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Seeking Nominations for Vice President of Gospel Outreach

The LWML Nominating Committee is seeking candidates to be elected at the 2025 LWML Convention in Omaha, Nebraska. One officer being elected is the Vice President of Gospel Outreach who coordinates the Gospel Outreach Department. The department is made up of the Mission Grants and the Gospel Outreach committees. This vice president is directly involved with receiving mission grant proposals and guiding the selection process of grants for the convention ballot. Nomination information can be found at lwml.org/nominations.
Atlantic District Convention Highlights

The LWML Atlantic District met at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Suffern, New York, on April 27, 2024, under the theme “God is Good — Say So!” based on Psalm 107:2. The one-day convention served as a kick-off for activities within the district over the next two years. Deaconess Raquel Rojas, LWML Atlantic District President, encouraged attendees to be present in their local groups and at events supporting one another.

The voting body approved a mission goal of $90,000 and selected 16 grants.

Sara Gulseth served as Keynote Speaker with the theme “In Struggle We Sing.” Other speakers included Dr. David Genter and Janice Kennedy (past mission grant recipients, and Rachel Potts (Lutheran Braille Workers). LCMS Atlantic District President Rev. Dr. Dien Ashley Taylor brought greetings and LWML President Eden Keefe represented Lutheran Women in Mission.

Central Illinois District Convention Highlights

On April 26–27, 2024, the LWML Central Illinois District joined together for the 77th annual convention under the theme, "Hark the Voice of Jesus Calling," based on Luke 10:2, The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field (NIV). The convention was held at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Rock Island, Illinois. LWML Central Illinois District President Laura Strattmann presided over the convention as attendees approved an $82,500 mission goal for eight mission grants.

Gifts from the Heart were collected to benefit Christian Family Care Center, Pregnancy Resources, Milan Christian Food Pantry, and MOST Ministries.
Montana District Convention Highlights

Outgoing LWML Montana District President Pam Kercher presided over the convention held April 26–28, 2024, in Polson, Montana. Under the theme, “Tell Everyone What HE Has Done,” based on Psalm 26:7, *proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all your wondrous deeds*, the voting body chose to fund nine district mission grants for a total of $23,900. Gifts from the Heart ingathering collected 22 quilts for Orphan Grain Train and 214 pairs of shoes for children from the Confederate Salish Kootenai Tribal Education program.

Keynote/banquet speaker was Deb Burma. Other speakers included Rev. Dennis Bauer and Rev. Jim Wiest from Muddy Cluster/Circle of Life Lutheran Church-Northern Cheyenne Ministry, Carol von Soosten, LWML Gift Planning Counselor, and Jeff Synder from Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF). Presentations were given by Abby Oloff and Tristin Reinke, YWRs to the LWML Milwaukee Convention and Christina Henry, Heart to Heart — Sisters of All Nations District Leader. The 2025 Omaha convention sketch was done by the LWML Montana District Board of Directors. LWML Public Relations Director Debbie Yocky brought greetings from the LWML and Angie Ebel served as humorous interrupter.

The opening worship was held at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, hosted by Rev. Kyle Waley. Rev. Larry Miller, Junior Pastoral Counselor, served as liturgist. Rev. Daniel Keinath, Senior Pastoral Counselor, was the proclaimer. Shari Miller was organist, and Carol Ondov led the convention choir.
Cheryl Stensrud was elected President and Rev. Jonathan Schultz is the new Pastoral Counselor. Attendees assembled 200 blessing bags and donated crafts for the Mission Mountain Mercantile for MITES, raising about $2,000. An auction for Mites-Quilts and other items raised $4,950.

Montana District newly elected president Cheryl Stensrud and outgoing president Pam Kercher

Montana Young Woman Representatives to Milwaukee Convention Abigail Oloff and Tristin Reinke

Gifts from the Heart shoe ingathering