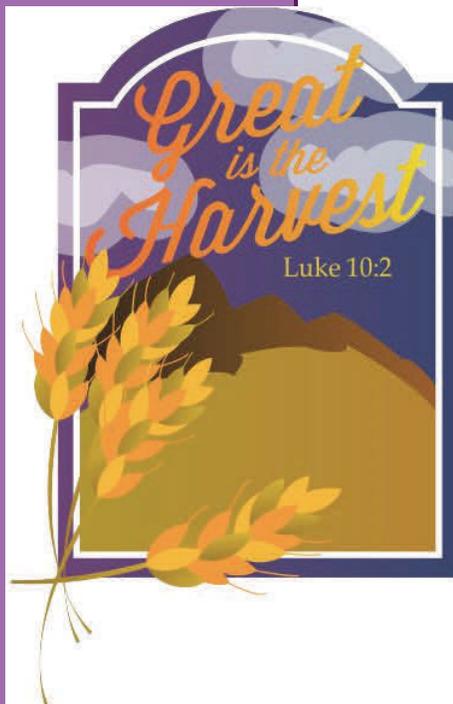




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TIDINGS

Lutheran Women in Mission Rocky Mountain District



Fun facts about the 2014 convention!

- * 329 women attended the convention
- * 64 first timers who have caught the "Let's go to the next convention" bug
- * 15 teens helped with sorting, counting, and boxing our "Gifts of the Heart"
- * 13 Young Woman Reps learned about LWML and the Rocky Mountain District.
- * 9 pastors in attendance
- * 4 past LWML RMD presidents
- * 3 babies under 1 year old
- * 2017 LWML convention in Salt Lake City is highlighted

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Convention Offerings

Offering # 1—2014-2016 LWML RMD Mission Grant Mites

\$2,703.01

Offering # 2—The Eastern Colorado Services for the Developmentally Disabled

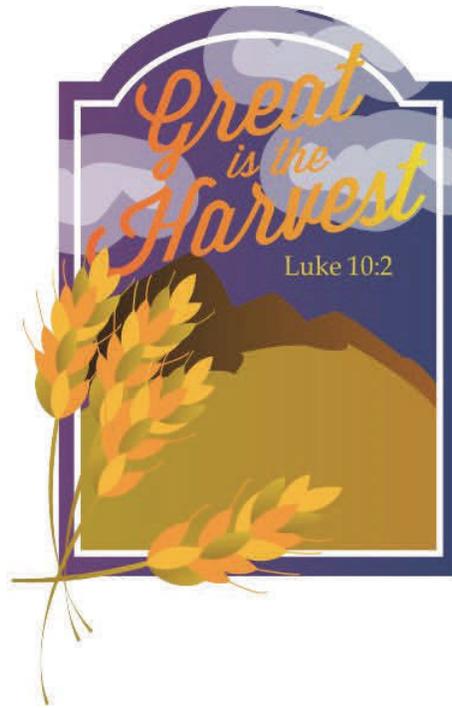
\$2,336.01

Offering # 3—Resurrection in the City is the 'rebirthing' of the congregation of Mt. Calvary, Denver

\$2255.01

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

WOW! What a great TIME we had at the LWML RMD Convention at the Ramada Plaza in Northglenn, Colorado, June 20-22, 2014! The theme was based on Luke 10:2 and He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into His harvest."



Thank you to all who were involved with the 47th convention, *Great is the Harvest*, from the first moment of planning and preparation to the last! The awesome and inspiring worship service on Friday evening set the tone for the weekend with Bible studies, enrichment sessions, Farmer Jon, other gathering times complimenting and reinforcing our focus, and then ending the convention with the worship service Sunday morning completing our marvelous time together. We focused on the idea that God, through the power of the Holy Spirit, has provided for us opportunities to share with all those around us His saving love through Christ Jesus. This may not always be comfortable for us and we always have the option of refusing to share God's saving grace with others; but "*The harvest is plentiful...*" shares with us the message that what we say, think, and do can affect the lives of people around us. It may be the only opportunity they have to hear about Jesus. Through LWML we have many opportunities to participate in sharing Jesus with those both close and far away; through our prayers and mites we enable many to hear about the only Savior of the world. Closer to home, your neighbors, family, and friends can be those hungering for a Savior and we can be that "laborer"

