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LWML RMD Board of Directors

The theme for this year's LWML RMD Board of Directors Meeting was "Treasured Possession" based on Exodus 19:5 *Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.* (ESV)

The Goal: Be confident that by God's grace we are His "Treasured Possession."

The Objectives: That all attendees recognize that:

- a. we are God's treasured children;
- b. empowered by His Word we confidently seek His help; and
- c. we are enabled to share His love with others.

Engaged in His Word, God equips us with the "tools" to do His will. We know that God's promises are sure; therefore, we are confident that by His grace we are His "Treasured Possession," and we can seek His help in all situations knowing

that He will provide for us. Our Pastoral Counselors provided spiritual nurturing through Bible studies. Vice Presidents shared resources available for zones and societies, information about the writing of mission grant proposals, and the basics for power point presentations. Committees met to plan for activities and resources that promote their area of service, how to update their area of our website, and 2018 convention planning time. Zone Presidents shared their rally dates and named a "treasured possession." They spoke of how God has used them in different areas of LWML to share His love, and one thing they or their zone have done to encourage and promote LWML and attending the 2017 Convention.

As His "treasured possession," we took some time for pictures, giving the attendees a "dazzling" opportunity to gear up with some pre-convention "bling."

 facebook.com/LWML.RMD

 facebook.com/LwmlRmd-Teens

 facebook.com/LwmlRmd-Young-Women-Reps

See page 9 for some of the dazzle pictures of the LWML RMD Board of Directors.



Postings from
Sylvia

"I will say of
the Lord, 'He is
my refuge and
my fortress, my
God, in whom I
trust.'"

—Psalm 91:2

Standing on the Promises of God

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.

(Hebrews 10:23–24)

We stay so busy "getting ready." Getting ready for rallies, getting ready for workshops, getting ready for worship services, getting ready for Board of Directors (BOD), getting ready for conventions, and that's besides the "getting ready" of all our other activities of family, school, and community, we can tend to forget what's important about what we're doing and for Whom we're working. Life is busy. It will always be busy as we "get ready" for one thing or another. Several Sundays ago, my pastor shared these words during his sermon, "stand firm on the promises of God!" I realized only one thing is needful; we need to take time to be in His Word and in prayer, standing firm on His promises of salvation and help. God is in control, not us, and He will "see us through" all our "getting ready" as we work to do His will and glorify His name. In His time—as He would have it—He answers. As we look forward to these next busy months of finalizing the events and happenings for LWML Convention (God's Convention) in Albuquerque, NM, June 22–25, 2017, let's remember Whose we are as we "stand on God's promises" that He is with us, in control, and guiding us.

This hymn came to mind:

1: Standing on the promises of
Christ my King, Through eternal
ages let His praises ring, Glory in
the highest, I will shout and sing,
Standing on the promises of God.

Refrain: Standing, standing,
Standing on the promises of God
my Savior; Standing, standing, I'm
standing on the promises of God.

2: Standing on the promises that
cannot fail, When the howling
storms of doubt and fear assail, By
the living Word of God I shall prevail,
Standing on the promises of God.

3: Standing on the promises I now
can see, Perfect, present cleansing
in the blood for me; Standing in
the liberty where Christ makes free,
Standing on the promises of God.

4: Standing on the promises of
Christ the Lord, Bound to Him
eternally by love's strong cord,
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's
sword, Standing on the promises of
God.

5: Standing on the promises I
cannot fall, List'ning every moment
to the Spirit's call, Resting in my
Savior as my all in all, Standing on
the promises of God.

Thank you God, for giving us this
opportunity to share Your love in our
societies, zone, and the hosting districts as
we work together "getting ready" for Your
convention that enables us to share Your love
with thousands of others. Help us to "stand
firm" in Your promises so our commitment to
do Your will and Your work never wavers. In
Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Sylvia

Godly Grief

For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death. (2 Corinthians 7:10)

Lent is a season of repentance. A season of sorrow. A season of grief.

