique and varied ministry opportunities in his calls to California, Hawaii, and Oregon. Rev. Mueller started a new church and then oversaw the birth of seven daughter churches in five different languages and cultures. When he returned to Oregon, he helped rebuild a church in decline and watched God raise it to a new life. His small-town church family has a huge heart for the lost and is always seeking to share God’s love and grace. Rev. Mueller had the great privilege of visiting several countries on mission trips, as well as overseeing the birth of a now-thriving international orphan ministry in Guatemala called “Child Beyond International.” He feels blessed and grateful to be working in the harvest fields of our Lord with the mission-hearted women of the LCMS!

**Gary Thies — Mites in Action Speaker****2019–2021 LWML Mission Grant #12, Women’s Witness and Mercy in Asia — Mission Central**

Gary Thies started Mission Central in the basement of an Iowa farmhouse, praying to the Lord to raise up “not normal” people who would join him and take the mission of bringing Jesus to the world. After serving for 11 years on the Synodical Mission Board of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) and being chairman of it for five years, the Lord’s Mission Central concept was founded. Beginning in 1994, Gary became the Mission Development Counselor for the LCMS. Charged with “raising the level of mission



awareness,” Gary helped Mission Central become the largest LCMS mission network, providing support to the LCMS Office of International and National Mission. Blessed by God as a conduit to raise millions of dollars every year to send and keep missionaries in the mission field, Mission Central also provides a place for missionaries to stay when on home service, offices for the volunteers, and facilities for mission events.



Andy Bates — Luncheon Speaker

Andy Bates, Director of Christian Education (DCE), has served as a host and producer at KFYO Radio since 2013, was appointed Director of Programming in 2015, and began co-hosting The Coffee Hour in January 2018. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Communication/Theatre, a Master of Arts in Religion, and a Director of Christian Education Certificate from Concordia University Chicago. As a DCE, he has served camps and congregations throughout the country.



Susan Knowles — Luncheon Speaker

As the wife of Army Reserve Chaplain Alex Knowles and through multiple deployments and stages of military life, Susan Knowles has had vast experience in military living. It is close to her heart as she served military families in church-supported service opportunities and events, assisting with retreats for military children, families, and veterans. Susan was honored with the New York Army National Guard Family Program's Volunteer of the Year award.



The Rev. Dan McMiller — Luncheon Speaker

Before joining the staff as executive director of the Office of LCMS International Mission in May 2014, Rev. Dan McMiller served as the executive director of Luther Academy (2012–2014). He previously served as a missionary in Panama (1999–2003), missionary to urban Milwaukee for the LCMS South Wisconsin District (2003–2005), and as the mission executive for the district (2005–2012). Rev. McMiller will present “Around the World in 45 Minutes,” where he talks about international missions worldwide.



The Rev. Craig Muehler — Luncheon Speaker

Chaplain Craig Muehler retired from his position at the Pentagon where he served as deputy chaplain of the U.S. Marine Corps. In 2014, he was installed as director of the Synod's Ministry to the Armed Forces. Rev. Muehler serves as the chief liaison to the more than 160 LCMS chaplains in all branches of the military, active and reserve, and the Civil Air Patrol.



Jen-Yi “Irene” Paul — Luncheon Speaker

Jen-Yi “Irene” Paul serves the Lord as an LCMS missionary alongside her husband, Michael, in Taiwan, where she was born. With a degree in elementary and special education from Concordia University, Nebraska (Seward), she has worked with developmentally disabled children. Currently, she supports Michael by translating publications, working on a new Chinese hymnal, and videotaping his online courses. Jen-Yi is very involved in her church life and loves leading Bible classes for mothers and their children.

Deaconess Danelle Putnam — Luncheon Speaker

Deaconess Danelle Putnam earned a bachelor's degree in Spanish, which serves her well in the Dominican Republic as an LCMS missionary. Danelle brings the Gospel to people with developmental disabilities and their families. Responding to the need, she also helps train women in the Caribbean region to be deaconesses, works with orphaned children, and assists in planting churches in the area. Before her current position, she spent six years in Panama as an LCMS missionary.



Deaconess Amy Rast — Luncheon Speaker

Deaconess Amy Rast serves as the Associate Director of Deaconess Formation at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Deaconess training is threefold: education, spiritual care, and mercy work. She particularly enjoys helping students experience mercy work in countries around the world; she led a group of deaconess students to the Dominican Republic in 2018. She has over 30 years of service in the field of social work, having earned bachelor's and master's degrees.



The Rev. Kevin Robson — Luncheon Speaker

The Rev. Kevin Robson has served the Lord as Chief Mission Officer of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod since 2015. He is responsible to the president of the Synod for all mission, ministry, programmatic and coordinative functions, and implements policies of the LCMS Boards for International Mission and National Mission. Presenting with him will be Deaconess Danelle Putnam and Jen-Yi Paul.



The Rev. Robert Zagore — Luncheon Speaker

The Rev. Robert Zagore serves the Synod's congregations, schools, and districts as he oversees the implementation of policies that direct domestic ministries as executive director of the Office of LCMS National Mission. Rev. Zagore will speak on the "Making Disciples for Life" conferences, which will provide the opportunity to come together as a Synod, to share our collective experience, and to support one another in our work as the Church.



The Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler — Luncheon Speaker

The Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler began serving as speaker of The Lutheran Hour in 2018. He grew up in a military family and graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 2001. In 2006, he left active duty and enrolled at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. He serves part-time as an Air Force Reserve officer and as a guest instructor at Concordia Seminary.



Billie Renée Johnson — Saturday Night Entertainment

Billie Renée Johnson, a true Kentucky girl, was raised in a small town where she grew up on church music. The five members of the Johnson family toured area churches singing Gospel music. Singing with her family helped her acquire a love of all types of music, especially Bluegrass and classic country. Even though she graduated from college with a degree in criminology, she wanted to form a band and sing. Singing tenor and lead vocals with her band, Cumberland Gap, they have toured and played together since 1997. In 2017, Billie Renée released her "Songs from the Heart" album, filled with tunes that, as the title suggests, come from a special place in her heart. Today, Billie continues to perform with her band while also working for the state's governor in a branch of the Kentucky government.



Convention Rules

1. Credentials

- a. The registration registrar shall report to the Recording Secretary, directly after the opening ceremonies, the number of delegates registered as present with proper credentials, and the Recording Secretary shall make supplementary reports to the convention when required as a result of a change in the registration rolls.
- b. A member registered as an alternate may be transferred from alternate status to delegate at any time during the continuance of business meetings by presenting the request to the Recording Secretary. Upon clearance, the registration registrar shall make the official adjustments to the voting rolls, and the newly certified delegate shall retain the position through the remainder of the convention.
- c. Delegates must wear the identification badges issued by the registration registrar for seating in the delegate section.

2. Seating

- a. Delegates shall be seated together in sections reserved for them.
- b. Delegates are requested to be in their seats five (5) minutes before the time set for the opening of meetings.

3. Conduct of Business

- a. The President shall appoint a committee of three members to approve the convention minutes.
- b. Only registered delegates and other voting members of the convention may introduce business, debate, and vote.
- c. A motion offered from the floor must be presented to the Recording Secretary in writing and signed by the maker.
- d. Speakers from the floor must use one of the microphones and give their name and title or district in order to be recognized.
- e. Discussion is limited to two (2) minutes for each speaker. No one may speak more than twice on a question unless consent is granted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates.
- f. Voting by electronic ballot is authorized.

4. Communications

- a. All communications for officers and members of the assembly shall be delivered by pages.
- b. At the President's discretion, only urgent announcements will be made from the dais.
- c. Only the President and/or Public Relations Director may authorize official LWML news releases concerning convention business.
- d. No literature may be distributed in the convention rooms or assembly hall without permission of the Board of Directors.
- e. All cellphones are to be turned off or turned to vibrate.

5. Photographs

It is requested that no photographs be taken during worship services and other devotional periods.

6. Protocols

- a. Masks will be required to be worn at all times in public areas. Exceptions include eating, drinking, and speaking at the podium.
- b. Social distancing will be followed, using the distances required at the time of convention in all public areas.
- c. Everyone will be required to leave the Rupp Arena at the lunch recess and dinner recess for sanitization purposes.

Bylaws Article IV

Conventions and Representation

SECTION 2

The voting assembly of the convention shall be:

- a. one (1) certified delegate from each zone having ten (10) or fewer units and one (1) certified delegate for each additional ten (10) units or major fraction thereof,* as of January 1 preceding the convention;
- b. voting members of the Board of Directors;
- c. district presidents;
- d. appointed officers;
- e. chairmen of departmental committees;
- f. past presidents of the LWML who are currently members of LWML.

*A major fraction of ten (10) is defined as six (6) or more.

SECTION 3

A member of the voting assembly shall vote in one (1) capacity only. Proxy votes are prohibited.

SECTION 4

- d. In the event neither the delegate nor the alternate is able to serve, a member of the same zone may serve as delegate upon certification in writing by her LWML district president and presentation to the LWML Recording Secretary.

SECTION 5

A majority of the registered voting assembly shall constitute a quorum.

9 a.m.–3 p.m.	Servant Connections and Blood Drive
9 a.m.–6 p.m.	LWML Store and Exhibits Open
2:30–3:30 p.m.	Delegate Orientation and Introduction of Candidates
3:45–6:20 p.m.	District Caucuses
6:45 p.m.	Pre-Service Music

Opening of Convention.....	Debbie Larson, President
Lighting of the Convention Candle	Mandy Redfield, Daughter of the President
Celebration Service with Communion	
Ecclesiastical Procession	
The LWML Processional Cross	Tim Larson, Son of the President
Proclaimer	The Rev. Dr. David Maier, LCMS Michigan District President
Convention Offering #1 (see page 16)	LWML Mission Goal 2021–2023
Recession	LCMS Clergy

6:45-7:45 a.m..... Wake up with the Word Bible Studies
8 a.m.-5 p.m. King's Kids Clubhouse and Youth Activities
8 a.m. Singing..... Mark Senechal, Song Leader

LWML Banner	Debbie Larson, President
Banner Procession	LWML Board of Directors, District Presidents, and Young Woman Representatives
Greetings and Welcome	Debbie Larson, President
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America	

America the Beautiful..... LWML District Presidents serving from 2018–2022

Linda Guterres, Atlantic | Martha Dubke, California-Nevada-Hawaii | Cheryl Wulfert, Carolinas | Teresa Tester, Chesapeake | Susan Bell, Eastern | Darlene Keca, English | Gwen Marshall, Gulf States | Marge Gruber, Indiana | Margaret Kistler, Iowa East | Jane Morris, Iowa West | Deb Vinkemeier, Minnesota South | Sally Handrick, Missouri | Lisa Stirtz, Nebraska North | Susan Harnos, New Jersey | Becky Haltaufderheid, North Wisconsin | Janice Gerzevske, Northern Illinois | Debbie Yocky, Rocky Mountain | Milly Kwiatkowski, SELC | Diane Grebing, Southern Illinois | Lois Anderson, Utah-Idaho | Marilee Ryan, Washington-Alaska | Barbara Schaer, Wyoming

Opening PrayerShelley Moeller, Convention Manager

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Convention Program

Friday, June 25

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Voting Body

Board of Directors
voting: _____

District Presidents
voting: _____

Committee Chairmen
voting: _____

Past LWML Presidents
voting: _____

Delegates
voting: _____

**Total eligible
voters:** _____

Nonvoting Body
Appointed Personnel and
Committee Members:

Other Registrants:

TOTAL:

Voting Body

Board of Directors
voting: _____

District Presidents
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Committee Members:

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TOTAL:

Welcome.....Marge Gruber, Indiana District President
MaryBeth Heikkinen, Michigan District President
Vivian Nelson, Ohio District President

Bible Study #1.....Deaconess Heidi Goehmann
Introduced by Michelle Jenks, Strategic Plan Facilitator

Singing.....Mark Senechal, Song Leader

Introduction of LWML Department.....Char Kroemer,
LWML Vice President of Communication
Information Technology Committee, Official Publication Staff,
and Graphics Team

Appointment of Minutes Review CommitteeDebbie Larson, President

Electronic Voting Review.....Barbara Volk, Parliamentarian

Credentials Report.....Ginger Starrett, Recording Secretary

Proposed Convention RulesBarbara Volk, Parliamentarian

Presentation of Proposed Agenda.....Ginger Starrett, Recording Secretary

Amendments to the BylawsMary Smith, Structure Committee Chairman

PrayerMary Smith, Structure Committee Chairman

Electronic Voting — Bylaws Amendments

Credentials ReportGinger Starrett, Recording Secretary

Report of the Treasurer.....Karla Koehler, Treasurer

Mission Goal 2021–2023 AnnouncedKarla Koehler, Treasurer

Financial Report.....Vanessa Johnson, Business Manager

Introduction of LWML Office StaffVanessa Johnson, Business Manager

Recognition of LWML District Presidents (2016–2020).....Debbie Larson, President

Sheila Lutz, Central Illinois | Trish Aamoth, Florida-Georgia | Brenda Piester,

Kansas | Anita Granger, Louisiana-Mississippi | Susan Gruber, Michigan | Diane

Reimold, Mid-South | Marilyn Hiltel, Minnesota North | Shari Miller, Montana

| Katy Gifford, Nebraska South | Barbara Jean Lis, New England | Valerie

Biberdorf, North Dakota | Jeanne Schimmelmänn, Ohio | Dianna Just, Oklahoma

| Carmen Nagel, Oregon | Bonnie Karch, Pacific Southwest | Lisa Asmus, South

Dakota | Barbara Kaun, South Wisconsin | Debbie Curry, Texas

Mites in Action Speaker.....Ruth Richert Martin

2017–2019 Mission Grant #21,

Family Scholarships for Short Term Missions, MOST Ministries

Introduced by Marie Chow, Vice President of Organizational Resources

Singing.....National Pastoral Counselors

Announcements.....Ruth Thomas, 2021 Host Committee Chairman

Closing Prayer.....Kathy Pavelock, Information Technology Committee Chairman

LUNCH RECESS

LWML Store and Exhibits Open 11:30 a.m.–1:45 p.m.

Info Gathering Luncheons

1:45 p.m. Singing.....Mark Senechal, Song Leader

2 p.m. **THIRD MEETING**

Opening PrayerSheila Lutz, *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* Editor-in-Chief

Introduction of LWML Department.....Marie Chow, Vice President of

Organizational Resources

Growth and Development Committee,

Leadership Development Committee, and Structure Committee

Video Greetings from LWML—CanadaLinda Long, President



Keynote Address..... Linda Reiser, Past LWML President
 Introduced by Ginger Starrett, Recording Secretary
 Greetings from Lutheran Hour Ministries..... Kurt Buchholz, President and CEO
 Prayer Leslie Colligan, Mission Grants Committee Chairman
 Mission Grants 2021–2023 Announced.....Debbie Larson, President
 Mission Grants Video Presentation.....Eden Keefe, Vice President of
 Gospel Outreach
 Greetings.....The Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, LCMS President
 Introduced by Christie Steffens, Church Workers in Mission
 Committee Chairman
 Mites in Action Speaker.....The Rev. John Carrier
 2019–2021 Mission Grant #7,
 Restoring Hope for Detroit Children and Families
 Introduced by Char Kroemer, Vice President of Communication
 Convention Offering #2 (see page 16).....King's Community Outreach
 in Fort Wayne, Indiana
 Greetings from Concordia Publishing House ..Elizabeth Pittman, Public Relations
 Greetings from LCMS Foundation..... Dave Fiedler, President
 Announcements..... Ruth Thomas, 2021 Host Committee Chairman
 Closing Prayer..... Lois Teinert, Leadership Development Committee Chairman

DINNER RECESS

Winner's Circle Celebration, 7–9 p.m.
 Bluegrass Meadows Exhibit Hall

Saturday, June 26

6:45–7:45 a.m..... Wake up with the Word Bible Studies
 8 a.m.–5 p.m.King's Kids Clubhouse and Youth Activities
 8:15 a.m. SingingMark Senechal, Song Leader

8:30 a.m.FOURTH MEETING

Opening PrayerAnne Hartman, Committee on Young Women Chairman
 LWML Banner Mandy Redfield and Eileen Larson, President's Pages
 Procession Past LWML Presidents
 Mission Flag Procession Young Woman Representatives,
 2021 Heart to Heart Sisters District Leaders, Teens
 ProcessionKing's Kids Clubhouse and Child Care Workers
 Introduction of Past LWML PresidentsDebbie Larson, President
 Ida Mall, 12th President, 1991–1995, Louisiana-Mississippi District
 Gloria Edwards, 13th President, 1995–1999, California-Nevada-Hawaii District
 Virginia Von Seggern, 14th President, 1999–2003, Nebraska North District
 Linda Reiser, 15th President, 2003–2007, Nebraska South District
 Jan Wendorf, 16th President, 2007–2011, South Wisconsin District
 Kay Kreklau, 17th President, 2011–2015, North Dakota District
 Patti Ross, 18th President, 2015–2019, Oklahoma District
 Pledge to the Cross..... Led by Past LWML Presidents

**I pledge allegiance to the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ
 and to the faith for which it stands, one Savior, eternal,
 with grace and mercy for all. So help me God.**

YOU'RE INVITED
 TO THE

Winner's Circle CELEBRATION!

Wear your fascinator
 or your fancy hat and
 let's celebrate!

The more purple,
 the better. Put on
 some bling!

Meet the Past LWML
 Presidents - maybe
 even take a photo with
 them.

All the exhibits will
 have something fun for
 you to do.

Friday: 7–9 p.m.
 Bluegrass Meadows
 Exhibit Hall



Saturday, June 26

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and
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The League Pledge Led by Past LWML Presidents

In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption, we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior, our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

"Lutheran Women One and All" Led by Past LWML Presidents
Recognition of Young Woman Representatives.....Debbie Larson, President
Bible Study #2.....Deaconess Heidi Goehmann
LCMS MissionariesThe Rev. Kevin Robson, LCMS Chief Mission Officer

Jen-Yi "Irene" Paul, Missionary in Taiwan
Deaconess Danelle Putnam, Missionary in the Dominican Republic
Introduced by Deaconess Betty Knapp, Vice President of Special Focus Ministries
Introduction of LWML Committee.....Susan Donnelly, Public Relations Director

Public Relations Committee
Mites in Action Speaker.....Gary Thies, Mission Central

2019–2021 LWML Mission Grant #12,
Women's Witness and Mercy in Asia

Introduced by Eden Keefe, Vice President of Gospel Outreach
Convention Offering #3 (see page 16).....Gifts for All God's Children's
Connecting Kids to Christ Center in Detroit, Michigan

Introduction of LWML Department.....Deaconess Betty Knapp,
Vice President of Special Focus Ministries

Church Workers in Mission Committee, Committee on Young Women,
Heart to Heart Sisters Committee, and Deaf Ministry Liaison

Gifts of Love Ministry Report.... Carol von Soosten, LWML Gift Planning Counselor
Report of the Nominating Committee and

Introduction of the Candidates.....Brianne Stahlecker, Chairman
Announcements.....Ruth Thomas, 2021 Host Committee Chairman

Closing Prayer.....Joy Anderson, Growth and Development Committee Chairman

LUNCH RECESS

LWML Store and Exhibits Open 12–2 p.m.

Special Interest Luncheons

2:15 p.m. SingingMark Senechal, Song Leader

2:30 p.m. FIFTH MEETING

Opening Prayer Terri Bentley, Christian Resources Editors Committee Chairman
Recognition of Heart to Heart Sisters ParticipantsDebbie Larson, President

Introduction of LWML Department.....Eden Keefe, Vice President of
Gospel Outreach

Gospel Outreach Committee and Mission Grants Committee
Mites in Action Speaker.....The Rev. Jeffrey Mueller

2019–2021 LWML Mission Grant #6,
Mobile Medical Mercy Mission Bus for Guatemala

Introduced by Karol Selle, Heart to Heart Sisters Committee Chairman

Prayer of Remembrance..... LWML Pastoral Counselors
 The Rev. Mitchel Schuessler and the Rev. Brian Noack
 Recognition of Finance and Operations and
 Investment Committees Karla Koehler, Treasurer
 Credentials Report..... Ginger Starrett, Recording Secretary
 Prayer Brianne Stahlecker, Nominating Committee Chairman

Electronic Voting — Officers

Greetings..... The Rev. Bart Day, Lutheran Church Extension Fund,
 President and CEO
 Installation of Nominating Committee 2021–2023..... The Rev. Brian Noack,
 LWML Junior Pastoral Counselor
 Announcements..... Ruth Thomas, 2021 Host Committee Chairman
 Closing Prayer..... Martha Hartwig, Gospel Outreach Committee Chairman

DINNER RECESS

Photo Finish Mission Walk 4:30–5:30 p.m.
 Evening Entertainment 7:30 p.m.
 Billie Reneé & Cumberland Gap Bluegrass Band

Sunday, June 27

8:45 a.m. Singing Mark Senechal, Song Leader

9 a.m. **SIXTH MEETING**

Opening Prayer Mary Marten, Christian Life Committee Chairman
 Introduction of LWML Department..... Susan Brunkow, Vice President of
 Christian Life
 Christian Life Committee and Christian Resources Editors Committee
 Introduction of Convention Programming Personnel..... Debbie Larson, President
 Introduction of Appointed Personnel..... Debbie Larson, President
 Tee Up 4 Mites and Photo Finish Mission Walk Reports.....
 Barbara Collins, Golf Outing Committee Chairman
 Anne Boerboom, Mission Pledge Walk Chairman
 Mites in Action Speaker..... Lorene King, Bethesda
 2017–2019 LWML Mission Grant #15,
 Sharing Jesus with People with Disabilities
 Introduced by Barbara Volk, Parliamentarian
 Convention Offering #4 (see page 16)..... POBLO International Ministries
 in Clinton Township, Michigan
 President's Report..... Debbie Larson, President
 Invitation to 2023 LWML Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin,
 June 22–25, 2023..... Anne Hartman, 2023 Host Committee Chairman
 Recognition of Lexington Host Districts Ruth Thomas,
 2021 Host Committee Chairman
 Announcements..... Ruth Thomas, 2021 Host Committee Chairman
 Closing Remarks Debbie Larson, President
 Installation of Officers..... The Rev. Brian Noack, LWML Pastoral Counselor
 Adjournment of 2021 Convention..... Debbie Larson, President

Sending Worship Service Proclaimer The Rev. Dr. Ryan Peterson,
 Vice President of Administration and Chief Campus Executive
 at Concordia University Ann Arbor

Voting Body

Board of Directors
 voting: _____

District Presidents
 voting: _____

Committee Chairmen
 voting: _____

Past LWML Presidents
 voting: _____

Delegates
 voting: _____

**Total eligible
 voters:** _____

Nonvoting Body
 Appointed Personnel and
 Committee Members:

Other Registrants:

TOTAL:

Convention Offerings

Convention Offerings

Convention Offering #1

LWML Mission Goal 2021-2023

The standing rules of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League state that the offering received at the convention communion service shall be designated as a contribution to the mission goal of the LWML.

\$ _____

Convention Offering #2

King's Community Outreach in Fort Wayne, Indiana

Help King's Community Outreach as they reach out with the Gospel to those in the inner city struggling to survive and help them to run the race and look to Jesus.

\$ _____

Convention Offering #3

Gifts for All God's Children's Connecting Kids to Christ Center in Detroit, Michigan

Help expand the program of providing Sunday school, one-on-one tutoring, summer camps, and year-round Christ Center events to at-risk children and training for other churches that desire to replicate the program in their congregations.


\$ _____

Convention Offering #4

POBLO International Ministries in Clinton Township, Michigan

Support sharing the Gospel with Muslim, Hindu, Sikh, and Buddhist communities in the United States by inviting ethnic populations to become part of LCMS congregations.

\$ _____



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Gifts of Love
Returning God's Blessings

Convention Bible Study Day One

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 (Hebrews 12:1–2).



Session 1 — Running on Solid Ground

Our convention question:

How's your _____ ?

Equipment check:

What's in your race backpack? What are your bricks?

My bricks include: _____

Four Good News gifts for our race, through Jesus Christ:

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____

Theme verse context — Hebrews 11

Convention Bible Study

The solid ground of Jesus — Hebrews 12:1–2

ἀρχηγὸν (founder)

τελειωτὴν (perfecter)

Jesus is...

the designer of the race.

the builder of the course.

our trainer.

the first runner.

the first finisher.

the race itself.

our cheerleader.

Jesus is our fuel.

Jesus is our _____.

The Prayer of St. Patrick

Convention Bible Study Day Two

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 (Hebrews 12:1–2).

Session 2 — Running with Resilience

Our convention question:

Resilience in Hebrews 12:1–2

Greek for endurance, perseverance, patience = ὑπομονῆς

Ways the weight is lifted

Still “under” the weight of brokenness

Resilience is:

How does God build resilience in us and help us endure?

1.

2.

3.

Greek for “therefore” = Τοιγαροῦν

Something I need for my race in the year ahead:

Proposed Amendments to LWML Bylaws

If the proposed amendment is adopted, then the LWML Structure Committee requests permission to renumber or reletter sections to account for deletions and insertions and make any necessary spelling and typographical corrections.

ARTICLE IV — CONVENTIONS AND REPRESENTATION, Section 2c

Rationale: To allow district presidents to have an alternate with voice and vote at convention.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:
add “or their designated alternate”

IF ADOPTED, WILL READ:
c. district presidents or their designated alternate;

ARTICLE VIII — APPOINTED OFFICERS, Section 1g

Rationale: For consistency with other convention reports.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:
strike “report to the convention” and insert “prepare a report for the convention”

IF ADOPTED, WILL READ:
g. prepare a report for the convention;

ARTICLE X — BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Section 2a

Rationale: To allow the Board of Directors to vote via email when the need arises.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:
strike “In case of emergency,”

IF ADOPTED, WILL READ:
a. The Board of Directors shall meet annually and at the call of the President. The Board of Directors may take action by mail, by telephone, or electronic messaging.

ARTICLE X — BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Section 3

Rationale: To allow the Board of Directors to consider and approve any changes that have been made to the plans of convention offering recipients.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:
add new “m. consider and approve changes that occur in plans of convention offering recipients;”

IF ADOPTED, WILL READ:
m. consider and approve changes that occur in plans of convention offering recipients;

ARTICLE XI — PRESIDENTS ASSEMBLY, Section 2d

Rationale: To allow the Presidents Assembly to vote via email when the need arises.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:
strike “In case of emergency,”

IF ADOPTED, WILL READ:
d. Action may be taken by mail, by telephone, or by electronic messaging.

ARTICLE XI — PRESIDENTS ASSEMBLY, Section 4

Rationale: To allow the Presidents Assembly to consider and approve convention offering recipients.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:
add new “f. consider and approve recipients of convention offerings;”

IF ADOPTED, WILL READ:
f. consider and approve recipients of convention offerings;

ARTICLE XIV — SPECIAL COMMITTEES, Section 2

Rationale: Due to the change in process for determining the feasibility of a convention site, the Board of Directors approves the site.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

strike: The Convention Site Committee, consisting of the Meeting Manager as chairman, the Convention Manager, and one (1) additional member, with a Pastoral Counselor as adviser, shall:

- a. Evaluate the facilities and personnel of each district for hosting an LWML convention as outlined in the *Procedures Manual*;
- b. Make recommendations to the Board of Directors by March 1 of odd-numbered years.

IF ADOPTED, WILL READ:

No section

Conforming amendments:

ARTICLE XIV — SPECIAL COMMITTEES, Section 1

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

strike “Convention Site”

IF ADOPTED, WILL READ:

The Special Committees shall be Finance and Operations and Mission Grants Selection.

ARTICLE VIII — APPOINTED OFFICERS, Section 2b

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

strike “b. serve as chairman of the Convention Site Committee (see Article XIV, Section 2).”

IF ADOPTED, WILL READ:

No section

ARTICLE X — BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Section 3

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

insert a new “k. approve convention site as outlined in the *Procedures Manual*;

IF ADOPTED, WILL READ:

k. approve convention site as outlined in the *Procedures Manual*;

ARTICLE XVII — MISSION GRANTS, Section 1a

Rationale: This is the title used by The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), specifically for the Office of National Mission and the Office of International Mission.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

strike “boards” and insert “Offices”

IF ADOPTED, WILL READ:

a. Mission grant proposals may be submitted by LWML members, groups, zones, districts, and LCMS Offices.

ARTICLE XVII — MISSION GRANTS, Section 1d

Rationale: This is the title used by the LCMS, specifically for the Office of National Mission and the Office of International Mission.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

strike “boards” and insert “Offices”

IF ADOPTED, WILL READ:

d. Proposals for all mission grants, except those submitted by LCMS Offices, shall:

Proposed Bylaw Amendments

ARTICLE XVII — MISSION GRANTS, Section 1d(1)

Rationale: The approval for mission grant proposals varies from district to district; however, LWML requires all mission grant proposals that originate in a particular district be approved by that district's president.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

strike “the Executive Committee or the Board of Directors of the LWML district in which they originate” and insert “the LWML President of the district in which the submitter resides”

IF ADOPTED, WILL READ:

(1) have the approval of the LWML President of the district in which the submitter resides;

ARTICLE XVII — MISSION GRANTS, Section 1d(2)

Rationale: All mission grants outside the United States must be reviewed by the LCMS Chief Mission Officer (CMO) to ensure that it is a valid request from the organization. During this process, partner church leaders are contacted.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

strike “or partner church” and add “and, for international grants, require the review of the LCMS Chief Mission Officer” at the end.

IF ADOPTED, WILL READ:

(2) have the approval of the President of the LCMS district in which the proposed grant recipient is located and, for international grants, require the review of the LCMS Chief Mission Officer.

ARTICLE XVII — MISSION GRANTS, Section 2a

Rationale: To specify the particular LCMS staff who will evaluate the mission grant proposals.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

strike “Executive Directors of LCMS boards” and insert “LCMS Chief Mission Officer and Executive Directors of LCMS Offices”

IF ADOPTED, WILL READ:

a. The Vice President of Gospel Outreach shall present the mission grant proposals to the President of the LCMS or his representative and to the LCMS Chief Mission Officer and Executive Directors of LCMS Offices for evaluation.

ARTICLE XVIII — RESOLUTIONS, Section 1

Rationale: Outdated requirement.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

strike “In triplicate form and”

IF ADOPTED, WILL READ:

Miscellaneous resolutions and appeals by groups, zones, or districts, other than for mission grants, may be presented to a convention upon approval by the Board of Directors. Such resolutions shall be sent to the LWML President by January 1 of the convention year.



