



# TIDINGS

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## *LWML RMD Convention 2016 At the Antlers Hotel Colorado Springs, June 10–12, 2016*



## 2016 Convention Offerings

- #1 Mites (2016-2018 Biennium)
- #2: Ministry to the Armed Forces/Barnabas Program
- #3: Veterans Hospitals for patient cares such as Bible puzzle books, etc.

## Gifts of the Heart

Information is available on page 10

**Convention Registration & Meal Form can be found:  
In the January Tidings or  
On line at LWMLRMD.org  
You can also register online at [LWMLRMD.org](http://LWMLRMD.org)**

## Gleanings From Sylvia



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."*

## Prepared?

Are you prepared to attend? There's been lots of preparations going on for the LWML RMD 48<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention over the last two years! The focus of our Convention, which will be at The Antlers Hotel, June 10-12, 2016 in Colorado Springs, CO, has been that the Lord would guide us in our preparations and planning; with that in mind, the Executive Committee and the Southern Zone selected the theme: **"God - Our Fortress & Refuge"** based on Psalm 91:2 ESV *I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."* With the goal being, rescued in Christ, we are empowered to trust in His victory, and our objectives that all in attendance be fortified by Word and Sacrament; being armored, stand firm against evil; and be courageous to serve others. Our worship services, Bible studies, and enrichment sessions reflect the theme and goals with the addition of how LWML RMD can be involved on society, zone, and district levels. There will be exhibits to peruse with "give-aways," hands-on activities, and shopping at the LWML and CPH stores; and all kinds of "sweet" entertainment for you to enjoy! So come prepared to enjoy and take refuge for a weekend of action in His Word, to be fortified, and prepared to extend God's kingdom through prayer, word and deed.

Registration for the convention is available online or by mail; hotel reservations may be made by phone. A big "thank you" to Laura Raben for her work on our lwmlrmd.org website to make online registration a reality. Also,

thank you to all who have worked preparing for this convention!

**Now is the Time** to make your preparations to attend the 48<sup>th</sup> Biennial LWML RMD 2016 Convention in Colorado Springs! I'm excited about the "refuge" the Lord has planned for us during this time together as we delve into His Word, and learning and trusting more in the "fortress" He provides for us in body and soul. See you there!

With the convention focus in mind our preparations for the Board of Directors Meeting included "Leadership Boot Camp" held February 19-20, 2016 at Mt Olive Lutheran Church, Loveland, CO. The goal of preparing for God's mission as we receive spiritual nourishment, focus on developing our service potential and the mentoring of others was selected as a precursor to the convention.

We thank the ladies of Mt Olive, Loveland, CO for their hospitality and planning in helping complete our "Boot Camp" by providing "training" facilities and delicious "rations" for us! Thank you to Beth Shroff, our BOD Song Leader, for our great "camp songs," and to our EC, Chairmen and Committees who provided for our "training" at this BOD! **Great job!**

"Engage, Encourage, Equip and Enjoy" is the theme of our newly elected National LWML President Patti Ross. She feels these 4 words are the focal points of LWML. 2016 convention logo was designed by Sarah Hulsey from Colorado Springs, CO.

Thanks.  
Blessings,  
*Sylvia*

## *The Cost of a Life*

*Pr. Jonathan Schultz  
Senior Pastoral Counselor*

Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests<sup>15</sup> and said, "What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?" And they paid him thirty pieces of silver. Matthew 26:14-15

What is the cost of a human life? That's a question with drastically different answers depending on who is answering. The question arises, at times, like when you go to purchase a life insurance policy, or in the unfortunate instance of a lawsuit involving a death.

That was the question Judas asked of the chief priests. "What is Jesus' life worth to you?" They agreed on a price: thirty pieces of silver. Judas – one of Jesus' 12 disciples that had been with Him since nearly the beginning of His ministry – would betray Jesus with a kiss. Those 30 pieces of silver would be a handsome payment for his betrayal.

In Jesus' day, a piece of silver was worth about a day's wage. Thirty pieces is over a month's worth of work. In the Old Testament, that was the cost of a life. If an ox killed a slave, the owner of the ox must make restitution of 30 pieces of silver, and the ox would be killed (Exodus 21:32).