Some may ask, “Why do we need a whole season of grief? Don’t we have enough grief in the world already?” To be sure, the idea of Lent doesn’t sell well to world. It runs contrary to the ways in which the world thinks. People would rather avoid grief and focus instead on only the things that make them happy. Lent doesn’t sit well with most people because it calls us to examine ourselves and see our own sin, and that can be a very terrifying thing.

Recognizing our sin brings us face to face with sin’s consequences. Sin destroys. It breaks up friendships. It tears apart families. It dissolves marriages. God has a way that He intends for us to live, and when people ignore His commands instead living only to please the self, it causes destruction. Try as we may in our culture to avoid the subject of sin, we cannot deny that we suffer the consequences of it. Our sin causes much grief in this world.

Even more terrifying is the reality that sin has eternal consequences. *The wages of sin is death* (Romans 3:23). Our sin has broken the relationship we had with our creator, which ultimately leads to our own destruction. It means punishment. It means hell. The unbeliever shudders at this, and scrambles for a happy thought to mask their guilt and fear. “Perhaps

another funny YouTube video is all I really need.”

Jesus said, *Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh... Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep* (Luke 6:21b, 25b). Jesus is describing the life of a Christian. Not that Christians are a joyless, miserable lot. Not at all. In fact, as Christians we have an

**O sacred Head, now wounded,
With grief and shame weighed down,**

**Now scornfully surrounded
With thorns, Thine only crown.**

**O sacred head, what glory,
What bliss, till now was Thine!**

**Yet though despised and gory,
I joy to call Thee mine. LSB 450:1**

incredible joy; a joy that can never be found in the things of this world, no matter how hard we may search. We know this joy because we are able to confess that we are poor miserable sinners.

The life of a Christian is one of continual grieving over sin. Such grieving is godly grief which leads us not to despair, nor to denial, but to repentance. Lent is a wonderful time to emphasize this teaching, for in this season we walk with our Savior as he

journeys to the cross for us. Isaiah 53 describes Jesus saying, *He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed* (Isaiah 53:3–5).

Grieving over our sin, we lay them all on Jesus. The punishment we deserve He suffers in our stead. He has born our grief, taking it all to the cross, and given us eternal joy. We now can laugh, for death has no power over us. We now can laugh because Christ has won the victory.

I pray that as we enter into this Lenten season it would be rich time to hear from God in His Word. I pray it will a time of sincere reflection as together we examine ourselves and recognize our need for a redeemer. I pray it will be a comforting time as we are directed to the suffering of our Savior who suffered all so that we may live with Him forevermore.



**Pr. Mark Nierman
A Note from the
Senior Pastoral
Counselor**



Judy Delve
VP Gospel
Outreach

Mission Grant Recipients for the 2016–2018 Biennium

	Granted	Paid
University Chapel, Boulder, Colorado	\$8,000	\$4,000
Concordia Theological Seminary Ft. Wayne Food Co-op	\$10,000	\$3,000
Pastor Debt Assistance/LCMS RMD	\$10,000	\$3,000
Operation Barnabas/Comfort Care Congregations	\$2,000	\$2,000
Sewing Mission Society – India	\$2,500	\$2,500
Casting Burdens for Burdened Campers/LVR	\$5,600	
The Table at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Lakewood, CO	\$5,000	\$2,500
Biblical Orthodox Lutheran Mission	\$10,100	\$2,000
Siberian Lutheran Mission Society	\$10,000	\$5,000
Trinity/HOPE	\$5,000	
Project Pastoral Education, West Africa	\$10,000	
Lifting Up the Fallen/Mariachi San Pablo YSLETA (partial)	\$1,250	\$1,250
Training Vicar Tim Norton/Navajo, NM (partial)	\$1,250	\$1,250
TOTAL	\$80,700	\$26,500