Vice President of Christian Life

Susan Brunkow
Manhattan, Kansas
LWML Kansas District

LWML: Appointed Vice President of Christian Life, LWML Development and Advancement

Committee, LWML Governance Committee, Assembly of Leaders 2022 Committee, Leadership Development Committee Chairman, Presenter at 2018 Assembly of Leaders, Leadership Development Committee, 2003 Convention Host Committee Food Service Chairman

DISTRICT: Oklahoma District President, Vice President of Communication, District Convention YWR Coordinator, Leader Development Chairman, Nominating Committee

ZONE: President, Vice President, Nominating Committee, National Convention Delegate

LOCAL: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Christian Life Chairman, Mission Service Chairman

CHURCH: LCMS International Student Ministry Host Family, Gifts of Love Quilting Groups, Lutheran Layman's League, Capital Funding Campaign Chairman, Sunday school and VBS teacher, Altar Guild, church decorating committee

COMMUNITY: Sorority Housing Corporation Member, Neighborhood Watch Coordinator and Safe House, Friends of the Library President and Board of Directors (BOD) member, Land of Country BOD (Fundraising for handicapped group home), High School Athletic Boosters Club BOD and Treasurer

EDUCATION: Bachelor of Science in Home Economics Education, Kansas State University; Certificate in Leadership Education, Pioneer Technical Institute

OCCUPATION: Retired interior design consultant and custom weaver

VISION STATEMENT: *The LWML will encourage and provide opportunities for women to nurture their faith while supporting missions and missionaries. Technology as well as personal relationships will be valued resources to assist women in sharing their God-given talents and blessings in service to the glory of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*



Vice President of Christian Life

Crystal Miller
LaVista, Nebraska
LWML Nebraska North District

LWML: Nominating Committee member, Growth and

Development Committee Chairman

DISTRICT: President, Vice President of Christian Life, Meeting Manager, Editor

ZONE: President, Vice President

LOCAL: President, Treasurer

CHURCH: National Lutheran Bible Translators Board of Directors, Pastoral Call Committee member/secretary, Director of Adult Ministry, Director of Stewardship, Strategic Planning leader, Wednesday morning Bible study founding member, Monday night women's Bible study member

COMMUNITY: Sarpy County Quilt Guild member

EDUCATION: Master of Public Administration, University of Nebraska, Omaha; Bachelor of Science, Psychology, Nebraska Wesleyan University

OCCUPATION: Departmental administrator at the University of Nebraska Medical Center

VISION STATEMENT: *My vision for the LWML is for God to reach every woman through His grace. And that in turn each woman have a will to share her Lord and Savior with the world through a strong and personal relationship with her Lord, through service to the families, communities and to the world through her time, talent and treasure. I envision a growing organization of Christian women who are welcoming of all women, who are focused on sharing the love of God through resources developed through the LWML for the women of the LWML, for women within the church, for men, women, and children outside the church throughout the world. I envision an organization who gives its members to share God with the world through their writing, speaking, and living both in the church and in the world where God has placed them.*



Vice President of Communication

Kathy Pavelock
Blossvale, New York
LWML Eastern District

LWML: Information Technology Committee Chairman

DISTRICT: President, Convention Chairman, Public Relations Director, Vice President of Communications, Treasurer, Webmaster

ZONE: President

LOCAL: Treasurer, President, Vice President

CHURCH: Treasurer, Confirmation Class instructor, Sunday school teacher, vacation Bible school teacher, Call Committee member, Building Committee member

COMMUNITY: Pioneer Retreat and Camp Center Board of Directors, Secretary, Town of Vienna Ethics Board

EDUCATION: Master of Science, Management Science, State University of New York at Binghamton; Bachelor of Science, Computer Science, Clarkson College of Technology; Certified Project Management Professional credential, Project Management Institute

OCCUPATION: Retired software engineer

VISION STATEMENT: *My vision for the LWML is that all Lutheran women are continually encouraged through communications and interactions to use their gifts for serving the Lord along with growing in faith through the Word so they are equipped to carry out the Great Commission with all the women in their lives, their families, congregations, community, and wherever they go.*



Vice President of Communication

Mary Smith
Goldendale, Washington
LWML Utah-Idaho District

LWML: Structure Committee Chairman and member, 2017 LWML Convention Host

Committee, Usher Chairman

DISTRICT: Parliamentarian, Retreat Chairman and Bible study leader, Vice President of Christian Life, Nominating Committee Chair, Vice President of Servant Resources, Vice President of Mission Education, Convention Song Leader

ZONE: Christian Life Committee Chair, Event Song Leader

LOCAL: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Christian Life Chairman

CHURCH: Choir Director, Song Leader, Pianist

EDUCATION: Doctor of Philosophy in Mathematics, Montana State University; Master of Mathematics, Montana State University; Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics, Augustana College

OCCUPATION: Retired Professor of Mathematics

VISION STATEMENT: *As Lutheran Women in Mission we must be prepared to give a witness of the saving grace we have received to those who do not know. In every aspect of this organization, we must find ways to reach people in whatever situation they are in. Our world changes so rapidly, that we must be attentive and willing to find the most effective means to share the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. In all that we say and do, our faith must shine through. We are His! I pray that each member of LWML will know His love for them and be ready to be His light in this dark world.*



Vice President of Gospel Outreach

Leslie Colligan
Dedham, Massachusetts
LWML New England District

LWML: Mission Grants Committee Chairman, Mission

Grants Committee member, Mission Servants Committee member, 2013 LWML Convention Host Committee

DISTRICT: President, Web Servant, LWML New England District Representative to the LCMS District Mission Board

ZONE: Eastern Zone President, Convention Committee Chairman

LOCAL: Bible study host

CHURCH: Short-term mission trips to Poland, Board of Evangelism member, Board of Christian Care member and Chairman, Altar Guild Committee member, Board of Stewardship Chairman, Call Committee Chairman

COMMUNITY: Human Rights Committee Coordinator, Dedham Feed the Need Race Committee member, Serve New England – Food Distribution Community Building Program – site leader

EDUCATION: Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education, Gordon College

OCCUPATION: Part time art director – teaching individuals with intellectual disabilities

VISION STATEMENT: *Led by God, Lutheran Women's Missionary League will continue to encourage each woman to be in God's Word and in prayer daily. It is an organization of women who are equipped to joyfully serve others in our homes, in our communities, and through global missions, always sharing the love of Christ, our Savior.*



Vice President of Gospel Outreach

Karen Morrison
Wichita, Kansas
LWML Kansas District

LWML: Gospel Outreach Committee member, Nominating Committee member, HOPE Committee member,

DISTRICT: President, Lutheran World Relief Coordinator, Organizational Resources Committee member, ex officio member on Nominating Committee, Vice President of Communication, Public Relations Committee member

ZONE: Vice President of Christian Life, Bylaws Review Committee member, Recording Secretary

LOCAL: Bible study leader, Christian Life/Bible Study Coordinator, President; active in Apache Junction, Arizona during the winter months

CHURCH: Women's Bible study leader, Board of Adult Ministry, Sunday school teacher

EDUCATION: attended Wichita State University

OCCUPATION: Retired sales, quilting teacher, bookkeeper, and miscellaneous office

VISION STATEMENT: *My vision is that the LWML continues to provide each LCMS woman the opportunity to:*

- *Serve those in need,*
- *Share the Gospel at home and around the world,*
- *Search the Scriptures to grow her relationship with our Lord and Savior, plus,*
- *Shine as examples of Lutheran Women in Mission.*

Candidates for Office



Recording Secretary

Carrie Brumbaugh
Lyman, Wyoming
LWML Wyoming District

LWML: Nominating Committee member, Committee on Young Women Chairman and member, 2017 LWML Convention Host

Committee — Guest Services Chairman

DISTRICT: President, Financial Secretary, Christian Life Committee Chairman, Parliamentarian, Vice President
Servant Resources, Financial Secretary

ZONE: Convention Chairman, Treasurer, President, Recording Secretary

LOCAL: Leader Development Chairman, President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Christian Life Chairman, Human Care Chairman

CHURCH: Organist, Voter's Assembly recording secretary, Sunday school teacher

COMMUNITY: Election Judge, Community Blood Draw volunteer, Town Planning and Zoning Committee member and Chairman

EDUCATION: Bachelor of Music, University of Wyoming

OCCUPATION: Retired music teacher

VISION STATEMENT: *God has blessed us in the LWML! My prayer is that we will continue to serve others, praising God, and proclaiming His love; that we encourage the faith of our sisters in Christ through the study of God's Word, and assist them in using their gifts in the LWML; that everyone with whom we come into contact will be blessed and see His love through our joy in our Savior Jesus Christ!*



Recording Secretary

Brenda Piester
Pratt, Kansas
LWML Kansas District

LWML: Growth and Development Committee, Minutes Review Committee, Strategic Planning, PING

DISTRICT: President, Communication Committee, Convention Manual Editor, Endowment Committee, Vice President of Communication, Parliamentarian, Church Workers in Mission Chairman, Recording Secretary

ZONE: President, Mission Projects Chairman, Member Development Committee, Study Leader

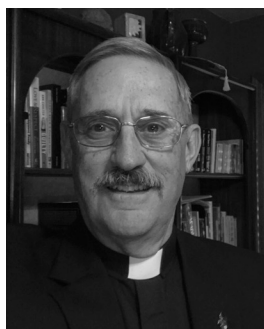
CHURCH: LeadaChild, Recording Secretary; Endowment Committee, Finance Board, Sunday school, VBS and Confirmation teacher, LYF leader

COMMUNITY: Pratt County 4-H Board, Recording Secretary, club leader; Delta Kappa Gamma

EDUCATION: Master of Science, Kansas State University; Associate of Arts, St. John's College

OCCUPATION: Co-Owner Piester Ranch, retired teacher

VISION STATEMENT: *Lutheran Women IN Mission is active; it is doing. It includes all women regardless of age, culture or ethnicity, or availability to "attend meetings." My vision is that local groups would look beyond the "traditional" ways of meeting with women. The "social distancing" challenges of the past year have provided opportunities for connecting and engaging women in innovative ways to promote the purposes of LWML by nurturing faith in Christ through online Bible study groups, making faith meaningful through virtual and creative service projects, and sharing encouragement through social media by connecting with new prayer warriors. More online ways to receive mite offerings were introduced. God's Word will not return empty (Isaiah 55:10-12), and the past year has opened many doors to serve and do His will in reaching others with the Good News of Jesus' love for ALL people.*



Pastoral Counselor

The Rev. Gary Piepkorn
Portales, New Mexico
LWML Rocky Mountain
District

MINISTRY: Faith in Christ
Lutheran Church, Portales, New
Mexico, 2004 to present

EDUCATION: Master of Divinity, Concordia Theological
Seminary, Fort Wayne, 1981; Navy Chaplain School, 1983;
Air Force Chaplain School, 1985; University of Minnesota,
1967

LWML COUNSELOR: District Counselor, LWML
Rocky Mountain District, 2008 through 2012; Zone
Counselor, Rocky Mountain District, 2006 to the present

SYNOD/DISTRICT LCMS ACTIVITIES: Trained
Synod Reconciler; Dispute Resolution Panel Facilitator;
Ministry to the Armed Forces Committee member; LCMS
Rocky Mountain District First Vice President, 2012 to 2021;
District Southern Region Spring Conference treasurer,
2016, 2011, 2006; member and Chairman of Fall Pastoral
Conference Planning Committee, 2008 to 2012; District
Circuit Visitor, 2006 to 2012

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Volunteer hospital chaplain;
Roosevelt County Right to Life Committee treasurer;
East New Mexico Freedom Foundation board member;
AMVETS Post 2017 chaplain and secretary; Eastern New
Mexico University, adjunct professor; U.S. Air Force
Chaplain, 1985 through 2004; U.S. Navy Reserve Chaplain,
1983 through 1985; U.S. Coast Guard Reserve, 1971 through
1983; Active duty U.S. Coast Guard, 1967 through 1971

VISION STATEMENT: *God calls believers to serve
others and honor Him. A great way to honor God is to
confess one's faith in Christ while serving and caring for
others. A wonderful way to confess one's faith is through the
LWML, with its support of ministries that confess the faith.*



Pastoral Counselor

The Rev. R. Allan Reed
Brownton, Minnesota
LWML Minnesota South
District

MINISTRY: Immanuel Lutheran
Church, Brownton, Minnesota,
2005 to present

EDUCATION: Master of Divinity, Concordia Seminary,
St. Louis, 1995; Butler County Community College, 1981

LWML COUNSELOR: District Counselor, LWML
Minnesota South, 2006 through 2014; Zone Counselor,
LWML South Dakota District, 1996 to 1998

SYNOD/DISTRICT LCMS ACTIVITIES: LCMS
Minnesota South District Circuit Visitor, 2018 to present;
LCMS South Dakota District Circuit Visitor, 2001 through
2005

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Marshall County (South
Dakota) Ministerial Association Treasurer, McLeod
County (Minnesota) Sheriff's Chaplain; actor in numerous
community theatrical productions; painting and drawing
exhibitions; speaking engagements

VISION STATEMENT: *The hearts and minds of the
members of the LWML are always focused upon Christ
crucified and risen. Through faithful support of Christ-
centered missions and our own joyful witness, may we
always glorify Christ. God willing, I will seek to serve LWML
to continue in that vision.*

Candidates for Nominating Committee



Nominating Committee

Lisa Asmus
Sioux Falls, South Dakota
LWML South Dakota District

LWML: Growth and Development Committee member; 2007 LWML Convention Host Committee — Worship Chairman

DISTRICT: President, Special Gifts Fund Committee Chair

ZONE: President (South Dakota), Vice President of Christian Life (Florida)

LOCAL: President

CHURCH: Worship team, Bible study leader, Sunday school and confirmation teacher, youth group leader, small group Bible study, vacation Bible school director, Sunday school superintendent, choir, 75th Anniversary Committee, office volunteer

COMMUNITY: Feeding South Dakota, volunteer; Catfish Bay Waterski Shows, volunteer; high school marching band, volunteer

EDUCATION: Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education/PE K-12, Concordia College, St. Paul, Minnesota

OCCUPATION: Self-employed — data entry specialist

VISION STATEMENT: *As a baptized child of God, I recognize my need for a Savior. I find my value in what Christ has done for me, not in what I can or cannot do. As a Lutheran Woman in Mission, I see opportunity to grow in my faith and share the love of Jesus through Bible study, fellowship, support of local and global missions with mite offerings, and serving God by serving others.*



Nominating Committee

Anita Granger
Lake Charles, Louisiana
LWML Louisiana-Mississippi District

LWML: 2019 LWML Convention Host Committee

DISTRICT: President, Christian Life Committee member, Christian Growth Committee Chair, Christian Growth Committee member

ZONE: President, Christian Life Chair, Mission Service Chair

LOCAL: President, Secretary, Treasurer, Christian Life

CHURCH: Christian Education Committee Chair, Sunday school superintendent, Christian Education Committee, church organist, choir accompanist, choir director, vacation Bible school coordinator and music director, church treasurer

COMMUNITY: Assist parents of students with disabilities to connect with community agencies and advocacy groups, advocate for students with disabilities among educators and in the community; while working in juvenile detention facilities around my state, taught career education; organize fundraising activities for Autism Speaks, Muscular Dystrophy Association, and Ethel Precht Breast Cancer Society

EDUCATION: Doctorate in Special Education, Nova Southeastern University; Master of Special Education, McNeese State University; Bachelor of Science in Music, McNeese State University

OCCUPATION: Educational diagnostician - evaluate students for special education services

VISION STATEMENT: *Lutheran Women in Mission from diverse cultures and walks of life are valued and supported in their faith walk with Jesus by their LWML sisters and are empowered to continue the mission of the organization as they use their time, talents, and mites to go into the world and confidently share the love of Jesus wherever and whenever the Lord has need of them.*



Nominating Committee

Janis McDaniels
Greensboro, North Carolina
LWML Carolinas District

LWML: Heart to Heart Committee Chairman, Faith Talk Task Force Chairman, Vice President of Gospel Outreach,

Mission Ministry Vision Consultant, Nominating Committee Chairman, Gospel Outreach Committee Chairman, Assembly of Leaders Task Force, Bridging Cultures Task Force, Mission Projects Committee member, Christian Growth Committee member

DISTRICT: President, Heart to Heart District Leader, Vice President of Special Focus Ministries, Public Relations Director, Nominating Committee Chairman, Vice President of Mission Inspiration

ZONE: President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer

LOCAL: President, Vice President

CHURCH: Board for National Mission, Southeastern District Board of Directors, Board for Evangelism, Worship Board, Sunday school teacher, choir member and director, musician, vacation Bible school teacher, church council member

COMMUNITY: Greensboro Choral Society, Greensboro Urban Ministry food delivery

EDUCATION: Bachelor of General Studies, University of Nebraska Omaha

OCCUPATION: Retired

VISION STATEMENT: *I wish to see all LCMS women being embraced by the LWML, whether or not they attend society meetings. They can be encouraged to support the mission and ministry, and be involved in local, zone, and district activities. LWML women are reflective of and sensitive to the cultural and generational differences of LCMS women.*



Nominating Committee

Diane Reimold
Cordova, Tennessee
LWML Mid-South District

DISTRICT: President, Third Vice President/Mission Grants Chairman, Corresponding Secretary, Convention Co-Chair

ZONE: President, Archivist-Historian, Recording Secretary

LOCAL: Archivist-Historian, Membership Chairman, Vice President, President,

CHURCH: Short-term mission trip to Guatemala, Call Committee member, Altar Guild, Board of Directors secretary, handbell choir, Fellowship Team chairman, bowling league coordinator, congregational secretary

COMMUNITY: Memphis Union Mission (men's homeless shelter), Moriah House (women's transitional

home), Thanksgiving food boxes, HopeWorks (coordinating food and lunch service), Service Project Sunday

EDUCATION: Secretarial Degree, Miller Hawkins Business College

OCCUPATION: Retired office manager

VISION STATEMENT: *My vision for LWML is to continue to be the awesome organization it has been for the past 78 years and continue to provide ways to help women grow in their faith as well as help identify their gifts and talents to answer God's call "Here I am, send me." I desire all women to experience the sisterhood of the LWML!!*



Nominating Committee

Melissa Salomón
Chula Vista, California
LWML Pacific Southwest District

LWML: Spanish Translator
LWQ Bible Studies, Heart to Heart Sisters Committee and Task Force, Nominating Committee, Gospel Outreach Committee

DISTRICT: Heart to Heart Sisters Presenter, Coordinator, Grant Writing Presenter – Pastors of Cross-Cultural Ministries

ZONE: Cross-Cultural Ministry Representative

LOCAL: Bible study leader

CHURCH: Frontera Ministries Board of Directors (LCMS Leadership along U.S./Mexico Border); Multi-Ethnic Symposium to Explore Gifts of Hope, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis; LCMS Blue Ribbon Hispanic Ministry Task Force

COMMUNITY: Concordia Church and School liaison with Camarena Elementary, San Diego Food Bank, South Bay Community Services

EDUCATION: Juris Doctorate, Loyola Law School; Bachelor of Arts, Occidental College; Honorary Doctor of Laws, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

OCCUPATION: Director, Community Life, Concordia Church; Co-Director Mil Generaciones Ministry, Tijuana, Mexico

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VISION STATEMENT: *Our LCMS and LWML are called to serve the increasingly diverse and multicultural country in which we live. To do that effectively, my vision is that we have a permanent and intentional effort to actively seek the participation of the rich giftedness that exists among multicultural women of our church and organization, to invite them to share their unique voice and serve as leaders and encouragers to the LCMS multicultural church of the future. The giftedness, the diverse experiences, and the deep commitment to the Lord and His Church of multicultural women will bring a richness to our ministry that is needed and will bless us all as we serve the Lord with gladness.*



Nominating Committee

LaDonna Stanosheck
Osmond, Nebraska
LWML Nebraska North District

LWML: Structure Committee member

DISTRICT: Vice President of Communications, Vice President of Christian Life, Facebook Page Administrator, Christian Life Committee member, Structure Committee member

ZONE: President, Secretary, Structure Committee member

LOCAL: Treasurer, President, Vice President, Secretary

CHURCH: Fellowship Committee member, cemetery directory committee, vacation Bible school, Sunday school, confirmation teacher

COMMUNITY: School Board member, Community Blood Drive volunteer, Mission Central volunteer

EDUCATION: Bachelor of Science in Clinical Laboratory Science

OCCUPATION: Retired clinical laboratory scientist

VISION STATEMENT: *My mission is to encourage all women to grow closer to their Lord by connecting with women of LWML, who will uplift and encourage them to use their gifts to spread the love of Jesus and to make lifelong friends in LWML.*



Nominating Committee

Christie Steffens
Perryville, Missouri
LWML Missouri District

LWML: Church Workers in Mission Committee Chair, Restructure Committee member

DISTRICT: President, Leaders Manual Update Committee, Leader Development Chair, Assembly of Leaders Presenter, Mission Servants Chair, Vice President of Christian Life, Nominating Committee member, Bylaw Committee member

ZONE: President, Bylaw Committee member, Nominating Committee member

LOCAL: President, Vice President, Christian Growth Chair

CHURCH: Immanuel Lutheran School, substitute teacher; adult choir; bell choir; Sunday school teacher; vacation Bible school; women's Bible class teacher; Bethel Bible teacher

COMMUNITY: Community choir

EDUCATION: Master in Elementary Education, Southeast Missouri University; Bachelor of Science in Education and Lutheran Teaching Diploma, Concordia Teachers College, Seward, Nebraska

OCCUPATION: Retired Lutheran teacher

VISION STATEMENT: *Our earthly race begins and ends with Jesus, from our baptism into Christ Jesus to the certain hope of our resurrection in Christ Jesus. He must be the focus of each woman of the LWML, for without Him, we are nothing. Through daily prayer, Bible study, sharing and working together, Jesus is glorified, faith is strengthened, and brothers and sisters in Christ are encouraged. We are surrounded by His grace – we are His witnesses! May we always put Jesus first in everything we do and say. TO GOD BE ALL GLORY AND PRAISE!*



Nominating Committee

Lois Teinert
Round Rock, Texas
LWML Texas District

LWML: Leadership Development Committee Chairman, Board Restructure Task Force member,

Contracts Administrator

DISTRICT: Gift Acceptance Policy Task Force member, Nominating Committee member, President, Short-Term Mission Team to Poland, Vice President of Servant Resources, Committee on Young Women Chairman, Communication Committee member, Convention Tellers Committee Chairman

ZONE: 50th Anniversary Celebration Committee Chairman, Nominating Committee Chairman, President, Public Relations Officer, Member Development Committee Chairman, Secretary-Treasurer, Bylaws Committee Chairman, Christian Growth Committee member

LOCAL: President, Treasurer, Special Events Planner and Coordinator, Mission Service Committee, Cradle Roll Committee, Nominating Committee, Servant Resources/Member Development Chairman, Christian Life Committee member, Bylaws Committee Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary

CHURCH: Handbell choir member, creator of banners, altar paraments, pastoral stoles, and baptism napkins, vacation Bible school teacher, midweek school teacher, Church Council secretary

COMMUNITY: Assistant to Campaign Manager for Austin City Council, Perry Foundation Board of Directors, Threads of Hope volunteer, Thrivent Branch Secretary-Treasurer

EDUCATION: University of Texas, Austin

OCCUPATION: Office Manager

VISION STATEMENT: *I envision the women of the LWML boldly stepping out to share Christ's love with women in their congregations and communities. Being equipped with His Word, we can boldly encourage others as relationships are built and strengthened, enabling more women to know and understand the opportunities available to them through the LWML. We appreciate and enjoy God's blessings and grace on our organization, and*

therefore are motivated to be a blessing to others in all areas of our lives.



Nominating Committee

Kaye Wolff
Southfield, Michigan
LWML Michigan District

LWML: Deaf Ministry Liaison, Vice President of Special Focus Ministries, HOPE Committee

Chairman, HOPE Committee member, Gospel Outreach Chairman, Gospel Outreach member

DISTRICT: Convention Bible study leader, Leader Development Coordinator

ZONE: Interim Co-Chair, rally speaker

LOCAL: Co-Chair, Treasurer, President

CHURCH: Ladies Aid/Christian Care, Evangelism Committee member, Sunday school teacher, vacation Bible school teacher, choir member

COMMUNITY: Nursing home volunteer/visitor; Family of God, Franklin Avenue Mission volunteer/supporter; Henry Ford Diversity Committee Co-Chair

EDUCATION: International School of Data Processing certificate/Certification in Data Processing

OCCUPATION: Retired IT business systems analyst

VISION STATEMENT: *I would like to see a multigenerational LWML where mother, daughter, and granddaughter attend events and conventions together and a multicultural LWML where we learn and share cultural experiences with all of the people in countries that we support through our mission and mite offerings. I will continually be an LWML cheerleader and do what I can to help fulfill our mission to assist each woman in our church body in affirming her relationship with the Triune God, and welcome and encourage her as we support missions as a family.*

Voting Tally — Candidates for Office

Vice President of Christian Life

Votes Cast _____ Votes Necessary for Election _____ Invalid Ballots _____

Susan Brunkow Votes Received _____

Crystal Miller Votes Received _____

Vice President of Communication

Votes Cast _____ Votes Necessary for Election _____ Invalid Ballots _____

Kathy Pavelock Votes Received _____

Mary Smith Votes Received _____

Vice President of Gospel Outreach

Votes Cast _____ Votes Necessary for Election _____ Invalid Ballots _____

Leslie Colligan Votes Received _____

Karen Morrison Votes Received _____

Recording Secretary

Votes Cast _____ Votes Necessary for Election _____ Invalid Ballots _____

Carrie Brumbaugh Votes Received _____

Brenda Piester Votes Received _____

Pastoral Counselor

Votes Cast _____ Votes Necessary for Election _____ Invalid Ballots _____

The Rev. Gary Piepkorn Votes Received _____

The Rev. R. Allan Reed Votes Received _____

Nominating Committee

Votes Cast _____ Votes Necessary for Election _____ Invalid Ballots _____

Lisa Asmus Votes Received _____

Anita Granger Votes Received _____

Janis McDaniels Votes Received _____

Diane Reimold Votes Received _____

Melissa Salomón Votes Received _____

LaDonna Stanosheck Votes Received _____

Christie Steffens Votes Received _____

Lois Teinert Votes Received _____

Kaye Wolff Votes Received _____

Mission Grant Proposals Selected for the 2021 LWML Convention

1. Light of Christ in Eastern Europe; Mission Central \$56,000 *

For decades, Christians in Germany and Czech Republic had to hide their faith. Churches that stood for centuries were closed and generations lived with no knowledge of the Christian faith. The Lutheran Church is striving to meet the urgent need to bring the love and light of Christ to people who have been living in spiritual darkness. Recently, immigrants and refugees from the Middle East have settled in Europe, many in Germany. Our missionaries are meeting the additional challenge of reaching out to those of the Muslim faith with the message of the Triune God. Thousands of immigrants, and German and Czech citizens of all ages, need to hear the Gospel. This grant will help in the support of eight missionaries working in Germany and the Czech Republic.

WHEREAS, the people of Germany and the Czech Republic lived for decades under oppressive governments, unable to worship freely, and are once again able to worship publicly, without punishment, and begin anew to know the love and mercy of our Savior, Jesus Christ; and

WHEREAS, missionaries of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod are now serving in both countries, bringing the light of Christ to the people, through in-person worship and Bible study, as well as outreach through varied, multi-lingual social media platforms, and by building caring relationships; and

WHEREAS, by faith, these missionaries are answering God's call to serve, boldly proclaiming "*Here I am! Send me*" (Isaiah 6:8), while raising their own financial support to remain with the people they serve, continuing their ministries; and

WHEREAS, our hope is that the Holy Spirit will open the hearts and minds of German and Czech people, and Muslim immigrants and refugees, to hear the Gospel, shared in Christian love by our missionaries, *For it is you who light my lamp; the Lord my God lightens my darkness* (Psalm 18:28); therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates of the 2021 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention scheduled for Lexington, Kentucky, vote the sum of \$56,000 to help fund **Light of Christ in Eastern Europe**.

2. Educating Pastors in Africa; Mission Central \$100,000 *

God is calling African men to become pastors. These men of faith know the culture and how best to share God's truth and the love of Christ in their native country. Matongo Lutheran Theological College, Kenya, East Africa, is a confessional Lutheran college of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya (ELCK), which is in Altar and Pulpit Fellowship with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). This theological college is in need of support funding. Grant funds will be used for pastoral education projects, including scholarships and seminary needs in Kenya, Togo West Africa, and Uganda, as well as general support of six missionaries — five pastors and one layman.

WHEREAS, knowing that Africa is ripe for the harvest, and that Gospel outreach is best done in the heart languages, both in those who seek to learn, and those who share His Word; and

WHEREAS, missionaries of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod are serving among these African saints to educate those called, and by Christ's example in Ephesians 4:11–12, *to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ*; and

WHEREAS, we here, in our abundance, cannot ignore the needs of African seminaries, nor the needs of our own LCMS missionaries who, in dedication and sacrifice, fulfill this call; and

WHEREAS, Mission Central will administer these mite dollars in a timely fashion upon receipt, and report to the LWML all progress associated with this grant; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates of the 2021 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention scheduled for Lexington, Kentucky, vote the sum of \$100,000 to help fund **Educating Pastors in Africa**.

3. Missionaries to America Project; Mission Nation Publishing \$88,000

The United States is populated by people from all corners of the world. The purpose of Mission Nation's "Missionaries to America" project is to help the LCMS strengthen its capacity to share Jesus with people with whom we may be unable to relate because of cultural and language barriers. With this grant, Mission Nation Publishing will be able to provide opportunity and resources for each of us to be better witnesses for Jesus to

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ethnic groups other than our own, through the publication of the stories of missionaries, who now reside in the United States, and their respective journeys to faith.

WHEREAS, God created every ethnic group and determined the time and place where they would live (Acts 17:26); and

WHEREAS, the Lord has seen fit to bring people from other countries to America, creating a more diverse population; and

WHEREAS, Mission Nation Publishing and the LCMS Florida-Georgia District want to develop extensive relationships and resources to help churches reach out to ethnic groups different from their own; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates of the 2021 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention scheduled for Lexington, Kentucky, vote the sum of \$88,000 to help fund **Missionaries to America Project**.

4. Making the Next Generation of Disciples for Life; LCMS Life Ministry \$92,000 *

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations" (Jeremiah 1:5). The sanctity of life created by God, and the family as God designed it, has been under attack by pro-choice organizations who are expanding their movement to reach children of younger ages, to attack chastity and promote promiscuity, and to influence our children causing devaluation of life, marriage, and the family. The continued development of "Life" curricula is one of the most frequent requests by LCMS schools. With this grant, LCMS Life Ministry will build a set of developmentally appropriate resources and curriculum for early childhood, young children, and elementary-aged children and their families.