working in the "harvest." So *what does this mean?* It can be as simple as volunteering to serve through your church society, zone, district, or national LWML. It can mean having coffee with a shut-in or personal friend, sharing Jesus' and your love with them. It can mean praying for your church, your pastor, and the people serving through the LWML and LCMS. It can mean praying for the salvation of all who don't believe in Jesus. Everywhere we look, "the harvest is waiting."

I look forward to working with you over the next four years "in the harvest field as your new LWML RMD President." Those serving with me are - Newly Elected: Vice President of Gospel Outreach, - Judy Delve, Vice President of Servant Resources - Darlene Markel, Jr. Pastoral Counselor - Rev. Mark Nierman, Nominating Committee: Chairman - Chris Bostron, Norma Thaemert, Sue Giddings, Sue Herrmann, and Caroline Powell. Those continuing their term of office: Vice President of Christian Life - Colleen Spahr, Recording Secretary - Sue Mumm, Treasurer - Beth Nagy, Sr. Pastoral Counselor - Rev. Jonathan Schultz. Working together, NOW is the TIME be a part of "the harvest!"

Blessings,
Sylvia

Remember to send your mites each month to our RMD Treasurer.

Her address is:

LWML RMD
Beth Nagy, Treasurer
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Are You Ready for the Harvest?

Rev. Jonathan Schultz
Sr. Pastoral Counselor

There we were: Hundreds of ladies, a few men, and a handful of young children gathered together. We were nourished and fed through Word and Sacrament, we sang great music, ate delicious food, and made new friends. And we didn't get much sleep. Sounds like a pretty good LWML convention to me!

We left the convention full of excitement and enthusiasm, ready to look at the Harvest that the Lord has prepared for us. Now, a couple of weeks later, we've probably caught up on sleep and finally settled back into our summer routines. But what happens now that we've come down from the top of the mountain? Are you still full of the excitement and enthusiasm?

Our Lord continues to feed us in Word and Sacrament. He forgives our sins and calls us to serve Him in our vocations. In these vocations, God gives us opportunities to plant the seed of faith among those with whom we come into contact. Yet, it is God who gives the growth.

As St. Paul writes, "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth." (1 Cor 3:6-7)

So let's joyfully serve our Lord, using the opportunities He gives us to share the source of our hope with others! May He continue to work through each of us in the days to come.



Farmer Jon and his favorite leghorn, Lola. He helped us understand what it takes to plant seeds, fertilize, tend to and harvest the rewards.



Farmer Jon showing president Carol that Lola was very tame and could be petted.

Know Your Mission Grants

Judy Delve
VP Gospel Outreach

Mission Grant Recipients for the 2014-2016 Biennium

	<u>Granted</u>	<u>Paid</u>
Kingdom Kids	\$ 5,000	\$ 0
University Lutheran Chapel, Boulder, CO	\$ 6,000	\$ 0
Orphan Grain Train Collection Center—CO West	\$ 5,000	\$ 0
Rocky Mountain District – Debt Assistance	\$ 7,500	\$ 0
Concordia Seminary, Fort Wayne, Food and Clothing Co-op	\$ 7,500	\$ 0
Hispanic Ministry Northeast Colorado	\$ 5,000	\$ 0
Roadrunner for Christ, Inc.	\$ 5,000	\$ 0
Ysleta—Mariachi San Pablo	\$ 8,000	\$ 0
Revitalizing the Mission at Navajo, New Mexico	\$ 7,000	\$ 0
Biblical Orthodox Lutheran Mission	\$ 6,000	\$ 0
Trinity/HOPE—Haiti	\$ 5,000	\$ 0
Project: Pastoral Education, West Africa	\$ 6,000	\$ 0
Mission Central, near Mapleton, Iowa	\$ 5,500	\$ 0
	<u>\$78,500</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>

Did you stop at the Mission Grants table in the “Gleaners’ Gallery”? Here was an opportunity to show off the skills you have acquired with those nightly “visits” watching Alex Trebek on *Jeopardy*.