For a month's wages and the value of a slave, Judas betrayed his Lord. That is what Judas thought Jesus' life was worth. But what of you? What is your life worth?

To Jesus, the answer is **everything**. He would willingly give up His very life in order to save you from your sins.

Perhaps it is fitting that Jesus was betrayed for the valuation of a slave, especially considering what Jesus said about Himself: *The Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many* (Matthew 20:28).

Jesus would do anything for you. He saw you dead in your sins, but He would not leave you there. He took your sins upon Himself, and bore them to the cross.

In the Small Catechism, Martin Luther describes this gracious act of God in the explanation of the Second article of the Creed. There, Luther writes: Jesus "has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death."

Your life is far more valuable to God than any amount of money. For you, Jesus willingly suffered, bled, and died in order that your sins would be forgiven and that you would receive the promise of eternal life. Your sins are forgiven because Jesus gave up everything to save you.



## *Mission Grant Recipients for the 2014–2016 Biennium*

*Judy Delve*  
*VP Gospel Outreach*

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

***As of March 1, 2016 we have paid all the grants in full! Praise the Lord!***

### *Roadrunner for Christ, Inc.*

Feeding the soul, feeding the body and paying some bills is a quick summary how the first \$2500 of our \$5000 grant to Roadrunner for Christ was spent. Two deliveries of goods were made in 2015, one to the Hopi tribe in Arizona and the other to Ysleta Lutheran Mission in El Paso, Texas. Our mites helped fund two donations to Ysleta Lutheran Mission, \$1000 to purchase Bibles for their prison ministry and \$1000 to purchase food for their food bank. Our grant also assisted in paying the rental unit used for storage. They anticipate using the next \$2500 in similar ways this year.

### *RMD Debt Assistance Program*

The Rocky Mountain Debt Assistance Program was formed to address our new pastors' high educational debt loads. The average debt for each pastor is \$35,000. Debt relief grants are awarded to pastors each December. One of the recipients responded, "I am writing to express my deep gratitude and appreciation for the District's debt relief of \$819.00 – nearly 5 months of loan payments. Your support over the past years has cut more than 2 years of payments off our loan!! May God richly bless you and your service to his Kingdom in all the work you do!" Let's keep our pastors in our prayers as we give our mites to support this \$7500 grant.

## *An Abundance of Christian Resources*

*Colleen Spahr  
VP Christian Life*

The Lenten Bible study, "Women with Jesus at the Cross and Tomb," has been added to the Christian Life webpage on our district website [www.lwmlrmd.org](http://www.lwmlrmd.org). The first part of the Bible study may be done during Lent and the second part after Easter. You can download the whole document. The lists of Christian resources, including devotions on various topics and Bible studies, have been updated. These are just lists, not the actual documents. If you are interested in any of these resources contact me for more information or a copy of the devotion or Bible study.

You may borrow Donna Pyle's Bible studies with DVDs and workbooks from the district Christian Life Department. "Your Strong Suit: Bible Study on God's Armor" is related to the theme of our upcoming convention. "Overflowing Abundance: A Bible Study on Jesus Feeding the Five Thousand" provides new insights on this miracle of Jesus.



### LWML.....BEING A SISTER IN CHRIST

At the February Board of Directors meeting one of the skits presented revolved around mentoring. If we are honest, there are times in our lives when we all can use a "mentor". LWML gives all of us the opportunity to be a "mentor" by allowing us to grow in faith and use the gifts God has given us to help those around us. Get to know the woman in the pew next to you. Reach out to a new mother or someone recently widowed. Seek out new members in your congregation; get to know them and their needs.

Getting involved may take the form of a Bible study (search your LWML catalog and the LWML Women's Quarterly for ideas); or plan a "getting acquainted" activity (your LWML Resource and Planning Guide can be a great help here); schedule a Retreat and have each LWML member invite someone as a special guest; send cards, notes and Mustard Seeds to let others know that you care about them or adopt someone as your "Secret LWML Sister". LWML has many items, not only in the LWML Catalog, but also on the LWML website and our own Rocky Mountain District website to give you ideas.