WHEREAS, God said, *"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations"* (Jeremiah 1:5); and

WHEREAS, the sanctity of life created by God, and the family as God designed it, has been under attack by pro-choice organizations who are expanding their movement to reach children of younger ages, to attack chastity and promote promiscuity, and to influence our children causing devaluation of life, marriage, and the family; and

WHEREAS, LCMS Life Ministry shares biblical teaching regarding the sanctity of all human life with a clear Law and Gospel approach, and seeks to provide accessible information to children and families regarding life and family issues created specifically to be developmentally

appropriate for early childhood, young children, and elementary-aged children, and their families; and

WHEREAS, specially designed resources for children will create an awareness and respect for life and the family as God designed them and will have a lasting effect on their choices as they grow and mature and become disciples for life; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates of the 2021 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention scheduled for Lexington, Kentucky, vote the sum of \$92,000 to help fund **Making the Next Generation of Disciples for Life**.

5. Nurturing Spiritual Care; LCMS Office of National Mission, Witness and Outreach \$56,800 *

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy (1 Peter 2:9–10). People in this world are broken and hurting. God's people have an opportunity to show God's love and mercy to those around them, yet many feel inadequately prepared to provide spiritual care. There is a need for resources that reflect Lutheran theology and train believers to recognize and respond to the emotional and spiritual needs of others, enabling them to point to Christ who offers salvation, hope, and healing. This grant would support the development of "Nurturing Spiritual Care" resources.

WHEREAS, God's Word states in 1 Peter 2:9–10, *But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy*. As the royal priesthood, Christians love their neighbors as themselves (John 13:34 and Matthew 22:38–39); and

WHEREAS, each believer, a royal priest, serves their nearest neighbors through a variety of vocations or stations in life, such as mother, father, son, daughter, sister, and brother; God has placed people into families and brings them into proximity with the people that become their friends, not being an accident that He gives them to one another and serves His people on earth through one another; and

WHEREAS, it is through these vocations that Christians

care for others, encouraging them and sharing God's Word; requests have been received to provide a robust and comprehensive, distinctly Lutheran, training program for lay people on providing emotional and spiritual care; and WHEREAS, the LCMS Office of National Mission has created an Internet Resource Center for Making Disciples for Life to make resources readily available to congregations, workers, and lay people; therefore, be it RESOLVED, that the delegates of the 2021 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention scheduled for Lexington, Kentucky, vote the sum of \$56,800 to help fund **Nurturing Spiritual Care**.

6. Healing the Invisible Wounds of War through Horses; Spirit Warrior, Central Maine \$95,000

Maine is among the list of "least churched" states in the nation. It has only three LCMS churches in the entire state and has only five Veteran Administration Chaplains. Deaconess Kim Slininger was called to Hope Lutheran Church to reach out to the extensive veteran and military community in the Bangor area. Deaconess Kim is herself a disabled veteran, and the Spirit Warrior program is an extension of her ministry. Spirit Warrior is a program that addresses the need to provide pastoral/diaconal care using horses, to those who have stood in the face of evil and have returned. Current traditional therapy does not address the care of the spirit. Many veterans/service members want to connect with God and theological discussions take place while caring for the horses. This grant will provide funding for 58 veterans to go through the program.

WHEREAS, Christ has compassion for suffering people, and His disciples embody Christ and have compassion for those who suffer; and

WHEREAS, deaconesses are called and desire to share that compassion with the suffering assisted by equines; and

WHEREAS, deaconesses are unable to fully fund the cost of Spirit Warrior Equine Experiential Learning; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates of the 2021 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention scheduled for Lexington, Kentucky, vote the sum of \$95,000 to help fund **Healing the Invisible Wounds of War through Horses**.

7. Mission Catalyst; International Student Ministry, Inc. \$80,000

Currently, International Student Ministry, Inc. (ISM, Inc.) partners with more than 80 ministry sites in 26 states, bringing the Good News of Jesus to international students and their families. One of the challenges is that there are 24 states without any ISM, Inc. presence. ISM, Inc. exists to encourage and equip God's people for intentional Gospel ministry among international student communities. This presents amazing opportunities to share Jesus Christ with people from all over the world. ISM desires to connect and offer resources and encouragement to those working with international students. For this reason, ISM, Inc. is requesting an LWML grant to develop the position of Mission Catalyst over a two-year period. The Mission Catalyst will serve part-time as the official ISM, Inc. representative and will design and implement a viable strategic plan to faithfully fulfill the organization's goals for international student ministry support and growth.

WHEREAS, Christ, in His Holy Word, has charged us to extend hospitality to the stranger (Hebrews 13:2), love the foreigner (Leviticus 19:34), and fulfill the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20); and

WHEREAS, there is an insufficient number of LCMS international student ministry sites reaching out to the more than one million international students on college campuses throughout the United States and a great need to develop new sites, strengthen existing sites, and revitalize inactive sites; and

WHEREAS, ISM, Inc. is currently unable to fully finance the cost of supporting the Mission Catalyst position until the position can become financially self-sustained; and

WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Chief Mission Officer was consulted about the grant; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates of the 2021 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention scheduled for Lexington, Kentucky, vote the sum of \$80,000 to help fund **Mission Catalyst**.

8. Mercy Medical Care for Tanzania; Mwadui Lutheran School and Community \$68,182 *

Mwadui Lutheran School in Shinyanga, Tanzania, has become one of the leading schools in the region with enrollment increasing from 40 to over 200 students. It is educating many new pastors, teachers, and professionals from all over western Tanzania using a curriculum with a

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Christian world view and daily chapel. This educational facility has become a valuable Christian outreach ministry to the community and region. However, malaria and other health issues continue to be a vexing problem for the students, teachers, staff, and community. The next step in enhancing this educational facility is starting a medical clinic. This grant will purchase medical equipment, medical supplies, and medicine to treat the various illnesses of the student community in the Southeast of Lake Victoria Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, Tanzania (SELVD-ELCT).

WHEREAS, Mwadui Lutheran School in Shinyanga, Tanzania, has become one of the leading schools in the region with enrollment increasing from 40 to over 200 in the last five years, educating many new pastors, teachers, and professionals from all over western Tanzania using a curriculum with a Christian world view and offering daily chapel, and

WHEREAS, malaria and other health issues continue to be vexing problems for the students, teachers, staff, and community; and

WHEREAS, the nearest dispensary to Mwadui is 15.5 miles away; and

WHEREAS, a dispensary on the school campus would better serve the school and be an outreach tool to the community which also lacks decent medical care; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates of the 2021 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention scheduled for Lexington, Kentucky, vote the sum of \$68,182 to help fund **Mercy Medical Care for Tanzania**.

9. Helping Hands for Lutheran Deaf Outreach; Lutheran Deaf Outreach \$50,000

Lutheran Deaf Outreach wants to help Deaf people have a saving relationship with Christ by training Deaf and Hearing people to share Jesus with Deaf people. They work through congregations to reach Deaf people and families in their community. There are over 500,000 Deaf people, plus their families, in the United States. The need is great to equip more Deaf leaders through Jesus Signs Training Workshops so they may effectively witness the saving message of Jesus Christ. This grant will assist in expanding training through the sharing of resources, by assisting pastors, and by instructing individuals to lead the workshops. It will also help with workshop expenses to expand training and provide resources throughout the United States.

WHEREAS, in Matthew 28:19–20, as Jesus spoke these words to his disciples, we are told to *Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the very end of the age;* and

WHEREAS, 98 percent of Deaf people and their families do not believe in Jesus, God wants all people to be saved and come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, and God is empowering the Deaf leaders in our districts to go and make more disciples; and

WHEREAS, this grant will provide Lutheran Deaf Outreach training with resources and help with training expenses to reach out to Deaf people and the thousands of families with Deaf children throughout the nation who are struggling to share their faith in Jesus with their children who do not believe; and

WHEREAS, the need is great to equip more Deaf leaders through in-depth Jesus Signs Training workshops, so they may effectively witness to the saving message of Jesus Christ, and to strengthen these Deaf leaders in their faith and skills; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates of the 2021 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention scheduled for Lexington, Kentucky, vote the sum of \$50,000 to help fund **Helping Hands for Lutheran Deaf Outreach**.

10. Mission & Outreach to the Least of These; Victory Lutheran Church, K. I. Sawyer Community \$51,356

Christ has charged us in His Holy Word to share the Gospel and minister to the poor. Victory Lutheran Church is an inner-city church located in the unincorporated area of the K.I. Sawyer Community in Gwinn, Michigan. This inner-city church is a means of providing mercy ministries that spread His Word to all people, especially "the least of these." The purchase of a new and larger van will allow them to bring children to hear the love of Jesus and provide a safe place to learn. The church needs a safe haven for the congregation and the unchurched to attend worship and Bible study.

WHEREAS, Christ has charged us in His Holy Word to share the Gospel and minister to the poor; and

WHEREAS, Victory Lutheran Church, an inner-city church, is a means of providing mercy ministries and spreading His Word to all people, most especially "the least of these"; and

WHEREAS, the church sorely needs funds to purchase a new and larger van to bring children to hear about the love of Jesus and to provide a safe place to learn, and

WHEREAS, the church needs a safe haven for the congregation and the unchurched to attend worship and Bible study; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates of the 2021 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention scheduled for Lexington, Kentucky, vote the sum of \$51,356 to help fund **Mission & Outreach to the Least of These.**

11. Propelling the Gospel; LAMP Ministry, Inc. \$65,000

Lutheran Association of Missionary Pilots (LAMP) Ministry, Inc. has been using small aircraft to take the Gospel message to the Indigenous people in the most remote areas of northern Canada. Each year, hundreds of volunteer missionaries from the United States travel to teach vacation Bible school to thousands of children in remote northern communities. LAMP's ministry is highly dependent on the two aircrafts that they use in order to get their missionaries to these places so they can bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those who so desperately need to hear the Good News. The aircraft has evolved over the years, and upgrades must be made to ensure safety and the ability for LAMP's missionaries and pilots to reach remote communities only accessible by air. Avionic instrument upgrades in the aircrafts are a costly investment. The Garmin GTX 345 model works best, not only with classical ground-based radar systems, but it also provides ADS-B input and output for both the American and Canadian/Aireon systems.

WHEREAS, LAMP Ministry Inc.'s mission is to go "... to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8b) and LAMP envisions the day when nations walk together in the light of Christ (Revelation 7:9); and

WHEREAS, there are nearly one million Indigenous people, half of whom are children living in the remotest areas of northern Canada, who have limited access to biblical education and Gospel proclamation unless LAMP sends missionaries; and

WHEREAS, LAMP requires small, well-equipped airplanes to transport staff and volunteer missionaries to teach the Scriptures and proclaim the Gospel in remote northern communities; and

WHEREAS, LAMP aircrafts currently require a significant avionic instrument upgrade to ensure safe and efficient

flights for pilots and missionaries; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates of the 2021 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention scheduled for Lexington, Kentucky, vote the sum of \$65,000 to help fund **Propelling the Gospel.**

12. Matongo Seminary Chapel; LCMS Office of International Mission, Africa Region \$113,500 *

The LCMS Office of International Mission supports theological education through established seminaries, such as Matongo Lutheran Seminary, recognized by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya (ELCK) for the training of pastors, deaconesses, and evangelists for its congregations. It is essential that the campus community have a dedicated place of worship for daily chapel services. It will also free up classroom space currently used for the temporary chapel and serve as a "model" for students who will serve as pastors beyond the borders of Kenya and the ELCK. This grant is sought for architecture and engineering and structural framework. Additional funds are being raised to complete the building.

WHEREAS, St. Paul writes, *Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God* (Colossians 3:16); and

WHEREAS, the LCMS Office of International Mission supports theological education through established seminaries with the intent to foster them towards a level of self-sufficiency for students from their own church body, having closely worked with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Kenya (ELCK); and

WHEREAS, Matongo Lutheran Seminary (also called Neema Lutheran College) is the one institution recognized by the ELCK for the training of pastors, deaconesses, and evangelists for its congregations; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to have a dedicated place of worship where the campus community can gather for daily worship for the encouragement and strengthening of the students in their spiritual formation, the chapel serves students from many countries and will serve as a "model" place for the spiritual formation of pastors beyond the borders of Kenya and the ELCK, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates of the 2021 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention scheduled for Lexington, Kentucky, vote the sum of \$113,500 to help fund **Matongo Seminary Chapel.**

13. Hope of Christ for Cancer Patients; Phil's Friends \$70,000

As Christians, we are charged with sharing the message of the Gospel and the Word with all individuals. The mission of Phil's Friends, an LCMS Recognized Service Organization, is to introduce and strengthen relationships with Christ by providing faith-based hope to those with cancer. The support includes a care package with practical, emotional, and spiritual items, including a Bible, a card sent monthly for 12 months, and a new program "Hope on Call," in which Phil's Friends' trained volunteers meet virtually with the cancer patient to talk and pray. This grant would further fund Phil's Friends Cancer Care Packages, Cards of Hope, and Hope on Call.

WHEREAS, Christians are charged with sharing the message of the Gospel with all individuals; and

WHEREAS, providing Christ-centered support to individuals with cancer that includes providing them with a Bible, the message of the Gospel, and prayer, will help introduce and strengthen their relationship with Christ; and

WHEREAS, Phil's Friends is unable to fully fund its Care Packages, Cards of Hope (encouragement cards sent out monthly) and its new program, "Hope on Call," in which Phil's Friends' trained volunteers meet virtually with cancer patients to talk and pray; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates of the 2021 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention scheduled for Lexington, Kentucky, vote the sum of \$70,000 to help fund **Hope of Christ for Cancer Patients**.

14. Mercy House — Belize Lutheran Campus; Belize Mission Society \$100,000

The Belize Mission Society (BMS) has a dental clinic in a multipurpose building that is located in the village. This grant money would fund the building of a Mercy House next to the elementary school and Christ Lutheran Church. By bringing the dental clinic and other programs to the Lutheran campus, it will lead people to the Church and connect them with the missionaries. The BMS is intent on "strengthening their cord" (a reference to Ecclesiastes 4:12) with the Belize FORO (forum), the missionaries, and the local residents. By building relationships with children, they also reach their extended family with the Good News of their Savior, Jesus Christ. Mercy House — Belize Mission Campus will further the mercy work and relationship-building of the BMS

while providing a tangible connection to Christ Lutheran Church.

WHEREAS, *Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken* (Ecclesiastes 4:12 NIV); and

WHEREAS, presently the Belize Mission Society (BMS) is working in partnership with Christ Lutheran Church (LCMS) missionaries and short-term mission teams in southern Belize to share mercy care through feeding children, dental clinics, vacation Bible school, tutoring, and community health programs that provide a direct connection to the church and the Gospel message; and

WHEREAS, the BMS is a Recognized Service Organization of the LCMS and a Belize FORO (Spanish for "forum," a system of support used for LCMS missions and sister churches in Latin America and the Caribbean) charter member, working in coordination with the LCMS Office of International Mission to implement mercy care in multiple locations throughout the community and country, missionaries develop relationships with villagers to share the Good News of Jesus through Baptism, confirmation, and Communion; and

WHEREAS, having a Mercy House located next to the elementary school and Christ Lutheran Church, thus creating a Lutheran Campus and community focal point for outreach, will provide expanded opportunities to teach the Scriptures and proclaim the Gospel, while also meeting physical needs. This new Mercy House will provide a direct physical connection to Christ Lutheran Church and the mercy care teams currently serving the community. We recognize that by connecting with the children, providing role models and hope, we also draw entire families to the saving grace of the Gospel; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates of the 2021 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention scheduled for Lexington, Kentucky, vote the sum of \$100,000 to help fund **Mercy House — Belize Lutheran Campus**.

15. Spiritual and Physical Food for Children of Peru; La Mision Luterana del Peru \$56,750 *

Castillo Fuerte (Mighty Fortress) Mercy House is an outreach of the LCMS Missions in Latin America and the Caribbean and was started in 2013. The people of Lima are unable to fully finance the work of the Mercy House, and the work of our missionaries, who feed the souls with the Word of God and show the love of Christ by feeding the parents and children's stomachs. Families come to receive

food for their physical bodies, and they stay because of Jesus' love for them as He feeds them the spiritual food which sustains their souls. The healing power of Christ's love and redemption shine into the broken lives of the families making them whole. This grant would partner with La Mision Luterana and Castillo Fuerte to work together to care for the children and families of Lima, Peru, by providing for the needs of the body and of the soul.

WHEREAS, Christ in His Holy Word has charged us to reach out to all nations with the knowledge of His saving Gospel as well as His tangible love; and

WHEREAS, the LCMS Board of International Mission and the LCMS Missions in Latin America and the Caribbean have identified the community of Lima, Peru, as fertile ground for a church plant and Castillo Fuerte Mercy House; and

WHEREAS, the people of Lima are unable to fully finance the work of the Mercy House and the work of our missionaries who preach the Word, administer the Sacraments, provide for after-school programming, literacy programs, and daily feed the children their main meal, affecting the whole family with the love of Jesus through Word and deed; and

WHEREAS, the LCMS Chief Mission Officer was consulted about the grant; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates of the 2021 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention scheduled for Lexington, Kentucky, vote the sum of \$56,750 to help fund **Spiritual and Physical Food for Children of Peru.**

16. Deaconess Ministry Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch; Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch \$81,680

Matthew 25:40 assures us that whenever we serve the "least of these brothers and sisters" of Christ, we are serving the Lord. The healing ministry of the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch creates an eternal, life-giving impact in the lives of children age 10–18 who face unimaginable abuse, neglect, and trauma — truly "the least of these." This is especially true for female children who have been victimized by male figures, resulting in trust-related issues that are hopelessly difficult for a child to bridge. The specialized ministry of a deaconess bridges this gap with the transformational care of Christ, helping both young girls and boys.

WHEREAS, Matthew 25:40 assures us that whenever we serve the "least of these brothers and sisters" of Christ, we are serving the Lord; and

WHEREAS, the healing ministries of Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch create an eternal, life-giving, impact in the lives of children (ages 10–18) who face unimaginable abuse, neglect and trauma — children who truly are "the least of these"; and

WHEREAS, traumatized children are often caught in a hope-draining, spiritual-care gap, which makes them unreachable by male chaplains, simply because of gender (especially true for female children who have been victimized by male figures), resulting in trust related issues that are hopelessly difficult for a child to bridge; and

WHEREAS, the specialized ministry of a deaconess has been consistently shown to bridge this gap with the transformational care of Christ, thereby helping both young girls and boys, who have experienced some of the worst trauma imaginable, discover the life-changing hope and healing of Christ Himself; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates of the 2021 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention scheduled for Lexington, Kentucky, vote the sum of \$81,680 to help fund **Deaconess Ministry – Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch.**

17. Expanding God's Love in Uganda; LCMS Office of International Mission, Africa Region \$92,000 *

The Lutheran Church of Uganda (LCU) is a steadily growing church body in eastern Africa, which has requested LCMS assistance to locally train deaconesses so they may assist the small number of Lutheran pastors throughout Uganda to teach the faith, provide spiritual care, and show mercy to the communities. Being able to provide local training will be a huge benefit to qualified women who would not be able to travel to Kenya for a two-year program, and to the church. This grant would allow for a land purchase attached to the established Lutheran Theological College Uganda, fencing, and a small dormitory for the women.

WHEREAS, St. Paul writes *I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a servant of the church at Cenchreae, that you welcome her in the Lord in a way worthy of the saints, and help her in whatever she may need from you, for she has been a patron of many and of myself as well* (Romans 16:1–2); and

WHEREAS, the LCMS Office of International Mission supports work with the Lutheran Church of Uganda (LCU) and the Lutheran Theological College of Uganda (LTCU) in Magamaga primarily in pastoral formation through their own seminary in the form of residential missionaries,

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grants, medical mission trips, and infrastructure development; and

WHEREAS, there are only 30 pastors and two deaconesses for 150 congregations, and as the church body continues growing among the seven regions throughout the country, there is a great need for assistance in ministry while having a strong desire to minister to their own people through language and culture; deaconesses would be a natural fit in Uganda; and

WHEREAS, in response to the steady growth of the church body and the establishment of the LTCU training men to serve as pastors, the addition of these newly trained pastors will add to the work of the LCU; the LCU has a greater understanding of higher education and prayerfully request to add a deaconess program; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates of the 2021 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention scheduled for Lexington Kentucky, vote the sum of \$92,000 to help fund **Expanding God's Love in Uganda.**

18. Connecting Mercy and Church Planting — Latin America & the Caribbean; LCMS Office of International Mission \$113,500 *

The Latin America and the Caribbean region of the Office of International Mission serves the Lord according to the trifold motto of Spreading the Gospel, Planting Lutheran Churches, and Showing Mercy. Concordia the Reformer Seminary in the Dominican Republic invests in the theological and practical formation of pastors and deaconesses so that they complement one another's Kingdom roles as they serve in 12 countries. This model allows them to supplement classroom learning with hands-on fieldwork. An LWML grant would fund scholarships for 15 residential pastoral students for one academic year and also promote the continuance of online deaconess instruction and biannual intensive courses for up to 140 deaconess students.

WHEREAS, Christ, the head of the Church, joins sinful human beings together into one body and *when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love* (Ephesians 4:16); and

WHEREAS, the Latin America and the Caribbean region of the Office of International Mission serves the Lord according to the trifold motto of Spreading the Gospel, Planting Lutheran Churches, and Showing Mercy such that attending to people's physical, mental, and emotional needs might always accompany the sowing of

congregations that are faithful to the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions; and

WHEREAS, Concordia the Reformer Seminary in the Dominican Republic invests in the theological and practical formation of pastors and deaconesses to serve in 12 countries in ways that complement one another's Kingdom roles by supplementing classroom learning with hands-on fieldwork; and

WHEREAS, 155 (15 residential pastoral formation students and 140 deaconess students) plus each of their families and innumerable brothers and sisters in the faith throughout Latin America, the Caribbean, and Spain who will hear of Christ, eat and drink of His body and blood, and feel His mercy through them; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates of the 2021 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention scheduled for Lexington, Kentucky, vote the sum of \$113,500 to help fund **Connecting Mercy and Church Planting — Latin America & the Caribbean.**

19. Mission Education Teams in Latin America & the Caribbean; LCMS Office of International Mission \$55,000 *

The Dominican Republic Lutheran Mission (DRLM) is a maturing mission field that began in 2005 and currently has five local congregations, two Lutheran schools, Concordia the Reformer Seminary and Mercy Center, with 20 missionary and local pastor family units. Some of the most cherished short-term mission teams to the DRLM are sent to intentionally experience the Church and her work and life on the field. Participation in Mission Education Teams is especially pertinent for future pastors, deaconesses, and graduates of the Concordia University System. These students will set the tone for spreading the Gospel, planting Lutheran churches, and showing mercy for generations to come. Funds received will provide scholarships for 32 students to be part of Mission Education Teams.

WHEREAS, Christ in His Holy Word has charged us to reach out to all nations, further in Matthew 25:40, "*And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me'*"; and

WHEREAS, LCMS Mission Education Teams interact with missionaries, local leaders, church members, and the surrounding communities while experiencing educational opportunities, equipping participants to return home with a broader cultural understanding, renewed spiritual fervor, and more room in their hearts to care for and pray for the

least of these in seemingly remote corners of the globe; and

WHEREAS, globalization brings the nations to the doorstep of churches, schools, workplaces, and neighborhoods across the United States, those with firsthand experience abroad have a tremendous advantage as they seek to reach out in Word and deed; and

WHEREAS, financial considerations often prevent individuals from participating in LCMS Mission Teams, a grant would aid in the expenses for participation in a mission trip with endeavors bearing testimony to the good work our Lord is doing through His appointed leaders and devout Kingdom workers, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates of the 2021 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention scheduled for Lexington, Kentucky, vote the sum of \$55,000 to help fund **Mission Education Teams in Latin America & the Caribbean.**

20. Gospel Outreach to Women and Children in Mongolia; Lutheran Hour Ministries \$100,000

Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) has an opportunity to expand its mission outreach of the Gospel to the Kazakh women and children in Mongolia, a non-Christian country. The Kazakh people are nominally Muslim and the country of Mongolia is largely Buddhist with a less than one percent Christian population. Through widely-accepted Women's Listener groups, religious broadcasts, and Christian resources in the Kazakh language, family members and relatives will be impacted by the Gospel in their homes. LHM has the media expertise to ensure the Gospel message is brought to a region where the populations have not heard the Gospel. Christian resources are being distributed, including Bible studies and booklets translated into the Kazakh language, as well as into Mongolian, the main language of the region.

WHEREAS, the mission of Lutheran Hour Ministries, based on the clear teaching of Scripture, is Bringing Christ to the Nations — and the Nations to the Church; and

WHEREAS, Lutheran Hour Ministries' ministry center in Mongolia was established to carry out Gospel outreach to people in the region where less than one percent of the population is Christian; and

WHEREAS, Lutheran Hour Ministries has a new opportunity to share the love of Jesus to minority Kazakh women and their children through Women's Listener groups, Christian radio programming, and youth activities,

this being a part of the population that has never heard the Gospel; and

WHEREAS, through Gospel Outreach to Women and Children in Mongolia, Kazakh families will hear the true message of salvation through a powerful Christian witness of love and connect them to faith in Jesus Christ in culturally appropriate ways; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates of the 2021 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention scheduled for Lexington, Kentucky, vote the sum of \$100,000 to help fund **Gospel Outreach to Women and Children in Mongolia.**

21. Caring for and Sharing Christ with Hurting People; Concordia Seminary, St. Louis \$100,000

Deaconesses are continually pointing those they serve toward the cross, sharing the Gospel with them so they gain the wonderful gift of eternal life through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. Concordia Seminary has requested, through this mission grant, much-needed scholarships for deaconess students and assistance with seminary costs to provide high-quality theological education. Enrollment in the new online Deaconess Studies Program is expected to increase, enabling the faculty to form more well-trained deaconesses and bring more people to Jesus and provide compassionate, Christ-centered help to those who are hurting and suffering — physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

WHEREAS, deaconesses, serving in God's name, lovingly and selflessly provide much-needed care and works of mercy to those who suffer deeply in body, mind, and soul; and

WHEREAS, deaconesses are continually pointing those they serve toward the cross, sharing the Gospel with them so they may gain the wonderful gift of eternal life through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ; and

WHEREAS, Concordia Seminary offers several educational paths providing high-level theological training to deaconess students, fully equipping them to serve anguished people in many ways and share the Good News with them; and

WHEREAS, these deaconess students have significant need for financial aid to support their education expenses, and the Seminary has a strong need for support for the costs to provide these students' formation; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates of the 2021 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention scheduled for

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Lexington, Kentucky, vote the sum of \$100,000 to help fund **Caring for and Sharing Christ with Hurting People.**

22. Christ-Centered Materials for Hmong Language School and Outreach; St. Paul Hmong Outreach Ministries \$78,364

St. Paul Hmong Outreach Ministries in Merced, California, has been actively involved in outreach to Hmong communities in their native tongue for 15 years. In 2015 and 2018, Hmong language schools were founded. They are connected with host churches, St. Paul Lutheran in Merced and Redeemer Lutheran in Fresno, California. Through the schools and outreach at New Year's festivals, the Gospel is being heard and families are being baptized and confirmed. Funds will be used to continue mission programs, develop new training modules, and support training implementation of Christ-centered educational materials in the Hmong language to be used in the schools, for festival outreach, and to share with other LCMS churches and districts.

WHEREAS, the Hmong people have been in the United States for 45 years, yet they still retain their native language and culture, a majority of the Hmong still only know the traditional animist religion of ancestor/spirit worship, which is bondage; and

WHEREAS, St. Paul Hmong Outreach Ministries has been actively reaching out to the Hmong communities in their native tongue for 15 years, breaking the bondage Satan has on the Hmong families with the truth and knowledge that, through Christ Jesus, there is no other way to be free as Scripture stated, *and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free* (John 8:32); and

WHEREAS, by providing Hmong Language School and reaching out at New Year's festivals, the Gospel is being heard by Hmong families in their own language, families are being baptized and confirmed, and other LCMS churches are seeking successful outreach models that battle the Hmong cultural/spiritual bondage; and

WHEREAS, *So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ* (Romans 10:17), funds are needed to continue mission programs, develop new modules, and support training implementation to provide Christ-centered educational materials in the Hmong language for schools and festival outreaches to the Hmong people. Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates of the 2021 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention scheduled for Lexington, Kentucky, vote the sum of \$78,364 to help fund

Christ-Centered Materials for Hmong Language School and Outreach.

23. Thirst to Learn: Bible Books for Africa's Children; Lutheran Heritage Foundation \$100,000

Lutheran Heritage Foundation continues its work of translating, publishing, distributing, and introducing Lutheran materials throughout Africa where the population is more than 1.216 billion people. Sadly, over half those souls are still waiting to be introduced to the one true Savior, Jesus Christ. Islam has made huge inroads in the continent. But thanks be to God, Christian missionaries have been spreading the Light of the Gospel also. Economic and political conditions may force missionaries to leave a country, but the Lutheran books they leave behind stay — and teach — for generations. This grant will fund the printing and distribution of 129,500 engaging, colorful books which will introduce children to Jesus in their Lutheran schools, Sunday schools, and orphanages.

WHEREAS, African families face many physical and spiritual challenges, including extreme poverty, disease, civil unrest, and the ever-growing presence of Islam; and

WHEREAS, Lutheran missionaries and church leaders in Africa have witnessed a "thirst to learn" about the Savior and have expressed a deep need for easy-to-understand Lutheran books, printed in the languages of the people, to teach parents and children the Lutheran faith; and

WHEREAS, African Lutheran partner churches also need engaging, colorful books to introduce children to Jesus in their Lutheran schools, Sunday schools, and orphanages — books the children may keep for their very own; and

WHEREAS, the Lutheran Heritage Foundation has 30 years of vigorously fulfilling its mission of translating and publishing high-quality Lutheran books for children, such as *A Child's Garden of Bible Stories*, *Luther's Small Catechism*, and *Bible Stories in Pictures* into the languages of the world at a cost of less than \$3 per book; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates of the 2021 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention scheduled for Lexington, Kentucky, vote the sum of \$100,000 to help fund **Thirst to Learn: Bible Books for Africa's Children.**

24. Sharing Jesus' Love in India; Lutheran Braille Workers \$100,000

Jesus said, *"I am the light of the world"* (John 9:5). This verse is important to the individuals who are Blind or Visually Impaired as they seek to know the love and light of Christ. This is especially true in India where there are over 62.6 million people who are Blind or Visually Impaired, and most do not know Jesus or have access to the Scriptures. Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW) already produces Braille and specialized large print Bibles and other Christian materials in multiple languages used in India and has extensive experience distributing these materials with partner ministries and churches. This grant would help fund the formation of a Ministry Production Center in India to produce and distribute its materials, and train workers on the equipment.

