



LWML – Lutheran Women in Mission 2023-2025 Committee Purpose Statements

The following purpose statements reflect the desire to encourage Lutheran women to be rooted in God’s Word and to live out their response to God’s grace through mission, service, and fellowship with other women.

Christian Life Department

The purpose of the Christian Life Committee is to:

- Equip women with Christ-focused resources to encourage and strengthen their faith through the power of the Holy Spirit.

The purpose of the Christian Resources Editors Committee is to:

- Review and update current resources.
- Solicit and equip authors to produce additional resources.
- Produce a two-year meeting guide that provides programming ideas and promotes growth in faith and relationships with sisters in Christ.

The purpose of the Mustard Seed Task Force is to:

- The purpose of the Mustard Seeds Task Force is to develop and produce Mustard Seed devotions relevant to the challenges and issues facing women so their faith will be nurtured.

Communication Department

The purpose of the Communication Committee is to:

- Be a liaison between national LWML and LWML participants.
- Communicate with the districts, zones, and congregations.
- Be an advocate for our members.
- Foster communication between all levels.

The purpose of the District Technology Support Committee (DTSC) is to:

- Encourage use of the LWML website and social media platforms.
- Assist with other technical needs of the organization.

The purpose of the Publications Committee is to edit and produce the official LWML publication and convention newspaper with the following goals:

- Be a dynamic witness tool for all women.
- Connect women with the mission of LWML.

- Provide relevant and timely topics for study and discussion.
- Inform women of LWML news at home and throughout the world.

The *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* is the official publication of the LWML.

Gospel Outreach Department

The purpose of the Mission Grants Committee is to:

- Review and select mission grant proposals for the Mission Grants ballot.
- Provide resources that inspire and motivate women to support mission grant recipients through prayer and encouragement.
- Update LWML Mission Grants Resume and Mission Grant History to include the mission grants selected in previous biennium.

The purpose of the Gospel Outreach Committee is to:

- Encourage women to be grounded in God's Word.
- Inspire women to share their faith in Jesus Christ, their Savior, through acts of love and service.
- Provide ideas and resources that assist women to glorify God by serving others.
- Provide Gifts from the Heart ingathering opportunities at national meetings and convention.

Organizational Resources Department

The purpose of the Church Workers in Mission Committee is to:

- Encourage LWML women to build relationships with pastors and church workers so we may partner together to spread the Gospel.
- Provide resources to LWML members so that they can support pastors and church workers in their congregations.
- Provide and promote resources to LWML district and zone pastoral counselors so they can more effectively support their respective groups.
- Provide information on new LCMS rostered workers to districts so that LWML members can welcome them, make them aware of the mission of the LWML, and provide them with LWML resources that can assist them in their ministry.

The purpose of the Group Development Committee is to:

- Encourage participation in LWML events and activities that spread awareness of LWML missions and service.
- Direct local groups, zones, and districts to resources that connect women with the mission and ministry of the LWML in order to further its reach. Equip groups by providing resources that connect women with the mission and ministry of the LWML.

The purpose of the Leader Development Committee is to:

- Offer resources to present and future leaders to discover and develop their unique God-given gifts and therefore participate in a meaningful and encouraging servant leadership role.

The purpose of the Structure Committee is to:

- Keep the LWML Bylaws and related resources flexible while maintaining the legal status of the organization.
- Review district bylaws and proposed amendments.
- Be a resource to help districts, zones, and groups have effective structure and procedures which allow them to serve the Lord with gladness.

Public Relations Committee

The purpose of the Public Relations Committee is to:

- Create a consistent message and heighten the awareness of LWML and its mission.
- Enhance our visibility to all women of the LCMS.

Special Focus Ministries Department

The purpose of the Committee on Young Women is to:

- Guide LWML leaders with resources to make connections with young women.
- Produce and facilitate the Young Woman Representatives (YWR) program for the LWML Convention.
- Empower and mentor younger women to connect and grow in relationships as sisters in Christ.
- Equip and encourage young women to become more involved in their local group and embrace the mission of the LWML.

The purpose of the Heart to Heart – Sisters of All Nations Committee is to:

- Motivate, equip, and provide opportunities for service for sisters of all nations by building trusting relationships as we serve and grow in Christ.
- Enhance and enrich the Heart to Heart program.

The purpose of the Special Ministries Committee is to:

- Oversee and update the LWML webpages specific to involvement of deaf and hard of hearing, blind and visually challenged, and intellectually and developmentally challenged women.
- Connect the LWML Districts with the resources available through LCMS RSOs working in the areas of deaf and hard of hearing, blind and visually challenged, and intellectually and developmentally challenged ministries.
- Connect the deaf and hard of hearing, blind and visually challenged, and intellectually and developmentally challenged individuals with accessible LWML resources.
- Encourage LWML Districts to appoint a Special Ministry Advocate to inform the women of different opportunities for service and fellowship with deaf and hard of hearing, blind and visually challenged, and intellectually and developmentally challenged people.
- Communicate with district advocates providing encouragement to help LWML groups welcome all women into their fellowship.