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PASTORAL COUNSELOR NOMINATIONS DUE

Pastoral Counselor nominations are now being accepted for the 2017 convention ballot. Nominations are to be submitted through your LWML District President. The deadline for Pastoral Counselor nominations is October 31, 2015.

The documents necessary for the nomination process are listed and linked below:

[Pastoral Counselor Cover Letter](#)

[Pastoral Counselor Nominating Form](#)

[Pastoral Counselor Consent Letter](#)

[Pastoral Counselor Congregation Letter](#)

President Patti Ross asks for prayers during this process and God's blessings on the Pastors considering nomination.

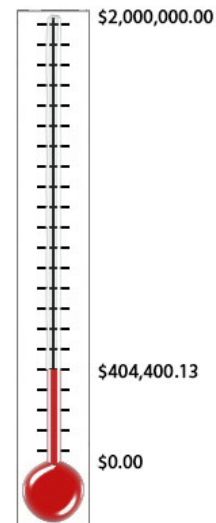
MITE GOAL UPDATE as of September 30, 2015

Mission Goal for 2015-2017 Biennium: \$2,000,000

Amount Received: \$404,400.13

Amount Needed: 1,595,599.87

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YOUR MITES AT WORK

Last biennium LWML granted \$30,000 to Lutheran Church Charities (LCC) to train three K-9 Comfort Dogs to aid those who share the love of Jesus and help spread the Gospel to people who are hurting and in need.

This week a second team of LCC K-9 Comfort Dogs and handlers arrived in Roseburg, Oregon to supplement the original team of six dogs and twelve handlers. The administration of Umpqua Community College requested the LCC K-9 Comfort Dogs as

the only outside group to be present when students returned to classes on the campus where mass shootings claimed ten lives and seriously injured nine.



Tim Hetzner, President of Lutheran Church Charities says, "In the midst of crisis God works - and works through His people. Healing, hope, compassion, the listening presence of another, and the soft fur of a Comfort Dog; all things that God does and works through. What an impact for Jesus Christ in bringing the mercy, compassion, presence, and proclamation of Jesus Christ to those suffering!"

Deployed team leader Rich Martin said, "We have never prayed with more people in a deployment than this one. It is non-stop, people wanting to talk and wanting us to pray!"

Your support of mission grants through mite offerings relieves suffering, shares Christ's peace, and spreads the Gospel to a world in need of God's love.

For more information on the 2013-2015 grant for K-9 Comfort dogs, visit the website at <http://www.lwml.org/2013-2015-mission-grants>

Planning Meeting Prayers Requested



LWML leadership from across the country will soon convene in St. Louis, Missouri, for an Interdepartmental Meeting under the theme "Joy in the Journey." The theme, based on Psalm 16:11a, will be central to the work of the task force, committees, and teams. Goals, objectives, and action plans for this biennium will be completed. President Patti Ross asks God's people to pray for the Pastoral Counselors and servant leaders as they join together in Christ's name.

Lutheran Women in Mission - The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is the official women's auxiliary of the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod. Since 1942, the LWML has focused on affirming each woman's relationship with Christ, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries, and to support global missions.

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