

Then and Now

LWML will celebrate our 75th Anniversary in 2017. To honor our past and imagine our future as Lutheran Women in Mission, watch for pages in upcoming issues to see various "then and now" aspects of LWML. You will note many changes since 1942, yet our underlying purpose ... **missions** ... remains the same!



1942 Organizational Meeting at St. Steven's Lutheran Church in Chicago



White gloves and hats with veils are not seen at today's LWML events. Participation is emphasized over formal membership. Local groups no longer collect dues but promote service and mite offerings. What remains consistent throughout our 75 years is our original purpose: missions!

Noteworthy: Lutheran women in the 1800s served the Lord by sewing garments and canning food for seminarians as well as supporting orphanages and hospitals. Others sent money to build Lutheran schools in China and India. Service to others has always been emphasized, even before the LWML was officially organized in 1942.

From Kaye Wolff, VP of Special Focus Ministries

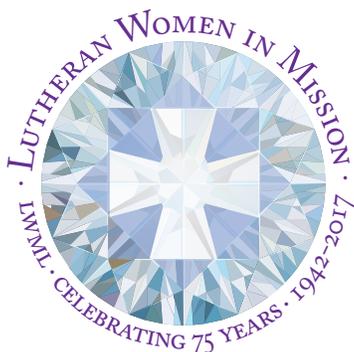
"The intentional outreach to multicultural women supports our purpose statements, which include the words 'every woman,' 'each woman,' and 'all women.' I am grateful that LWML leaders, now and throughout our history, recognized the need to include women of all ages, seasons, and cultures as we grow together as sisters in Christ!"

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LWML is open to all women of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, enabling each one to serve the Lord with gladness in her own unique way. Throughout our 75-year history, the organization has strived to encourage and welcome women from many cultures and women in all ages and stages of life.

We'd like to hear from you! Since you've become active in the LWML, what growth have you seen? What will be the look of the LWML in the year 2030? In 2050? Post your insights and dreams at www.lwml.org/75.



A time to celebrate! LWML TURNS 75 IN 2017

You're invited to join us at our Diamond Dazzle Celebration at the 37th Biennial Convention June 22–25, 2017 | Albuquerque, New Mexico