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Bethesda's Kristine Leonard Shares Video Links

Sharing her passion for bringing Christ to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, Kristine Leonard, Senior Director of Transition Services/Director of Bethesda College at Bethesda Lutheran Communities Watertown, Wisconsin, shared a presentation as a Mites in Action speaker at the 2021 LWML Convention in Lexington. Bethesda was a recipient of the 2017–2019 LWML Mission Grant — Sharing Jesus with People with Disabilities for \$100,000. Through videos, Kristine described the impact the grant made on people served by Bethesda.

Many have asked for access to these videos which display the amazing work God does in the lives of people with disabilities. Kristine happily shared those links. She said, “As you can tell, I am very passionate about God’s kingdom being for all, and encouraging churches and groups to welcome those with disabilities.”



Here are the links:

Nikki 1: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dX-u8m5Wb64>

Nikki 2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O5tIHW3pXd8>

Mary: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RAFbOb5ku44&t=5s>

Chris: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i-jepHluTNI>

Alana: <https://youtu.be/HqcDAwkhjS4>

LWML Appreciates Sponsoring Organizations



There were many organizations which helped make the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) 39th Biennial Convention a huge success.

LWML had many sponsors for various events and activities. The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) Foundation sponsored the President’s Dinner on Wednesday night. The Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) supplied convention tote bags. A major sponsor of the Tee Up 4 Mites Golf outing was Lutheran Federal Credit Union. Thanks to the LCMS Offices of National and International Missions for sponsoring the Presidents Assembly mission luncheon. LWML also thanks Lutheran Hour Ministries for their gift of 30 four-piece communionware sets crafted by Hickory Tree Studio, Bloomington, Indiana. The entire list of sponsors can be found on page 108 of the convention manual or by [clicking here](#). *To God be the glory.*



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!](#)

If you feel you would like to volunteer in your own congregation and community, contact your local LWML group and also your LWML district president. Opportunities abound for you to glorify God everywhere.

Convention 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](#). Please do this soon; the deadline to respond is July 16. The evaluations will assist the LWML Board of Directors in improving future programming as we continue "Running the Race ... Looking to Jesus."



LWML Sunday Resources Available Now

A familiar face to many, Dr. Dale A. Meyer, president emeritus and professor emeritus of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, is the author of the 2021 LWML Sunday Materials. He retired in 2020 after 15 years as Seminary president. Meyer has been speaking and preaching for more than 40 years. His areas of interest and study include 1 Peter, the church in a changing culture, and the Sabbath applied to life today.

We celebrate this LWML Sunday together as the Body of Christ under the theme, "Our Hearts in HIS Hand." Learn how the Lord has worked through the LWML to bring the lost and the erring into fellowship with Him through mission and ministry. [To download these materials, click here.](#)



District Mission Grant Selection Training Resources Available



Twenty-seven women participated in mission grant selection training prior to the 2021 Lexington LWML Convention. The PowerPoint presentation, with a presenter script and participant handouts, from this Mission Grant Pre-Convention Seminar is [available for district use on the LWML website here.](#)

As districts begin requesting mission grant proposals for their 2022 conventions, the information contained in this PowerPoint will benefit their mission grant selection process. Additional resources such as an evaluation tool, a sample district mission grant letter, and a check receipt form are also available.

If you have any questions, contact the Vice President of Gospel Outreach at depgo@lwml.org.



Updated Mission Grants Bank

Summary statements and contact information for 19 viable mission grant proposals are available for district use and funding. [The information is in the “Mission Grants Bank” document found here.](#) Please share this information with your district mission grants committee, or use it to submit a grant proposal in your district.

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