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# TIDINGS

*Lutheran Women in Mission Rocky Mountain District*

Plan now to attend the

## LWML Rocky Mountain District Convention

**June 22-24, 2012**

**Marriott Hotel  
El Paso, Texas**

Highlights include:

**Elaine Bickel**  
*Banquet Speaker*

**Rev. Gary Rahe and Rev. Timothy Storck**  
*Bible Study Leaders and Worship Proclaimers*

**LWML President Kay Kreklau, Rev. Dr. Karl Heimer de la Cotera,  
Mary Marten, Elaine Bickel, Rev. Gary Rahe**  
*Enrichment Session Leaders*

**CORRECTED Convention Registration Forms and Information**  
are available in this March 2012 *Tidings*  
and on the RMD Web Site at [www.rmdlwml.org](http://www.rmdlwml.org)

**Hotel reservations for LODGING**  
may be made by phone: **1-915-779-3300**  
or through the RMD Web Site at [www.rmdlwml.org](http://www.rmdlwml.org)

### KEEP YOUR MITES COMIN' IN

**March 31, 2012**  
**is the deadline to meet our LWML RMD Mite Goal**  
**of \$75,000.**

**Check the mission page in this issue and the**  
**RMD Web Site at [www.rmdlwml.org](http://www.rmdlwml.org)**  
**for grant updates.**

### REGISTER YOUR DELEGATES SOON

According to our bylaws, each unit (one or more societies in the same congregation) may send two elected delegates for every 40 or fewer members and one elected delegate for each additional 20 members or major fraction thereof.

**Be sure to elect your delegates and their alternates and register them as such by May 1, 2012**

## Carol's Corner

### LWML RMD 2010-2012 Vision Statement



Build Up In Love Daily

**1 Thessalonians 5:9-11**  
(English Standard Version)

For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

## Go Team RMD!

Teamwork is easy to recognize where it exists, but hard to define where it doesn't.

One definition I've read is: *two or more people moving along a path of interaction toward a common goal.*

*One person* is not a team, regardless of how effective that one is. There is no *team* involved if there is no forward motion or communication. Another factor is shared vision.

So, if two or more are working on a project—but not communicating—there is no teamwork. If they are communicating—but not focusing on a common goal—there is no teamwork. With this in mind, are we working as a team towards supporting our mission grants?

I have been guilty of not being specific in my terminology. Often I'll remind myself to be mindful about mites and mite-giving. I've said similar words to many others in LWML. For me that term is "short-hand" for several steps in a process.

It is a reminder:

- to be in the Word,
- to be prayerful as I make a mite donation to those grants LWML and LWML RMD support,
- to repeatedly pray for those mission grant recipients.

LWML celebrates its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. Our mites have always been the backbone of our organization. But let's be clear: For anyone, especially LWML women, it's not all about the money, **it's about the mission!**

I apologize if I've ever made someone think I was only focused on a dollar amount when I talked about mites. Much has been said in the last few months about mites and our mite deadline of March 31<sup>st</sup>. We've mentioned the challenge of reaching our mite goal because we are not at the same level of mite donations from past years. Why is that so critical? IF we don't reach our goal, we won't reach the people our grants promised to help.

In these last weeks before the March 31<sup>st</sup> cutoff, let's all be prayerful about mites and the mission grants. Let's ask God to lead our study of His word, our prayer time, and may He bless our mission grants and the mites necessary to complete vital programs.

We are all part of the LWML RMD team, but the bigger picture is that we are on God's team. Let's have a cheer for that. Go TEAM!!!

Joy in His service,  
*Carol von Soosten*

## WHY a CORRECTED Convention Registration Form?

The convention registration fee was not printed correctly in the January issue of the *Tidings*.

Background: After a lengthy discussion at the November Executive Committee (EC) meeting, an increased registration fee was suggested based on a desire to be more fiscally responsible. Since several of the previous conventions ended in the red, an increase in the registration fee was needed. The motion passed at the EC meeting on November 12, 2012 was a registration fee of \$95, after May 1 the registration fee would be \$110, and the spouse and one day rate would be set at \$50.

We apologize for this error and any confusion this may cause. In addition to re-printing the registration form in this issue, we are sending out notices and alerts to get the word out in the RMD. Please share this information with your family and friends.

