LWML Board of Directors Visits Omaha

The LWML Board of Directors (BOD) met in Omaha, Nebraska, from May 6–9, 2024, to continue planning for the 2025 LWML convention, strategic planning for the future, and other business of the organization.

During the meeting, the BOD toured the CHI Health Center, site of the 2025 Omaha Convention. Convention planning is well underway. Watch for more information soon!

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Thank You!

Thank you, dear sisters in Christ, for the cards, emails, and phone calls expressing such kind, thoughtful, and encouraging sentiments acknowledging my twenty-five years with Lutheran Women in Mission. It continues to be an honor and privilege to serve the Lord with gladness alongside all of you. May our Triune God continue to bless the work of LWML as together we strive to fulfill His Great Commission to make disciples of all nations as we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.

In Christ Alone,
Karen Andersen, Administrative Coordinator
The 41st Biennial LWML Louisiana-Mississippi District Convention was held April 26–28, 2024, at the Hilton Garden Inn, Bossier City, Louisiana. The theme was “Celebrate the Lord of the Nations … We are HIS Heritage,” based on Psalm 33:12–13.

Mission in Action speakers and Bible studies encouraged and uplifted the 89 attendees. LWML Gift Planning Counselor Linda Gage and LWML Strategic Plan Facilitator Cheryl Mattil also attended.

The Gifts from the Heart ingathering went to benefit House of Grace, which provides refuge to young women ages 18–24 in a Christ-centered home in Northwest Louisiana. A servant event was held on Friday afternoon to create cross necklaces to be used as witness tools, make Cards of Hope, and label covers of journals with Bible passages for cancer patients through Phil’s Friends.

LWML Louisiana-Mississippi President Michelle Zollinger led her final convention. The LWML thanked her for her faithful service. The voting body approved 6 mission grants and a mission goal of $30,000. Leslie Koenck was elected President.
The LWML SELC District gathered in convention at Concordia Lutheran Church, Macungie, PA, from May 3–5, 2024, under the theme “Let Our Light Shine,” based on Matthew 5:16, *In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.*

LWML President Eden Keefe represented Lutheran Women in Mission. Other speakers included Rev. Bob Marshall (Lutheran Heritage Foundation), Linda Medhus (Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch), and Comfort Dog Lily and handler Linda (Lutheran Church Charities K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry®). Attendees engaged in a servant event to crochet plastic mats for the homeless and brought Gifts from the Heart to benefit Brighthope, a local pregnancy support center.

Voting delegates selected four mission grants totaling $6,000 and elected Carol Miksad as LWML SELC President. Outgoing LWML SELC President Millie Kwiatkowski was recognized for her faithful service. Newly elected President Carol Miksad welcomed two new LWML groups: Concordia Lutheran in Macungie, Pennsylvania, and Redeemer Lutheran in Manchester, New Jersey.

Newly elected District President Carol Miksad presented outgoing District President Millie Kwiatkowski with her past president's pin and a gift. Hannah Naumann demonstrated and taught participants how to crochet plastic mats at the Friday evening servant activity. Assisting: Karen Ann Kowalczyk

SELC Board: (left to right) Pam Reece, Betty Olah, Pastor Gordon Naumann, Carol Miksad, Karen Ann Kowalczyk, Allyn Starry
Utah-Idaho District Convention Highlights

From April 26–28, 2024, over 93 women and men assembled for the LWML Utah-Idaho District Convention at the Riverwoods Conference Center in Logan, Utah. The theme, “Living in the Light,” was based on 2 Corinthians 4:6, *For God, who said, “let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.* Walking hand in hand with Jesus we can make a difference in our lives and of others.

During a servant event, Busy Bags for Kids were assembled for the Logan Regional Hospital and Children’s Primary Hospital, and a Gifts from the Heart ingathering benefitted Little Lambs Foundation of Cache Valley.

Bible study leader Beth Foreman, and Keynote Speaker Christina Hergenrader also led interest sessions. LWML Vice President of Christian Life Susan Brunkow represented the LWML and spoke about leadership during her interest session. Utah-Idaho Pastoral Counselor Rev. Kirk Triplett led a session on mental health in the church, and former Utah-Idaho President Linda Larson led a book club session on “All the Light We Cannot See.”

The voting body, led by Utah-Idaho President Terri Bentley, approved nine mission grants and a mission goal of $37,000.

LWML Utah-Idaho President Terri Bentley

YWR Prayer Jars: Each YWR was given a prayer jar filled with prayers to encourage and uplift them.

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