New Introduction to LWML Video Available Now!

The Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) Committee on Young Women would like to introduce a new video. This resource is a brief synopsis of Lutheran Women in Mission and the wonderful things God does through this organization. It provides an excellent way to introduce Lutheran Women in Mission to churches and communities. Use this video on LWML Sunday, at fall zone events, and at any other event. View the video here on the LWML website. You may also find it available for download on the LWML Sunday page and under the Who We Are tab.

LWML Chesapeake District Convention

LWML District President Teresa Tester opened the LWML Chesapeake District Convention on Friday, September 23 at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Gaithersburg, Maryland. With 102 attendees, including 15 first-timers, the convention began under the theme, “... and You Are My Witnesses,” inspired by the verse, “And you are my witnesses,” declares the Lord, “and I am God” (Isaiah 43:12b).

Attendees listened to messages of inspiration from the past biennium’s mission grant recipients including four representatives from Faith and Works Enterprises, an organization that is serving food, finding shelter, and helping people find jobs. Irene Giguere, a volunteer for 14 years with the Baltimore Branch of Orphan Grain Train, told the group about the work they do.
District President Teresa Tester

convention Scripture was Jr. Pastoral Counselor Rev. Gary Pomrenke. Gifts from the Heart included collecting eyeglasses for MOST Ministries, new flip-flops for Orphan Grain Train, personal travel toiletries for Faith and Work Enterprises, and children’s winter clothing for Changing Hearts One at a Time Ministry, as well as donating $1,540 in gift cards for seminarians. District President Teresa Tester passed the gavel to the newly elected president Christina Maconachy from Severn, Maryland.

The delegation approved a mission goal of $100,000 in support of nine new mission grants for the 2022–2024 biennium. The LWML representative was Recording Secretary Brenda Piester who shared news and greetings from LWML.

LWML Northern Illinois District

The LWML Northern Illinois District Convention was attended by 109 women and men on September 23–24 at the Holiday Inn & Suites, Carol Stream, Illinois. The theme, “Take Heart” was based on the Scripture verse, *I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world* (John 16:33).

LWML District President Janice Gerzevske led her final convention and passed the gavel to Gayle Thanepohn from Yorkville, Illinois. Emelia Waugh and Hannah Schauer gave their report as two of the Young Woman Representatives to the Lexington Convention, both of whom are actively serving in the district.

LCMS District President Rev. Allan Buss was the proclaimer for the opening worship service Friday night. Deb Burma served the group as their keynote speaker and Bible study leader. Gifts from the Heart donations included shelf-stable food for the Food Pantry at Family in Faith Lutheran Church in Glendale Heights. Bringing news and greetings from LWML was LWML President Debbie Larson. The delegation approved a mission goal of $99,000 in support of nine new mission grants for the 2022–2024 biennium.

LWML President Debbie Larson with incoming LWML District President Gayle Thanepohn.
Prayers for our sisters in the LWML Florida-Georgia District

Please join in prayer for our LWML sisters in Christ from the LWML Florida-Georgia District. Unfortunately, due to the pending strike of Hurricane Ian in the Tampa, Florida area, they decided to cancel their convention this weekend. Their theme of “Speakers of Christ” from 2 Corinthians 5:20, Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God was to focus on being ambassadors for Christ. As God’s children, they find encouragement and strength from each other and their Father, as they seek God’s will and trust in His promises.

Gracious God, grant Your Holy Spirit to all who had diligently planned and prepared for the convention. Give them Your peace and assurance that You are watching over them and guiding their next plan. Bless each one of them as they determine the path they will take, knowing that as Lutheran Women in Mission, they will continue to joyfully share Christ, support missions, and equip each other in honoring God by serving others. We pray this in Jesus’ name, Amen.

Serving Joyfully,
President Debbie