## LIVING THE GRANDE LIFE CONVENTION BAG UPDATE ANNOUNCING CONTEST CATEGORIES FOR CONVENTION BAGS

**WHO:** ALL ATTENDEES AT THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT CONVENTION

**WHAT:** B.Y.O.C.B. (BRING YOUR OWN CONVENTION BAG)

**WHEN:** JUNE 22-24, 2012

**WHERE:** EL PASO MARRIOTT

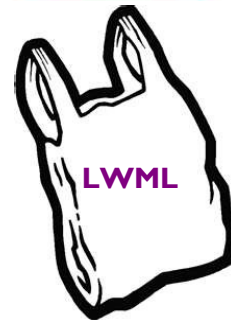
**WHY:** TO BE BETTER STEWARDS OF OUR FINANCES  
In the last *Tidings* you heard about the LWML RMD joining the **RECYCLE, REDUCE, and REUSE loop**. Everyone attending the LWML RMD Convention in June in El Paso will be encouraged to bring their “own bag” to carry their convention materials and personal items. Have you decided which bag to bring? Look at the following contest categories and see if you have a bag that could win! **Prizes will be awarded in each category.**

- **Oldest LWML RMD Convention Bag**
- **Oldest International/National LWML Convention Bag**
- **The most creative “new LWML bag”**
- **President’s Choice**

Details will be available in the May *Tidings* if you’d like to enter your “bag” in this contest. Do you have too many bags to choose from? Bring an extra and share with another LWML sister or brother!



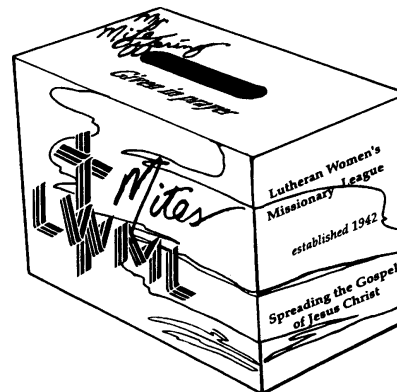
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**Remember to send your mites each month to our RMD Treasurer. Her address is:**

LWML Rocky Mountain District  
c/o Nancy Doty  
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## DEADLINE TO MEET OUR MITE GOAL MARCH 31, 2012

## Convention Leaders



### **Rev. Gary Rahe – Bible Study Leader and Proclaimer**

Rev. Gary Rahe, Senior Counselor of the LWML Rocky Mountain District, serves as pastor of Zion Lutheran Church in Holyoke, Colorado. Over the past 34 years, Pastor Rahe has served the LWML in a variety of ways including Northeastern Zone Pastoral Advisor and has previously served as a Pastoral Counselor for the LWML Rocky Mountain District.



### **Rev. Timothy Storck - Bible Study Leader and Proclaimer**

Rev. Timothy Storck, Junior Counselor of the LWML Rocky Mountain District, is the associate pastor at Lutheran Church and School of Messiah in Grand Junction, CO. During his nearly five years in the ministry Pastor Storck has served as the pastoral advisor for the Western Zone as well as his position on the Executive Committee of the LWML RMD. He first attended LWML gatherings as a child with his mother at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Seattle, WA.



### **Beth Shroff - Music Leader**

Beth Shroff is the music director at Christ Lutheran Church and School in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She served as our song leader at the Albuquerque convention in 2008 and at Grand Junction convention in 2010. Her days in the LWML RMD began as the YWR to the convention in Kansas City in 1995. Since then she has served on the Committee on Young Women and in various capacities of her local Women's Guild. Beth is currently serving LWML RMD as Corresponding Secretary and Publications Manager. Beth was born and raised in Southeast Texas, where she learned at an early age to use her musical abilities in church and Lutheran school. She has a B.M.Ed. degree from Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas. She loves sharing the love of God through music with others!



**2012 LWML RMD Convention**

*June 22-24, 2012*

*El Paso, TX*



**E**nrichment & Encouragement

**L**OVE & Laugh

**P**raise & Prayer

**A**nticipate Alleluias

**S**cripture & Singing & Serving

**O**MG(Oh, my God)...How wonderful thou art!

**T**ravel & Treats

**'X**hilarating & 'xciting

**LIVING THE GRANDE LIFE**



**Convention Registration & Meal Form**

Rocky Mountain District Convention

June 22-24, 2012, Marriott Hotel, El Paso, TX

Please type or print in black ink

Check One Appropriate Category

Badge Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First)

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

- A \_\_\_\_\_ General Registration  
 B \_\_\_\_\_ Delegate  
 C \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate  
 D \_\_\_\_\_ Zone YWR  
 E \_\_\_\_\_ Zone Teen  
 F \_\_\_\_\_ District Board Member  
 G \_\_\_\_\_ District Committee  
 H \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor (No Registration Fee)  
 I \_\_\_\_\_ Past District President (living in District) - Voting

Society \_\_\_\_\_ Zone \_\_\_\_\_

Check Here: If you are a First-Time Attendee \_\_\_\_\_ If you are a Teen \_\_\_\_\_.

