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FROM PRESIDENT DEBBIE

Christ's Light Shines

As autumn approaches, I see the fruits of laborers all around me. I enjoy fresh fruits and vegetables. I watch wheat and other crops being harvested. Seeds are planted, and, if the conditions were right, a bountiful harvest is the result.

As Christians, we know we are **HiS**. We are **H**eld by God's Word — this is the seed we are privileged to sow. Because we are grounded in Scripture, by God's grace, we reflect the light of Christ through our words and actions. In June, we met together in Lexington, Kentucky, for the 39th Biennial LWML Convention and Christ's light filled the Rupp Arena and spread to the whole community. More than 2,800 people joined in the opening worship and were **i**nspired to take that experience back to their congregations and communities. Across the nation, Lutheran Women in Mission confidently share Jesus because they know He is with them and they are **S**urrounded by His grace.

In Baptism, I became a child of God. He lives within me. Each day, my sisters and brothers in Christ uplift and support me. All seven LWML past presidents hold me up in prayer. My local church family provides constant reminders of His mercy and grace. I receive emails and notes of encouragement from sisters in Christ across the nation on a regular basis. I will be privileged to honor them with a gift to mites because they continue to be Christ's shining light in my life.

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven (Matthew 5:16).

The LWML will offer the opportunity to remember those in your life that have brought Christ's light to you and those you care about during our *September to Remember* campaign on September 14, 2021. Watch for personal stories of Christ's light shining in the darkness through LWML social media. Then, share your stories of those who have touched your life — those who glorify God through their actions. The convention was a mountain top experience. Through our mite giving, actions, and words, let's take **HiS** message of hope and salvation to the valleys!

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*Walking by faith, surrounded by **HiS** grace.*



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