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40th Biennial LWML Convention — Milwaukee, Wisconsin

The Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) invites you to the 2023 LWML Convention to be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 22–25, 2023, where participants will “Celebrate the Lord of the Nations.” The LWML Board of Directors selected the following Scripture verse, which is the basis for the theme. *Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage! The Lord looks down from heaven; he sees all the children of man* (Psalm 33:12–13).

Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz, Executive Director of the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty will be the keynote speaker. Previously he served as the Speaker of The Lutheran Hour® radio program. Past LWML Vice President of Special Focus Ministries (2015–2019) Kaye Wolff will lead Bible study, and LWML’s Comic Relief Duo Jan Struck and Abby Goehring will entertain the crowd. There will be early morning Bible studies, mission grant recipient speakers, and of course, a mission pledge walk! Together, thousands of women and men will worship the Lord of the nations together.

Watch for convention details to be found in the winter issue of the *Lutheran Woman’s Quarterly* coming soon.

LWML Slate of Candidates Announced

The Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) 2021–2023 Nominating Committee announces the slate of candidates for elections to be held at the LWML Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 22–25, 2023. LWML women were asked to submit names to the Nominating Committee for the various positions to be filled.

After much prayer and consideration, the following slate is being presented for 2023:

Pastoral Counselor
- Rev. Greg Lehr – Sioux Falls, South Dakota (South Dakota District)
- Rev. Mark Maas – Cheyenne, Wyoming (Wyoming District)

President
Eden Keefe – Overland Park, Kansas (Kansas District)
Char Kroemer – Newberg, Oregon (Oregon District)

Vice President of Organizational Resources
Rebecca Bessell – Hamlin, New York (Eastern District)
Arlene Naasz – Rapid City, South Dakota (South Dakota District)

Vice President of Special Focus Ministries
Karol Selle – Rosholt, Wisconsin (North Wisconsin District)
Deb Vinkemeier – Bigfork, Minnesota (Minnesota South District)

Treasurer
Linda Guteres – Medford, New York (Atlantic District)
Anita Werner – Santa Teresa, New Mexico (Rocky Mountain District)

Nominating Committee
Nancy Beckcom – Giddings, Texas (Texas District)
Cheri Fish – Bay City, Michigan (Michigan District)
MaryLynn Huntwork – Ephrata, Washington (Washington-Alaska District)
Linda Koch – San Diego, California (Pacific Southwest District)
Deaconess Betty Knapp – Marquette, Michigan (North Wisconsin District)
Olajumoke Odedele – Peapack, New Jersey (New Jersey District)
Roxanne Pieper – Carver, Minnesota (Minnesota South District)
Laura Strattman – Chapin, Illinois (Central Illinois District)
Melissa Vance – Pierre, South Dakota (South Dakota District)

We are thankful for the Holy Spirit’s guidance in raising up these faithful leaders for the 2023 slate of candidates.

Serving the Lord with gladness,

LWML 2021–2023 Nominating Committee: Lisa Asmus, Janis McDaniels, Lois Teinert, Melissa Salomón, Kaye Wolff, Chairman.

Rev. Brian Noack, Pastoral Advisor

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace (1 Peter 4:10).

The Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) is an official auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.

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