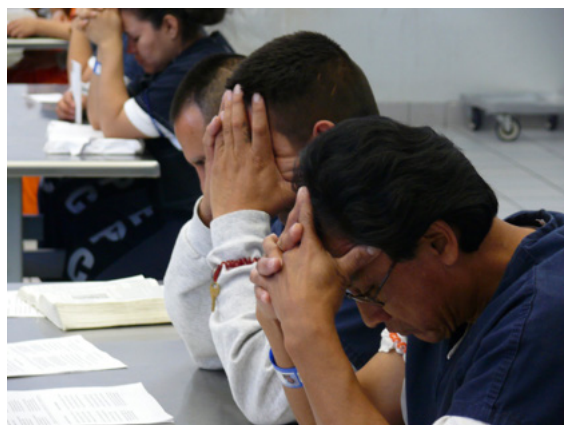
Cross Cultural and Seminary Training

LWML Rocky Mountain District Mites (through Lutheran Indian Ministries) support Tim Norton in his final studies in Cross Cultural and Seminary training. During

Christmas 2016, Pr. Norton baptized into Christ six people: father, mother, and four children who are now part of the family of God.

Lifting Up the Fallen

Mariachi San Pablo and Lutheran Prison Ministry (YSLETA Mission) work together to provide hope and comfort to incarcerated men and women. On a weekly basis they distribute Bibles and Christian literature at one of El Paso's Homeland Security Detention Centers, as well as mailing the same to jails in other parts of the U.S. The saving grace of Jesus Christ is being shared in both of these mission grants.



Stand Your Ground

Don't you just love the Old Testament scriptures when God spoke directly to the Israelites?

Here are few examples:

Observe my Sabbaths and have reverence for my sanctuary. I am the Lord (Leviticus 19:3).

At that time the Lord set apart the tribe of Levi to carry the ark of the covenant of the Lord, to stand before the Lord to minister and to pronounce blessings in his name as they still do today (Deuteronomy 10:8).

They were also to stand every morning to thank and praise the Lord. They were to do the same in the evening (1 Chronicles 23:30).

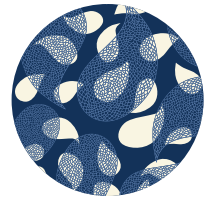
In the New Testament, from the moment Jesus chose His disciples, and taught the beatitudes and parables, He told them again and again He would suffer, die, and rise again to restore the kingdom, but the disciples were always doubting. Then they saw Him get arrested and crucified. He was buried, he rose, and appeared to them. Now it all made sense to them!

Our altars are another place we gather to show reverence. We bow before kneeling for communion. We stand when the Gospel is read, and when we see the little triangle at the last verse of a song indicating the Trinity, we stand.

Songwriter, George Duffield, Jr. wrote the words to "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" based on Ephesians 6:14, the armor of God. The song is on page 660 in the *Lutheran Service Book*. We are soldiers of the cross everyday, and every moment.

As we enter the Lenten season, and remember the sacrifice Jesus paid, share this news with others who do not know Christ the risen Lord. Through you, they may see Him too! He is still standing at the door knocking.

Be sure to check out the News and Events on our lwmlrmd.org website and read about the upcoming convention in Albuquerque, NM.



Darlene Markle
VP Servant
Resources

Academic Scholarship Application Deadline

The LWML RMD has established scholarships for those going into full time professional church work for the LCMS. We want to encourage students to pursue full time church work. We need qualified professionals in our churches and schools. We spread that Good News by supporting those who do enter full time church service. Gifts to the scholarship Endowment Fund are gratefully accepted in any amount.

Application deadline for the 2017–2018 academic year is May 1, 2017. In addition to the scholarship application, a pastoral evaluation, a letter of recommendation, and official transcripts should be mailed or emailed to the Scholarship Chairman, Jeanne Ostermann.

Information and applicable forms are available on the lwmlrmd.org website under Forms.



Beth Nagy
VP Christian Life

Barb Wertz
Christian
Resources Editor

Several years ago there was a TV commercial that played over and over again. It featured a guy, walking around all over the place in various different locations and all the time he was on his cell phone. The guy was constantly asking the unknown person on the other end of the call, “can you hear me now?” This commercial was all about promoting one cell phone carrier, their service coverage, and how their plan could help you stay connected with friends and family more conveniently.