WHEREAS, Jesus said, *"I am the light of the world"* (John 9:5), and it is important for individuals who are Blind or Visually Impaired to know the love and light of Christ; and

WHEREAS, there are over 62.6 million people in India who are Blind or Visually Impaired, most of whom do not know Jesus or have access to the Scriptures; and

WHEREAS, LBW already produces Braille and specialized large print Bibles and other Christian materials in multiple languages used in India and has extensive experience distributing these materials with partner ministries and churches; and

WHEREAS, it has become more difficult to ship Braille and specialized large print materials to India due to rising anti-Christian sentiment; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates of the 2021 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention scheduled for Lexington, Kentucky, vote the sum of \$100,000 to help fund **Sharing Jesus' Love in India**.

25. Strengthening the Lutheran Mission to Kuna, Idaho; Friendship Celebration Lutheran Church \$100,000

Kuna, Idaho, is listed as the seventh most rapidly growing urban/suburban area in the United States and is located near Boise and Meridian, Idaho. A new church has been planted in Kuna and Friendship Celebration Lutheran Church, Boise, is its mother congregation. Kuna Lutheran is currently meeting for worship in the local high school cafeteria with up to 60 people in attendance. The congregation wants to build their own sanctuary and other facilities from which to conduct growing congregational activities, but they are first in need of a parcel of land. The

grant funds will assist in the purchase. The mission of Kuna Lutheran is to celebrate God the Father's love for us in creating us and giving His Son; connecting in faith with Jesus, our Savior; connecting with others in love and care; and communicating God's love in the power of the Holy Spirit.

WHEREAS, Jesus Christ has charged us in the Great Commission to be witnesses of the Gospel to the ends of the earth; and

WHEREAS, Friendship Celebration Lutheran Church, our planting congregation, has the mission of planting additional churches in Ada County, Idaho, and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Kuna Lutheran Mission is in need of property on which to build a church and cannot fully purchase property with their present income; and

WHEREAS, the president of the LWML Utah-Idaho District and the president of the LCMS Northwest District were consulted about the grant; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates of the 2021 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention scheduled for Lexington, Kentucky, vote the sum of \$100,000 to help fund **Strengthening the Lutheran Mission to Kuna, Idaho**.

26. "Ends of Earth" Scholarships; Mission Opportunities Short Term (MOST) Ministries \$50,000

MOST Ministries is receiving more requests from LCMS missionaries and national church leaders to provide teams to go to the "ends of the earth" places such as Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya, Ethiopia, Ghana, South Africa, Thailand, Peru, and Sri Lanka to work side-by-side with missionaries, sharing the Gospel. The travel cost (up to \$5,050) of the short-term mission trips to these distant places has become prohibitive, and has made it challenging for willing people to join a team. Currently, team members are personally responsible for their total per person cost. Not only do they use personal funds, but they are encouraged to reach out to members of the body of Christ to participate in the mission with encouragements, prayers, and financial support. This grant would offer financial support to cover up to one-half the cost of each participant, not to exceed \$2,000.

WHEREAS, in response to Jesus' words in Acts 1:8, *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth*, MOST Ministries is

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firmly committed to sharing the Gospel while meeting the needs of hurting people through loving service; and

WHEREAS, in response to requests from LCMS missionaries and national church leaders, teams are sent to work side-by-side with them to strategically open doors for sharing the Gospel; and

WHEREAS, MOST is receiving more requests from "ends of the earth" places such as Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya, Ethiopia, Ghana, South Africa, Thailand, Peru, and Sri Lanka; and

WHEREAS, the prohibitive cost of travel to these places (up to \$5,050), has made it challenging for willing people to join a team, and it is a tragedy that MOST has had to deny requests from the field because of the inability to recruit enough team members, resulting in lost opportunities to share the Gospel with approximately 11,400 people; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates of the 2021 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention scheduled for Lexington, Kentucky, vote the sum of \$50,000 to help fund **"Ends of Earth" Scholarships**.

27. Training Pastors to Serve the Church in Russia; Lutheran Theological Seminary, Novosibirsk, Siberia \$100,000

Through the efforts of the Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church and the pastoral training provided by the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Novosibirsk, Siberia, the Word and Sacraments are again making their way to the long-repressed Russian people. With this grant, Lutheran Women's Missionary League will partner in training pastors and deaconesses and in helping the seminary continue its efforts to restore the Lutheran Church in Russia. The Novosibirsk seminary's goal is to prepare workers to spread the true Word of God to the Russian people. This grant will fund some of the operational expenses of the seminary and allow it to continue providing a solid theological education to those seeking to serve as pastors and deaconesses within the Siberian Lutheran Church.

WHEREAS, Christ in His Holy Word has charged us to prepare men for pastoral ministry *and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also* (2 Timothy 2:2); and

WHEREAS, the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Novosibirsk, Siberia, trains pastors and deaconesses to serve in confessional Lutheran parishes throughout

Russia, especially in Siberia, restoring the Lutheran Church in Russia, and most importantly, teaching God's true Word to a people long repressed by atheistic communism; and

WHEREAS, the private family foundation that has fully funded the seminary since its inception in 1997 has significantly reduced its contribution, creating a need for the seminary to seek partial funding from the LWML to cover annual operating expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Siberian Lutheran Mission Society continues its ongoing campaign to raise funds to permanently endow the seminary's future expenses by 2023; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates of the 2021 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention scheduled for Lexington, Kentucky, vote the sum of \$100,000 to help fund **Training Pastors to Serve the Church in Russia**.

28. Bring the Inner-City Children to Camp; Lutheran Valley Retreat, Colorado \$25,000

Lutheran Valley Retreat (LVR) shares both God's grace and the glory of His creation. Many families in metropolitan Denver are unable to fully finance camp tuition or provide transportation to LVR where their children would experience God's Word in daily devotions, singing, and worshipping around a campfire. This grant will span two summers when LVR will partner with Lutheran churches in Denver to arrange sign-up, transportation, and scholarships for 50 children from the inner city, so they could have this mountain-top camp experience. Research shows that the challenges of camp activities are transformational, giving children tools to overcome real-world challenges when they return home.

WHEREAS, Christ, in His Holy Word, has charged us to reach out to all nations; and

WHEREAS, Jesus called the children to Him and said, *"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these"* (Matthew 19:14 NIV); and

WHEREAS, families in metropolitan Denver, Colorado, are unable to fully finance the camp tuition or the transportation to get to a Christian mountain-top experience of camp; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates of the 2021 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention scheduled for Lexington, Kentucky, vote the sum of \$25,000 to help fund **Bring the Inner-City Children to Camp**.

29. The Littlest and Least of These, Dallas, Texas; St. Paul Lutheran Church and Christian Academy \$42,000

St. Paul Lutheran Church and Christian Academy is located in a poor Dallas community of mostly unchurched families and offers the only Christ-centered preschool, before and after school care, and adult academic and Bible classes. The Academy uses Christian books, music, and Bible stories. There are regular devotional services, and families are encouraged to attend worship. St. Paul is outgrowing their current facility after a single year of operation. Going forward, more space is needed for the preschool, nursery, and after-school educational enrichment. The kitchen serving meals needs to be upgraded to a commercial kitchen. The funds will help with these expenses and will allow the Academy to further expand their mission in the community and bring more to Christ.

WHEREAS, Christ in His Holy Word has called us to “*Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven*” (Matthew 19:14); and

WHEREAS, Christ has called us to serve the least of these brothers and sisters (Matthew 25:40) as we live as His followers, not as hearers only but as doers of the Word (James 1:22); and

WHEREAS, St. Paul Lutheran Church and Christian Academy is located in a poor community of mostly unchurched families and offers the only Christ-centered preschool, before and after school care, and adult academic and Bible classes; and

WHEREAS, a renovation of the fellowship hall at St. Paul Christian Academy will serve more children as well as the aged, handicapped, lonely, and impoverished “least of these” with the saving Gospel of Christ in Word and deed; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates of the 2021 Lutheran Women’s Missionary League Convention scheduled for Lexington, Kentucky, vote the sum of \$42,000 to help fund **The Littlest and Least of These, Dallas, Texas.**

30. Redeeming Life Maternity Home, Illinois Expansion; Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries \$100,000

Redeeming Life currently operates maternity and transitional homes in Central Florida for single pregnant women who are homeless, abused, and/or at-risk of abortion. It is a proven model. This grant will help Redeeming Life support a called deaconess to serve in a

new location in the Chicagoland area. Additionally, the funds will help offset the costs, during the first two years, of operating a safe and stable home (rent, utilities, food) and provide program services for the women to be served. Redeeming Life’s goal is for their residents to learn to live independently and offers many opportunities for the women to understand that, in Christ, there is forgiveness, peace, and unconditional love.

WHEREAS, since 2013, Redeeming Life Maternity Home in Sanford, Florida, has been successfully proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ to single expectant women at risk of abortion, homelessness, or abuse, resulting in babies and mothers being baptized and confirmed in the faith while also meeting their needs for food, shelter, education, and basic life skills; and

WHEREAS, Redeeming Life Maternity Home’s vision has been, from its inception, to expand this life saving and life affirming maternity home ministry into every district of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod; and

WHEREAS, because of Redeeming Life Maternity Home’s reputation and successful model of ministering to single pregnant women in crisis, it has been invited by members of the LCMS Northern Illinois District to open a maternity home in the greater Chicago area, an area with some of the most liberal abortion laws in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the number of lives saved will be multiplied by Redeeming Life Maternity Home expanding into other districts of the LCMS; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates of the 2021 Lutheran Women’s Missionary League Convention scheduled for Lexington, Kentucky, vote the sum of \$100,000 to help fund **Redeeming Life Maternity Home, Illinois Expansion.**

31. Ministry Vehicle Fund, Ethiopia and Sierra Leone; Lutheran Bible Translators \$70,000

Lutheran Bible Translators (LBT) uses literacy programs within the local language communities to give people the skills to read the newly translated Bible which results in a personal relationship with God. When they can read God’s Word in their local or heart language, they know that God speaks their language and hears their prayers. Local personnel in Ethiopia and Sierra Leone, identified as partners with LBT, help teach their people. The long distances between the language communities have treacherous and hazardous terrain. The money from this grant will help purchase robust, reliable vehicles. Trainers will be able to travel to God’s people who are waiting for

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the opportunity to learn to read the saving words of the Gospel in their heart language. This will impact multiple language groups in both countries.

WHEREAS, God tells us in Romans 10:17, *So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ*; and

WHEREAS, Lutheran Bible Translators uses literacy programs to reach the local people and share God's Word; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Mission and Theology of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus (EECMY) and the literacy coordinator of The Institute of Sierra Leonean Languages (TISLL) cannot reach the remote areas of Ethiopia and Sierra Leone to visit the local people without vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the last hurdle to implementing the above programs to empower local language communities for more effective ministry is a vehicle to cross the long distances and hazardous terrain; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates of the 2021 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention scheduled for Lexington Kentucky, vote the sum of \$70,000 to help fund **Ministry Vehicle Fund, Ethiopia and Sierra Leone.**

32. Reaching the Homebound with God's Word; Lutheran Ministries Media, Inc. (DBA Worship Anew) \$100,000

Lutheran Ministries Media reaches the homebound and aging with the life-saving message of the Gospel through the weekly broadcast ministry of Worship Anew. With an aging population, the need exists to have accessibility to faithful teaching and understanding of the Bible as taught in our creeds and Lutheran confessions. The broadcast currently reaches areas of New York, Georgia, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, and Iowa. Lutheran Ministries Media wants to expand their broadcast area by securing on-the-air broadcast time on a new nationwide station and also enhance their online presence. The grant funds will be used to pay the broadcast fees and the internet expansion.

WHEREAS, the Great Commission moves us in Mark 16:15 to *"Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation"*; and

WHEREAS, a growing number of people in America are aging and unable to attend church; and

WHEREAS, Worship Anew is uniquely positioned for this very time to share the proclamation of God's Word with the homebound; and

WHEREAS, Worship Anew will reach millions of homes each week in the United States with the bold proclamation of our Lutheran doctrine through the use of broadcast television and the internet; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates of the 2021 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention scheduled for Lexington, Kentucky, vote the sum of \$100,000 to help fund **Reaching the Homebound with God's Word.**

33. Showing God's Love in the International District, Albuquerque, New Mexico; God Cares About You Mission \$98,000

Albuquerque's International District is home to an ethnically diverse and disadvantaged population with a high crime rate. God Cares About You Mission, which is supported by nine area Lutheran churches, is transforming lives both now and for eternity. Their outreach includes a clothing bank, children's ministry, food bank, back-to-work program, Christian fellowship, meals, Bible studies, worship services, street evangelism, and counseling. Currently, the programs are only offered three days a week and they want to expand to six days. With this expansion, they need to add a services director and kitchen manager to better manage the programs offered. Help is sought for their salaries. With the funds from this grant, God Cares About You can expand their ministry and reach more with Christ's love.

WHEREAS, *"And the King will answer them, 'Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me'"* (Matthew 25:40); and

WHEREAS, Albuquerque's International District is one of the poorest and most crime-ridden neighborhoods of the city; and

WHEREAS, Lutheran congregations in Albuquerque have come together to sponsor "God Cares About You," changing lives now and for eternity; and

WHEREAS, "God Cares About You" has an active adult and children's ministry, serving the most vulnerable of God's people in the International District; people who often go hungry, do not have clothing or the barest of essentials to stay alive, many due to addictions; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates of the 2021 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention scheduled for Lexington, Kentucky, vote the sum of \$98,000 to help fund **Showing God's Love in the International District, Albuquerque, New Mexico.**

34. Enhancing Multi-ethnic Mission Effectiveness; LINC Ministries \$98,093

Lutheran Intercity Network Coalition (LINC) Ministries is a multi-congregational LCMS effort to reach ethnically changing neighborhoods in metropolitan areas that are underserved and unreached by the LCMS. LINC has a proven track record of engaging, equipping, and empowering local ministry leaders for multi-ethnic effectiveness. Those leaders impact their communities through the Gospel, by sharing their faith in Jesus Christ, through Word and action, with people of their neighborhoods. This grant would fund a half-time City Specialist who will assist local ministry leaders with the leadership and ministry development and coaching in the newly launched LINC Chicago and LINC Seattle/Tacoma communities.

WHEREAS, many LCMS churches in urban areas are dying or are functionally dead; and

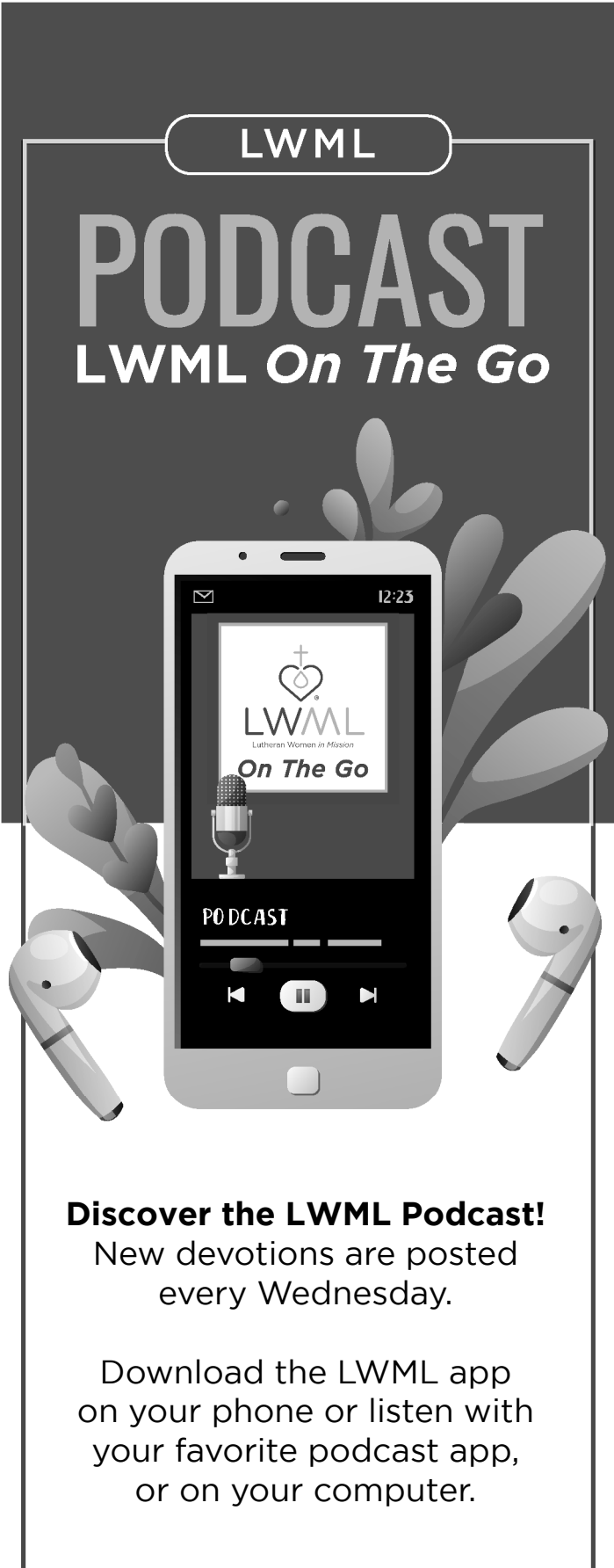
WHEREAS, the community and culture around those churches has changed and continues to evolve, and congregational leaders do not know how to effectively contextualize the Gospel in the new realities; and

WHEREAS, LINC Ministries has developed a robust system of more than 20 culturally-sensitive leadership competency training experiences, a network of trained mentors and coaches, and a myriad of print, digital, and application-based tools, which equip church members and leaders to enhance their mission effectiveness by actively engaging their geographic community, raising and developing leaders from within their geographic community, and sacrificially caring for their geographic community in the name of Jesus; and

WHEREAS, LINC Ministries has a proven track record of engaging, equipping, and empowering ministry leaders for multi-ethnic mission effectiveness and is now staffed and ready to deploy in both Chicago and Seattle/Tacoma where the needs and opportunity are great; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates of the 2021 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention scheduled for Lexington, Kentucky, vote the sum of \$98,093 to help fund **Enhancing Multi-ethnic Mission Effectiveness.**

*This grant proposal includes an LCMS Mission Advancement fee established by LCMS Board of Directors policy. This is a percentage of the proposed grant amount, allocated to fund the engagement and service of contributors who make charitable donations supporting LCMS mission and ministry.



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	Votes Received	Plurality Ranking	
1.	_____	_____	Light of Christ in Eastern Europe — Mission Central \$56,000
2.	_____	_____	Educating Pastors in Africa — Mission Central \$100,000
3.	_____	_____	Missionaries to America Project — Mission Nation Publishing \$88,000
4.	_____	_____	Making the Next Generation of Disciples for Life — LCMS Life Ministry \$92,000
5.	_____	_____	Nurturing Spiritual Care — LCMS Office of National Mission, Witness and Outreach \$56,800
6.	_____	_____	Healing the Invisible Wounds of War through Horses — Spirit Warrior, Central Maine \$95,000
7.	_____	_____	Mission Catalyst — International Student Ministry, Inc. \$80,000
8.	_____	_____	Mercy Medical Care for Tanzania — Mwadui Lutheran School and Community \$68,182
9.	_____	_____	Helping Hands for Lutheran Deaf Outreach — Lutheran Deaf Outreach \$50,000
10.	_____	_____	Mission & Outreach to the Least of These — Victory Lutheran Church, K. I. Sawyer Community \$51,356
11.	_____	_____	Propelling the Gospel — LAMP Ministry, Inc. \$65,000
12.	_____	_____	Matongo Seminary Chapel — LCMS Office of International Mission, Africa Region \$113,500
13.	_____	_____	Hope of Christ for Cancer Patients — Phil's Friends \$70,000
14.	_____	_____	Mercy House Belize Lutheran Campus — Belize Mission Society \$100,000
15.	_____	_____	Spiritual and Physical Food for Children of Peru — La Mision Luterana del Peru \$56,750
16.	_____	_____	Deaconess Ministry Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch — Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch \$81,680
17.	_____	_____	Expanding God's Love in Uganda — LCMS Office of International Mission, Africa Region \$92,000
18.	_____	_____	Connecting Mercy and Church Planting Latin America & the Caribbean — LCMS Office of International Mission \$113,500
19.	_____	_____	Mission Education Teams in Latin America & the Caribbean — LCMS Office of International Mission \$55,000
20.	_____	_____	Gospel Outreach to Women and Children in Mongolia — Lutheran Hour Ministries \$100,000
21.	_____	_____	Caring for and Sharing Christ with Hurting People — Concordia Seminary, St. Louis \$100,000
22.	_____	_____	Christ-Centered Materials for Hmong Language School and Outreach — St. Paul Hmong Outreach Ministries \$78,364
23.	_____	_____	Thirst to Learn: Bible Books for Africa's Children — Lutheran Heritage Foundation \$100,000
24.	_____	_____	Sharing Jesus' Love in India — Lutheran Braille Workers \$100,000
25.	_____	_____	Strengthening the Lutheran Mission to Kuna, Idaho — Friendship Celebration Lutheran Church \$100,000
26.	_____	_____	"Ends of Earth" Scholarships — Mission Opportunities Short Term (MOST) Ministries \$50,000
27.	_____	_____	Training Pastors to Serve the Church in Russia — Lutheran Theological Seminary, Novosibirsk, Siberia \$100,000
28.	_____	_____	Bring the Inner-City Children to Camp — Lutheran Valley Retreat, Colorado \$25,000
29.	_____	_____	The Littlest and Least of These, Dallas, Texas — St. Paul Lutheran Church and Christian Academy \$42,000
30.	_____	_____	Redeeming Life Maternity Home, Illinois Expansion — Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries \$100,000
31.	_____	_____	Ministry Vehicle Fund, Ethiopia and Sierra Leone — Lutheran Bible Translators \$70,000
32.	_____	_____	Reaching the Homebound with God's Word — Lutheran Ministries Media, Inc. (DBA Worship Anew) \$100,000
33.	_____	_____	Showing God's Love in the International District, Albuquerque, New Mexico — God Cares About You Mission \$98,000
34.	_____	_____	Enhancing Multi-ethnic Mission Effectiveness — LINC Ministries \$98,093

Mission Grants — The Process and the Rewards

Sixty-five completed mission grant proposals were received in 2020. Following is the process used to submit and select those that appear on the 2021 convention ballot. LWML women from many districts, as well as personnel from The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), researched mission organizations and projects for which they saw a need for funding. They gathered contact information, wrote Detailed Information Pages to show how the grant proposal fits the LWML criteria, procured photos and photo releases, and completed an electronic submission. Then, they acquired necessary reviews and signatures (as stated in the *Mission Grant Proposal Guidelines*) and submitted a hard copy of the proposal to the LWML Vice President of Gospel Outreach by the September 30, 2020, deadline.

The Vice President reviewed each submission to ascertain that all of the components were present and prepared a packet of information for each proposal. Copies were then sent to the nine members of the LWML Mission Grants Selection Committee: the LWML President, Vice President of Gospel Outreach, two Pastoral Counselors, and the Mission Grants Committee members. Copies were also made available to designated LCMS personnel. During the two-month review period prior to the January 2021 Mission Grants Selection Committee meeting, members prayerfully read and evaluated each proposal. Questions were submitted to Synod personnel who attended a portion of the meeting. Again, covering their decisions with prayers for guidance, the committee continued to evaluate, rank, and make their selections. Grants needed the consensus of all members to move forward, and the Pastoral Counselors were each given a vote.

Proposals selected for the ballot were presented, first to the LWML Board of Directors, and then to the Presidents Assembly for their approval, the results of which appear on the convention ballot. Convention delegates make the final selection of grants to be funded by LWML mite offerings.

Mission grant proposals that met the LWML criteria but were not chosen for the convention ballot were added to a *Mission Grants Bank* and will be made

available to LWML districts for consideration for their 2022 convention mission grant ballots.

Selecting grants to be funded by LWML mite offerings has been the hallmark of this organization for all 79 years of its existence. During that time, over 450 grants in countries around the world have received resources to share God's love and witness to His saving grace. The current listing is available at www.lwml.org/mission-grant-history. We give God all the glory and thank Him for allowing us to participate in spreading the Gospel.

Many recipients of previous LWML grants have expressed their gratitude to God for the blessings they received. In 2020, Gary Duncan, executive director of KFUEO shared, "KFUEO's listenership has increased greatly since the beginning of COVID-19. People want to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ now, more than ever. We are thankful for LWML and their generous grant, allowing us to stay current in this digital age." **Your Mite Offerings Make an Impact!** Find more stories at www.lwml.org/thanks.

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Water and the Word for Rural Schools in Kenya (Evangelical Lutheran Church, Kenya)	\$80,000.00 — Paid
Teach Me Too — Preschoolers with Learning Needs (Lutheran Special Education Ministries)	\$100,000.00 — Paid
Mission Outreach for At-Risk Young Women in Africa (Lutheran Hour Ministries)	\$100,000.00 — Paid
God's Grace for This Generation (LAMP Ministry, Inc.)	\$100,000.00 — Paid
God's Word Changes Everything (Lutheran Bible Translators)	\$95,000.00 — Paid
Mobile Medical Mercy Mission Bus for Guatemala (Lutheran Church of Guatemala and Child Beyond International)	\$100,000.00 — Paid
Restoring Hope for Detroit Children and Families (Camp Restore Detroit)	\$100,000.00 — Paid
Lights for Christ Scholarships (Divine Savior Lutheran Church, Zacapa, Guatemala)	\$95,000.00 — Funded
Wind River Indian Reservation Transportation (Wind River Lutheran Mission)	\$40,000.00 — Paid
Ministry in Motion (Trinity Lutheran Church, Mobile, Alabama)	\$58,000.00 — Paid
Touching the Living Word (Lutheran Braille Workers)	\$100,000.00 — Paid
Women's Witness and Mercy Asia (Mission Central)	\$100,000.00 — Paid
Digital Media Development (Lutherans for Life)	\$30,000.00 — Paid
Hope and Healing Hub of Downtown Lincoln (University Lutheran Chapel, Lincoln, Nebraska)	\$50,000.00 — Paid
Pre- and Post-Seminary Training for Local Church Workers in Africa (Mission Training Center, Africa)	\$62,650.00 — Paid
Preparing Leaders for Tomorrow (LCMS School Ministries)	\$80,000.00 — Paid
Christ for You, Anytime, Anywhere (KFUO Radio)	\$60,000.00 — Paid
Sri Lanka Multipurpose Building Construction (LCMS Office of International Mission)	\$50,000.00 — Paid
Making Jesus Known in the United States Ethnic Communities (Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri)	\$100,000.00 — Paid
Music Outreach, Classes, and Resources on the Border (Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care, El Paso, Texas)	\$98,400.00 — Paid
LCMS Deaconess Ministry (LCMS Office of International Mission)	\$39,523.00 — Paid

In January 2020, the Board of Directors approved a request to amend the 2017–2019 Mission Grant #22 “Raising Pastors and Deaconesses” for deaconess training as needed, whether international or domestic.

In October 2020, the Board of Directors approved a reallocation request from the LCMS Office of International Mission for 2009–2011 Mission Grant #19 “Humanitarian Aid Opens Field in North Korea” to “Raising Up Pastors in Asia” in the remaining amount of \$21,683.

Giving Thanks to God for Our Servant Leaders

Brothers and sisters, we ask you to show your appreciation for those leaders who work among you and instruct you. We ask you to love them and think very highly of them because of the work they are doing. Live in peace with each other (1 Thessalonians 5:12–13 GW).

The LWML has been blessed with thousands of women serving as extraordinary servant leaders, giving of their time and talent in service to their Lord. It is with thankful hearts that the LWML Board of Directors thanks each person for their dedicated service in this organization.

We especially thank the following elected officers for their service and devotion as they complete the duties of their offices:


- Vice President of Christian Life Susan Brunkow (2019–2021); Susan was appointed in August 2019 to complete Jennifer Huecker's term;
- Vice President of Christian Life Jennifer Huecker (2017–2019); Jennifer served two years and resigned for health reasons;
- Vice President of Communication Char Kroemer (2017–2021);
- Vice President of Gospel Outreach (2020–2021) Eden Keefe; Eden was appointed in January 2020 to complete Angelina Jauregui's term;
- Vice President of Gospel Outreach Angelina Jauregui (2017–2020); Angelina served two and a half years and resigned for health reasons;
- Recording Secretary Ginger Starrett (2017–2021);
- Pastoral Counselor Rev. Mitchel Schuessler (2017–2021); and
- Nominating Committee Chairman Brianne Stahlecker and members Sylvia Bean, Carrie Brumbaugh, Mary Harrington, and Crystal Miller (2019–2021).

Our Lord has blessed the LWML with two-year appointed officers and appointed personnel who have served from 2019–2021:

- Meeting Manager Arlene Naasz;
- Public Relations Director Susan Donnelly;
- Strategic Plan Facilitator Michelle Jenks;
- Archivist-Historian Caroline Honeycutt;
- Convention Manager Shelley Moeller;
- Parliamentarian Barbara Volk;
- Dropbox Coordinator Nancy Bogenhagen;
- Resource Editor Carolyn Blum;
- *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* Editor-in-Chief Sheila Lutz;
- *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* Doctrinal Reviewer Rev. Kenton Wendorf;
- Convention Host Committee Chairman Ruth Thomas.

On behalf of the LWML, I offer our sincere thanks to each person listed above; and the list goes on and on! Thank you for faithfully serving in His name. God has richly blessed the LWML with willing volunteers who trust Him to equip them to share His love. All praise, honor, and glory be to Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen!


LWML President Debbie Larson



all those who love to **write**, love to **create**, love to **lead**!


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Share your gifts and serve on an LWML committee at the national level. Submit a Personnel Resource Form online at lwml.org.



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Go to the “**Service**” tab on lwml.org, select “**Get Involved**” and click on the “**Fill out personnel form online here.**” button.

We are excited to hear from you!





Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful (Hebrews 10:23).

President

Debbie Larson

I thank God for the privilege of serving my Lord through the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. This incredible organization was founded on His promises, and each woman takes joy in sharing Jesus through mission inspiration, mission service, mission education, and mission giving. I thank God for the LWML Board of Directors, each member of every committee, and for each one of you and your dedication.

As your LWML President, I pray about the opportunities and the challenges we have, as women serving Jesus in the United States and across the world. As Lutheran Women in Mission, we must recognize, appreciate, and confidently declare that we are HIS!

We are HIS:

- **Held by God's Word:** When we hold the Bible in our hands, we are holding God's Word, and I believe He is holding us through HIS Word.
- **Inspired to share HIS Gospel:** Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we are INSPIRED to share HIS Gospel message with the world!
- **Surrounded by HIS grace:** As God's children, HIS grace and mercy surround us and covers us! We live in the joy of knowing we are forgiven.