Reaching out to each other should be a natural extension of who we are...sisters in Christ. Recently attending an LWML meeting in a different state (and district); it was exciting and inspiring to see familiar LWML materials being used. The large LWML Mite Box was prominently displayed and mites were deposited as the ladies entered the room. As the "new kid on the block", it was gratifying to be welcomed warmly and made to feel "at home". That's what we, as LWML Sisters, can do for each other and those around us. The strongest connection we have to each other is the love of Jesus Christ in our heart and our desire to serve Him and others. This alone qualifies us to be a prayerful mentor to those around us. You are LOVED; you are FORGIVEN; you are REDEEMED....and you have a wonderful message to share with those around you. ARE YOU READY? The time is NOW, ladies, to reach out in love; to mentor someone in your life; and to share and speak your Christian faith and joy!

*Judy Gordon  
Christian Life Resource Editor*





## A Time for Everything

Darlene Markle,  
VP Servant Resources

That's the title of chapter 3 in Ecclesiastes. Verse 1 says, "there is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven."

Did you ever look back over your life and see God's timing of events in it? Maybe you had a job change when you thought things were going smoothly. How about a divorce, a death, or a health scare? Change is hard and it usually catches us off guard. Our first thought is not, what is God up to? We get comfortable and not so willing to make the change. "Why upset the applecart?" we're thinking! We have unanswered questions and feel out of control. But God in His wisdom knows what is next for you and certainly He knows what is best for you!

The OT is filled with God speaking directly to Moses, Elisha, Joshua and many others telling them, "At this time tomorrow..." They received God's messages first hand! His voice was clear and they still wondered, "what or how?"

Look how God used Esther. Mordecai told her, "who knows but that you have come to a royal position for such a time as this?" Or Abraham, when God told him he would have a son next year?

This should give us some encouragement to accept change knowing God is in it. He wants the very best for your life. Whatever you are experiencing in this new year is for your greater good.

Maybe you're like me and find yourself wondering "where has all the time gone? It doesn't seem that long ago I was 30 or 40."

Goodness, I'd even like 50! We look back on our childhood and see just how much has changed with time!

Ever wonder how much time you have left or when do you think Jesus will return? One can never stop wondering about all the "if's".

God's Word will never change and He is never late. We cannot add another hour in a day but we can use our precious time well.

God already knows how we will use our time this year. Pray about how you will be using it. It's too precious to waste. Make all your moments count. Be in the Word, pray and ask for guidance and His blessings in all your tomorrows. Trust Him with the time you have left.

Philippians 4:6 -7 says, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Be sure to download, "The Planning Zone," listed under Helps for Leaders and Groups so your society may use their time well.

1. Understand the organization of the LWML and "how it works";
2. be guided and inspired as they fulfill their leader role;
3. identify key components of a zone/society event;
4. lead and participate in a business meeting; and
5. be empowered with resources for completing the leader tasks.



*For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven.  
Ecclesiastes 3:1*

## ***The Antlers Hotel***

4 S. Cascade Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO, 80903



### **Hotel Reservations**

**1-866-299-4602**

Room charges for the convention are:

Nonsmoking double queen

| Room Type | Single       | Double       | Triple       | Quad         |
|-----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|           | <b>\$119</b> | <b>\$119</b> | <b>\$119</b> | <b>\$119</b> |

Plus 9.75% room tax and any service charges made to your room.

### **It is your responsibility to make hotel reservations!**

Hotel reservations are made *directly* with The Antlers Hotel.

Reservations can be made by calling: **1-866-299-4602**

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

#### *Guestroom Amenities*

##### ***For your comfort:***

- Accessible
- Easy to Set Alarm Clock Radio
- Non-Smoking
- Roll-in shower (accessible only)
- Thermostat (adjustable)
- 37" HD flat screen television with cable channels
- Work Desk

##### ***For your convenience:***

- 24 Hour Housekeeping
- Coffee Maker
- Hairdryer
- Hand Held Shower
- Ironing Board
- Local Newspaper Delivered Daily
- Newspaper M-F (USA Today) hotel lobby
- In-room Safe
- Two telephones with two lines
- Voicemail and data port

##### ***For your confidence:***

- Automatic Door Closer
- Electronic Locks
- Secondary Locking Device
- Thumb Dead Bolt
- Wide Angle Door Viewer