In this fast paced world we live in, staying connected with other people has become a societal priority. However, staying connected with God often gets put on the back burner or even pushed to the side altogether. Life seems to get in the way and we start to lose our “coverage” or connection with God. We forget

that we have a direct line of communication with God through prayer and studying God's word. God encourages us to pray daily and to be faithful in our study of His Word. He promises to hear us and always be there for us, no matter what. So reach out and connect with God. If you are looking for a Bible study or devotional series to assist you with this connection, you might want to look at the following:

- “Hear My Voice, O Lord Devotion on the Psalms,” Item #LWML 20760.
- “A Devotional Journey,” Item #LWML 20763
- “Whatever...Keeping Your Heart In Tune with Whatever Life Brings,” Item #LWML 20426
- “I Surrender,” Item #LWML 68945DL



Marybeth Zurcher
Planner

It is so hard to believe our LWML has been sharing the love of Christ for 75 years. As we prepare for our LWML convention and celebration of these years it is important to reflect on things that help us to remember who we are and what we are about. You may want to go to lwml.org and check out the area called “HOPEful Tip”. The word “hope” in this title stands for Helping Organizations Participate Effectively. There are some great resources including Bible studies, devotions,

icebreakers, bylaws, and meeting helps, PowerPoint presentations to name a few. You may want to use the “LWML Pledge Responsive Reading” at your next meeting to help your ladies to reaffirm their desire to serve our Lord. Take a minute and check it out.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the Holy Spirit (Romans 15:13).

Jesus Christ Above All 2017 Convention

Noise Makers

Each district was asked to have their own noise maker for the “Dazzle Parade” on Saturday night at convention as their district passes—RMD’s noise maker is a purple whistle. The whistles will be on sale for \$3.00 each. Please have exact change or check for the amount of whistles purchased. Whistles will be available at many of the Spring Workshops, and at the convention. At convention, Ruth Eberle will have a supply of whistles to be purchased while they last.

At the Albuquerque Convention Center, please watch the big screens during the “Dazzle Parade” to know when to begin your rowdiness in honor of Rocky Mt. District. When you see our contingent processing on the big screen is when you begin to “make a joyful noise” for LWML RMD.

Convention Offerings

The four convention offerings are: LWML mite goal; Endowment for the 75th LWML Anniversary; Antiochian Apostolic Church-Outreach and Media Ministry; and God Cares About You, Christ Lutheran, Albuquerque, NM.

Mission Mite Goal and Grant Proposals

The proposed mission mite goal for 2017-2019 is \$2,075,000. Two million dollars for missions and \$75,000 in

recognition of the 75th Anniversary.

The ballot for 2017–2019 Mission Grants contains 34 proposals. The zone presidents/delegates received a copy of the proposal summary and the actual proposals to share with their zones.

Proposed Bylaw Changes

Information about the proposed bylaw changes was discussed and copies of the amendments and rationale were given to the zone presidents/delegates at our LWML RMD Board of Directors Meeting to share with their zone.

District Caucus and Photograph

We will have a district caucus and photograph Thursday, June 22 from 4:10–6:15 p.m. Please check with your zone president/delegate so you’ll know when and where for both events; we want all LWMLRMDers attending the convention to be in our district photo. As soon as we have definite information, we will publicize that information. The acknowledgment/waiver release form will need to be completed and handed in at registration.

Convention Registration

Online registration is available now, and early registration runs until March 14, 2017. Remember, if you are working 8 or more hours at the convention, you wait for the Host

Committee to send you a packet with the registration form and coupon included. If you haven’t filled out your “worker form” yet, PLEASE do so right now. You may fill it out and sent it in online.