We run the race, with Jesus by our side, and we know we are surrounded by HIS grace. The heart of CHRIST is in each of us. He fills us with HIS joy. He is our Leader.

This biennium held trials for His people, yet I stand in awe of how God's light shone through His servant leaders. Only one LWML district convention was held in person during the COVID-19 pandemic, but our district leaders showed resourcefulness and perseverance as they held virtual conventions and other gatherings that proved to be accessible to many more members and supporters around the country. Programs and resources were developed to encourage our women to reach out in their communities with God's mercy, touching lives as never before, despite social distancing and diminished travel.

We ran the marathon and we give all glory, honor, and praise to our Maker and Redeemer.

By equipping and inspiring our women, we will, by the power of the Holy Spirit, take His message of salvation around the world. I thank God for the support and encouragement received from my husband, immediate family, and church family.

Listed below are specific activities as they relate to the 2019–2021 LWML's Primary Focus:

Nurturing Faith in Christ

- As you do, I worship regularly, participate in Bible studies, and value personal time with my Lord;
- Participated in Donna Snow's Facebook live Bible studies set up by our Christian Life Department;
- Assisted with, reviewed, and approved issues of LWML eNews, all advertising, the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly (LWQ)*, all resources, writings, policies, guidelines, and documents for publication; and
- Continue to pray for each member of the LWML Board of Directors (BOD) by name, the LWML district presidents, all of our willing servant-leaders, every woman in the LCMS, and all those who hear of Jesus through this incredible organization.

Making Our Faith Meaningful

- Promoted the LWML and our mission and vision at all events, during KFUE radio interviews, in my own congregation, and in videos produced to share our resources and encourage His people;
- As a member of the Mission Grants Selection Committee, I reviewed and prayed over all mission grant proposals and participated in all meetings and discussions. I assisted in writing, proofing, and approving all documents for publication;
- Presented and participated in several LCMS Making Disciples for Christ Conferences, one in person and one virtual; and
- Engage in mission service locally, always praying for our missionaries (you among them!) around the world.

Sharing Encouragement

- In this challenging biennium, I have been privileged to encourage fellow leaders and am encouraged by them. The LWML provides personal encouragement through its women and through its resources for use in your home, community, and to the ends of the earth. The BOD has increased awareness and accessibility of all resources through social media;
- Wrote President's page for each *LWQ*, President's blogs, reports to the BOD, Presidents Assembly (PA), LCMS BOD, and to each LWML supporter, for this 2021 convention manual, home page and eNews articles, letters of welcome to new groups, letters of encouragement to disbanding groups, thank you letters, and prayer requests as needed. Wrote 2019 Christmas appeal letter, and, along with the Past LWML Presidents, the 2020 Christmas appeal letter;
- Wrote or edited, and approved donor newsletters (*Gracious Giver*) and worked with graphic artists on design. This is printed and mailed quarterly to all who have donated in the last two years;
- Visited with each BOD member regarding their responsibilities, their committees' needs, and their vision for LWML. Corresponded continually with each member and with Parliamentarian Barb Volk. These men and women are amazing!;
- Visited with past Convention Manager Marguerite Christman, and thanked her for her invaluable service over many years. She has been, and continues to be, a gift to the LWML. Visited with Nancy Graf Peters, past Editor-in-Chief of the *LWQ*, and thanked her for her many years of service to God. Nancy also continues to be a gift to all of us;
- Corresponded with my Past President mentor Kay Kreklau and all past presidents, treasured gifts from God;

- Compiled BOD/PA and district president (DP) mentor lists. Contacted each newly elected DP, welcoming them; and
- For 2020 LWML district conventions:
 - Prepared for conventions, assigning representatives, writing reports and letters, working with all departments in development of resources; reorganized all preparations as the pandemic caused cancellations of most in-person events;
 - Communicated with each DP prior to their scheduled convention dates, encouraging and praying with them; and
 - Communicated with each newly elected DP. A total of 18 new DPs were elected in 2020.
- For Lexington 2021 Convention:
 - Attended and prepared for Convention Programming Committee (CPC) and Host Committee meetings;
 - Corresponded with speakers, special guests, Bible study leaders, and organizations approved by the BOD that were invited to speak or present. Invited all LCMS district presidents. Consulted with Convention Manager Shelley Moeller, Audio Visual Director Rev. Bill Engfehr, and CPC Chairman Marie Chow as needed;
 - Reviewed all minutes, guidelines, crisis management plan, and notes. Reviewed and signed all contracts; and
 - Wrote president's script for entire convention and established timeline.

Activities of the President

- Made BOD committee and other personnel appointments, accepted with regret the resignations of Vice President of Christian Life Jennifer Huecker and Vice President of Gospel Outreach Angelina Jauregui, both for health reasons. God provided willing and competent servants to complete their terms of service;
- Appointed, with the approval of the BOD, *LWQ* Editor-in-Chief Sheila Lutz and Convention Manager Shelley Moeller;
- Approved all documents and policies updated to reflect amended bylaws approved at the 2019 LWML Convention;
- Worked with Business Manager on issues relating to finance, Office staff, Dropbox, and email accounts. Signed necessary financial, insurance, and organizational documents, met with Office staff, Anders CPA, LCMS Foundation, Lutheran Hour Ministries CEO Kurt Buchholz, LCMS President Harrison, and LCMS CMO Rev. Kevin Robson and his whole staff;
- Attended the LCMS Convention in Tampa, Florida,

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and gave greetings to the convention body on behalf of LWML;

- Made appointments for BOD representatives to each LWML District Convention for 2020. While most of these were changed from in-person to virtual conventions, the BOD representatives still took an active part in these important gatherings;
- Prepared for all meetings and events, including this convention, the Board of Directors and Presidents Assembly, writing Call to Meeting invitations and agendas, conferring with department heads, and reviewing material. Changed to virtual meetings when the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) altered plans to meet in person. Invited and corresponded with all special guests. Called for special BOD virtual meetings, as necessary; preparing agendas and presiding over proceedings; and
- Continue to work on a timeline for the office of LWML President as a resource and reference for future presidents.

Meetings Attended

- LWML Convention, Mobile, Alabama, June 20–23, 2019;
- Board of Directors meetings (five in-person meetings and nine held virtually);
- Presidents Assembly meetings, January 2020, in St. Louis, January 2021, held virtually, and several virtual meetings;
- Presidential transition with Patti Ross in July 2019;
- Meeting with LWML Office staff, Anders CPA, LCMS Foundation, Concordia Seminary St. Louis President Dale Meyer, Lutheran Hour Ministries CEO Kurt Buchholz, LCMS President Harrison, LCMS CMO Rev. Kevin Robson and the whole mission staff, and KFUD staff, St. Louis, Missouri, July 2019;
- LCMS Convention, Tampa, Florida, July 19–25, 2019;
- Past Presidents Gathering, St. Louis, Missouri, October 30–November 2, 2019;
- LCMS National and International BOD meeting and President's Orientation and Installation, St. Louis, Missouri, September 12–13, 2019;
- Committee and task force meetings, and meetings with LCMS agencies throughout biennium;
- Prayers with LWML Board of Directors members, virtually, each Sunday evening;
- Zoom Bible studies with Donna Snow as host, April and October, six weeks each;
- St. Louis Seminary event, March 9, 2020, St. Louis, Missouri;
- Best Practices, Phoenix, Arizona, February 20–22, 2020;

- Conference calls with Convention Manager and LWQ Editor-in-Chief as needed, weekly with Business Manager, monthly with LWML—Canada President, and with BOD members as needed;
- LCMS Foundation Annual Meeting and LCEF Leadership Conference, Houston, Texas, November 22–24, 2019;
- LCMS Making Disciples for Life Conference, St. Louis, Missouri, January 10, 2020, and virtually in January, 2021; and
- Many LWML district conventions, and other meetings and conferences were canceled or postponed due to COVID-19, but the Lord allowed the women of the LWML to continue serving with gladness each and every day.



I am the **Heart** of LWML

Our **Vision** ... is to **promote a strong LWML identity** among the women of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Our **Treasure** ... **is Christ**; our heart is with Him and is shown in service to others through the LWML.

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also (Matthew 6:21).

We are the Heart of the LWML because we are HIS:


- Held by His Word;
- Inspired to share His Gospel; and
- Surrounded by His grace.

Our **Goals**


That each woman **recognizes** she is the Heart of LWML, **created to praise His name, reflect His glory, and share His love.**

That our church understands that **the Heart of LWML lies within each woman** as she engages in **mission education, mission inspiration, mission service, and mission support.**

That each woman of the LCMS **embraces her role as a Lutheran Woman in Mission.**



Our **Hearts**

 **LWML**
Lutheran Women in Mission

Learn more at:
lwml.org/heart-of-lwml



Vice President of Christian Life

Susan Brunkow

God's ability to provide new and exciting opportunities for LWML cannot be overshadowed by the craziness of this COVID era. I am privileged to be part of God's plan to fill the role of Vice President of Christian Life and have enjoyed this opportunity to serve with you as Lutheran Women in Mission.

The Christian Life Department is comprised of two committees: Christian Life and Christian Resources Editors. Throughout the past two years, these gifted and dedicated women have maintained contact with established authors as well as trained and encouraged new authors through our Writers' Workshops, and reviewed, edited, and submitted countless products, Bible studies, and devotions. These resources are available through the LWML Store and the LWML website.

I thank President Debbie Larson for appointing me to the office of Vice President of Christian Life and former Vice President Jennifer Huecker for her support and guidance. It has been a joy to collaborate with Resource Editors Carolyn Blum and Carol Schmidt, the Information Technology Committee, the Graphics Team, the Marketing Team, the LWML Office staff, the LCMS Doctrinal Review team, and our wonderful district and LWML Pastoral Counselors.

I was blessed to participate in six virtual district conventions and several district and zone events. I have attended all Board of Directors, Governance, and Development and Advancement Committee meetings and countless virtual meetings.

Some of my activities this biennium as they relate to the LWML primary targets:

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- Collaborated with Lutheran Braille Workers to produce devotions in large print, Braille, and audio versions;
- Created a list of LWML resources and activities for shut-ins during the COVID lockdowns;
- Collaborated with linguistics experts to make LWML resources available in various languages;
- Developed, promoted, and prayed with participants in two Facebook Live Bible studies;
- Reviewed the weekly LWML *On The Go* Podcasts and daily Mustard Seed Devotions;
- Participated in the Mobile Young Woman Representatives' virtual Bible study; and
- Continued to keep members and leaders of LWML in my prayers.

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- Helped prepare the 2019 and 2021 Prayer Services;
- Reviewed and coordinated the production of Caring Sharing Cards, a prayer walk guide, Bible studies, devotions, and coloring pages;
- Prepared for and participated in the Board of Directors, Interdepartmental, and Presidents Assembly meetings; and
- Promoted the "September to Remember" memorial giving campaign.

Sharing Encouragement

- Authored home page articles and social media posts;
- Collaborated with LCMS Director of Life Ministry on various projects;
- Served as LWML representative at four district conventions;
- Maintained communication with members of Christian Life and Christian Resources Editors Committees;
- Mentored various district presidents and district vice presidents of Christian Life;
- Assisted in presentations at the LWML Presidents Assembly and Making Disciples for Life Conference; and
- Planned and presented at the first-ever LWML Writers' Workshop.

Special Assignments

- Served on LWML Development and Advancement Committee; and
- Served on LWML Governance Committee.



Vice President of Communication

Char Kroemer

Thank You, Lord, for the opportunity to serve You this biennium! The camaraderie developed among sisters and brothers in Christ far outweighed what I was given. Such a joy working with the LWML Board of Directors (BOD), Office Staff, Communication Department, and District Presidents! The Communication Department has three fantastic teams — the Information Technology Committee (ITC), Official Publication Staff (OPS), and Graphic Artists. Using their God-given talents and expertise, they managed social media, published awesome magazines, and created professional looks for many LWML resources. Amazing teams! Thanks be to God!

*The Lord is my strength
and my shield; in him my
heart trusts, and I am
helped; my heart exults,
and with my song I give
thanks to him
(Psalm 28:7).*

Looking at the 2019–2021 LWML's Primary Focus:

Nurturing Faith in Christ — opportunities to be in the Word, using God-given gifts to His service

- Attend regular worship as organist/pianist (through live stream and in person) and continue to teach Sunday school;
- Attend a biweekly women's Bible study;
- Participate in daily devotions at home, both with my husband Gordon, and individually;
- Helped organize and participate in LWML events and church meetings as scheduled;
- Prepared and presented devotions for Board of Directors (BOD) meetings, both in-person and via Zoom; and
- Scheduled, started, and participated in LWML Oregon District and Zone gatherings, both in-person and via Zoom.

Making Our Faith Meaningful — being equipped to make a significant difference

- Scheduled, started, and participated in LWML BOD, Communication Department, and assigned BOD Committee Zoom meetings, and scheduled and started the same for LWML committee, LWML Office Staff, and District Presidents (DPs);
- Prepared for and attended in person BOD meetings from August 2019 through January 2020, and the 2019 Interdepartmental meeting;
- In-person attendance and presentations at LCMS Convention, July 2019; Rural Small Town Ministry Conference, November 2019; and Best Practices, February 2020;
- Helped proof the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* magazines from fall 2019 through spring 2021 and the weekly LWML *On The Go* Podcasts;
- Responded to email requests and correspondence as needed;
- Wrote LWML website home page articles, revised and organized the schedules for home page and 2-Minute Tuesday posts;
- Helped proof mission grant resources for the website and social media;
- Helped proof the 2020/2021 LWML Prayer Services, and the 2019/2020 LWML Sunday materials;
- Updated the LWML Personnel and District President

directories as needed;

- Continued maintaining oversight for the LWML website, working closely with the LWML Digital Media Specialist;
- Submitted requests to the graphic artists from LWML committees and President Debbie;
- Worked with the following committees per BOD assignment:
 - Development/Advancement;
 - Governance Committee;
 - Visioning Committee; and
 - Heart of LWML.
- Communicated with Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) and LCMS in regard to collaboration on potential support programs.

Sharing Encouragement — growing in relationship with others

- Sent encouragement notes, cards, and emails to the BOD and DP mentees;
- Communicated with DPs from English, Gulf States, and Iowa East Districts in regard to their conventions;
- Attended the Zoom installations for LWML Gulf States and Oregon Districts;
- Sent a video greeting to the LWML Iowa East District for their September 2020 celebration; and
- Continuing to pray for God's servants in the LWML.



Vice President of Gospel Outreach

Eden Keefe

Serving in this interim position has been a unique and incredible learning experience. I am in awe of the extraordinary talents, generous hearts, and mature faith of those who hold positions in the LWML, and I cannot adequately express my thanks for being entrusted, by God's grace, to serve the completion of this biennium for Angelina Jauregui.

As Coordinator of the Gospel Outreach Department, I supervised the Gospel Outreach and Mission Grants Committees' work. It was an honor to work with these dedicated and highly gifted women. Additionally, I was blessed to regularly partner with the Information Technology Committee, the Graphics Team, the LWML Office staff, LCMS leaders, and especially the Board of Directors (BOD). Since my appointment, I have reviewed and facilitated the posting of resources on the LWML website, processed mission grant payment requests and monitored use of funds, chaired the Mission Grants Selection Committee, coordinated virtual Gifts from the Heart collections for the 2020 Interdepartmental (ID) and the 2021 Presidents Assembly, and organized the first "I Love to Tell the Story" podcast series and the mission grant proposals for the 2021 convention ballot.

As Vice President, I served on the BOD, the Development/Advancement Committee, and the 2020 ID Committee. I attended numerous BOD and committee meetings, participated in the 2020 LWML Kansas District Convention, served as an LWML representative for the 2019 LWML Northern Illinois District Convention, presented at the 2021 Presidents Assembly, and communicated regularly with my district president mentees. Additionally, I wrote articles, performed general duties of the office, and communicated via phone, email, and Zoom as needed.

walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called ... speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ (Ephesians 4:1b, 15).

Nurturing Faith in Christ

- Worship and commune regularly;
- Participate in and facilitate Bible studies;
- Use and promote LWML and Visual Faith™ resources;
- Prepare LWML devotions, programs, and prayers for meetings and events; and
- Spend time daily in the Word and in prayer.

Sharing Encouragement

- Encouraged the committees in their work and celebrated their accomplishments;
- Wrote articles, social media posts, and for the *Gracious Giver* donor newsletter;
- Shared LWML mission grant stories and payment updates;
- Worked with mission grant submitters and administrators on payment of current mission grants, during the proposal process and after grant selection for this convention; and
- Maintained a positive attitude to exemplify serving the Lord with gladness.

Making Our Mission Meaningful

- Revised the *Mission Grant Guidelines* and *Mission Grant Proposal – How to Get Started* documents;
- Prepared, reviewed, and evaluated 65 mission grants proposals with the Mission Grants Selection Committee;
- Sought to provide high-quality work in each assigned task;
- Developed with committees, products, and resources to equip and encourage women;
- Promoted and supported the national LWML and LWML Kansas District mission goals;
- Serve as Planner for the LWML Kansas District, 2022 Kansas District Convention Chairman, and as a Gift Planning Advocate for the LWML Gifts of Love Ministry; and
- Engage in mission service and my local LWML group and zone.



Vice President of Organizational Resources

Marie Chow

What a joy and privilege to serve the Lord as your LWML Vice President of Organizational Resources for the last two years! It has been an honor to work with the members of the Board of Directors, my committee members, and other LWML personnel.

My sincere thanks to the women in the Growth and Development, Leadership Development, and Structure Committees that are under my responsibility. It has been a pleasure to review the work that these dedicated and gifted women have produced — for you!

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths (Proverbs 3:5–6).

As an elected member, I prepared, attended, and participated in the Board of Directors, Presidents Assembly, Interdepartmental, and special assignment committee meetings. I was privileged to represent LWML at three district conventions. I completed voluntary and assigned duties at the request of the President and special assignment committee chairmen. I also responded to numerous questions or requests sent to this office.

What a year 2020 was, and with everyone in LWML focused on what God would want us to do, we did not hesitate and continued the work of the LWML! It has been a blessing and will continue to be a blessing to serve the Lord with you through LWML.

Listed below are specific activities as they relate to the 2019–2021 LWML's Primary Focus:

Nurturing Faith in Christ

- Continued to keep members of LWML in my prayers;
- Attended Mobile Young Woman Representatives eight-month Bible study “Where Love Abides” with Donna Snow when able; and
- Attended “Overflowing Abundance” and “Your Strong Suit” Facebook Live Bible studies with Donna Snow.

Making Our Mission Meaningful

- Reviewed and published updated bylaws per amendments approved at the 2019 Convention;
- Continued recommended revisions to the *LWML Procedures Manual* to the Board of Directors for approval;
- Compiled information for the district presidents LWML timeline;
- Prepared for and participated in the Board of Directors, Interdepartmental, and Presidents Assembly meetings;
- Served as a board liaison for the 2020 Presidents Assembly Discussion Panel Task Force; and
- Submitted proposed LWML bylaw amendments for approval, on behalf of the Structure Committee, to the Board of Directors and Presidents Assembly,

to be brought to the 2021 Convention in Lexington, Kentucky.

Sharing Encouragement

- Wrote home page articles for the LWML website;
- Represented the LWML at the Ohio, Michigan, and Kansas District Conventions and provided video greetings for the Michigan and Kansas District Conventions. I also attended the LWML Texas and Nebraska South District Conventions;
- Maintained communication with chairmen of my committees on a regular basis;
- Mentored several district presidents (and being mentored);
- Proofed, edited, and approved new and updated resources, articles, devotions, and letters for my department; and
- Created drafts of documents and proofed resources and other documents as requested by the President or special assignment committee chairmen.

Special Assignments

- Convention Programming Committee Chairman;
- Investment Committee member; and
- Visioning Committee member.



Vice President of Special Focus Ministries

Deaconess Betty Knapp

It has been my joy to serve you these past two years as the LWML Vice President of Special Focus Ministries. I am humbled and honored to have the opportunity to participate in the leadership of this organization, focused on studying God's Word, sharing the saving message of the Gospel, and being hands-on servants of our Lord to a world in need of hope.

The Special Focus Ministries Department includes: the Committee on Young Women who facilitate a program for young women (YWRs) at the convention, energizing and equipping these women as they become leaders in their local, zone, and district LWML groups; the Heart to Heart Sisters Committee whose focus is to motivate, equip, challenge, and train district leaders to provide mentoring, involvement, and leadership opportunities within the LWML for women of diverse ethnic groups; the Church Workers in Mission Committee who engages with church workers and builds relationships in spreading the Gospel; and the Deaf Ministry Liaison which is new to this department this biennium; her role is to intentionally identify, support, and encourage our Deaf sisters, celebrating the gifts God has given them and inviting their participation in the mission of the LWML.

Listed below are specific activities as they relate to the 2019–2021 LWML's Primary Focus:

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths
(Proverbs 3:5–6).

Nurturing Faith in Christ

- Read and study God's Word privately and with other sisters in Christ;
- Actively worship and receive the Lord's Supper;
- Begin each day with a daily Mustard Seed devotion;
- Include prayer in my daily schedule, specifically for those with special needs along with all serving in the church;
- Prepared and shared devotions for meetings as requested; and
- Wrote the Bible study for the Oklahoma District convention and presented it virtually.

Making Our Mission Meaningful

- Edited the Heart to Heart Sisters District Leader and Young Woman Representatives training materials for this convention;
- Wrote inspirational articles for the LWML home page;
- Committees submitted articles for the LWML website and the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* that were meant to encourage all women in their daily faith walk;
- Oversaw the development of an Ethnic Ministries Report, utilizing information from the LCMS Locator web-based information service;
- Encouraged the Church Workers in Mission Committee to develop and distribute ideas for welcoming new church workers to a district. By sharing the placement information for our seminary graduates, interns, and vicars with the district presidents, many were able to welcome and invite these new church workers to participate in LWML; and

- Encouraged the Deaf Ministry Liaison to make contacts with our Deaf sisters, listening to their needs and inviting them to participate in their local LWML groups.

Sharing Encouragement

- Blessed to serve as the Board of Directors representative to the Oklahoma, Minnesota South, and Florida-Georgia District conventions, although serving as representative meant doing so virtually;
- Provided editorial help to all the committees as they wrote webpage updates, social media posts, informative articles, PowerPoint presentations, and training materials;
- Oversaw the production of the second volume of *Text Messages from God* (devotions for teens);
- Worked with the Heart to Heart Sisters Committee to develop a new way to recognize and celebrate the work of the Heart to Heart Sisters District Leaders upon the completion of their training with a newly commissioned Heart to Heart Sisters pin; and
- Mentored four district presidents — learning as much from them as they might have learned from me.

Special Assignments

- Finance and Operations Committee member;
- Visioning Committee member; and
- Interdepartmental Committee member.



Recording Secretary

Ginger Starrett

Thank you for your faith in me as your elected official and for giving me the privilege to serve you and our Lord. It has been a rewarding experience, and I have been truly blessed these past four years as your Recording Secretary.

The wonderful brothers and sisters in Christ that I have met and was fortunate enough to share some laughter, joy, hugs, and prayers with will forever be in my heart. The officers and counselors who serve you and our dear Lord here and in your districts are dedicated servants who give their time and talents to do the Lord's kingdom work through the LWML.

I have continued to see the Lord's blessings pour over the LWML the last four years with a new LWML logo, a new LWML Mission Statement, relocation of the LWML Office, and an LWML that changed to meet the challenges of a pandemic. We have all learned a new word called "Zoom" to help us adapt to the changes of 2020. But the women of the LWML adapted and kept their eyes focused on its mission. We have seen a Giving Tuesday that continues to grow and mission goals that continue to be met. All of this comes from you, the women who believe and love the mission of the LWML. Through your prayers and mites, the LWML continues to grow and support the Lord's mission work. Thank you for all that you do in HIS name!

Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out (Deuteronomy 28:6).

Nurturing Faith in Christ

- Regularly attended worship in person and via the internet. Communed when possible;
- Served on the Altar Guild in my congregation;
- Participated in Bible studies, Donna Snow Live Facebook Bible studies, LWML podcast, and LWML devotions;
- Attended the district retreat; and
- Offered prayers daily.

Making Our Mission Meaningful

- Shared the joy of LWML;
- Served as chairman of the Governance Committee and was a member of the Convention Programming Committee, Development/Advancement Committee, 2019 and 2020 Interdepartmental Committee, and Planned Giving Committee;
- Served on local and district boards;
- Participated in local, zone, and district-wide events;
- Represented the LWML at the Louisiana-Mississippi, Mid-South, and Wyoming District Zoom conventions;
- Participate in Joyful Response, Giving Tuesday, Christmas Appeal, Help Love Grow, and local Mite Box giving;
- Prepared minutes for the 2019–2021

LWML Board of Directors (BOD) meetings;

- Prepared minutes for the 2019–2021 LWML BOD Zoom meetings;
- Prepared minutes for the 2019–2021 LWML Presidents Assembly (PA) meetings;
- Prepared minutes for the 2019 LWML Mobile Convention;
- Compiled reports for the 2019–2021 LWML BOD-PA meetings;
- Compiled BOD, standing committee, special committee, and appointed personnel reports for the convention manual; and
- Compiled the District Statistic Report, delegation credential information, and delegation seating chart for the 2021 LWML Lexington Convention.

Sharing Encouragement

- Prepared devotions and prayers as requested for BOD and various meetings;
- Prayed, encouraged, and engaged my district presidents mentees;
- Served as a mentor for the women within my district and my congregation; and
- Prayed for the BOD, PA, various committees, and those hurting and with special needs.



Treasurer

Karla Koehler

What a joy and privilege it has been to serve as the LWML Treasurer for the last two years. I am truly humbled to be serving our Lord in this capacity. It has been an awesome task, one that I could not have accomplished without God's help and the support of my family and sisters in Christ. I thank you for this opportunity to learn more and serve the Lord.

As an elected officer, I have attended all meetings of the Board of Directors (BOD), Presidents Assembly, two Interdepartmental meetings, and represented the LWML at two virtual district conventions: Utah-Idaho and Nebraska South. My duties also include chairing the Finance and Operations Committee, Investment Committee, and the Planned Giving Committee. Listed below are specific activities as they relate to LWML's primary targets:

And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up (Galatians 6:9).

Nurturing Faith in Christ

- Regularly attended worship services, including some online options during the pandemic, and the Lord's Supper;
- Read and meditated on God's Word using the LWML's daily devotion, *Portals of Prayer* devotions, and other devotional materials, including plans on my Bible app;
- Participated in several Bible studies including those hosted by the LWML with Donna Snow, Deb Burma, and my church;
- Prepared devotions and prayers for meetings as requested;
- Prayed for the LWML BOD members, their families, LWML mentees, mission grants, mite offerings, special prayer requests, and for the work He has given and planned for the LWML; and
- Participated in weekly BOD prayer time as often as possible.

Sharing Encouragement

- Wrote LWML home page articles as requested;
- Encouraged and supported elected and appointed officers, volunteers, and other members of the LWML at all levels, including Board of Directors, Presidents Assembly, district presidents, district treasurers, and those serving and participating in my district, zone, and group;
- Developed materials and facilitated a Financial Officers Boot Camp held via Zoom;
- Mentored, with joy, four district presidents; and

- Attended the Nebraska North and Nebraska South virtual Joint Servant Event Day and prepared cards of encouragement for various individuals.

Making Our Faith Meaningful

- Reconciled monthly mite offerings and ensured website postings were accurately reported;
- Received Offering Resolutions for 2021 LWML Convention and prepared materials for approval;
- Served as chairman of the Finance and Operations Committee, Investment Committee, and Planned Giving Committee;
- Assisted in preparation of convention budget and budget for the 2021–2023 biennium;
- Monitored current biennium budget;
- Attended the Gift Planning Advocates annual training;
- Collaborated with Vanessa Johnson, LWML Business Manager, to update the Financial Officers Guidelines; and
- Communicated with the district treasurers on various issues in *Treasurer Tidbits*.



Senior Pastoral Counselor

The Rev. Mitchel Schuessler

Serving as Senior Pastoral Counselor during this 2019–2021 biennium has been a joy and a blessing for me. We had so many hopes and dreams that were going to be brought to fruition as we left Mobile, Alabama, and headed home. Excitement was building, mites were coming in, and mission grants were being paid. The Junior Pastoral Counselor, Rev. Brian Noack, and I began working together to lead the women of the LWML in God's Word and in worship. Then things came to a halt. COVID-19 changed the face of the world but the work of the LWML did not stop. The women continued to support the mission of the LWML, mites continued to build, mission grants continued to be paid, and the Gospel was being proclaimed. This is why I have loved serving as a LWML Pastoral Counselor for the last four years. I serve with dedicated women and men who continue to proclaim Christ Jesus. This biennium has shown the best of the LWML.

Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust him, and he will act (Psalm 37:4–5).

Nurturing Faith in Christ

As a Pastoral Counselor, I have been blessed to write and lead many devotions and Bible studies throughout this biennium. I had the challenge of learning how to lead Bible study on a Zoom meeting, spending time in prayer and praise with the Board of Directors online, and lifting up the women of the LWML. Bringing the Word of God into the lives of the BOD, Presidents Assembly, and the women throughout the LWML has been the greatest joy of this biennium

Making Our Faith Meaningful

Our women have been challenged in the second half of the biennium with the coronavirus. Throughout this biennium, I have worked with the BOD to find ways to guide LWML. Working with President Debbie, the theme, "Thanks be to God! We are HIS!" brought into focus the faith we have in Jesus. Each day we know that we are held in HIS Word, inspired to share HIS story, and surrounded by HIS grace.

Sharing Encouragement

This past biennium has challenged the LWML in many ways. I have been blessed to bring God's Word to the women of the LWML, to encourage them to "Running the Race ... Looking to Jesus." Through the trials of this biennium, I thank God that I have been able to encourage all the women who support and work within the districts, zones, and groups. I give thanks to God that I had the opportunity to serve Him as I served you over these last four years. As much as I might have encouraged you through all that I was blessed to do, I know that the women of the LWML have lifted up and encouraged me more. I thank God for having served with each of you.



Junior Pastoral Counselor

The Rev. Brian Noack

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go (Joshua 1:9).

It has been a tremendous honor and blessing to serve on the Board of Directors for this past biennium, perhaps one of the strangest in LWML history. As the biennium began, I was amazed at the breadth of work that was being accomplished in such a short time, coupled with God's Word and prayer to guide everything. As the Board grew together, little did we know what was on the horizon as we had to pivot through so many changes and challenges in 2020. It became clear that the Lord had put the right people together to serve. Through all the disappointments and changes, it was a pleasure to work through them with a group of faithful women who always kept their eyes fixed on Jesus. In keeping first things first, we were able to overcome the challenges and found creative ways to support mission work, offer mercy to those in need, grow in faith through engagement with the Word, and even find times for fellowship despite the distance among us. This, of course, is our prayer for all the women of the LWML through this convention and beyond: that we may all keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the One who has endured cross and shame for us to grant us grace, forgiveness, and life in His kingdom. Whatever the next biennium may bring, through prayer and the Word, I know the Lord will be with us and will grant success to all the work He has given us to do. It will be a joy to continue to serve alongside you all.