## *2016 LWML RMD Convention Highlights*



### **Bible Study Leader: Rev. Allen D. Anderson**

Pastor Anderson is our LCMS RMD President, elected in 2012. He stated when referring to achievements in the RMD, “our leading in Mercy for the communities in which we live, from city, town, neighborhood, congregations, schools, families, and our church workers have made a major impact upon lives. We have helped hundreds of folks in our District through our Mercy efforts. We have had the opportunity to help people we do not know as well as the folks we do. We have reached out and touched their lives with the Gospel through the means of showing the love of Christ. Give God Glory... a great deal has been accomplished over the years by many God-gifted, talented souls, and much has been done to win new souls for Christ. It matters not who on earth gets credit as long as we give God thanks for the accomplishments. We pray that who, what and when have been pleasing to Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” He is also serving as pastor of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church and Preschool in Boulder, Colorado. He’s been involved in his years of ministry in local, district, synodical, and international missions on many levels.



### **Opening Worship Proclaimer—Reverend Gary A. Piepkorn**

Rev. Gary A Piepkorn, is a native of Minnesota and graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1967 with a Bachelors of Science in agricultural economics and Dairy Husbandry. In 1981, he graduated from Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN and served four years as a pastor before entering the Air Force. Rev. Piepkorn’s military experience covered a span of over 37 years serving in the US Coast Guard and USCG Reserve. In 1983, he resigned his USCG commission and received a direct commission into the US Navy Reserve as a Chaplain. In 1985, he was commissioned a captain in the US Air Force Chaplain Service. During his four year at Onizuka AFB, he served part-time as planting pastor of Christ Our King Lutheran Church, Morgan Hill, CA. Upon retiring from the Air Force in 2004, Pastor Piepkorn took the call to serve as pastor of Faith in Christ Lutheran Church, Portales, NM. He teaches religion classes at Eastern New Mexico University and serves as First Vice President of LCMS RMD. He served as LWML RMD Pastoral Counselor from 2006-2010, and he is currently the LWML Pecos Zone Pastoral Counselor. Rev. Piepkorn is also serving as one of the Pastoral Counselors for the Host Committee for the 2017 SLC Convention.

Sermon title: God, In Whom I Trust. Psalm 91: 1-6

### **Rev Charles Keogh: Ministry on the Home Front.**

If you are planning to attend Rev. Keogh’s interest session (#2) he is asking that you fill out the 3 pages for—SCARS: Spiritual Inventor Discernment Scale and bring them with you to convention. The SCARS forms will be under the Forms link on our website [LWMLRMD.org](http://LWMLRMD.org)



## *2016 LWML RMD Convention Highlights*

### **Song Leader—Gail Neal**

Gail was born and raised in Minneapolis, MN where she was baptized and confirmed at Mount Olivet Lutheran Church. Since the age of four she has continually sung in church choirs and appeared as a soloist. She also sang in a folk group in high school and has played guitar since those years.

Gail has worked in ministry both on staff for two Lutheran churches and as a teacher. In both roles, music has played a major part in her life, as she was song leader for the private schools where she taught and soloist with the church choirs. She also substituted as a choir director in the churches where she worked and directed a women's chorus in Orange Co., California. She worked in the Music Department at Biola University.

Gail is married to Leroy Neal and has two sons and three grandchildren. She and Leroy attend Holy Cross Lutheran Church where she sings in the choir and a quartet. She is excited about the opportunity to be the song leader for this year's convention.



### **Beth Shroff - Accompanist**

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 the 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!



## **YWR News for the 2016 RMD Convention**

The YWRs for the 2016 RMD Convention in Colorado Springs, would like to invite you to relax and worry a little less this summer. Please have full confidence that these lovely ladies will be supplying snacks, for a small donation, so you can satisfy your hunger with ease. We will have items for most dietary needs. The donations will be given towards a Mission Grant that the YWRs choose.

## *Gifts of the Heart for the 2016 LWML RMD Convention*

### **VA Hospitals/Medical Centers**

#### **Denver, Ft. Carson, Albuquerque, El Paso, and Grand Junction**

In support of our military men and women who have faithfully served our country, as a small token of our appreciation for their services, we would like to provide lap robes and larger bed coverings to be used during their treatment at these facilities.

