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Lutheran Women's Missionary League 39th Biennial Convention — By the Numbers



The women and men attending the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) 39th Biennial Convention, June 24–27, 2021, in Lexington, Kentucky, boldly worshiped together and intently listened to Mites in Action speakers sharing how, as past mission grant recipients, God is working in their organizations. They served and prayed together, and continue “Running the Race ... Looking to Jesus.”

There were 61 clergy in the opening Thursday evening communion service procession where an estimated 2,800 participants worshipped together.

Heart to Heart Sisters, Young Women Representatives, and many other volunteers carried signs or flags from 82 countries in the Saturday morning Mission Flag Procession. Six new nations were added to the procession this year: Cambodia, Cameroon, Macau, Malawi, Rwanda, and Zambia. At the end of the procession, children and teens from the King's Kids Clubhouse paraded through the arena.

Four offerings were collected at the LWML Convention in Lexington. The first offering is given to the upcoming biennium's LWML Mission Goal. The other three offerings were designated to opportunities to share God's love and mercy in the districts hosting the convention. You may still donate to any of these offerings by [clicking this link](#) by Friday, July 16.

- Offering #1: LWML Mission Goal 2021–2023
- Offering #2: King's Community Outreach in Fort Wayne, Indiana
- Offering #3: Gifts for All God's Children's Connecting Kids to Christ Center in Detroit, Michigan
- Offering #4: POBLO International Ministries in Clinton Township, Michigan

For more convention highlights, download the daily newsletters found on the [LWML website](#).



^ *Tim Larson, son of President Debbie Larson, carried the Processional Cross during opening worship Thursday night.*



Gifts from the Heart Ingathering Totals – To God be the Glory!

As those who attend the LWML Convention come for many different reasons, they come bringing gifts from their hearts – donations for those in need. LWML collected items and gift cards for three organizations.

Assurance for Life Ministries

Baby toiletries	1,112
Baby towel, wash cloths, and crib sheets	1,239
Burp cloths and bibs	883
Laundry baskets and hampers	140
Disposable diapers:	
Large boxes	122
Small packages	368
Baby wipe packages	1,320
Diaper bags	63
Toys, teething, and pacifiers	1,187
Clothing items	3,033
Books:	
Purchased from CPH	3,878
Others	1,039
Blankets	480
Miscellaneous items	57



^ Gifts from the Heart workers

MOST Ministries

6,008 pairs of eyeglasses

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis and Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne

Food banks and co-ops: \$33,270

444 gift cards (not marked; total to be determined)

We thank God for the giving hearts of our members and pray that those who receive these gifts will know they were given out of thankful response to what Christ has given us.

Evaluation Available for Participants

For all those who attended the LWML Convention in person, we value your feedback and ask that you fill out the [online evaluation found here](#). This will assist the LWML Board of Directors in improving programming as we continue “*Running the Race ... Looking to Jesus.*”





Time to Get Involved!

Would you like to be involved with new opportunities to serve the Lord through the LWML? Have you heard of the LWML Personnel Resource Form? It's an online, fillable form for LWML women who are considering serving on an LWML committee at the national level. It asks for your contact information, interests, and skills. [Fill one out today!](#)

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2021-2023 LWML Nominating Committee



From left to right: Janis McDaniels, LWML Carolinas District; Kaye Wolff, LWML Michigan District; Lois Teinert, LWML Texas District; and Lisa Asmus, LWML South Dakota District. Not pictured: Melissa Salomón, LWML Pacific Southwest District.

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