Worker Hotel

The Fairfield Inn has been reserved for workers; to make sure you will be able to lodge there, fill out your worker form to receive the information about registering at this hotel. Once it’s full, then you’ll have to register at one of the other convention hotels that are listed in the *Quarterly*.

Shuttle Service and Parking

MGM Elegante is the only hotel with free shuttle service from the airport to the hotel. For shuttle service to and from the airport call Sunport Shuttles for reservations: 1-866-505-4966, 9 a.m.–11 p.m. seven days a week.

Parking at the convention center is \$6 a day with no “in and out” privileges. Hotel shuttles will run from the hotels to the convention center beginning Wednesday 4:30–7:30 and Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday shuttles run 2 hours before the first session and 2 hours after convention programming is complete.

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Still Need
Scrubbies

Delegate Favors

Thank you to all our knitters and crocheters. We met our goal for the dishcloths. The extra dishcloths will be available at convention for anyone to purchase with the proceeds going towards mites.

We still need scrubbies by March 30, 2017.

The delegate hobo bags—the embroidered bandannas filled with delegate items, including all those knitted and crocheted dishcloths—will be assembled on April 22, 2017 at Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Aurora, CO. What a fun way to help with the

convention! Join us as we make these gifts of love and share fellowship with our sisters in Christ. The ladies of Mount Olive have graciously offered to serve lunch.

Please RSVP to Nancy Kraft by April 1, 2017 at njokraft@yahoo.com so lunch can be prepared for everyone who is helping.

April 22, 2017

10 a.m.–2 p.m.

11453 E. Wesley Avenue

Aurora, CO 80014



Kelsey Hall
Committee on
Young Women
Chairman

2017 YWR Delegates

Our 2017 ywr delegates will be Tiffany Hoff, Northeastern Zone and Hannah Jackson, Rio Grande Zone. This will be the first convention for Tiffany Hoff. Hannah Jackson was a YWR at the LWML RMD 2016 district convention.

Alternates will be Kelsey Hall, Northern Zone, and Emilee Nieman, Pecos Zone.

Thank you to all the YWR applicants.

National Day of Prayer

The National Day of Prayer is May 4th. The 2017 LWML Prayer Service is on the lwml.org website and ready to be downloaded.



Committee on Young Women (L to R): Brittne Clark, Kelsey Hall, Hannah Jackson, and 2 future LWMLers (Not Pictured: Emilee Nieman)

A Dazzling Moment During the Board of Directors



Mission Servants Committee (L to R): Janet Krogh and D'Ann Weimer (Not Pictured: Nora Sotak and Cindie Corvin)



Christian Life Committee (L to R): Brenda Sima, Cindy Stahly, Barb Wertz, Beth Nagy



Mission Grants Committee (L to R): Judy Delve, Linda Harsh, Amy Schultz (Not Pictured: Karen Goeglein)



Zone Presidents (L to R): Judy Piepkorn, Anita Werner, Christie Peebles, Joline Christensen, Jeannette Kuehnert, Shelley Stewart, Barb Wertz (standing in for Cindie Corvin), Donna Cochran, Beth Nagy, Anita Palenschat



(L to R): Sylvia Bean, President; Rev. Trent Christensen, Jr. Pastoral Counselor; Marilyn Grasz, Parliamentarian; Rev. Mark Nierman, Sr. Pastoral Counselor; and Mary Marten, Structure and Nominating Committees



Thank You

Thank you to Ascension Lutheran Church, Littleton, CO for hosting the 2017 Board of Directors Meeting. We appreciate the societies in the Denver area hosting our Board of Director and Executive Committee meetings; this cuts expenses for those meetings and enables LWML RMD to save on in-reach expenses.

Thank you to the LWML RMD Executive Committee and the committees that helped with the presentations and resources presented at Board of Directors. It was a great weekend!

2017 National Convention Servant Activity Collection Count Update

As the wonderful Rocky Mountain District, we have completed the collection for some items for the 2017 National Convention Servant Activities, we still need the following by April 15, 2017:

- 200 notebooks
- 1000 bath towels
- 5 untied quilts
- fleece quilt pieces

2017 National Convention—A Family Event

In the January 2017 *Tidings*, there was a need for 400 workers. Thank you to all who volunteered and decreased that number by 200. We still need 200 more volunteers. Consider volunteering with family and friends.