How many of you know these?

Answer: Des Moines, Iowa in 2015.

Question: Where and when is the next LWML convention?

Answer: Jr. Pastoral Counselor Mark J. Nierman

Question: Who is the newly elected pastoral counselor for the Rocky Mountain District?

Answer: This is a really good way to know even more about the mission of the LWML.

Question: What is “accept an office in my local, zone, or district LWML group?” (Even if you did not acquire a new position at the convention, there are plenty of opportunities when you get home.)

How much will you wager that our MITES can grow significantly in the next biennium?

Let’s make it a TRUE DAILY DOUBLE!!



Outgoing Sr. Pastoral Counselor Rev. Timothy Storck directing to the exhibit hall.

Greetings:

It was with great feelings of **thankfulness** that Colorado West Collection Agency of Orphan Grain Train accepted the generous donations from the LWML RMD. We received a copy of what all was collected. WOW! It took 2 pick-up loads and a van to deliver all to our warehouse in Thornton. A total of 13,961 items! All items will need to be sorted and repacked into the shipping boxes we use to ship to Norfolk, NE. We know that the children that receive these supplies will have big smiles on their faces when they can receive that back pack, new pencils and paper.

Other items collected were 79 soccer balls along with many quilts. We hardly know how to thank all of you. You women are a blessing to so many people. So a great big thank you to you from the children that benefit from so many of you. You truly do "SERVE THE LORD".

Our motto comes from the Bible passage that Pastor Wilke chose many years ago. He has said that we do not do everything but we do do something "I will not leave you as orphans, I will come to you." John 14:18.

In His Service,

Lou Boette and Colorado West Committee,

We can be reached at 303-453-1270 or rm2ss@q.com



Teens helping with Gifts from the Heart. They counted everything that was collected and decorated backpacks to donate.



CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS



Friday night at Gethsemane Lutheran Church



Convention coordinators
Nancy Kraft & Linda Achziger



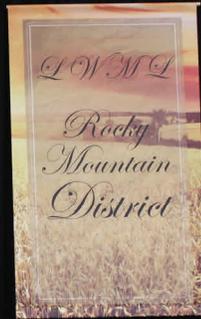
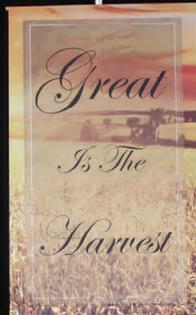
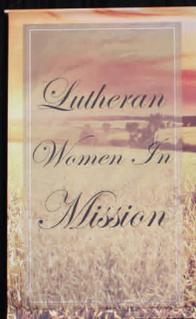
Convention greeters



Kim Goetsch & Margaret Blazek at the
Leader Development exhibit



Co-Convention Chairs
Susan Weimer, Northeastern Zone, & Sue Fraunfeld, North Central Zone, with Convention Coordinator Nancy Kraft,



"Great is the Harvest"
Convention Backdrop

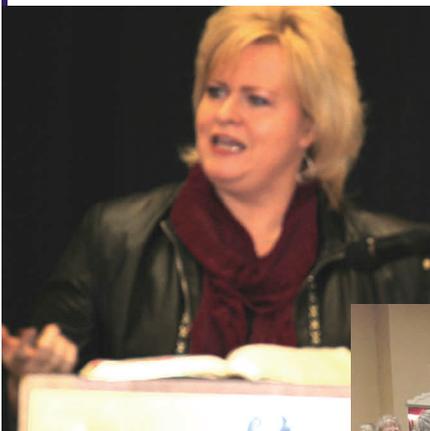
LWML RMD Past Presidents:
Delores Rhode, Pauline Groerich,
Carol Maas, and Susan Weimer



CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS



Friday evening pie social



Donna Pyle led us in Bible study

Donna Pyle also signed her book "The God of All Comfort"



How many Lutherans does it take to fill an elevator?



