

## Rev. Dr. Roosevelt Gray, Jr. to “Celebrate the Lord of the Nations”

Rev. Dr. Roosevelt Gray, Jr. will be the Proclaimer for the 40th Biennial LWML Convention closing worship service on June 25, 2023. Rev. Dr. Gray currently serves as the Director of LCMS Black Ministry, serving predominantly black communities and ministering to African Americans, African immigrants, and other native black populations.



He has been married to Otelia Vanessa, his college sweetheart, for 46 years. Both were band members. She played the clarinet and he played the tuba. They have been serving together in the mission and ministry of Christ for 34 years.

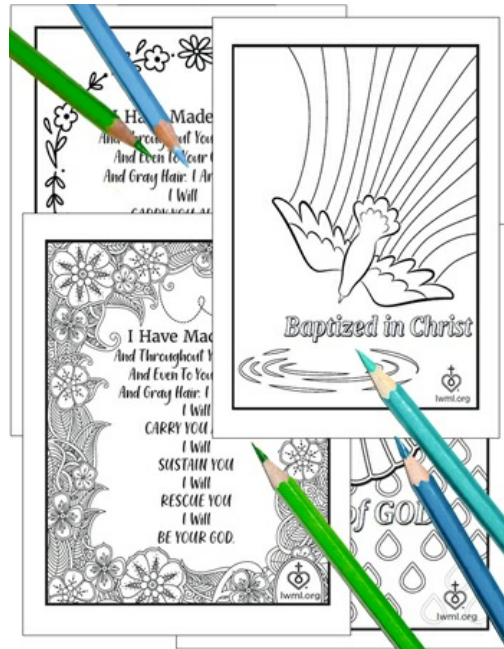
One of his favorite Scripture passages is Romans 1:16–17, which begins *For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes* (Romans 1:16a). This verse speaks about the heart of the Christian faith, life, and witness — the Gospel — God’s only power of redemption, reconciliation, and restoration. Rev. Dr. Gray is proud of the Gospel and will proclaim it joyfully to all the nations! Come and join in celebrating our Lord in Milwaukee, June 22–25, 2023.

## 2023–2025 Mission Grant Proposals Ballot Set

The LWML Mission Grant Selection Committee met in St. Louis, January 4–7, 2023, and reviewed 67 mission grant proposals. After prayerful consideration of each proposal, a ballot list of 45 proposals was selected and approved by the LWML Board of Directors and the Presidents Assembly. These 45 grant proposals will be brought to the convention voting body for selection through an electronic voting process and the results will be announced at the LWML Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 22–25. The mission grant ballot proposal summaries are now available on the LWML website under the [Convention Central](#) tab.

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