Bring the family along to the 2017 LWML Convention in Albuquerque, NM, June 22–25. Children ages 6 months to 17 years old can be enrolled in Camp Insta Friends. Located at the Albuquerque Convention Center,

children will participate in age appropriate activities. Children ages 5–8 will participate in two chaperoned field trips to the Explora Science Center and the Albuquerque Bio Park. Children ages 13–17 will participate in two servant events and two chaperoned field trips.

For more information visit the website at www.lwml.org/2017-convention or in the 2016 Winter issue of the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*. Register now!

*200 workers
needed for the
convention...
3 months away*

The Tabernacle Experience

See firsthand what the Children of Israel experienced as they worshiped God in the Old Testament tabernacle. Trinity Lutheran Church, Fort Morgan, is offering The Tabernacle Experience May 5–14, 2017, which is a full-size re-creation of the first tabernacle and its furnishings. You will be ushered into God's presence to experience a day in the life of a priest as he attends his duties, guided by an explanation linking the furnishings to Jesus, the Great High Priest. Listening to the narration on earphones (or your own earbuds) will make the experience profound, yet intimate.

The tour lasts for 50 minutes. The cost is \$3 for children, \$5 for adults, or \$20 per family unit. The Tabernacle is open to the public from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m. daily. Group tours are offered from 9–11 a.m. Make reservations on the church website at trinitylutheranfortmorgan.com or on the internet at The Tabernacle Experience, Locations, then Trinity Lutheran. The location of this event is Trinity Lutheran School, 1215 W. 7th Ave., Fort Morgan, CO 80701. Address any questions to Ann Stivers at bastivers@wigginstel.com.





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Prayer Chapel Dedication

You are invited to attend the Prayer Chapel Dedication on Thursday, June 22 at 7:30 a.m. in front of the Tijeras Room on the upper level of the convention center.

Bible Studies

“Wake up with the Word” Bible studies are 6:45 a.m.–7:45 a.m. on Friday and Saturday mornings. The location is to be announced.

Golfing

Tee Off 4 Mites is a golf tournament held on Wednesday,

June 21, 2017. Click [here](#) for the tri-fold or find it on the [lwml.org](#) website. It has options for sponsoring holes or being part of a team. Zones, societies, individuals, and businesses can sponsor a hole or team. You may sponsor a hole for as little as \$100. To participate in the tournament, the cost is \$100 per team member which includes half a cart, breakfast, lunch, and prizes. Please think about participating in this event for mites.

Upcoming Dates

March 15

National Mites remitted

March 30

Scrubbies for delegate favors

April 1

RSVP for delegate favor assembly to Nancy Kraft at njokraft@yahoo.com

April 15

RSVP for Everyone His Witness workshop to Sylvia Bean at president@lwmlrmd.org

Servant activity items

April 22

Delegate Favor Assembly, Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Aurora, CO

May 1

Scholarship application deadline

May 4

National Day of Prayer

May 5–14

The Tabernacle Experience, Trinity Lutheran Church, Fort Morgan, CO

May 13

Everyone His Witness workshop, Eternal Savior Lutheran Church, Lafayette, CO

June 22–25

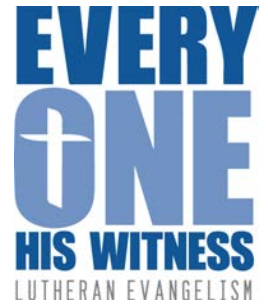
2017 LWML National Convention, Albuquerque, NM

Everyone His Witness Workshop

Our LWML RMD Everyone His Witness workshop is scheduled for Saturday, May 13, 2017 at Eternal Savior Lutheran Church, Lafayette, CO from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a maximum of 60 attendees. LWML will reserve a block of rooms for out-of-town guests. LCMS will reimburse LWML RMD for one night's lodging with two to a room for Friday night. LWML RMD will provide food for the workshop. Pastor Mark Wood will be the presenter and will provide all the needed materials for this witness workshop. There are no fees to attend and each attendee is responsible for their own travel expenses. All LWMLers, spouses, and past and present pastoral counselors are invited to attend.