Technology at its best during convention.



Our youngest attendees

Young Woman Reps—2014



Teens—2014



Saturday banquet entertainment—4 Higher

What does a Queen Sized Hand Quilted Quilt and the 2017 LWML Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah have in common?



Both will take diligent hard work. Both require hands on cooperation. Both will involve the LWML Rocky Mountain District. Both require dedication, love, prayer, hugs, and joy in seeing the final results.

The quilt has been donated by the quilters from Messiah Lutheran Church, Grand Junction, Colorado. to draw the awareness to the 2017 LWML Convention in Salt Lake City and the opportunity to work hand in hand with our sisters from the Utah-Idaho District, Montana District, and Wyoming District.

“How?” you ask! There will be a free drawing for the quilt in February 2015 at the Board of Directors meeting. All women registered to attend the 2014 Rocky Mountain District Convention were entered through their registration. **NOT ABLE TO ATTEND THE CONVENTION?** Well, you can enter online by going to www.lwmlrmd.org. Go to the events link and click; then look for the link to the entry form for the quilt; click the link, complete the information, then click submit. It is that simple.

Now that you are hopefully focused on the quilt and its importance, here is the other part of this partnership, the important part. It is the responsibility each districts co-host convention to raise funds to support the expenses of the Host Committee. The total needed is \$20,000 to cover all necessary Host Committee expenses. These funds should be in the bank by November 2015 so we can then focus on Host Committee work and convention details. What does that tell us? **We have work to do!!**

There are 242 societies within the four co-hosting districts. If each society could raise \$85 our goal of \$20,000 would be met. The Rocky Mountain District has approximately 110 societies, 110 times \$85 is approximately \$9,300. Not all groups are the same size; some can raise more and others not as much. Here are some suggestions for society fund raisers: pie auctions, cookie walks, soup suppers (empty pot fund), Bakeless Bake Sales. Or you can donate online by again going to www.lwmlrmd.org. On the front page, look for the link to the 2017 SLC Convention Host Committee Donation link; click the link, complete the information, then click submit. Just like registering for convention online, PayPal will receive and forward your donations to our treasurer, Beth Nagy. It is that simple. **OR** you can use **Goodsearch** to do your searching or shopping on the internet. You can donate to our cause “LUTHERAN WOMEN’S MISSIONARY LEAGUE—ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT” and a portion of your activities used on this search engine will be donated to the 2017 Host Committee Expense Fund. Should you prefer to donate by check, make your check out to the Rocky Mountain District and on the memo line put “2017 Host Committee Expense Fund” and mail it to our District Treasurer, Beth Nagy.

We have been challenged to take ownership of this endeavor so that we do not succumb to the thought that “someone else will raise these funds.” Instead, let’s say, “Yes, we’ll do our part!” Each one of you is important in the process of making this convention a success.

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Heart to Heart Sisters

What is Heart to Heart Sister?

The purpose of the Heart to Heart Sisters Committee is to motivate, equip, and ensure opportunities for women of diverse ethnic groups to serve the church, participate in LWML, witness to the world, and grow in relationships as sisters in Christ.

The Heart to Heart Sisters Program is an intentional effort to include ethnic women in the life and work of the LWML. The first Heart to Heart Sisters participated in the 2003 Oklahoma City LWML Convention. Since that time, over 163 women from a variety of ethnic groups have taken part in the Heart to Heart Sisters Program at an LWML Convention.

The LWML RMD is seeking a woman to represent our district at the 2015 LWML Convention in Des Moines, IA.

Our RMD Heart to Heart Sister at the 2013 LWML Convention in Pittsburgh was Zorayma Perez from Ysleta. Check out her story that was published in the September 2013 *Tidings*.

Do you know a woman in your congregation or zone that would like to participate? Contact our RMD President Sylvia Bean.

