

Celebrating Heart to Heart — Sisters of All Nations and Young Women in Mission



The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is celebrating two special programs that share milestone anniversaries this year. At the 2023 LWML Convention in Milwaukee this summer, both the Young Woman Representatives (YWR) as well as Heart to Heart — Sisters of All Nations (H2H) programs will be honored as LWML celebrates with an anniversary tribute honoring the involvement of young women and multicultural women.

In 1973 the first "youth representatives" were invited to attend the LWML Convention in Mobile. Eight women from the Minnesota South District (1), Ohio District (2), North Wisconsin District (2), South Wisconsin District (1) and Minnesota North District (2) accepted the invitation. Other districts did not send a "youth rep" to Mobile mostly because of financial concerns. When the idea was officially adopted for the 1975 LWML Convention in St. Paul 26 districts participated. Special programming was developed for the 45 "youth delegates" who attended that convention. This program continues today as the Young Woman Representatives (YWR) program organized by the Committee on Young Women. While this is not the official anniversary of the YWR program, we are excited to recognize that it began 50 years ago.

The H2H program began when 22 Hispanic and African American women church leaders were invited to a pre-convention seminar at the 2003 LWML Convention in Oklahoma City. For many their attendance at the convention was the first exposure they had to the work of the LWML. Through these twenty years, women from many different ethnic backgrounds have experienced the H2H program. Today the program has expanded to encourage districts to welcome and involve women of varying ethnic backgrounds. To aid them with this work districts send women to attend a 1-day pre-convention training for their role as H2H District Leaders with the focus on developing cross-cultural relationships in all levels of LWML.

All H2H and YWR women are invited to stop by the Reunion table in the registration area of the Wisconsin Center's first-floor lobby to receive a ribbon and instructions on how you can participate in the celebration.

Reunion Receptions will be held on Friday, June 23, at 9 p.m. (check the convention newspaper for the locations). All women who have been involved in these two programs are invited to these receptions to get reacquainted and celebrate the involvement of all our sisters in Christ.



Gifts from the Heart at the 2023 LWML Convention UPDATE!

Are you or your LWML group preparing Gifts from the Heart (GFTH) items for the convention in Milwaukee this summer? Recipients at the upcoming convention include Orphan Grain Train (OGT), Phil's Friends, A Place of Refuge, and Most Ministries. For more information and a complete list of items to collect, see the UPDATED Gifts from the Heart Flyer [here](#). Page two of the GFTH Flyer includes specific instructions and an updated list concerning the OGT hygiene kits. Thank you for your support of the 2023 Gifts from the Heart recipients & sharing the love of Christ!

Blessing of Convention Participants Available Now

St. Paul reminds us in Colossians 3:17, *And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.* As representatives of the body of Christ and their congregations, sisters and brothers in Christ are preparing to attend the 40th Biennial LWML Convention. Part of their preparation is to receive the blessing of the Lord and to ask for the prayers and support of their congregation. The [Blessing of Convention Participants](#), written by Rev. John Heckmann, LWML Pastoral Counselor 2011–2015, is available now for download on the LWML website. May God continue to bless all preparations!



LWML Bible Studies Available Now in German

Thanks to the fulfillment of a district LWML mission grant, several Bible studies written by Donna Snow have been translated into German! These free Bible studies are available [here](#) on the LWML Website for you to view, download, print, and share! Thank YOU for helping to make these translations available for our German-speaking brothers and sisters in Christ.





Join us in worship and fellowship!

40th Biennial LWML Convention
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

June 22-25, 2023

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