- lap robes (36" x 40") to throw over their legs in a wheelchair,
- larger coverings for a bed,
- a cover they can take home, that they can call their own,
- These can be knitted, crocheted, hand-made, store-bought, etc. Colors can be varied, but red, white, and blue would be welcome!
- Please attach or pin a business card size label to each covering you bring that states, with the information in the box:

June 2016  
Lutheran Women's Missionary League  
(Lutheran Women in Mission)  
Name of Zone or Church and City  
*"Serve the Lord with Gladness"*

Anyone willing to transport some coverings to the above facilities following the convention, please contact the Mission Service committee chair Janet Krogh.

### **Goodie boxes for our military**

Gifts from home are always received with a special excitement, knowing that someone from the USA is thinking of them. All items will be boxed up at the convention by our Teen Reps and Young Women Reps. Cards and cardstock will be available during free time for each attendee to decorate, sign and pray over. These cards will be included with each package.

USPS Flat Rate boxes will be provided. We will provide the mailing labels, but if you have a specific soldier's exact name, address, etc., please provide that to the Mission Service committee booth. We will appreciate cash donations for shipping fees to get them all mailed out. Or if you wish to take some completed boxes to mail, that would be great!

#### **Items need to fit into USPS Flat Rate boxes.**

##### ***Food items (NO chocolate—it will melt!)***

Powdered single-serve drink mixes  
Sunflower seeds and nuts  
Fruit roll-ups  
Hard candy  
Tootsie pops and Tootsie rolls  
Single serving bags chips, crackers  
Microwave popcorn



##### ***Fun things for them to give away or to break up the monotony and cheer them up***

Funny kids' toys  
Games  
Books/magazines  
Squirt guns/water balloons  
Puzzle books  
Comic books  
Sunday news funnies  
Gag gifts  
Playing cards



##### ***Personal (travel size) Items (no metal caps)***

Deodorant  
Sunscreen  
Foot powder  
Lotions  
International phone cards

## Make a Lap Robe for your 2016 Zone Banner

The RMD Executive Committee is once again asking each zone to make a lap robe to be used as your zone banner that will be donated to a VA Hospital following the convention.

Suggested Size: 36" by 40" (lap robe size)

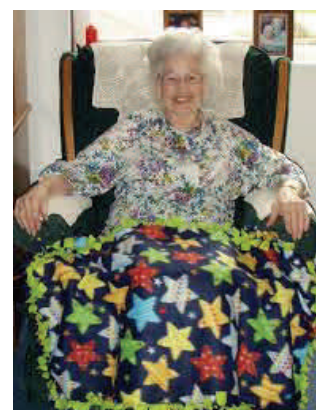
Fabric Suggestion: Cotton Fleece Soft Denim Knit

### PLEASE DO NOT ADD THE FOLLOWING TO YOUR LAP ROBE

- Beads, Buttons, Bows, Ribbons, Hanging Objects
- Anything that could separate from the lap robe

### DETAILS:

- The lap robe will be carried in the opening procession by the president, young woman representatives, and the teen representative from each zone.
- Zone names will be printed on a sign and handed out during processional practice and carried in by one of the zone representatives.
- The Lap Robe banner should include a casing on the back for a 1 " dowel with an eye screw on each end, laying the cord flat along the rod and knotting it on the outside of each screw eye. The cord (heavy enough to support the weight of the banner) will stretch when the banner is hung.
- Each zone is to provide a banner pole and stand.
- Lap Robes will be displayed in the main session room throughout the convention.
- Zones are welcome and encouraged to make more than one lap robe, however only one lap robe will be used in the opening procession.
- Lap Robe designs may be based on the convention logo, but is not required. Any theme, design, or color is acceptable.
- Talk to your zone president to submit an idea for your Lap Robe banner design. Let's put these lap robes to work just as it says in our theme verse: *I will say to the Lord, my refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust.* Psalm 91:2



*Beth Weber, VP of Communications/Public Relations*

These instructions for the banners can also be found on the LWML RMD website:  
[www.lwmlrmd.org](http://www.lwmlrmd.org)

# Name the RMD 2016 Convention Exhibit Hall Contest



LWML RMD ladies, the Exhibit Hall needs your help. The LWML RMD Executive Committee just couldn't come up with a unique name for the exhibit hall. We had such great ideas for the 2014 District Convention we decided to ask for your help again by holding another *Name the 2016 District Convention Exhibit Hall* contest. Yes! You read that right. Another fantastic contest!!! And yes there is a prize involved for the winner.