Listed below are specific activities as they relate to the 2019–2021 LWML's Primary Focus:

Nurturing Faith in Christ

- Provided Bible studies, devotions, and prayers at various meetings;
- Assisted Senior Counselor Schuessler in leading services at gatherings of the LWML;
- Prepared a Bible study for the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*;
- Participated in the virtual convention for the LWML Eastern District; and
- Engaged in regular prayer for the LWML, Board of Directors, and the missions we aim to support.

Sharing Encouragement

- Offered prayerful support to the various committees I work with, as well as the Board of Directors;
- Sought to promote LWML and its various activities locally; and
- Looked for ways to encourage the Board of Directors as well as the district presidents during convention season.

Making Our Faith Meaningful

- Doctrinally reviewed articles, Bible studies, devotions, prayers, and services for publication;
- Assisted the various financial committees in seeking ways to support the work of the LWML;
- Assisted with the Writers' Workshop to aid writers in crafting studies and devotions; and
- Participated in Facebook Live Bible studies, offering prayers for various needs from participants.



*Peace I leave with you;
my peace I give to you.
Not as the world gives
do I give to you. Let not
your hearts be troubled,
neither let them be afraid
(John 14:27).*

Meeting Manager

Arlene Naasz

I thank God for the wonderful blessing to serve Him as I strived to carry out the duties of Meeting Manager for the LWML.

The Meeting Manager plans and coordinates travel, lodging, catering, and meeting support for all LWML events during the biennium except for the convention.

One of many joys was representing the LWML at The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Synodical convention in 2019. What a thrill to talk to pastors and delegates from all over the United States and even missionaries from around the world and learn how the LWML has impacted their ministry. To God be all praise and glory!

This past biennium my duties also included postponing events to a later date and the necessary logistical changes needed when a meeting went virtual rather than face to face. Though the procedures needed to make these changes were not listed in any manual, with the help of God, they have been completed. It has been a joy to serve with the women and men who faithfully serve Him in the LWML.

Listed below are specific activities as they relate to the 2019–2021 LWML's Primary Focus:

Nurturing Faith in Christ

- Wrote home page articles for the LWML website promoting our mission grants;
- Wrote an article for Giving Tuesday describing the mission outreach achieved through a previous mission grant; and
- Presented devotions at Board of Directors and Interdepartmental meetings as assigned.

Making Our Faith Meaningful

- Represented the LWML at The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod convention in 2019;
- Served as a member of Interdepartmental and Visioning Committees; and
- Helped Visioning Committee formulate the new LWML mission statement and core values.

Sharing Encouragement

- Communicated with my district president mentees via phone, email, cards, and gifts;
- Prayed for the LWML and all our LWML sisters and brothers as they witness to the world;
- Represented the LWML via Zoom at the South Dakota, Iowa West and New Jersey District Conventions;
- Sent encouraging emails and cards to LWML Office staff and Board of Directors;

- Presented information at Presidents Assembly meetings; and
- Represented the LWML at the Montana District Convention.

Compete for People's Time

- Worked in cooperation with the events manager of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod for travel and meeting planning;
- Reviewed, approved, and forwarded vouchers to LWML Office for payment of bills for all meetings;
- Sent and managed travel memo, dietary restrictions, and participation release forms for all meetings;
- Worked with LWML legal counsel to adapt participation release form to include COVID waiver;
- Helped LWML Office staff in drafting a form for LWML districts to use for participation and release in their districts;
- Assisted LWML Office staff in making several forms fillable online;
- Coordinated housing with Convention Housing Manager for the 2021 LWML Convention; and
- Helped with training at Interdepartmental meetings.



Public Relations Director

Susan Donnelly

Serving our Lord with gladness as Public Relations Director has been fun and a lot of work. I thank the Lord for sending His Holy Spirit to guide me. I thank my husband for his support, understanding, and help. It has been a great learning experience. One of the most enjoyable occurrences was organizing and hosting the dinner at the Seminary for the vicars and interns. I was amazed to hear how many of the students knew about the LWML from their mothers and grandmothers. It has been a privilege to work with a truly talented, devoted, and inspirational group of women on the LWML Board of Directors, the women of the LWML committees, the Presidents Assembly, and the LWML staff. These women have encouraged and inspired me.

*Rejoice always, pray
without ceasing,
give thanks in all
circumstances; for this is
the will of God in Christ
Jesus for you
(1 Thessalonians 5:16–18).*

Nurturing Faith in Christ

- Encouraged all to visit the LWML website for Mustard Seed Devotions and Bible study resources;
- Communicated with young women on different committees talking to them about their committee work;
- Connected with LWML members about LWML logo use and encouraged their ideas and projects;
- Hosted an exhibit booth at both the National Youth Gathering and the Lutheran Education Association Conference connecting with youth, students, and Concordia College teachers;
- Witness for Christ and the LWML by wearing clothing and jewelry with the LWML logo;
- Helped encourage participation in the September to Remember Campaign through eNews;
- Oversaw development of LWML products and promoted the LWML Store on the website, in eNews, and through the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*; and
- Coordinated publicity for the LWML 39th Biennial Convention, including the biographies, logo, sketch, flyer, and news releases.

Making Our Faith Meaningful

- Chaired the “I am the Heart of LWML” Task Force — a new LWML campaign for the women of the LWML which includes a PowerPoint presentation to show in the district, Facebook posts, a new button with the “I am the Heart of the LWML” logo, stickers, and new LWML Sunday materials based on the “Heart” theme;

- Connected with LCMS entities informing them of our mission and developing relationships with them;
- Worked closely with the author of the LWML Sunday materials, provided author's biography and photo for publicity and contacted the author with timeline, requested materials, coordinated the review and approval process; and
- Planned and hosted a reception and dinner each spring at each of the LCMS seminaries for vicarage and internship candidates, a great opportunity to introduce the LWML to these church workers.

Sharing Encouragement

- Communicated with my district president mentees, offering help, listening to their concerns, and encouraging them;
- Interacted with young women as an exhibitor at the National Youth Gathering, encouraging them, and demonstrating the LWML App; and
- Promoted the LWML through eNews, news releases, ads in the *Reporter* and *The Lutheran Witness*, exhibits, and events with information about LWML, mission grants, resources, service activities, and ways to support the LWML.



Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established (Proverbs 16:3).

Strategic Plan Facilitator

Michelle Jenks

For years, whenever anyone asked me why I was involved in the LWML, I said, Bible study, service, and the fellowship of women who love the Lord. Since having the privilege of serving as the LWML Strategic Plan Facilitator, this list has grown. LWML now also means equipping women to be leaders, encouraging others to share the message of salvation, and supporting missions around the world.

Many of you may be thinking, “What is a Strategic Plan Facilitator (SPF)?” The simple answer is to ensure the LWML keeps its focus on its mission and vision. This means that everything LWML is involved in and produces is centered on Christ and what He has done for us. One of my favorite parts of being an SPF is facilitating discussion, brainstorming with, and working closely with the Christ-centered leadership of this incredible organization – the Board of Directors (BOD), the Presidents Assembly, and the members of the LWML committees.

Thank you for what you do to support the LWML and its mission. What a joy it is to be part of an organization whose motto is “Serve the Lord with Gladness!”

Nurturing Faith in Christ

- Spent time daily in God’s Word, often using LWML podcasts, devotions, and Bible studies;
- Prayed continually for the LWML and its mission and join together with the LWML BOD in weekly Zoom prayers;
- Prepared devotions as assigned for BOD and committee meetings and lead Bible studies in my home congregation;
- Participated in Facebook Live Bible studies with Donna Snow and LWML members throughout the country; and
- Shared God’s love with my neighbors and those I meet along the way.

Making Our Faith Meaningful

- Attended several LWML district conventions virtually and marveled at how God works everything to His glory;
- Reviewed committee purpose statements with the BOD and facilitated the selection of 2019–2021 committee members;
- Prepared for and facilitated the in-person October 2019 and virtual October 2020 Interdepartmental meetings;
- Prayed over and facilitated discussion concerning the Bible verse, theme, and goals of the 2021 Lexington Convention;
- Assisted in planning the programming of convention and recorded committee decisions as the secretary of the Convention Programming Committee;

- Worked closely with the Visioning Committee to create the new LWML mission statement;
- Determined how we are the “heart” of the LWML as a member of the “I am the Heart of LWML” Task Force; and
- Reviewed Bible studies, devotions, committee resources, articles, and other LWML documents to ensure that they met the mission and vision of the LWML.

Sharing Encouragement

- Corresponded with district presidents offering support and encouragement;
- Participated in strategic planning sessions with districts seeking assistance;
- Supported LWML committees as they developed resources and programs;
- Wrote LWML website home page articles as assigned;
- Provided support to committees as they made preparations for their convention activities; and
- Encouraged anyone wanting to serve at the national level to fill out a Personal Resource Profile form at lwml.org.



Archivist-Historian

Caroline Honeycutt

Activities of the Archivist-Historian

- Attended the LWML Convention in Mobile, Alabama, in June 2018:
 - While at convention I had set up and organized a historical booth. The booth was also a gathering spot for the Past LWML Presidents. District Archivist-Historians (AH) helped as well; and
 - Worked with the LWML Office staff to ship items to and from the convention, as well as sending materials back with staff to Concordia Historical Institute (CHI);
- Corresponded with Concordia Historical Institute with items that have been mailed for the archives;
- Wrote letter to district presidents and district AH about CHI membership;
- Responded to emails from districts and other individuals pertaining to archival information;
- Prepared information for upcoming pre-convention seminar in Lexington, Kentucky, June 2021; and
- Bootcamp October 2021 will now be Zoom instead of in-person.

Meetings Attended

- LWML Presidents Assembly Zoom meeting in January 2021.



Convention Manager

Shelley Moeller

It is a privilege and honor to serve in yet another area of the LWML. I thank God for the women who have supported me while I learn and work in the convention management world. LWML is an incredible organization in which to learn and grow, not only as a woman but as a servant of the Lord. The teamwork, prayer support, patience, and love of sisters in LWML is incomparable. Through this challenging year of planning, I have learned that simple phone calls or a note of thanks can lift someone's spirit to get back up and start again "Running the Race ... Looking to Jesus." I pray that each and every person attending this convention will learn and grow, to be able to serve the Lord in their community, sharing God's love and grace.

Activities of the Convention Manager

- Attended and reported at all meetings of Convention Programming Committee and other LWML meetings where I was requested, such as Presidents Assembly and Board of Directors;
- Joined Religious Conference Management Association and attended their annual conference in Irving, Texas;
- Joined Christian Meetings & Convention Association;
- Learned and worked with Alissa Bush, Arrowhead Conferences, and Marguerite Christman, previous LWML Convention Manager, regarding convention management;
- Contacted many organizations to financially support various areas of the convention;
- Supported members of the Convention Management Team with their work on the 2021 LWML Convention;
- Supported members of the 2021 LWML Convention Host Committee;
- Attended over 75 meetings and Zoom meetings;
- Served as the LWML contact with Central Bank Center and VisitLex;
- Contacted entertainers, organist, and choir directors for the convention;
- Managed contracts with tours, hotels, musicians, entertainer, convention decorator, and communion ware artist;
- Received and coordinated materials for the convention insert in the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*;
- Gathered information and helped create a budget for the Lexington convention;
- Gathered information and helped with the convention portion of the 2021–2023 budget with Vanessa Johnson;
- Coordinated layouts for meetings in convention center and hotels;
- Attended Host Committee meeting in Fort Wayne, Indiana;
- Supported revision work for online registration and housing;
- Assisted speakers, special guests, and staff with their convention arrangements;
- Connected with Anne Hartman, 2023 Host Committee Chairman — Milwaukee;
- Began work for site selection of the 2025 LWML Convention in the Western Region; and
- Prayed for the convention, Board of Directors, Convention Management Team, and Host Committee.



Parliamentarian

Barbara Volk

Activities of the Parliamentarian

- Answered parliamentary questions from LWML officers, chairmen, and districts;
- Met with the Structure Committee at 2019 Interdepartmental meeting and via Zoom;
- Reviewed proposed bylaw amendments from LWML districts;
- Corresponded with the Structure Committee on possible amendments to LWML Bylaws;
- Wrote an article for the Structure Committee webpage on amending district bylaws to enact the change to the Presidents Assembly;
- With the Structure Committee, revised articles for the LWML website;
- With the Structure Committee, planned for Lexington Convention pre-convention seminar and booth;
- Served as parliamentarian for the LWML Carolinas District;
- Participated in a mission trip to Pilot Station, Alaska; and
- Served on the Mission Committee and as congregational vice president at Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church.

Meetings Attended

- LWML Structure Committee, September 23, 2019, on Zoom;
- LWML Interdepartmental October 23–26, 2019, St. Louis, Missouri;
- Participated with President Debbie and district presidents, April 22, 23, and 29, 2020, on Zoom;
- Structure Committee meeting September 8, 2020, on Zoom;
- Structure Committee meeting October 7, 2020, on Zoom;
- Structure Committee meeting October 14, 2020, on Zoom; and
- LWML Interdepartmental meeting general session October 23, 2020, on Zoom.



Committee Members (Left to Right):
Chairman Mary Marten, Rebecca Bessel,
JoNette Brogaard

Christian Life Committee

Mary Marten, Chairman

Purpose Statement

The purpose of the Christian Life Committee is to provide materials and programs for spiritual growth to enable women to find guidance and encouragement to be nurtured in their faith in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit as each woman discovers her unique gifts and value in God's family.

Objectives

By God's grace, the Christian Life Committee will:

- Offer each woman opportunities to be in the Word;
- Equip each woman to make a significant difference in the lives of all people; and
- Encourage each woman to grow in her relationship with Christ and others.

Committee Activities

- Attended Fall 2019 Interdepartmental meeting;
- Published coloring pages and bookmarks on the LWML website in 2020;
- Submitted devotions to be published by Lutheran Braille Workers as large-print editions, due to be completed after COVID;
- Inventory, update, and categorize multiple-session Bible studies and workshops on the LWML website to be completed by 2021 convention;
- Created a Prayer Walk Guide written by Ali Bauck and Eden Keefe;
- Produced a Bible study/retreat *Wrapping Up in the Psalms* written by Diane Grebing published on the LWML website as a free, downloadable resource;
- Produced a devotional booklet titled *Devotions for All Seasons*;
- Edited *Steps of Faith* multi-session Bible study available on the LWML website;
- Edited *For Such a Time as This* multi-session Bible study available on the LWML website;
- Edited Pastor Mitch Schuessler's Bible study, *A Servant Leader*, which is available on the LWML website;
- Prepared and published three Christian Life newsletters titled *Christian Life Connection*;
- Created *Caring Sharing Cards*, which are available in the LWML Store;
- Planned and presented a virtual Writers' Workshop and a Writers' Workshop before the convention;
- Created a tentative timeline for our committee to keep us focused on our projects;
- Prepared the Christian Life 2021 Convention booth along with the Christian Resources Editors;
- Attended the Fall 2019 Interdepartmental meeting and the Fall 2020 virtual Interdepartmental meeting; and
- As the committee chairman, prepared reports for the Board of Directors.



Committee Members (Left to Right):

Ruth Badciong, Chairman Terri Bentley,
Linda Koeller

Christian Resources Editors Committee

Terri Bentley, Chairman

Purpose Statement

The purpose of the Christian Resources Editors Committee (CRE) is to:

- Review and update current program helps;
- Solicit authors to produce additional program helps; and
- Produce a two-year meeting guide that provides programming ideas and helps promote growth in faith and relationships with sisters in Christ.

Objectives

- Categorize and update online devotions and short Bible studies;
- Produce and reformat two-year planner;
- Select devotions for LWML podcasts; and
- Solicit, edit, and produce Bible studies, devotions, and other materials for the 2021–2023 program.

Committee Activities

- Attended 2019 Interdepartmental meeting to plan the 2019–2021 committee work;
- Reviewed and updated 61 Bible studies and 164 devotions available through *lwml.org*. The review process also revealed Bible studies and devotions to recommend for weekly LWML podcasts;
- Renamed the program helps manual to *Faith-building Help for Groups*. Writings were divided into topical categories rather than monthly readings for greater flexibility. The following topics are available for Bible studies, devotions, or sketches: *Caregiving, Christian Living, Comfort and Hope, Dealing with Down Days, Family Times, Joy in the Journey, Relationship with God, or Relationships with Others*;
- Seven established LWML authors and 17 new writers contributed Bible studies and devotions to the *Faith-building Help for Groups*, including several deaconesses and seminary wives;
- Prepared the Christian Life Department convention booth along with the Christian Life Committee;
- Participated in numerous Zoom meetings for planning the Writers' Workshop and the virtual Interdepartmental meeting;
- Prepared a Writers' Workshop with the Christian Life Committee to help encourage and equip more LWML writers. Due to the pandemic, it was revamped into a virtual workshop; and
- Another Writers' Workshop was offered pre-convention to district representatives to promote resources all across LWML. It is hopeful that more workshops will be offered in the future to meet the needs of the growing faith and relationships with LWML sisters in Christ.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him (Colossians 3:16–17).



Committee Members (Left to Right):
Chairman Kathy Pavelock, Elizabeth Gehle,
Lesley Nordmeyer

Information Technology Committee

Kathy Pavelock, Chairman

Purpose Statement

The purpose of the Information Technology Committee is to

- Encourage the use of the website and social media platforms as resources for being in mission, service, and fellowship with other women;
- Update and maintain the website;
- Facilitate LWML presence and branding in social networking; and
- Provide resources and suggestions for technical support and education.

Objectives

The overall objective of the Information Technology Committee is to engage, encourage, and equip Lutheran Women in Mission using information technology so that they are empowered to use social networking and other information technology resources to tell others the Good News.

Committee Activities

- Attended and participated in the October 2019 Interdepartmental meeting;
- Participated in many Zoom meetings;
- Attended and participated in the October 2020 Interdepartmental Virtual Meeting;
- Sent out reminders for 2-Minute Tuesday and website home page articles;
- Posted the weekly LWML blog written by President Debbie (past ITC Committee member Tina Bentley);
- Solicited, designed, prepared, and posted social media content for a total of 2,056 posts (2020);
- Worked with LWML Office staff and assisted where needed with website content updates;
- Scheduled and monitored two LWML Facebook Live Bible studies presented by Donna Snow;
- Assisted as needed with the weekly LWML *On The Go* Podcast;
- Assisted individuals with technology-related questions as posted on social media or sent via email;
- Planned a Technology pre-convention seminar and an Information Technology Committee booth for the Lexington Convention; and
- Assisted with Whova technology for online presence at the Lexington Convention.

LWML Social Media reach (as of December 1, 2020):

Facebook (TheLWML) - 16,436 followers (up 25%); 7,700 Likes/Shares/Comments

Twitter (@TheLWML) - 1,464 followers (up 24%); 839 Tweets; 4,354 Likes/Mentions/Retweets

Instagram (lwmlnational) - 1,301 followers (up 180%); 694 Likes/Comments

Pinterest (theLWML) - 1,100 followers (up 14%)

YouTube (theLWML) - 379 subscribers (up 71%); 9,520 Likes/Shares/Views

LWML App - 2,612 Sessions for 2020

Podcast - 12,800 downloads since May 2019

Subscribers (other items):

Blog 1,058; News 8,032; Mustard Seed Devotions 9,087; 2-Minute Tuesday 5,698

How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news" (Romans 10:14-15).



Committee Members (Left to Right):

Linda Guteres, Shari Miller, Editor-in-Chief Sheila Lutz, Becky Wehrspann, Amy Gill, Sharon Rapp

To accomplish these things during the past biennium, themes for our issues have been:

- “Letting Go,” “The Next Step,”
- “Beautiful Scars,”
- “Held by HIS Word,”
- “Inspired to share HIS Gospel,”
- “Surrounded by HIS Grace,” and
- “HIS Witnesses.”

Following our purpose statements and themes, God’s people can, in each issue, read and learn to: **Share Mission Joy** through stories of God’s people in mission, stories from different walks of life, and stories of how LWML has helped propel different ministries; **Connect with Pastors and Church Workers** not only on the Special Focus page, but often through Bible studies, devotions, or articles; **Promote the LWML** through the Shop LWML, Grants at Work, and Lutheran Women in Action pages as well as through features, studies, and devotions written by Lutheran Women in Mission; **Mentor and Equip Young Women** when sharing the YWR section as well as news and activities of mentors and LWML throughout our nation; and **Compete for People’s Time** by sharing the timely topics and stories through the feature stories, Bible studies, and devotions, as well as past and future mission activities — all ready to appeal to the eye, the heart, the mind, and the soul of the reader.

OPS is comprised of seven editors, all prayerfully working and following His leading, ready to Run the Race to Know Christ and Make Him Known to all who read the *LWQ*. We pray that you will find the words of His servants, both authors and editors, beneficial as you work for Him in His Kingdom.

Sharon Rapp, Bible Study Editor
Linda Guteres, Christian Living Editor
Becky Wehrspann, Features Editor
Amy Gill, Graphics Editor
Cheri Fish, Mission Editor
Shari Miller, News Editor
Sheila Lutz, Editor-in-Chief

Official Publication Staff

Sheila Lutz, Editor-in-Chief

Purpose Statement

The purpose of the Official Publication Staff (OPS) is to produce the *Lutheran Woman’s Quarterly* to:

- Be a dynamic witness tool for all women;
- Connect women with the mission of LWML;
- Provide relevant and timely topics for study and discussion; and
- Inform women of LWML news at home and throughout the world.

Our banner reads: “*Knowing Christ and Making Him Known.*”

Going forward into late 2021 and 2022, themes will be:

- “Therefore ...” (where do we go from convention highs),
- “First Response: Love” (20th anniversary of 9/11),
- “For the Joy,” and
- “Enduring” (caregivers and receiving care).



THE LUTHERAN WOMAN’S QUARTERLY

Please stop by the *Lutheran Woman’s Quarterly* booth, share your ideas with us, and pick up several of our new brochures to share with your group back home!



The *Lutheran Woman’s Quarterly* is the official publication of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League.



Committee Members (Left to Right):

Alicia Starrett-Seidel, Karen Morrison, Chairman
Martha Hartwig, Christine Maconachy

Gospel Outreach Committee

Martha Hartwig, Chairman

Purpose Statement

The purpose of the Gospel Outreach Committee (GOC) is to:

- Inspire women to share their faith in Jesus Christ, their loving Savior, through word and deed with people of their communities and the world;
- Foster compassion toward those who are hurting and in need; and
- Provide ideas and resources to empower women to serve God through globally serving others.

Objectives

The objectives of the GOC are:

- Continue the “I Love to Tell the Story” series, with more promotion with podcast and *Quarterly*;
- Provide a monthly Mission Service Activity, posted on the website;
- Add new resources to the “Sharing Jesus’ Love through Action,” servant’s activities calendar; and
- Provide a monthly Mite Challenge Calendar for the website and promote its use through social media.

Committee Activities

All activities of the Gospel Outreach Committee are intended to provide opportunities for people to **GO** and share the Gospel wherever they are. Ongoing monthly resources include a Mission Service Activity, a Mite Challenge Calendar, and “I Love to Tell the Story.” All resources are available at www.lwml.org/gospel-outreach to support you as you **GO** and tell His story through words and actions.

The Mission Service Activity gives ideas for reaching out with love and compassion. Each month’s idea includes inspiring Scripture, prayer, and planning guidelines. Both large and small group options are included, which can be used in congregations or communities. All Mission Service Activities are archived and available.

The Mite Challenge Calendars provide daily thoughts and activities while encouraging consistent mite giving. Each month’s activities include a Scripture passage and corresponding theme. They are available for printing and distribution within your congregation.

“I Love to Tell the Story” is a collection of personal experiences highlighting God’s impact on everyday lives. They remind us how God can use small and large moments in our lives to reflect His love and proclaim His Gospel.

This committee is blessed to provide information and activities at the Gospel Outreach booth in the convention exhibit hall.

This committee also organizes Gifts from the Heart opportunities at Presidents Assembly meetings, Board of Directors meetings, Interdepartmental meetings, and LWML conventions.

Matthew 28:19 charges us to “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations.” So, **GO!**

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:19a).



Committee Members (Left to Right):

Beth Weber, Carmen Nagel, Sharon von Qualen,
Beth Nagy, Chairman Leslie Colligan

Mission Grants Committee

Leslie Colligan, Chairman

Purpose Statement

The purpose of the Mission Grants Committee (MGC) is to:

- Review and select mission grant proposals for the Mission Grants ballot; and
- Inform, encourage, challenge, and motivate the support of mission grant recipients.

Objectives

The objectives of the MGC are to:

- Continue to develop resources for each of the Mission Grants to be posted on the website; and
- Communicate with district counterparts every quarter, focusing on grant writing and evaluation.

Committee Activities

All bulletin bytes, devotions, prayer guides, and stories were written for each of the 2019–2021 Mission Grants, placed on the mission grants webpage, and updated as needed.

The Mission Grant History 1943–2021 was updated with the grants from the last two biennia and posted to the website www.lwml.org/mission-grant-history. The committee was honored to also update the *Mission Grant Resume 1943–2021*, writing resume descriptions for each of the past grants, as well as the descriptions for our current biennium.

The committee chairman received the Statistical Reports of District Mission Grants and the District Convention Representative Reports. The grant information was entered and categorized in an Excel spreadsheet. It was a joy to see that the districts are funding mission grants totaling \$3,543,972.99.

MGC emails to the district mission grant counterparts, the district presidents, and the Board of Directors, were sent out quarterly. They included the sharing of district mission grant resources and evaluation tools, tools for writing mission grant proposals, reminders of the mission grant proposal deadline, and requests to cover mission grant recipients in prayer.

The MGC met virtually to plan the mission grants convention booth and the “Winner’s Circle Celebration” activities. These events focus on the fact that LWML has been running the race through their missions since 1943. They also met virtually and via emails to plan the pre-convention Mission Grants seminar.

There were 65 completed 2021–2023 LWML Mission Grant Proposals totaling \$5,110,381. The Missions Grants Selection Committee met virtually through a series of seven Zoom meetings between January 5–8, 2021. During these meetings, the committee together reviewed all the 2021–2023 LWML mission grant proposals and recommended 34 mission grants to be included on the 2021 LWML Convention ballot. They also wrote the mission grant descriptions included in this convention manual.

How awesome is our God! **And**, how unbelievably privileged we are to serve Him through LWML missions!

He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation” (Mark 16:15).



Committee Members (Left to Right):

Lisa Asmus, Chairman Joy Anderson,
Brenda Piester

Growth and Development Committee

Joy Anderson, Chairman

Purpose Statement

- Encourage participation in LWML events and activities that spread awareness of LWML missions and service;
- Direct local groups, zones, and districts to resources that connect women with the mission and ministry of the LWML; and
- Inspire local groups, zones, and districts to grow in faith in Christ and in relationships as Lutheran Women in Mission.

Objectives

- Update existing resources for groups, zones, and districts;
- Revise and enhance the LWML Mailbox Member Program; and
- Share activities from groups, zones, and districts through eNews and social media.

Committee Activities

- Updated the Growth and Development webpage to enable users to find resources more effectively;
- Solicited ideas of activities that local groups, zones, and districts were doing and shared content in social media posts and eNews articles;
- Revised the *LWML Welcome Packet* and renamed the resource *LWML New Group Welcome Packet*;
- Updated and reformatted resources: *What is Your Why? ... Reflection Tool*, *Connecting in Our Technological World*, *How to be a "Pillar" in Your Group*, *The Power of "Un," Time for a "Clean Sweep?"*, and *Quarrel? Or Collaborate?*;
- Created and promoted the use of *Connecting Tips during COVID-19* resource to help the women of the LWML stay connected to each other in fellowship, remain connected to His Word, and continue to connect to others through service;
- Solicited success stories and ideas from local groups that were connecting during COVID-19 and shared the ideas they used as tips for other groups;
- Completed the revision of the LWML Mailbox Member Program:
 - Revised the invitation, program and coordinator guide, and monthly resources;
 - Created Year 3 Monthly Resources and a new document called *Introducing Lutheran Women in Mission to YOU!*;
 - Worked with the Graphics Team to create a new Mailbox Member Program logo;
 - Designed and added Zoom backgrounds to use by members with the help of the Graphics Team; and
 - Redesigned the Mailbox and Mini Mailbox crafts.
- Promoted group resources through social media posts and eNews articles;
- Attended the October 2019 and 2020 Interdepartmental meetings;
- Planned and staffed an exhibit booth and Winner's Circle Celebration event for the 2021 LWML Convention;
- Connected with district and zone counterparts, answered questions, and directed to available resources; and
- Chairman wrote home page and "September to Remember" articles for the LWML website.

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer (Romans 12:12).



Committee Members (Left to Right):

Marie McNary, Sherrie Smith,
Chairman Lois Teinert

Leadership Development Committee

Lois Teinert, Chairman

Purpose Statement

To support and encourage present and future leaders as they discover their unique God-given gifts and so participate in a meaningful and encouraging servant leadership role.

Objectives

- Support current and future leaders by providing tips to use in the form of information or an advice column; and
- Encourage current and future leaders to utilize their God-given gifts through chats with leaders at different levels of LWML.

Committee Activities

LWML Leader Chats:

- Obtained suggestions from LWML committees and Board of Directors for names of individuals to feature, and possible potential hosts;
- Obtained and reviewed biographies of potential interviewees;
- Arranged for video chats with various leaders which were conducted, edited, and posted on the Leadership Development page of LWML website; and
- Prepared social media posts to publicize this new leadership resource.

Tips for Leading with Confidence:

- Explored and featured various leadership topics monthly by email and posted on the LWML website, the most recent tips focusing on Scripture verses, to encourage LWML leaders to be grounded in the Word; and
- Directed leaders to various resources on the LWML website.

Advice Column: Dear Lucy Leader:

- Requested and received questions for Dear Lucy Leader column from members and leaders on every level of LWML;
- Published questions and answers monthly on the LWML website and sent to subscribers via email, guiding readers to the LWML website and leadership resource; featured seasonal and specific current issue-related topics at appropriate times; and
- Notified those who submitted questions and shared the answers with them when published.

Other Activities:

- Participated in 2019 Interdepartmental meeting in St. Louis, and in 2020 Interdepartmental meeting via Zoom;
- Prepared an interactive display for the LWML 39th Biennial Convention in Lexington, Kentucky;
- Contacted district presidents and district leadership development committee chairmen periodically, offering encouragement and making leadership resource suggestions;
- Reviewed and researched previously posted Leadership Development resources available on LWML website for possible updates;
- Worked with Graphics Team to design a new version of Lucy Leader; and
- Chairman wrote a home page article for the LWML website in May 2020.

