LWML Assembly of Leaders to Meet


Leaders including LWML district presidents, newly elected pastoral counselors, and other leaders selected by the district presidents have been invited to attend this three-day training workshop. Planned activities designed to benefit the district leaders are worship services, general informational sessions, and break-out sessions covering relevant topics such as technology, LWML resources, and the mission grant selection process. Please keep these leaders in your prayers as they prepare and travel to St. Louis, Missouri.

LWML Board of Directors and Convention Programming Committee Meet

The LWML Board of Directors and the Convention Programming Committee will meet beginning October 17 and run through the week. Please include these volunteers in your prayers as they travel and gather together to conduct the business of the LWML. May their decisions and ideas all be to the glory of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
October is a special month — the changing colors of the earth, the crisp dip in temperature, and the anticipation of the months to come. It is also Church Worker Appreciation Month, a time to reflect on God’s goodness and mercy and the gift of church workers in our communities.

Recognize the important work they do by saying thank you and expressing your appreciation in special ways. Here are some suggestions for ways to show your gratitude and support for your pastors, deaconesses, teachers, church musicians, and other church workers, especially during Church Worker Appreciation Month:

- Pray for them, thanking God for their service.
- Create an LWML Toolkit for your special church worker.
- Give a shout-out to your pastor and other church workers on Facebook.
- Decorate service-themed bookmarks or note cards to give to your church workers.
- Send them home with a meal or buy them lunch.
- Provide a gift card for your pastor or called church worker to a local coffee shop, eatery, or store with a thank you note attached.
- Offer to help them with a special project.
- Record a video message of thanks.
- Send a note of appreciation with a Bible verse.
- If they like live plants, purchase a small potted plant or flower as a gift for them.

For the LWML Toolkit and more ideas on showing appreciation for called church workers, go to https://www.lwml.org/church-workers-in-mission to view information designed to assist you in supporting, acknowledging, and nurturing called church workers.

Pray for our LWML Nominating Committee

This week, from October 12–15, 2022, the LWML Nominating Committee will gather in St. Louis to consider all the nominees for various Board of Directors positions and the 2023–2025 Nominating Committee, and to provide a slate of candidates for the ballot at the 2023 LWML Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

It is a blessing that so many have been nominated and that LWML has such wonderful servants of Christ who have allowed their names to stand for consideration for these positions. As the committee gathers this week, please remember them and their work in prayer for the good of LWML and the work of the Christ’s Church. The members of the Nominating Committee are Kaye Wolff, Chairman, Lisa Asmus, Janis McDaniels, Melissa Solomon, and Lois Tienert.

Holy Lord, in Your mercy, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, not to be served but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many. We thank You for all
who have been lifted up as servant leaders in our midst, and for the gifts and talents You have bestowed upon them. As the LWML Nominating Committee considers these nominees and deliberates about the future of the LWML, bless them with Your Spirit and Your divine guidance that they may place before the delegates those who would lead well by Your grace. Let the conversation, debate, and even disagreements be resolved in Your good way so that in all things, Your will is accomplished.

Bless this process, and give to the Nominating Committee, the LWML, and Your Church, the comfort in knowing that You have already determined those whom You would have serve in these roles, and will identify, raise up, and equip Your leaders who will serve well. When this nominating process comes to its culmination at the convention next summer, may those who are elected be blessed by Your wisdom and strength as we continue to serve the Lord with gladness together, celebrating the Lord of the nations with one heart and one voice; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

LWML Representatives Engage Lutheran Education Association Attendees

The Lutheran Education Association (LEA) concluded its fourth day of education and training at the Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on October 8, 2022. An important part of this gathering was the sharing of information and resources to the 3,005 attendees by the various vendors and organizations.

The LWML was represented by LWML Public Relations Director Susan Donnelly and 2011–2015 Vice President of Organizational Resources Carolyn Blum. Each day the attendees, of whom were many teachers, came by the LWML booth and discovered the many resources that LWML has for them. Of special interest were two Bible studies written for educators, “Educated in Christ” and “Train Up a Child.” Both of these Bible studies were given out to attendees of the convocation.

Among the 85 registered exhibitors were several LWML Mission Grant recipients. Many stopped by to thank the LWML for their prayers and financial support. One such recipient was Rev. Dr. Steven Schave, Executive Director for Lutheran Association of Missionaries & Pilots (LAMP) Ministries, 2021–2023 LWML Mission Grant #9 Propelling the Gospel. The LWML thanks them for the work they do in bringing the love of Jesus to the world.

LWML Public Relations Director Susan Donnelly and Rev. Dr. Steven Schave, Executive Director of LAMP