The suggestions can be serious or whimsical, but **must** be focused on our theme, "*God our Fortress and Refuge*". We will be honoring our Armed Forces. The contest will run from the posting of the March Tidings and end at midnight April 1st. The name of the winner will appear

in the May Tidings.

How do I enter this contest? Just go to the website, [www.lwmlrmd.org](http://www.lwmlrmd.org) click on to the 2016 Convention Link, then click on the "Name The Exhibit Hall Contest" link. Fill in the information requested, which will include your suggestion/s and how to contact you. Finally click the submit button. The Public Relations Director will receive your entry.

Not tech savvy, have no fear. Write your suggestion/s on an envelope (so it will be mailed first class), include your name, zone and contact information. Then mail it to: Beth Weber, 3910 W. Brambling Lane, Grand Junction, CO 81506. OR email it to Beth Weber, VP of Communication, at [publicrelations@lwmlrmd.org](mailto:publicrelations@lwmlrmd.org).

One important thing to remember, "TO WIN THE PRIZE, YOU MUST BE IN ATTENDANCE AT THE CONVENTION, JUNE 10-12, 2016 at the Antlers Hotel in Colorado Springs. The winner will receive a \$25 gift certificate to the convention LWML store. The Vice President of Communications will present the suggestions at the April 9, 2016 Executive Committee meeting. The LWML RMD EC are not eligible to participate.



## Wanted—YWRs and Teens

There may still be opportunity in your zone for you to apply to attend the convention as a YWR or Teen Representative. Please check with **your zone president** to see if you can still participate at the convention as a representative for your zone. **If not, make plans now to attend as a guest!**

## DISTRICT NEWSLETTER ARTICLE – FEBRUARY 12, 2016 UPDATE

### 2017 LWML CONVENTION SALT LAKE CITY

The LWML Board of Directors, who met in St. Louis on February 4-6, 2016, heard many details about the 2017 Convention in Salt Lake City (SLC). When the four Hosting District Presidents and I presented our oral report and posed the question: "Are you ready to join us on our journey to Salt Lake City?" – the overwhelming response was a loud "YES!"

How exciting it was for us to hear their enthusiasm! They are ready to join us in SLC and we will be ready to welcome them with open arms! Our hosting responsibilities are beginning to pick up speed. The following activities have been accomplished or are in process:

- Convention shirt vendor was selected and the first order of shirts will soon be placed. Shirts will be available for purchase at district conventions.
- Appointments for Chairmen within the Host Committee have been filled with the exception of the Worship Support Chairman.
- Director applications have been distributed and appointments are being made.
- Promotional gifts were made and given to each BOD member at the meeting.
- A song "We'll Be Comin' to SLC" was written by Montana YWR Emmi Going and her mother Sue. The BOD loved it and they will use it at their district conventions to help promote the SLC Convention.
- The Call for Worker form will be available for distribution at your district conventions.

The SLC Convention logo was revealed to the Host Committee during its meeting in November 2015, to the BOD recently, and to everyone soon. As more details become available, they will be posted on the LWML's website at [www.lwml.org/2017-convention](http://www.lwml.org/2017-convention). Watch for more information about the **Diamond Dazzle Gala Celebration!** – LWML's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary party!

Our Host Committee Treasurer, Rhonda Johnson, reports a balance of \$21,000+. Thanks to all who made this possible and we especially praise God for this blessing. Your societies are now encouraged to set up a local scholarship fund to help defray registration costs for their volunteers. Along with creating enthusiasm within the congregations, these special events will help many volunteers with the needed financial support to help them along their journey to Salt Lake City.

Thank you for your continued prayers that the Host Committee's work will bring glory to God. Then with joyful hearts and open arms we will welcome others on their journey to SLC and together proclaim **Jesus Christ Above All.**

Lois Anderson, Chairman  
SLC Convention Host Committee



*District Officers Serving the Lord With Gladness for the 2014-2016 Biennium*

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