**Registration Fees**

	Fee	Total
1. Early Registration (Postmarked by May 1, 2012) .....	\$95.00	\$ _____
2. Registration (after May 1, 2012 or on-site).....	\$110.00	\$ _____
3. Spouse Registration (Name).....	\$50.00	\$ _____
4. One-Day Attendance: Friday _____ Saturday _____	\$50.00	\$ _____
E-Mail (No Fee) / If Confirmation is mailed		\$ 1.00

**Meals**

Meal Package: \$95.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Includes Fri. dinner, Fri. Ice Cream Social, Sat. Continental breakfast, lunch &amp; banquet dinner, Sun. Continental breakfast)

All LWML participants are welcomed to the Ice Cream Social. If you do not take the meal package, a donation to help defray the cost can be made.

Friday lunch for Young Woman Rep's Only .....\$15.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Separate Meal: Saturday banquet dinner only.....\$32.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(If you have not chosen the meal package.)

Total for Registration and Meals\$ \_\_\_\_\_

All registrants, including delegates, be sure your zone name is listed and the full TOTAL remittance is enclosed. Incomplete forms will be returned to you. A letter of confirmation will be sent by e-mail or regular mail to all who register by May 1, 2012. This form is for **CONVENTION REGISTRATION & MEALS ONLY**.

**Make checks out to LWML RMD****Registration forms need to be sent to : Anita Werner, PO Box 1266, Santa Teresa, NM88008****Enrichment Sessions**

Everyone will be able to attend two Enrichment Sessions. Please mark your choices with the letter of the Enrichment Session in order of your preference.

- A. **Rev. Gary Rahe – You “Mite” Be a Lutheran...**  
 B. **Mary Marten - LWML and the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**  
 C. **Elaine Bickel - Roots and Wings**  
 D. **Rev. Dr. Karl Heimer de la Cotera - Humanizing Hispanic Ministry**  
 E. **Kay Kreklau - The Vision of LWML**

My choices for Enrichment Sessions are:

1 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_

**Special Needs**

Dietary \_\_\_\_\_

Signer \_\_\_\_\_

Wheelchair Accessibility \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Duplicate this form for your records

## Hotel Reservations

Room charges for the convention are \$119 for single/double/quad

**This is your responsibility to make hotel reservations!**

Hotel reservations are made directly with the Marriott.

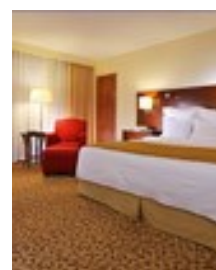
Call the Marriott at **1-915-779-3300**

**say that you are part of the LWML RMD group.**

One person can reserve a room and everyone in the room can still pay with their own credit card when they check in.

**On-Line** reservations can be made by going to our web site at [www.rmdlwml.org](http://www.rmdlwml.org) and click on the link or by using the following link:

<http://cwp.marriott.com/elptx/2012lwmlconvention/>



## Ride the Bus to El Paso

Itinerary (all times are approximate):

7:00 am Thursday: Leave in a luxury motor coach from Mt Olive Church in Aurora\*.

2:00 pm – 7:00 pm: Sightsee in Santa Fe, NM and enjoy a group dinner.

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm: Continue on to Socorro, New Mexico for the night.

7:00 am – 8:00 am Friday: Enjoy free breakfast at the hotel and check out.

11:00 am Friday: Arrival at the El Paso Marriott with enough time to check in before the convention starts.

12:30 pm Sunday: Return directly to Denver. Enjoy dinner on the bus. Hotel accommodations available in Denver if needed.

All for around \$250\*. Only 47 seats available...get one before they're gone! Fill out the form from the **January Tidings** and return it plus a \$125 deposit to Andi Noblitt, LWML Bus Coordinator, by **March 31<sup>st</sup>**. Deposit is not refundable once the bus has been reserved. More information will be sent out once participation is confirmed.