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need (Hebrews 4:16).



Committee Members (Left to Right):

Chairman Mary Smith, Marilyn Kuehnast,
Barbara Volk (advisory), LaDonna Stanosheck

Structure Committee

Mary Smith, Chairman

Purpose Statement

To keep the LWML Bylaws and related resources flexible while maintaining the legal status of the organization.

Objectives

- To review and provide guidance for proposed district bylaw amendments;
- To maintain a file of current district bylaws;
- To keep the LWML Bylaws and the Handbook current; and
- To provide information and resources on bylaws and parliamentary procedure.

Committee Activities

- Communicated with district bylaws chairmen and district presidents regarding procedures for the district bylaws review process;
- Assisted each district as proposed amendments to district bylaws were submitted;
- Maintained a Bylaws Status Chart, tracking the progress of sending in proposed district bylaw amendments, sharing comments on proposed amendments, and receiving the updated set of district bylaws;
- Responded to numerous questions and concerns with input from the Parliamentarian and department coordinator as appropriate;
- Wrote three tips/suggestions concerning bylaws or parliamentary procedure to share with district bylaws chairmen and district presidents;
- Created sample bylaws for district use if they wished to add a Heart to Heart Sisters Committee section to their bylaws;
- Updated several structure-related documents on the LWML website;
- Reviewed 31 sets of district bylaws, shared findings with committee members, and sent suggestions for changes to selected districts;
- Attended the 2019 Interdepartmental meeting in St. Louis and the 2020 Interdepartmental meeting via video conference;
- Wrote proposed changes to LWML Bylaws for review by the Board of Directors;
- Participated in the planning and creation of the committee's exhibit for the 2021 Lexington Convention;
- Worked together to plan a training session on structure and bylaws as a pre-convention seminar at the 2021 LWML Convention; and
- Chairman wrote a home page article for the LWML website.

The Structure Committee has been blessed to work with many women throughout our LWML districts, helping them to keep their bylaws current and offering advice for parliamentary procedure. We would like to thank Marie Chow for her leadership, guidance, and prayers for us and our work during this biennium.

But all things should be done decently and in order (1 Corinthians 14:40).



Committee Members (Left to Right):

Chairman Christie Steffens, Molly Dixon,
DCE Kristina Parker

Church Workers in Mission Committee

Christie Steffens, Chairman

Purpose Statement

- Engage all pastors and church workers to build relationships as we partner in spreading the Gospel; and
- Provide LWML resources and support to involve and connect with all LCMS rostered workers.

Objectives

- Actively seek to establish relationships with pastors and church workers;
- Intentionally invite and involve pastors and church workers in LWML events at all levels;
- Inform and engage pastors and church workers to LWML's mission focus; and
- Increase LWML visibility at LCMS events.

Committee Activities

- Updated the Church Workers in Mission (CWIM) page on the LWML website;
- Updated the CWIM brochure, available in both print and downloadable versions;
- Collected "Partnership Stories" from LWML district presidents (DPs) to share on the LWML Facebook page;
- Developed an informational LWML video educating pastors and church workers about LWML;
- Planned and prepared posts and graphics shared on the LWML Facebook page with encouraging messages showing our appreciation for all church workers;
- Informed and shared with LWML DPs lists of newly graduated pastors and deaconesses, and also vicars and deaconess interns from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne. Updated welcome ideas and shared other resources;
- Planned and prepared an interactive display booth for the Lexington Convention with the theme, "Running the Race Together — With a Feather in Your Hat";
- Planned a Church Workers Informational Gathering luncheon for the Lexington Convention in conjunction with LWML Pastoral Counselors;
- Planned a Youth/Teen/Parents invitation-only dinner for the Lexington Convention;
- Wrote articles for the Special Focus Ministries page in the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*; and
- Attended in-person and Zoom Interdepartmental meetings and periodic Zoom committee meetings.



Committee Members (Left to Right):

Molly Loder, Kristen Brunkow O'Shea, Morgan Shiller, Chairman Anne Hartman

Committee on Young Women

Anne Hartman, Chairman

Purpose Statement

- Produce and facilitate the Young Woman Representatives (YWR) program for the LWML Convention;
- Energize and mentor younger women to connect and grow in relationships as sisters in Christ; and
- Equip and encourage young women to become more involved in their congregation and the mission of the LWML.

Objectives

- To educate and inspire young women to strengthen their relationship with their Savior Jesus Christ;
- To establish a positive, joyful, and educational experience for the YWRs at the 2021 LWML Convention in Lexington, Kentucky;
- To encourage districts to continue incorporating their Young Women in Mission in local and district events;
- To provide helpful resources for both Young Woman Representatives and district presidents to use before, during, and after the LWML Convention; and
- To continue building relationships with other Young Woman Representatives from the Mobile Convention.

Committee Activities

- Met at the 2019 Interdepartmental meeting to plan our work for the biennium;
- Scheduled monthly Bible study via Zoom with Donna Snow and the 2019 Mobile YWRs using the “Where Love Abides” LWML Bible study;
- Realigned the Young Women in Mission Facebook page and the convention-specific Facebook group pages;
- Created a PowerPoint presentation template and report outline to guide YWRs in sharing their personal convention experience within their district;
- Reorganized the Young Women in Mission page on the LWML website and updated the organization of resources to make them more easily accessible;
- Developed a resource for district presidents to guide them in making connections with their YWR, both before and after convention to encourage the YWR’s continued involvement in LWML;
- Developed the YWR program for the 2021 Lexington convention;
- Provided content from LWML resources to the Information Technology Committee to be posted on both Facebook and Instagram using the Young Women in Mission tagline;
- Developed a second volume of devotions for teens entitled *Text Messages from God*;
- Posted encouraging, informational, and new messages for the Young Women in Mission Facebook page; and
- Prayed together as a committee, met many times via Zoom, and worked together to share the committee’s call to encourage and build up young women in the church.



Committee Members (Left to Right):

Chairman Karol Selle, Falabia Edward,
Linda Larson, Lynnette Campbell

Heart to Heart Sisters Committee

Karol Selle, Chairman

Purpose Statement

- To motivate, equip, challenge, and provide mentoring opportunities within the LWML for multicultural women to serve the church, participate in the LWML, witness to the world, and grow in relationships;
- To produce and facilitate the Heart to Heart (H2H) Sisters District Leaders program for the LWML Convention; and
- To provide resources to facilitate the H2H Sisters District Program.

Objectives

- To offer districts resources to facilitate a H2H Sisters Program effectively at the district level;
- To support district leaders as they establish connections with H2H Sister District Leaders, build relationships, and nurture cultural understanding; and
- To provide training at a pre-convention program in Lexington, Kentucky, and equip a new group of women to serve as H2H Sisters District Leaders within their districts.

Committee Activities

- Updated the current manual, "How to Develop an LWML Heart to Heart Sisters Program in Your District" to assist the H2H Sisters District Leaders in developing a district program;
- Updated the H2H Sisters webpage with several new resources;
- Connected with H2H Sisters District Leaders trained since the 2015 LWML Convention to offer support and encouragement as they serve to intentionally include women of all cultural backgrounds in the mission of the LWML;
- Provided H2H Sisters news for the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*;
- Made regular posts on the Heart to Heart Sisters LWML Facebook page;
- Created a script and PowerPoint outline for the current H2H Sisters District Leaders to use at their district convention;
- Developed resources for a training program for H2H Sisters District Leaders held prior to the 2021 Lexington Convention; and
- Developed a new Heart to Heart Sisters District Leader pin given at the conclusion of the leader training in Lexington.



Deaf Ministry Liaison

Kaye Wolff

Purpose Statement

- Oversee and update the LWML's Deaf Ministry webpage;
- Communicate with LWML district presidents, highlighting the Deaf ministry opportunities in their district;
- Encourage LWML districts to appoint a Deaf Ministry Liaison; and
- Identify resources which will aid LWML women as they welcome sisters from the Deaf community into fellowship and service through the LWML.

Liaison's Activities:

- Updated the LWML Deaf Ministry webpage;
- Submitted articles for the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* Special Focus Ministries page and eNews;
- Communicated with junior district presidents regarding establishing a district Deaf Ministry Liaison;
- Worked with Jennifer Ceyanes, Texas District, and Deaconess Diana Rice, Michigan District, to reach and welcome Deaf women;
- Communicated with Deaf sisters, inviting their input on the possibilities of involving more Deaf women in the LWML;
- Utilized social media to educate, inform, and make LWML women aware of the work of the Deaf Ministry Liaison;
- Built a database of resources currently available in Deaf ministry;
- Contacted congregations that have interpreted services, inviting them to develop LWML groups if there is not one currently;
- Researched various sources of funding to provide interpreters for the Lexington Convention;
- Encouraged our Deaf sisters to sign up and receive 2-Minute Tuesday and eNews articles;
- Continued personal studies of American Sign Language (ASL) and connected with Deaf sisters at interpreted worship services; and
- Attended Church Interpreter Training workshop at Concordia Ann Arbor.



(Left to Right): Nichelle Dykema. Cheryl Rackov

Graphics Team

The Graphics Team has been blessed to share their God-given abilities and talents to provide various resources to the women of the LWML and to enhance the visual presence of the LWML online and in print. Each new request has been an opportunity to praise God for His gifts to us and the opportunities we have to be a part of God's ministry through the LWML.

Purpose Statement

The purpose of the Graphics Team is to provide graphic design support for the work of the LWML and to promote the creative and professional look of the LWML.

Team Activities

- Provided graphic art support for LWML products; and
- Graphic design work and formatting included but was not limited to:
 - Name badges for BOD and District officers;
 - Business cards for new officers/appointed personnel;
 - *Reporter* ads and *The Lutheran Witness* ads;
 - Provided the Committee on Young Women with logos/templates for creating social posts;
 - Church Workers in Mission brochure update;
 - Updated logos and district logos, adding registration symbol;
 - New zone logos;
 - Coloring resources;
 - Monthly Mite reports;
 - Mission Grant resources;
 - Quilt Retreat/Bible Study;
 - Social posts for the *LWQ*;
 - Lexington Convention logo and various graphics and designs;
 - Lexington Convention manual;
 - King's Kids Clubhouse logo for Lexington Convention;
 - Prayer Service 2020 logo and design of materials;
 - Help | Love | Grow ads;
 - Task-Filled Life revision;
 - Cut-apart verse cards for October Mission Activity;
 - CWIM Clergy Appreciation social posts;
 - *Gracious Giver* (donor newsletter) layout and design;
 - Christmas Appeal Letter, social posts and thank you;
 - President's Christmas card and social post;
 - 12 Days of Christmas social post series;
 - September to Remember graphics and testimonials video;
 - Logo and presentation materials design for ID Meeting;
 - Photo booth props;
 - Updated template for eNews;
 - LWML brochure update;
 - 2020 product flyer;
 - Certificate of Appreciation design;
 - Confirmation cards for LWML Store;
 - New logo — Gifts from the Heart;
 - Giving Tuesday social posts;
 - Holy Week social posts and profile frames;
 - Lucy Leader makeover;
 - LWML Sunday logo and materials design;
 - Podcast promos; I Love to Tell the Story podcast graphics;
 - Poster templates for the office;
 - Prayer Service 2021 logo and design of materials;
 - Designed President's Report to the Districts;
 - New printed scarf design for LWML Store;
 - *Text Messages from God Vol. 2*;
 - Zoom backgrounds;
 - New logo — Mailbox Member Program and update of resources;
 - Heart to Heart Sisters — Jewelry design;
 - Christian Life Committee — *Devotions for All Seasons* booklet; and
 - *The Task-Filled Life* Bible study — updated print resources for podcasts.



Committee Members (Left to Right):

Chairman Susan Donnelly, Lisa Wilson, Product Developer Bev England

Public Relations Committee

Susan Donnelly, Chairman

Purpose Statement

The purpose of the Public Relations Committee is to create a consistent message and heighten the awareness of LWML's mission and enhance our visibility to all women of the LCMS. It has been a joy and a privilege to serve our Lord through Lutheran Women in Mission. We pray that our service on this team has helped the women of the LWML as they live for Jesus in their daily lives. We pray that our sisters in Christ find ways to connect with those around them while sharing the Gospel message of our Lord's love.

The Public Relations Committee members (and Public Relations Director) partner with many other people to accomplish their goals and objectives. We wish to thank the LWML Office Staff Karen Anderson and Eva Koeller; the Graphics Team, Cheryl Rackov and Nichelle Dykema; LWML Senior Pastoral Counselor Rev. Mitchel Schuessler; LWML Vice President of Communication Char Kroemer; and LWML Strategic Plan Facilitator Michelle Jenks, for their help and support!

Objectives

In completing the Public Relations Committee's objectives, the following was accomplished:

- Promoted products and programs to inspire Bible study, missions, service, participation, and fellowship;
- Supported and promoted LWML resources and products through eNews, news releases, *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* (LWQ) articles, free downloads, and flyers;
- Managed the LWML Store, which included market research, product design and development, preparation of product approval forms and presentation to LWML Board of Directors, inventory review, ordering, sales, and promotion;
- Chose items, created the theme and wrote all copy for inclusion on the "Shop LWML" page of the LWQ;
- Provided and staffed an LWML Store at 2019 Presidents Assembly;
- Coordinated all 2019, 2020, and 2021 LWML Sunday materials;
- Assisted with event registration, preparation, design, and set-up, and shipping as needed for exhibits for LWML and other LCMS events;
- Wrote and orchestrated public relations sketches at LWML meetings;
- Created the 2021 LWML Convention promotional flyer, 2021 LWML Convention bulletin bytes, and assisted with arrangements of 2021 LWML Convention Past District Presidents dinner;
- Supported 2019 and 2020 Giving Tuesday promotion;
- Contributed social media posts for publication as needed; and
- Wrote articles for each of the LWML District Conventions for eNews.

Committee Activities

- Attended the 2019 and 2020 LWML Interdepartmental meetings;
- Planned and hosted the 2019 St. Louis Concordia Theological Seminary Dinner for vicarage and intern students; and
- Planned and staffed the LWML Purple Rose Store at the 2021 LWML Convention in Lexington.



Committee Members (Front Left to Right): Sylvia Bean, Chairman Brianne Stahlecker, Mary Harrington **(Back Left to Right):** Crystal Miller, Carrie Brumbaugh

Nominating Committee

Brianne Stahlecker, Chairman

The 2019–2021 Nominating Committee was elected at the 2019 convention in Mobile, Alabama, for the purpose of preparing a slate of qualified candidates for the 2021 convention held in Lexington, Kentucky. The committee was blessed to have many qualified men and women nominated for each position. We are thankful for all who submitted nominations, encouraged the nominees, and kept these individuals and the nomination process in prayer.

In October 2020, the committee met in Omaha, Nebraska, supported by Pastoral Counselor Rev. Brian Noack via Zoom, as our committee's Pastoral Counselor Rev. Mitchel Schuessler, was unable to attend. Nominations were carefully reviewed and prayerfully considered in the selection process and preparation of the convention ballot. The slate of candidates, with brief biographical information, was prepared for the Spring 2021 issue of the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*. The list of candidates with more detailed biographies are provided in this manual.

The Nominating Committee was honored to serve our Lord and the LWML, and we were humbled to have been entrusted with such a task. The committee was blessed to be comprised of individuals who shared their various gifts and worked joyfully together. The Lord blessed us with many gifted nominees who were willing to serve the Lord and the LWML in a variety of ways. The committee would like to thank all those who were willing to submit their names for an elected position. We would also like to thank those who supported, encouraged, and kept us in prayer along the way.

We pray that God will bless the convention delegates and guide them in the election process. May the Lord richly bless those of you who are elected at this convention and equip you for the task ahead. To those not elected, we pray that you find hope in knowing the Lord has a plan for you and will reveal how He wants you to serve Him next.

Send out your light and your truth; let them lead me (Psalm 43:3a).

Convention Management Team

Shelley Moeller, Convention Manager



Team Members (Left to Right): Claire Carlson, Ruth Weckwerth, Carol Iannelli, Vivian Ernst, Shelley Moeller, Maureen Consiglio, Vickie Ozburn, Marguerite Christman

Assistant to Convention Manager — Maureen Consiglio

- Revised and updated timelines, forms, and letters for the Host Committee (HC) and LWML Convention Guidelines;
- Attended Host Committee and Convention Management Team (CMT) meetings; and
- Proofread materials for HC and CMT.

Convention Exhibits Coordinator — Vivian Ernst

- Revised forms and letters, communicated, and organized exhibitors;
- Worked with HC Exhibit Hall hostesses; and
- Managed exhibits area during convention.

Convention Registrar — Carol Iannelli

- Proofed registration materials for all attendees, guests, and workers;
- Processed all registrations and mailed confirmations; and
- Managed Convention Registration Office.

Food Services Manager — Vickie Ozburn

- Established a good relationship with Central Bank Center's and Hyatt's Food Services;
- Confirmed all menus, pricing, and special needs; and
- Coordinated with HC for workers at meals during convention.

Golf Outing Manager — Marguerite Christman

- Secured golf course and contacted Past LWML Presidents encouraging participation;
- Revised and updated golf outing brochure and flyer; and
- Worked closely with HC Golf Outing Committee.

Housing Manager — Ruth Weckwerth

- After contracts were signed, created housing information for the *Quarterly* and LWML website;
- Established a good relationship with staff at hotel properties and reviewed billings; and
- Blocked rooms for people arriving on district charter buses, exhibitors, special guests, and LWML personnel.

Transportation and Tours Manager — Claire Carlson

- Worked with HC Tours Committee to create pre- and post-convention tours;
- Scouted various transportation possibilities for attendees, including airport shuttles; and
- Worked with District Charter Bus Chairmen.



Convention Programming Committee

Marie Chow, Chairman

The LWML Convention Programming Committee (CPC) is appointed by the LWML President and assisted the Board of Directors (BOD) in handling the responsibility to plan and supervise the 39th biennial convention program. Regular reports were made to the BOD.

Committee Members (Left to Right):

Susan Donnelly, The Rev. Mitchel Schuessler, Shelley Moeller, The Rev. William Engfehr, Ginger Starrett, Michelle Jenks, Debbie Larson, Chairman Marie Chow

Committee Activities

- Developed the convention logo after the BOD developed and approved the convention theme, goal statement, and objectives;
- Reviewed the updated LWML Convention Guidelines through the biennium;
- Developed and reviewed the convention budget with the assistance of the LWML Business Manager and Finance and Operations Committee;
- Secured convention speakers and presenters: keynote speaker, Bible study leader, worship proclaimers, Mites in Action speakers, luncheon speakers, song leader, and humorous interrupters;
- Secured Saturday evening entertainment;
- Established block party for Friday night, “Winner’s Circle Celebration”;
- Established exhibit hall name, “Bluegrass Meadows” and hours; coordinated all exhibitors;
- Secured all programming content for the convention insert of the Winter 2020 *Lutheran Woman’s Quarterly*;
- Reviewed the plans of the Tee Up 4 Mites golf outing on Connemara Golf Course in Nicholasville, Kentucky;
- Approved the route of the Photo Finish Mission Walk that goes through downtown Lexington to Thoroughbred Park;
- Recommended and determined details for a virtual Photo Finish Mission Walk for those who cannot attend the convention;
- Approved the King’s Kids Clubhouse (child and youth program) activities;
- Approved Gifts from the Heart recipients and items;
- Approved other programming: Heart to Heart District Leaders training event, Young Woman Representatives program, rehearsals, district caucuses, Thursday opening worship and Sunday sending services, and morning Bible studies (Friday and Saturday, four each morning);
- Determined daily convention newspaper title, *The Finish Post*;
- Developed convention manual, worship folders, and devotions content; approved layout designer for each;
- Secured pre-and post-convention devotions author;
- Secured choir director and organist; and
- Approved convention tote bag and contents.

Finance and Operations Committee

Karla Koehler, Chairman

The Finance and Operations Committee consists of the LWML Treasurer as chairman, three appointed members, a Pastoral Counselor, and the LWML Business Manager. Both the Pastoral Counselor and the LWML Business Manager serve as advisory members. The LWML President is an ex officio member.

Purpose: The purpose of the Finance and Operations Committee is to review and evaluate all business and financial practices of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML). All decisions of the committee are presented to the Board of Directors for approval and, when necessary, to the Presidents Assembly.

Activities:

- Met monthly via Zoom;
- Reviewed and analyzed monthly financial reports as prepared by the LWML Business Manager;
- Reviewed Gifts & Bequests report;
- Reviewed Mission Grant Disbursement report;
- Reviewed and updated LWML Office staff positions;
- Reviewed and updated the following policies and documents:
 - Financial Officers Guidelines;
 - Gift Acceptance Policy;
 - Accounting Policies & Procedures;
 - Records Management Policy;
 - Salary and Benefits Policy; and
 - LWML Office Employee Handbook.
- Reviewed information related to the SBA 7A loan program which was a part of the CARES legislation passed by the federal government in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Board of Directors (BOD) approved applying for a loan under the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). LWML met the necessary qualifications for loan forgiveness;
- Reviewed LWML Office staff salary reviews and made recommendations to the BOD for salary increases;
- Reviewed the Lexington convention budget which was approved by the BOD;
- Reviewed survey questions that were sent out to district financial officers to determine the level of interest and topics of interest for the Financial Officer Boot Camp via Zoom.;
- Reviewed Concordia Service Employer Choice Options and recommended their decision to the BOD. The BOD approved;
- Reviewed and approved budget for 2021–2023 biennium and recommended approval by the BOD;
- Reviewed insurance coverages at both the national and district level; and
- Communicated regularly with the LWML President and the BOD.

Committee Members:

- Deaconess Betty Knapp, BOD member, appointed by President;
- Kay Kreklau, appointed by President;
- Anita Werner, appointed by President;
- Debbie Larson, President, ex officio
- The Rev. Brian Noack, Junior Pastoral Counselor, advisory;
- Vanessa Johnson, Business Manager, advisory; and
- Karla Koehler, Treasurer, Chairman

Investment Committee

Karla Koehler, Chairman

The Investment Committee consists of the LWML Treasurer as chairman, four appointed members, a Pastoral Counselor, and the LWML Business Manager. Both the Pastoral Counselor and the LWML Business Manager serve as advisory members. The LWML President is an ex officio member.

Purpose: The purpose of the Investment Committee is to conduct the investment business of the LWML. The investment business purposes are to preserve the principal of the investment funds, grow the principal over time, and generate income supporting LWML's ministry objectives.

Activities:

- Met regularly via Zoom;
- Reviewed and analyzed monthly investment statements;
- Reviewed current investments, market status, and investment strategies, which led to recommendations for transfers of funds;
- Reviewed monthly financial reports and Gifts & Bequests report;
- Worked with the Finance and Operations Committee to review applicable policies and recommend changes;
- Published and sent out a Request for Proposal (RFP) for investment and consulting services and selected a financial institution that meets the needs of the LWML;
- Evaluated responses to RFP and selected firms for interviews;
- Interviewed prospective firms and decided on an investment firm;
- Researched history and other documentation relating to the establishment of certain funds and recommended appropriate changes to fund names or handling of funds as needed; and
- In conjunction with the Finance and Operations Committee, reviewed and updated Gift Acceptance Policy.

Committee Members:

- Marie Chow, BOD member, appointed by President;
- Mary Kay Mages, appointed by President;
- Wayne Price, appointed by President;
- Sandy Thompson, appointed by President;
- Debbie Larson, President, ex officio;
- The Rev. Brian Noack, Junior Pastoral Counselor, advisory;
- Vanessa Johnson, Business Manager, advisory; and
- Karla Koehler, Treasurer, Chairman

Planned Giving Committee

Karla Koehler, Chairman

The Planned Giving Committee replaced the Planned Gift Planning Council previously in place. The committee consists of the LWML Treasurer as chairman, five appointed committee members, a Pastoral Counselor, and the LWML Business Manager. Both the Pastoral Counselor and the LWML Business Manager serve as advisory members. The LWML President is an ex officio member.

Purpose: The purpose of the Planned Giving Committee is to support the ministry and activities of the Gift Planning Counselors and the Gifts of Love Ministry. The committee also serves as a liaison between the LWML Board of Directors and the Gift Planning Counselors.

Activities:

- Met regularly via Zoom;
- Reviewed LWML financial information and Gifts and Bequests reports;
- Reviewed quarterly reports prepared by Gift Planning Counselors;
- Participated in Gift Planning Advocates training;
- Reviewed jobs descriptions for Gifts of Love Counselors, Gift Planning Advocates, and Gift Planning Supporters;
- Transitioned after the retirement of Pat Bilow;
- Discussed ways to improve coordination when Gift Planning Counselors attend district conventions;
- Recommended that any gift over \$1,000 to

the LWML be mailed a Gifts of Love ministry brochure;

- Reviewed and implemented a new gift directive for clarifying the handling of restricted donor gifts to individual districts;
- Prepared a mailing for the Help | Love | Grow campaign;
- Recommended different ideas for publicity of Gifts of Love including changes to the LWML home page, a footer on eNews, periodic articles to be published, etc.;
- Discussed plans for training session, Legacy Circle Dinner, and exhibit booth for convention; and
- Evaluated Gifts of Love campaign and tying it to a Valentine's theme.

Committee Members:

- Ginger Starrett, BOD member, appointed by President;
- Rebecca Bissell, appointed by President;
- Linda Reiser, appointed by President;
- Linda Gage, Gift Planning Counselor;
- Carol von Soosten, Gift Planning Counselor;
- Debbie Larson, President, ex officio;
- The Rev. Brian Noack, Junior Pastoral Counselor, advisory;
- Vanessa Johnson, Business Manager, advisory; and
- Karla Koehler, Treasurer, Chairman



Business Manager

Vanessa Johnson

The headquarters for the Lutheran Women's Missionary League is located on the campus of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri. The purpose of the LWML Office staff is to act in a supportive role to the Board of Directors and perform the necessary tasks which are consistent with the management and operations of a multi-million dollar nonprofit organization. Our professional staff is dedicated to fulfilling the mission of LWML, and their commitment is conveyed in everything they do. The staff consists of four full-time and two part-time employees.

Office Activities

- Provide assistance to the various committees, districts, zones, and groups;
- Act as a liaison by addressing all inquiries;
- Maintain contact lists and donor database information;
- Support fundraising efforts;
- Receiving, processing, recording, and acknowledging donations;
- Provide circulation management for the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*;
- Upholding accounting processes and procedures in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP);
- Handling accounts payable processing and payments along with accounts receivable invoicing and receipts;
- Oversee and assist with preparing general operating and convention budgets;
- Assist with risk management oversight;
- Maintain compliance with government regulations on nonprofit organizations;
- Oversee and manage convention registration;
- Monitor LWML Store inventory levels;
- Manage the production and distribution of all print collateral;
- Assist with LWML Store product purchasing and production, including sorting and packaging items to be placed into inventory;
- Maintain and assist with digital media, which includes the website, app, audio, and video;
- Maintain historical records and important organization documents;
- Inform and communicate with the Board of Directors and Presidents Assembly regarding financial matters; and
- Attend virtual or in-person meetings as requested.

Significant achievements of our staff in the 2019–2021 biennium include:

- Built relationships with Seminary students and their families by engaging in various outreach activities;
- Implemented new accounting and reporting practices to achieve financial transparency;
- Continued refinement of staff roles to maximize efficiency;
- Assisted Finance and Operations Committee and Investment Committee with updating various financial, investment, and operating policies;
- Navigated the effects of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic and maintained business operations both remotely and in-person; and
- Continued to monitor expenses and explore ways to reduce costs.



Gift Planning Counselors Gifts of Love Ministry

Linda Gage and Carol von Soosten

Carrying out our LWML vision since 2007, our **Gifts of Love** ministry (the official Gift Planning Ministry of LWML) has been instrumental in encouraging and engaging our women and their families in charitable planning so their God-given gifts will continue to leave an indelible impact on ministry and those they hold dear. **Gifts of Love** ministry has stewarded countless immediate and deferred gifts to LWML and LWML districts for the sake of the Gospel.

We give thanks to God for the generous donors who completed charitable estate plans that, by God's grace, will multiply LWML's life-transforming ministry outreach and Gospel-based mission work for generations to come!

Linda Gage and **Carol von Soosten** serve as our full-time Gift Planning Counselors to help you honor and share the gifts God has given you. LWML provides their professional services at no cost to you. They help you develop a thoughtful charitable plan to support LWML and the ministries you care about while providing for your family and heirs in a God-pleasing manner. Everyone is eligible to be served through **Gifts of Love**. We all possess God's gifts and through charitable planning can continue our mites from heaven. Any size gift can make an eternal difference!

During the last two years, our Gift Planning Counselors have:

- Met personally with donors in 31 of our LWML districts;
- Made 355 personal donors visits with individuals or couples;
- Contacted 2,028 LWML individuals or couples;
- Gave 52 presentations to LWML groups;
- Completed current and future estate gifts to benefit LWML, LWML Endowment Fund, LWML districts; LWML district endowment funds, and numerous LCMS congregations and ministries; and
- Provided videos to LWML districts to share awareness, resources, and opportunities for charitable gift planning.

Our dedicated Planned Giving Committee supports, prays, and plans for **Gifts of Love** current and future ministry. Members are: Chairman Karla Koehler, Rebecca Bessell, Vanessa Johnson, President Debbie Larson, Pastor Brian Noack, Linda Reiser, Ginger Starrett; and Linda Gage and Carol von Soosten, Advisory.

Our volunteer Gift Planning Advocates and Supporters expand awareness within their LWML districts. They receive specialized training and share the benefits of including the Lord's work in your plan. Advocates are: Lois Anderson, Utah-Idaho; Ruth Ann Arbeiter, Southern Illinois; Rebecca Bessell, Eastern; Marge Bruning, Chesapeake; Ann Carrick, Iowa West; Katy Gifford, Nebraska-South; Sandy Hardies, Michigan; Peg Henderson, Florida-Georgia; Cheryl Keithly, Pacific Southwest; Mary Kay Mages, Minnesota South; Beth Marth, Ohio; Diane Reimold, Mid-South; Mary Rinda, English; and Elizabeth Weber, Rocky Mountain. Supporters are: Bonnie Karch, Linda Koch, Pat Beach-Schutte, and Barb Virus, who serve in the Pacific Southwest District.

LWML launched their **Gifts of Love Legacy Circle** in 2017 to give glory to God in honor of those who have included LWML in their estate or charitable gift plan. **If you have named LWML in your charitable estate plan, please accept our heartfelt thanks!** Kindly complete and return the Legacy Circle enrollment form found in the Gifts of Love Legacy Circle brochure in your convention folder.

You can also find additional information and downloadable resources at www.lwmlgiftplan.org.

