



LWML DISTRICT PASTORAL COUNSELOR RESPONSIBILITIES AND RESOURCES

The role of a LWML district pastoral counselor is to serve as a spiritual leader by advising and encouraging the LWML officers and members of his district.

Responsibilities

- ☆ Attend all LWML district events, including LWML district Executive Committee (EC), Board of Directors (BOD), and other district committee meetings (as appointed by the LWML district president) as an advisory member.
- ☆ Attend the LWML national convention as requested.
- ☆ Pray for the members on the LWML district BOD. Suggestion: Pray for the LWML district BOD members on their birthday.
- ☆ Counsel, support, and pray with individual LWML district leaders and members.
- ☆ Prepare and lead Bible studies, devotions, and/or prayers at LWML district EC/BOD meetings as directed by the LWML district president.
- ☆ Report your activity to the LWML district EC/BOD as requested by the LWML district president.
- ☆ Install LWML district officers.
- ☆ Review the doctrinal content of all materials produced for use or publication by the LWML district.
- ☆ Assist with suggestions for recipients of LWML special designated offerings and Gifts from the Heart (ingathering).
- ☆ Help with planning and participation of all LWML district events. Invite LWML zone pastoral counselors to participate in the events.
- ☆ Inform, encourage, and advise LWML zone pastoral counselors in the district.
- ☆ Become familiar with LWML district bylaws and LWML district pastoral counselor's responsibilities.
- ☆ Meet with your LWML district president to go over written and unwritten expectations.

Suggested Ideas for Engagement

- ☆ Talk with past LWML district pastoral counselors.
- ☆ Be an encourager of LWML in your church, at LWML district meetings, and LWML district LWML events including retreats and conventions.
- ☆ Visit the lwml.org website and your LWML district website to learn why and how Lutheran Women in Mission joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.

- ☆ Daily pray for LWML and mission grant recipients (local, district, and national). While on your LWML district website, view your district's mission grants and visit one of the current grant recipient's websites.
- ☆ With input from the LWML district president, develop a biennium calendar for LWML district events/meetings; devotions, Bible studies, or prayer assignments; newsletter article assignments; and district/national convention dates.
- ☆ Get to know your LWML zone pastoral counselors; mentor and encourage them.
- ☆ Read the LWML district BOD minutes from the last two years to learn more about your LWML district.
- ☆ Consider adding notes and suggestions on your LWML biennium calendar or in your records that you can pass on to the new LWML district pastoral counselor.

Resources

1. [*What Is the LWML?*](#)
2. [*What Are Mission Grants?*](#)
3. [*How does LWML support church workers \(Church Workers in Mission\)?*](#)
4. [*Download the LWML App!*](#)
5. [*What's the deal with the Mite Boxes?*](#)
6. How Do I Get Mite Boxes?
 - a. [*LWML Mite Boxes*](#)
 - b. [*Children's Mite Boxes*](#) (great for Sunday School and confirmation students!)
7. [*Mustard Seed Devotions and Packets*](#) ... What Are They Like?
8. [*Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*](#) — LWML's Own Magazine!
9. [*Primary focus for 2021–2023*](#)
10. [*Faith Building Help for Groups — LWML's Two-Year Planner*](#)
11. How can our district, zone, or group [*apply for a Mission Grant?*](#)
12. Is there a [*rite for installing*](#) group, zone, or district officers?
13. Where do I find [*blessing and ingathering resources*](#) ?
14. Is there a list of [*devotions*](#) available to use?
15. Where do I find [*program helps*](#): Litanies/Responsive Readings/Short Programs?