**\*Can add additional bus stops if required**

**\*\*Price based on 30 participants with two people per hotel room and may vary depending on enrollment. Price does not include entrance to the convention or accommodations in Denver or El Paso.**

This is a fun-filled, great deal if you are traveling from the front range area! Get to know your Sisters in Christ



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## Gifts from the Heart

Oh, it's fun to buy clothes; pick out the right color and cute.

**BUT** guess what people really need?

### **UNDERWEAR and SOCKS**

Women, Men & Kids.....Any size...

.... adult, big kids, little kids

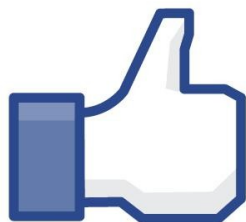
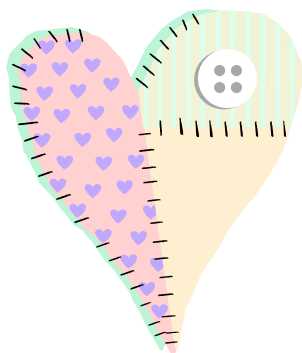
Please consider collecting underwear and socks as Gifts from the Heart for the 2012 LWML Rocky Mountain District Convention.

The gifts will go to the Ysleta Mission.

It's basic, we furnish the WORD for their hearts....

.....we furnish the clothes for their bodies!

LWML does Serve with Gladness!



Check out the RMD on facebook! Log on to facebook and search for RMD-LWML.

Click on the Like button if you like our facebook site.

## ZONE BANNER/QUILT

**Zone Presidents** – have you asked someone(s) to make the banner quilt for the Procession at the 2012 LWML Rocky Mountain District Convention? Did you have more than one design idea to choose from? Bring any extra your societies design and all will be donated to the elderly and needy in the Pecos and Rio Grande Zones. Let's wrap our love around those less fortunate!



## Know Your Mission Grants

Judy Piepkorn  
VP Gospel Outreach

### Mission Grant Recipients for the 2010-2012 Biennium

	<u>Granted</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Unpaid</u>
Trinity/HOPE – Feeding Haitian Children	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -0-
Rocky Mountain District – Debt Assistance Program	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ -0-
Kings Camp at Lutheran Valley Retreat	\$ 6,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 2,000
Veterans of the Cross	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -0-
Developing Religious Curriculum for God's People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ -0-
Opening a New Outreach Center Ft. Collins, CO- Lutheran Blind Mission	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,000
Support for the University Lutheran Chapel in Boulder, CO	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ -0-
Missionary Household Setup - Lutheran Bible Translators	\$ 7,500	\$ 3,750	\$ 3,750
Expansion of the Ministry of the Lutheran Hispanic Missionary Institute, El Paso, TX	\$ 7,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 4,000
Training Pastors for Gospel Outreach in Africa	\$ 7,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,000
Mission Outreach to Immigrants from Ethiopia (Aurora, CO)	\$ 7,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 4,000
Scholarship Assistance to Students Preparing for Ethnic Ministry	\$ 3,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,000
	\$75,000	\$53,250	\$21,750

## Six Reasons to Come to Convention

Sue Frauenfeld, Planner

**E**nlightening Bible studies with your Pastoral Counselors - Gary Rahe and Timothy Storck!

**L**ively discussions after hours with roommates and friends!

**P**riorities straightened out for at least three days!

**A** amazing speakers at awe-inspiring enrichment sessions!

**S**inging in unison and harmony with hundreds of your sisters and brothers in Christ!

**O**utstanding, Christ centered worship services!

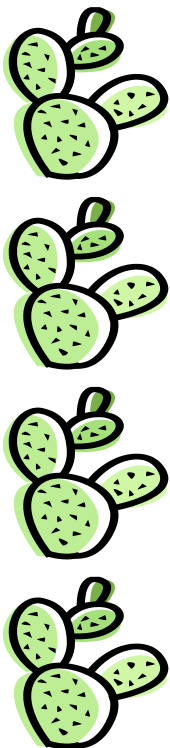
Are you excited yet? I hope so, and if you are not coming to convention make sure to help at least two delegates from your society to attend. They will let YOUR voice be heard during important voting on officer candidates and for mission grants for the upcoming biennium. They will bring back news from the district and national LWML, and inspire with new ideas and friendships across the Rocky Mountain District.