Thank you for your continued support, partnership, and prayers! To God be the glory!

2021 Convention Host Committee

Ruth Thomas; Seymour, Indiana, Host Committee Chairman



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New LWML Groups

With joy, we welcome the following new or reactivated groups that have been accepted as members of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League during the 2019–2021 Biennium.

California-Nevada-Hawaii District

- First Lutheran Church LWML, First Lutheran Church, Placerville, California
- Trinity Lutheran LWML, Trinity Lutheran Church, Wahiawa, Hawaii
- Women's Fellowship Guild, Lutheran Church of Prayer, Bakersfield, California

Chesapeake District

- Women in Mission, Ascension Lutheran Church, Landover Hills, Maryland
- Women in Mission, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Newark, Delaware
- Women in Mission, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Mechanicsville, Maryland

Florida-Georgia District

- Salty Sisters LWML, Christ Lutheran Church, Brooksville, Florida

Gulf States District

- Mary Martha Society, Trinity Lutheran Church, Panama City, Florida

Iowa East District

- St. Peter & Grace Lutheran Church Women, St. Peter Lutheran Church, Westgate, Iowa

North Dakota District

- Women's Guild/LWML, First American Lutheran Church, Mayville, North Dakota

North Wisconsin District

- Lutheran Women in Mission, Kellner, St. John Lutheran Church, Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin

Oklahoma District

- Christ LWML, Christ Lutheran Church, Elk City, Oklahoma
- LWML Evening Circle 2, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Claremore, Oklahoma
- LWML Ladies Circle, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Wellston, Oklahoma
- Trinity LWML, Trinity Lutheran Church, Okmulgee, Oklahoma

South Wisconsin District

- Sisters of Service, Dual Parish: St. Johns, Oxford and Trinity, Packwaukee, Wisconsin
- St. Luke's Ladies Circle, St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Richland Center, Wisconsin
- WINGS, Lutheran Tri-Parish (Newton-Budsin-Mecan), Neshkoro, Wisconsin

Texas District

- St. John LWML, St. John Lutheran Church, Mansfield, Texas

Past Presidents and Conventions



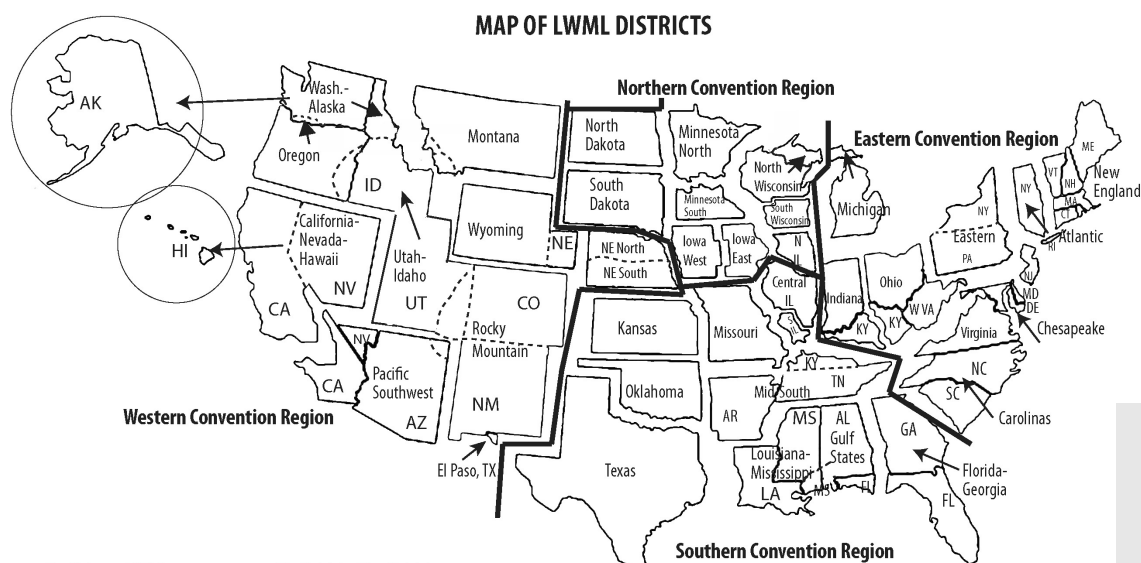
Clara Schmitt[†] August 31–September 1, 1943 Fort Wayne, IN <i>Serve the Lord with Gladness</i> 1945 — Canceled due to the war. July 18–19, 1947 • Chicago, IL <i>Serve the Lord with Gladness</i>	1942–1947	Evelyn Hartman[†] July 20–22, 1969 • Houston, TX <i>Thrust with Trust</i> June 22–24, 1971 • Louisville, KY <i>Declare His Glory</i>	1967–1971	Gloria Edwards June 26–29, 1997 • Charlotte, NC <i>Hold Up the Light</i> July 1–4, 1999 • Minneapolis, MN <i>Let Freedom Ring</i>	1995–1999
Sadie Fulk Roehrs[†] July 27–28, 1949 • Cleveland, OH <i>Thy Kingdom Come</i> July 25–26, 1951 • New York, NY <i>For Such a Time as This</i> July 28–29, 1953 • Portland, OR <i>Saved to Serve</i>	1947–1953	Florence Montz[†] June 25–28, 1973 • Mobile, AL <i>Together in Christ</i> July 21–24, 1975 • St. Paul, MN <i>Saints Alive!</i>	1971–1975	Virginia Von Seggern July 5–8, 2001 • San Jose, CA <i>Because He First Loved Me</i> June 19–22, 2003 • Oklahoma City, OK <i>Lord of My Heart ... Our Hope</i>	1999–2003
Lillian Preisinger[†] 1955 — Canceled due to segregation policies in New Orleans, LA. April 20–21, 1956 • Denver, CO <i>Occupy 'Til I Come</i> July 31–August 1, 1957 Minneapolis, MN <i>Talk Ye of All His Wondrous Works</i> July 22–23, 1959 • Toronto, Ontario, Canada <i>Labour with More Love</i>	1953–1959	Helen Morris[†] August 8–11, 1977 • Laramie, WY <i>Lift Thine Eyes</i> July 16–19, 1979 • Omaha, NE <i>Sow the Seed</i>	1975–1979	Linda Reiser June 16–19, 2005 • Tampa, FL <i>Live Joyfully as Salt and Light</i> June 21–24, 2007 • Sioux Falls, SD <i>Rock! Rest On Christ the King</i>	2003–2007
Emma Hoppe[†] July 26–27, 1961 • Pittsburgh, PA <i>Living with My Lord</i> July 17–18, 1963 • Kansas City, MO <i>The Harvest Is Great</i>	1959–1963	Helen Gienapp[†] June 22–25, 1981 • Milwaukee, WI <i>Come to the Living Waters</i> June 20–23, 1983 • Detroit, MI <i>Reach Out with Christ</i>	1979–1983	Janice Wendorf June 25–28, 2009 • Portland, OR <i>Look to the Hills ... God Reigns</i> June 23–26, 2011 • Peoria, IL <i>Being with Jesus — Living on the Edge</i>	2007–2011
Eula Hankel[†] July 20–21, 1965 • San Diego, CA <i>The Lord Is My Light</i> July 18–20, 1967 • Washington, D.C. <i>Beautiful Savior, Lord of the Nations</i>	1963–1967	Alberta Barnes[†] July 22–25, 1985 • Ames, IA <i>Give God Glory — Praise His Name!</i> June 22–25, 1987 • Fort Worth, TX <i>Radiant with God's Love</i>	1983–1987	Kay Kreklau June 27–30, 2013 • Pittsburgh, PA <i>Quenched! By the Water</i> June 25–28, 2015 • Des Moines, IA <i>Bountiful! Sow Nourish Reap</i>	2011–2015
Betty Duda[†] June 26–29, 1989 • Rapid City, SD <i>Seek His Face Always</i> June 27–30, 1991 • Cleveland, OH <i>Celebrate the Jubilee — Glorify His Name</i>	1987–1991	Ida Mall June 17–20, 1993 • Edmonton, Alberta, Canada <i>One in Spirit — One in Purpose</i> June 22–25, 1995 • Kansas City, MO <i>Live by God's Design</i>	1991–1995	Patti Ross June 22–25, 2017 • Albuquerque, NM <i>Jesus Christ Above All!</i> June 20–23, 2019 • Mobile, AL <i>In Praise to the LORD!</i>	2015–2019
				Debbie Larson June 24–27, 2021 • Lexington, KY <i>Running the Race ... Looking to Jesus</i>	2019–2023

[†] Resting in the arms of Jesus.

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League Districts

The LWML holds its biennial convention on a rotation basis with regions named as follows:

East	North	West	South
Atlantic	Iowa East	California-Nevada-Hawaii	Florida-Georgia
Carolinas	Iowa West	Montana	Gulf States
Chesapeake	Minnesota North	Nebraska North	Central Illinois
Eastern	Minnesota South	Nebraska South	Southern Illinois
Indiana	Northern Illinois	Oregon	Kansas
Michigan	North Dakota	Pacific Southwest	Louisiana-Mississippi
New England	South Dakota	Rocky Mountain	Mid-South
New Jersey	North Wisconsin	Utah-Idaho	Missouri
Ohio	South Wisconsin	Washington-Alaska	Oklahoma
		Wyoming	Texas



English and SELC are non-geographic districts. The districts where congregations are located offer fellowship and support:

English	SELC
California-Nevada-Hawaii	Connecticut (New England)
Eastern	Florida (Florida-Georgia)
Florida (Florida-Georgia)	Indiana
Indiana	Maine (New England)
Michigan	Missouri
Minnesota North	New Jersey
Missouri	Northern Illinois
New Jersey	Ohio
Northern Illinois	Pennsylvania (Eastern)
Ohio	South Wisconsin
Pacific Southwest	Virginia (Chesapeake)
South Wisconsin	

National convention sites are rotated on a regional basis among the western, southern, eastern, and northern sections of the country.

THE ROTATION CALENDAR:

2021-East
2023-North
2025-West
2027-South
2029-East
2031-North
2033-West
2035-South
2037-East
2039-North
2041-West
2043-South

Contact district personnel and information
by going to the LWML website
<http://www.lwml.org/districts>

THANK YOU!

LWML is blessed with the dedication of two faithful servants of the Lord who were elected to serve as officers at the 2017 LWML Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico, but were unable to complete their terms due to health concerns:

Jennifer Huecker, from the LWML Missouri District, served for two years as the LWML Vice President of Christian Life. This department oversees the Christian Life Committee and the Christian Resources Editors Committee. Jennifer used the many gifts and talents which the Lord gave to her as she worked with authors, providing Bible studies and devotional materials for publication.

Angelina Jauregui, from the LWML Pacific Southwest District, served two and a half years as the LWML Vice President of Gospel Outreach, leading the Gospel Outreach Committee and the Mission Grants Committee. A champion of being a witness for Jesus, she and her committees collected mission grant proposals and promoted their support to spread God's Word around the world.

We thank and praise God for these sisters in Christ! We pray that Jennifer and Angelina will feel the Lord's blessings as He cares for them, and that He will provide an opportunity for them to be witnesses for Jesus to people He places in their paths.



Jennifer Huecker



Angelina Jauregui

THANK YOU!

Two LWML servants of the Lord have completed extraordinary service as appointed personnel of the LWML for a combined total of 24 years:

Marguerite Christman, from the LWML Oklahoma District, served as the LWML Convention Manager for 10 years, from 2009–2019. She managed details for procuring and utilizing convention facilities and was a liaison among all the people involved. Using her God-given, outstanding organizational skills with grace and patience, Marguerite and her crew made conventions “happen.” Her mentoring of those she worked with ensured a smooth transition.

Nancy Graf Peters, from the LWML Atlantic District, served as the editor-in-chief of the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* for 14 years, from 2005–2019. She was responsible for leading the Official Publication Staff to publish four issues of the magazine each year. Bringing her superb writing and editing skills to the position, she wove all aspects of the magazine together, reflecting each issue's theme.

We thank and praise God for Marguerite and Nancy and for their services to each woman in the LWML. They served humbly and with zeal for the love of the Lord. We pray that God will bless them as they continue to share His love wherever He leads them.



Marguerite Christman



Nancy Graf Peters

THANK YOU!

In 2006, LWML was introduced to **Patricia Bilow**, an LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor. Pat had a heart for ministry and a love of working with women. Years before, the Holy Spirit was working in the hearts and minds of Lutheran Women in Mission to launch a gift planning ministry and, in 2007, Pat Bilow was selected to lay the groundwork for the LWML Gifts of Love (GOL) ministry. She became the first GOL Gift Planning Counselor dedicated to LWML through a partnership with the LCMS Foundation. Through Pat's tireless service and the work of our current GOL Gift Planning Counselors, millions of dollars have been designated as current and future gifts to LWML and other ministries of the church. Pat retired in October of 2019 and LWML thanks God for her service and her dedication. When you see Pat at this convention, please take time to thank her and praise God for faithful servants, who glorify the Lord in all that they do.



Patricia Bilow

Songs

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (LSB 790)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear Now to His temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen All that is needful has been
Sent by His gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises
before Him!
Let the Amen Sound from His people again;
Gladly forever adore him!

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2. Oh, For A Thousand Tongues to Sing (LW 276)

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace.

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread throughout the earth abroad
The honors of Your name.

The name of Jesus charms our fears
And bids our sorrows cease,
Sings music in the sinners ears,
Brings life and health and peace.

To God all glory, praise and love
Be now and ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above,
The Church in earth and heav'n.

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3. Come O Fount of Every Blessing

Come, O Fount of ev'ry blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Your grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
Fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore You;
May I still Your goodness prove.

Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Here by Your great help I've come;
And I hope, by Your good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now, like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

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4. Renew Me

Chorus

*Renew me, repair me, refresh me, restore me.
Renew a right spirit within me.
Redeem me, recharge me, revise me, revive me.
Create in me a clean heart.*

For You alone are my strength, my song.
Your love redeems me, makes right of my wrong.
Savior and Shepherd, my Master and King,
Restore my joy, so my spirit can sing.

Chorus

For You alone can restore my soul,
Your love repairs me, turns broken to whole.
Almighty God, You remove all my sin.
You give me life in Your Spirit within.

Chorus

For You alone give me pow'r to start,
Your love is kindling a pureness of heart.
Maker, Creator of all that is new,
Help me, revise me, so I'm more like You.

Chorus

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5. Beautiful Savior (LSB 537)

Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
 Son of God and Son of Man!
 Truly I'd love Thee, Truly I'd serve Thee,
 Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,
 Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
 Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer;
 He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

Chorus

*Here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down,
 Here I am to say that You're my God.
 You're altogether lovely, Altogether worthy,
 Altogether wonderful to me.*

Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,
 Bright the sparkling stars on high;
 Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
 Than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
 Son of God and Son of Man!
 Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,
 Now and forevermore be Thine! **Chorus**

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6. Here I Am To Worship**Chorus**

*Here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down,
 Here I am to say that You're my God.
 You're altogether lovely, Altogether worthy,
 Altogether wonderful to me.*

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness
 Opened my eyes, let me see
 Beauty that made this heart adore You,
 Hope of a life spent with You. **Chorus**

King of all days, Oh so highly exalted,
 Glorious in heaven above.
 Humbly You came to the earth You created,
 All for love's sake, became poor. **Chorus**

Bridge

And I'll never know how much it cost
 To see my sin upon that cross.
 And I'll never know how much it cost
 To see my sin upon that cross. **Chorus**

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7. We All Are One In Mission

(Sung to "The Church's One Foundation")

We all are one in mission, We all are one in call,
 Our varied gifts united By Christ the Lord of all.
 A single great commission Compels us from above
 To plan and work together, That all may know Christ's love.

We all are called for service, To witness in God's name.
 Our ministries are different, Our purpose is the same:
 To touch the lives of others By God's surprising grace,
 So ev'ry one around us May feel God's warm embrace.

Now let us be united And let our song be heard.
 Now let us be a vessel For God's redeeming Word.
 We all are one in mission, We all are one in call,
 Our varied gifts united By Christ the Lord of all.

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8. Children of the Heavenly Father (LSB 725)

Children of the heav'nly Father
 Safely in His bosom gather;
 Nestling bird nor star in heaven
 Such a refuge e'er was given.

Neither life nor death shall ever
 From the Lord His children sever;
 Unto them His grace He showeth,
 And their sorrows all He knoweth.

Though He giveth or He taketh,
 God His children ne'er forsaketh;
 His the loving purpose solely
 To preserve them pure and holy.

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9. O Bless the Lord, My Soul (LW 457)

O bless the Lord, my soul!
 Let all in me combine
 To aid my tongue to bless His name
 Whose favor is divine.

O bless the Lord, my soul,
 Nor let His mercies lie
 Forgotten in unthankfulness
 And without praises die!

Songs

The Lord forgives my sins;
And He relieves my pain;
The Lord has healed my sicknesses
And made me whole again.

He crowns my life with love
He ransoms from the grave;
He that redeemed my soul from hell
Has sov'reign pow'r to save.

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10. 10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

Chorus

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul,
I'll worship Your holy name.*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning.
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me ...
Let me be singing when the evening comes. **Chorus**

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger,
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing ...
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. **Chorus**

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come;
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending ...
Ten thousand years and then forevermore! **Chorus**

Jonas Myrin / Matt Redman

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11. I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (LSB 411)

I want to walk as a child of the light;
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world;
The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain

*In Him there is no darkness at all;
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God;
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

I want to see the brightness of God;
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,
And show me the way to the Father. **Refrain**

I'm looking for the coming of Christ;
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
We shall know the joy of Jesus. **Refrain**

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12. Fight the Good Fight (LSB 664)

Fight the good fight with all your might;
Christ is your strength, and Christ your right.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
Your joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace;
Lift up your eyes, and seek His face.
Life with its way before us lies;
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside, lean on Your guide;
His boundless mercy will provide.
Trust, and enduring faith shall prove
Christ is your life and Christ your love.

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13. My Faith Looks Up to Thee (LSB 702)

My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine.
Now hear me while I pray;
Take all my guilt away;
Oh, let me from this day Be wholly Thine!

May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart; My zeal inspire!
As Thou hast died for me,
Oh, may my love to Thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be, A living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread
And griefs around me spread, Be Thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray From Thee aside.

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14. "How Shall They Hear," Who Have Not Heard (LSB 831)

"How shall they hear," who have not heard
News of a Lord who loved and came;
Nor known His reconciling word,
Nor learned to trust a Savior's name?

“To all the world,” to every place,
Neighbors and friends and far off lands,
Preach the good news of saving grace;
Go while the great commission stands.

“Whom shall I send?” Who hears the call,
Constant in prayer, through toil and pain,
Telling of One who died for all,
To bring a lost world home again?

“Lord, here am I” Your fire impart
To this poor cold self-centered soul;
Touch but my lips, my hands, my heart,
And make a world for Christ my goal.

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15. Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings (LSB 782)

Gracious God, You send great blessings
New each morning all our days.
For Your mercies never ending,
For Your love we offer praise.
Lord, we pray that we, Your people
Who Your gifts unnumbered claim,
Through the sharing of Your blessings
May bring glory to Your name.

In His earthly life, our Savior
Knew the care of faithful friends;
May our deeds of dedication
Offer love that never ends.
Lord, we pray that we, Your people
Who Your gifts unnumbered claim,
Through the sharing of Your blessings
May bring glory to Your name.

Heav’nly Father, may our caring
Bear the imprint of Your grace,
With the Son and Holy Spirit,
Praise be Yours in ev’ry place!
Lord, we pray that we, Your people
Who Your gifts unnumbered claim,
Through the sharing of Your blessings
May bring glory to Your name.

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16. Christ the Eternal Lord (LSB 829)

Christ the eternal Lord,
Whose promise here we claim,
Whose gifts of grace are freely poured
On all who name Your name;

With thankfulness and praise
We stand before Your throne,
Intent to serve You all our days
And make Your glory known.

Christ the unchanging Word
To ev’ry passing age,
Whose timeless teachings still are heard
Set forth on Scripture’s page;
Transform our thought and mind,
Enlighten all who read,
Within Your Word by faith to find
The bread of life indeed.

Christ the redeeming Son,
Who shares our human birth,
And by His death salvation won
For ev’ry child of earth;
Inspire our hearts, we pray,
To tell Your love abroad,
That all may honor Christ today
And follow Him as Lord.

Christ the unfading Light
Of everlasting day,
Our Morning Star in splendor bright,
The Life, the Truth, the Way;
That light of truth You give
To servants as to friends,
Your way to walk, Your life to live,
Till earth’s brief journey ends.

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17. When I Survey the Wondrous Cross/At The Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them through his blood.

Chorus

*At the cross, at the cross I surrender my life.
I’m in awe of You, I’m in awe of You.
Where Your love ran red, and my sin washed white,
I owe all to You, I owe all to You. (repeat)*

I owe all to You, I owe all to You, Jesus.

Songs

See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a tribute far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Chorus

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18. Take My Life and Let It Be (LSB 783)

Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only for my King;
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.

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19. Great Is Thy Faithfulness (LSB 809)

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. **Refrain**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! **Refrain**

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20. Holy, Holy, Holy (LSB 507)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and
sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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21. Sing Swing Saints Medley

I'm gonna sing, sing, sing. I'm gonna shout, shout, shout!
I'm gonna sing, I'm gonna shout! Praise the Lord!
When those gates are open wide,
I'm gonna stand by Jesus' side.
I'm gonna sing, I'm gonna shout! Praise the Lord!

Swing low, sweet chariot.
Comin' for to carry me home.
Swing low, sweet chariot.
Comin' for to carry me home.

O when the saints ... go marching in.
O when the saints go marching in.
Lord I want to be in that number,
When the saints go marching in!

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22. The Lamb (LSB 547)

The Lamb, the Lamb,
O Father, where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes
God will provide the Lamb of price!

Refrain

*Worthy is the Lamb
Whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!*

The Lamb, the Lamb,
As wayward sheep their shepherd kill
So still, His will
On our behalf the Law to fill. **Refrain**

He sighs, He dies,
He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives,
He gives me His own righteousness. **Refrain**

He rose, He rose,
My heart with thanks now overflows.
His song prolong
Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. **Refrain**

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23. Turn Your Eyes

Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace

Turn your eyes to the hillside
Where justice and mercy embrace
There the Son of God gave His life for us
And our measureless debt was erased

Chorus

*Jesus to You we lift our eyes
Jesus our glory and our prize
We adore You behold You our Savior ever true
Oh Jesus we turn our eyes to You*

Turn your eyes to the heavens
Our King will return for His own
Every knee will bow every tongue will shout
All glory to Jesus alone **Chorus**

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24. The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve
(Sung to "Amazing Grace")

The Spirit sends us forth to serve;
We go in Jesus' name
To bring glad tidings to the poor,
God's favor to proclaim.

We go to comfort those who mourn
and set the burdened free;
Where hope is dim, to share God's name
and help the blind to see.

Then let us go to serve in peace,
the Gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit will enable us;
we go in Jesus' name.

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25. Carry Your Love**Chorus**

*Under Your grace we are led by Your Spirit
You have redeemed us by the blood of Your Son
Give us Your Word we are eager to hear it
Ready our hearts to carry Your love*

We are called out we are ransomed
We are not of the world we're in
We are chosen we are blessed
To bring light to the lives of men
So Father sow Your seed
Give us life in community
Wake us from our sleep
This is Your time this is Your place
And we are vessels for breaking. **Chorus**

You are sunlight You are morning
You're the hope of a brand new day
You are comfort You are blessing
And You wipe all our tears away
So change us from within
Render miracles from our sin
Remind us once again
This is Your time this is Your place
We are vessels for breaking. **Chorus**

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26. Just As I Am

Just as I am without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot.
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Chorus

*I come broken to be mended, I come wounded to be healed.
I come desperate to be rescued, I come empty to be filled.
I come guilty to be pardoned By the blood of
Christ the Lamb;
And I'm welcomed with open arms, praise God,
Just as I am.*

Just as I am, I would be lost,
But mercy and grace my freedom bought;
And now to glory in Your cross
O Lamb of God, I come, I come. **Chorus**

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27. Serve the Lord With Gladness

(Sung to "Onward Christian Soldiers")

"Serve the Lord with gladness!" It is He alone
Who redeemed us sinners, Guides us as His own
To enjoy the blessings; Of His love and grace,
Will at last in glory; Meet us face to face.
Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:
"Serve the Lord with gladness!" Glorify His name!

"Serve the Lord with gladness!" He gave us command
To proclaim His Gospel; Now in every land
So that fellow sinners; May, like us, be best.
Leading them to Jesus, We can serve Him best.
Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:
"Serve the Lord with gladness!" Glorify His name!

"Serve the Lord with gladness!" There's no greater joy
Than to serve the Master, Work in His employ.
As we build His kingdom; Angels, too, rejoice
Over every sinner; Brought to hear His voice.
Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:
"Serve the Lord with gladness!" Glorify His name!

*Text: Professor Ernest Lewerenz
Tune: LSB 662, LW 518, TLH 658*

28. Lutheran Women One and All

(Sung to "Come Ye Thankful People Come")

Lutheran women, one and all, We have heard the
Gospel call.

We by faith have seen our Lord Crucified and then
restored.

We have seen Him pay the price, For our sins a sacrifice.
Him we Lord and Christ acclaim And unite to praise
His name.

Lutheran women, young and old,
Well we know His challenge bold;
Help to take the Gospel light To a world in darkest night,
By example in the home, By inviting those who roam,
By our prayers for sinners lost, By our gifts for
missions' cost.

Lutheran women, coast to coast, In the Lord a mighty host,
Let us all united be In the Holy Trinity,
One in faith, in hope, and love, Working for the
Lord above,
Till, our earthly labors done, We in heaven shall all be one.

*Text: Elmer A. Kettner
Tune: LSB 892, LW 495; TLH 574*

29. With Joy We Come Together

(Sung to "O Savior, Precious Savior")

With joy we come together,
Our hearts of one accord,
Rejoicing in the blessings
Of serving You, O Lord.
The gifts that You have given
Make us a mighty throng.
With thankfulness we raise up
Our praise to You in song.

We celebrate the women,
Who've served You through the years,
Sustaining one another
Through vict'ry, trials, and fears.
We follow now their service,
Devoted, Christ, to You.
No matter what Your errand,
We'll strive to follow through.

Through ministries supported,
We've seen Your love outpoured.
With mites that You've provided,
We've learned to trust You, Lord.
Our many hands have served You,
Yet much is left undone.

Your mission must continue
In reaching everyone.

Lord, with Your love and guidance,
We'll serve You faithfully.
Wherever You should lead us,
We'll follow willingly.
May we be bold in witness
So others see Your grace.
That we may one day worship
Together face to face.

Text: Jean Hansen Kammerer
Tune: LSB 527, TLH 352, LW 282

30. In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
‘Til on that cross as Jesus died
My sin with Him, was crucified;
And all my guilt, on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground, His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth, in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His, and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry, to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
‘Til He returns, or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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31. Always Enough

In a dry and weary land,
Lord You are the rain.
In a sea of shattered ones,
Your love comes rushing in.

You hold the world within Your hands
And see each tear that falls.
Through every fire and every storm,
You're always enough, always enough.

Chorus

*Your love is peace to the broken,
Faith for the widow,
Hope for the orphan, strength for the weak.
Your love is the anthem of nations-
Rings out through the ages.
And You're always enough for me.*

You keep my heart in perfect peace.
My life is in Your hands.
When confusion hides my way,
You're always enough, always enough.

Chorus

Bridge

I rejoice, for my Savior reigns.
I rejoice, for He lives in me!
God on high, He has set me free
And worthy is the Lord! *(repeat Bridge)*

Chorus

Ending

In a dry and weary land,
Lord You are the rain.

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Statistical Report

Districts (40)	Number of Zones	Number of Units	Number of Groups	Estimated Membership	District Events	Total Mission Goal Adopted 2020-2022
Atlantic	7	74	74	650	35	\$78,000.00
California-Nevada-Hawaii	18	119	123	1210	16	\$248,000.00
Carolinas	7	34	34	400	12	\$67,000.00
Central Illinois	12	115	118	1748	7	\$105,000.00
Chesapeake	8	70	112	1990	22	\$100,000.00
Eastern	9	85	85	541	43	\$134,400.00
English	8	48	48	467	23	\$28,500.00
Florida-Georgia	19	138	151	3710	50	\$182,500.00
Gulf States	6	50	50	540	18	\$65,000.00
Indiana	21	221	223	6300	62	\$203,000.00
Iowa East	12	108	113	1752	35	\$206,385.00
Iowa West	20	137	142	2452	85	\$214,200.00
Kansas	12	128	132	4186	52	\$154,700.00
Louisiana-Mississippi	5	44	44	305	21	\$60,000.00
Michigan	29	258	261	3915	89	\$348,437.50
Mid-South	10	89	90	1145	49	\$130,000.00
Minnesota North	17	128	131	1965	52	\$175,625.00
Minnesota South	24	158	164	2776	107	\$265,000.00
Missouri	21	207	221	3272	116	\$355,000.00
Montana	5	42	65	539	26	\$56,000.00
Nebraska North	10	82	83	1103	162	\$115,925.00
Nebraska South	12	108	114	1961	40	\$193,750.00
New England	5	36	36	236	7	\$71,000.00
New Jersey	5	15	15	178	16	\$17,000.00
North Dakota	6	63	64	1540	30	\$154,000.00
North Wisconsin	18	197	203	2421	54	\$110,000.00
Northern Illinois	19	200	200	1850	23	\$157,000.00
Ohio	12	134	172	2725	60	\$200,000.00
Oklahoma	8	54	57	826	42	\$143,825.00
Oregon	9	75	78	736	25	\$97,020.00
Pacific Southwest	27	206	209	1780	80	\$324,846.67
Rocky Mountain	11	79	79	1261	73	\$180,405.36
SELC	3	24	24	240	11	\$10,650.00
South Dakota	10	90	90	1556	38	\$123,573.00
South Wisconsin	21	154	154	1747	111	\$205,000.00
Southern Illinois	7	66	67	897	18	\$88,750.00
Texas	25	175	193	2750	92	\$377,500.00
Utah-Idaho	4	24	27	386	23	\$77,900.00
Washington-Alaska	11	78	78	845	38	\$160,000.00
Wyoming	6	44	46	414	25	\$68,550.00
TOTALS	499	4157	4370	65,315	1888	\$6,053,442.53

Convention Theme

Running the Race ... Looking to Jesus

Scripture Verse

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 (Hebrews 12:1–2).



Convention Goal Statement

Looking to Jesus, we run the race set before us and proclaim the joy of the Lord.

Convention Objectives

Convention attendees will:

- Focus on Jesus through God's Word and Sacrament.
- Joyfully celebrate our salvation with song and prayer.
- Serve our neighbors through witness and mission.



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As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.



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