Celebrating 25 Years: Honoring Karen Andersen

We are thrilled to commemorate a significant milestone for one of our staff members. On April 19, 2024, Karen Andersen will mark her 25-year work anniversary as our dedicated Administrative Coordinator.

Since Karen first joined Lutheran Women in Mission a quarter-century ago, her unwavering commitment, professionalism, and tireless work ethic have left an indelible mark on our organization. Over the years, she has been the backbone of our administrative operations, consistently ensuring the smooth functioning of our day-to-day activities.

From managing Lutheran Woman’s Quarterly subscriptions, handling shop orders, and providing invaluable support to every department, Karen has been instrumental in fostering an environment of efficiency and collaboration within our organization. Her attention to detail, reliability, and willingness to go above and beyond have made her an indispensable asset to our team.

As we reflect on Karen’s 25 years of dedicated service, we express our deepest gratitude for her countless contributions to Lutheran Women in Mission. Her unwavering dedication and commitment serve as a shining example to us all as together we “serve the Lord with gladness.”

Please join us in extending a heartfelt congratulations to Karen on this momentous occasion! 

Send her a note of appreciation: Karen Anderson, c/o Lutheran Women in Mission; 801 Seminary Place, Suite L010; St Louis, MO 63105.
New Church Workers Called to the Harvest Fields. How Will You Receive Them?

Call Day happened this week at both Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (CSL), and Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (CTSFW). These new church workers are beginning their lives of service as deaconesses and pastors or continuing their education as vicars and deaconess interns. Pray for our future pastors and deaconesses as they find out where God is planting them!

If a new church worker has been called to your area, why not take a moment to write a note, make a phone call, or drop by to introduce yourself? A word of welcome and sharing information about the LWML can go a long way in making them feel at home. You can find the list of calls and assignments by visiting the Call Day pages at CSL and CTSFW.

Have you checked out the Church Workers in Mission (CWIM) Brochure yet? It's a great resource that shares the mission of Lutheran Women in Mission and the free resources available at lwml.org that support the ministry of church workers. Click here to download to print at home or you can order full color brochures in packs of 50 in the SHOP!

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Eight District Conventions Meet This Week!

Please join in prayer for the Lutheran Women in Mission gathering in convention this week.

The **LWML Central Illinois District** will be meeting in Rock Island, Illinois, under the theme “Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling” from Luke 10:2.

The **LWML Gulf States District** will gather in Prattville, Alabama, with a theme of “Return to Your Rest” from Psalm 116:7.

The **LWML Montana District** will assemble in Polson, Montana, with a theme of “Tell Everyone What HE Has Done” based on Psalm 26:7.

The **LWML English District** will gather in Dearborn, Michigan, with a theme of “May the Nations be Glad and Sing for Joy” from Psalm 67:4.

The **LWML Louisiana-Mississippi District** will gather in Bossier City, Louisiana, with a theme of “Celebrate the Lord of the Nations — We are HIS Heritage” from Psalm 33:12–13.

The **LWML Atlantic District** will gather in Suffern, New York, with a theme of “God is Good — Say So!” from Psalm 107:1–2.
The LWML New England District will gather in Trumbull, Connecticut, with a theme of “Songs in the Night” based on Job 35:10.

The LWML Utah-Idaho District will meet in Logan, Utah, with a theme of “Living in the Light” from Isaiah 60:1.

Dear Lord, we pray the Holy Spirit guide these women and pastors as they attend to the business of their districts, are inspired by mission speakers, Bible study, and enjoy the fellowship of being together as they serve the Lord with gladness. Please provide safe travel for all participants and thank You for Your many blessings on these districts over the past biennium. We thank You for four years of service by LWML District Presidents Laura Strattman (Central Illinois), Sharon Dever (New England), Michelle Zollinger (Louisiana-Mississippi), and Pam Kercher (Montana). Be with Carol Klein (English), Cherie Endrihs (Gulf States), Terri Bentley (Utah-Idaho), and Deaconess Raquel Rojas (Atlantic) as they chair their first conventions. We ask all of this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Learn More About Upcoming District Conventions

Seeking Nominations for Nominating Committee

The LWML Procedures Manual and LWML Bylaws set out the specific roles and responsibilities of the LWML Nominating Committee. Perhaps YOU or someone you know would work well on this committee. Prayerfully consider and then submit a nomination form at lwml.org/nominations.

“If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you” (John 13:14–15).
Oklahoma Convention Highlights

The Hilton Garden Inn and Conference Center, Edmond, Oklahoma, was the setting as 173 attendees gathered for the LWML Oklahoma District Convention, April 12–13. The theme, “Rejoice! Pray! Serve!” was based on Romans 12:12–13, *Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.* The convention objective — rejoice in God’s grace, pray His name, and serve His people — continues to resonate with those who attended.

LWML President Eden Keefe shared the vision for LWML. Two Bible studies were led by Rev. Joel Heckmann. Mission speakers were Deaconess Dr. Tiffany Manor and DCE David Fiala. Mites in Action speaker, Camp Lutherhoma Director John Busch, shared about the wonderful partnership of both mission and vision between Lutheran Women in Mission and Camp Lutherhoma.

The Friday servant activities produced blankets for Project Linus and Mary Abbott Children’s House, Christmas ornaments, and encouragement cards for active military through HUGS Project. Gifts from the Heart were collected for Privot, programs and services that focus on youth services; Hugs Project who provide care for returning troops, veterans and first responders; and Project 66 Food and Resource Center, a faith-based nonprofit that provides food to people who are facing food insecurity.

President Pam Weiderkehr presided over the convention and announced that delegates and the voting body approved 19 mission grants and a mission grant goal of $135,000. Newly elected officers were installed: Lori Steele, President, Sandra Sibley, Vice President of Special Focus Ministries, Brenda Nivens, Vice President of Organizational Resources, Beverly Bahr, Corresponding Secretary, Beth Schoeling, Financial Secretary, and Rev. Ryan Honeycutt, Junior Pastoral Counselor.
Watch for highlights from the LWML Kansas District Convention in next week’s eNews!