*Out  
of the  
Box!*



# The Creation of Woman

Pastor Rahe  
Senior Counselor



Recently, I gave a topic at our LWML society's quarterly meeting. The topic was, "The Creation of Woman." For this topic I used Genesis, chapters 1-3.

It is important to note that when God created anything, He declared it to be "good." Clouds were created "good." Grass was created "good." Animals were created "good." Fish were created "good." Day and night were created "good." It was all "good" and God said it was. So it stands to reason, on the sixth day, when man and woman were created, it was also "good." Of course, this "good" was more than just pleasing, it meant it was perfect and it was holy just as God is holy and perfect. All was in order and all was well.

The creation of man and woman on the sixth day came in two parts. First, there was the creation of Adam. God made Him and left Him alone in the world. Now, he was not really alone, Adam just didn't know where his mate was to be found. After looking over the animals, naming them, and seeing their mates, he didn't find anyone suitable for himself.

Could it be God had forgotten him? Not at all. God just wanted Adam to know how special he was and how special his mate would be. We are told, Adam fell into a deep sleep and God took out a rib and behold woman was

formed. And, as you might know, it was "good."

What does this have to do with the LWML? I'm glad you asked. Eve was Adam's helper, the one who made him and his work complete. With Eve, Adam could now accomplish what God wanted him to do. With Eve, Adam could feel a wholeness. With Eve, his wife, Adam and Eve would again be "one flesh." It took both to be what the Father had wanted for His creation so that He would see it as "good." Adam needed Eve and Eve needed Adam; together they were as God intended.

In the Church, we find too many struggling with who we are and what are our roles. I do believe God has given us unique gifts and abilities. I also know we can do more than one task. I also believe God has a created order for His world, and if we live with His order in our homes and churches, we will find things work better. However, I never assumed God thought Adam was better than Eve or Eve than Adam. Since both were formed of the same elements and blessed by God in the same way and really were one flesh before being separated, in God's eyes both were important, equally important. They were His children and they were alive spiritually.

But there was a major problem. Sin entered the world when Adam and Eve became

confused about their roles. No longer perfect they struggled and this struggle has continued to this day. Try as we may, we are not naturally pleasing and certainly not "good." Because of the failure to keep the proper focus, Adam and Eve destroyed what God intended for His creation. They brought death and all death causes in our homes, communities, and world. There is no path back to where God wants without the hope that the Father provides in and through His Son. This message must get out into the world for people to be saved.

The LWML is not an organization of women competing with anyone. The purpose and tasks of the LWML are God's plan for them, and their reason to exist is to serve Him and to declare His mercy and grace to all. The LWML is to focus on how this work can be done as women serve their Lord in the ways the Lord would desire. The goal must not be any other than humble service for the King of kings. But, this is to be the goal of all in service to Him, not just for our women. Our work is not competing with each other but working in harmony as God's family in sharing Christ. Humility causes us to allow the Holy Spirit to use us and in service to bring glory to our God. As Jesus would tell us, "Whoever would be great among you must be your servant."

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It is not God's desire that we spend our time focused on ourselves and how important we believe we are. This destroys our purpose and renders our service a waste. There is too much of this attitude in the world in general and unfortunately, at times, there is too much of this thinking in the Church. There are distinct roles for men and women to fill and when done properly, the "good" the Father expects and demands can be the result. When done in proper ways with the power of the Holy Spirit, the mission of sharing Jesus Christ and Him crucified will happen and lives will be changed and people will be saved because they will come to know the truth as revealed in God's Word.

So I ask. Who are you? What can you do? In light of Adam and Eve being created to work together for the Father, how are you serving? How are you an inspiration to others in their service and commitment to our Lord? And how are you and your fellow sisters in Christ working to build each other and your society in our Lord? And, how is humility exhibited in the person you are and the tasks you do?

God has specific roles for all. He is aware we are not the same, and still, He knows without all our gifts and abilities coming together we will not get the message out about our Savior and His love. It is not who is important but how are we important as we serve our God?

Focus on Jesus and His love. Tell His story in word and deed. Commit your way to Him and allow your will to be molded by His desire for you.

Don't worry about what you aren't. Just consider what God made you to be and through faith may your service to Him be recognized by our heavenly Father as "good."

In Christ,  
*Pastor Rahe*  
Senior Counselor

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