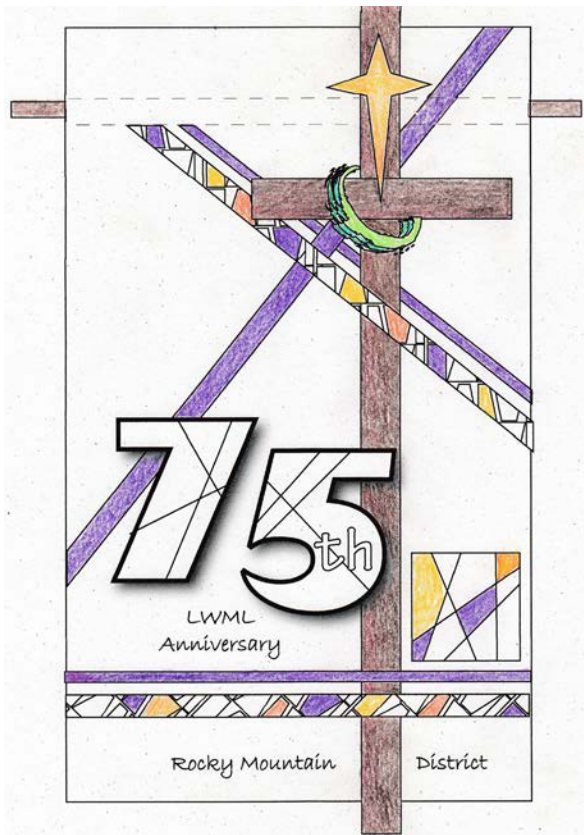
It's a first-come, first-served arrangement for registration. We have a registration deadline date of April 15, 2017; then it's open registration for any LCMS member until the 60 maximum. We are one of five districts offering this workshop—it's a "one of a kind" made specifically for LWML—you are encouraged to be engaged and make arrangements to attend and enjoy this amazing witness seminar.

Contact Sylvia Bean at president@lwmlrmd.org to register for the workshop. She needs the name of each person attending and a contact number or email address.



April 15, 2017
Registration
Deadline
Contact Sylvia
Bean

[president@
lwmlrmd.org](mailto:president@lwmlrmd.org)



2017 Convention Banner

Thank you to all who submitted designs for the district banner to be carried by our own Sylvia Bean at the 2017 National Convention.

The Board of Directors reviewed all the submissions and chose the design submitted by Marjorie Lee, Faith Lutheran Church, Denver, CO, North Central Zone.

Marjorie stated: "The theme 'Jesus Christ Above All' is depicted with the star of Bethlehem, Crown of Thorns, and Cross rising high on the banner and the cross projecting above the top banner edge. These items depict the life of Jesus from His birth to the Crucifixion."



LWML National Board of Directors

“Engage, Encourage, Equip and Enjoy” was the theme of National LWML Board of Directors Meeting. Using this theme for the Bible study for LWML BOD, Pastor Roegner focused on these ideas:

- Be engaged in Scripture by establishing a firm pathway using our church leaders to help direct us for definite learning and study of the Bible (2 Tim 2:15).
- Encourage: Sin steals our joy. Jesus said, “I’ve overcome the world” (John 16:33). Christian encouragement is critical and important: we pray for God to make each of us an encourager, like Barnabas; to strive to establish a daily discipline of prayer and Bible study; and we pray for God to show us who to encourage. Use Scripture to encourage, be specific in your encouragement, and think of a person you can encourage today. 1 Thessalonians 4:18 and 5:11.
- Be Equipped through the tools of Bible study and prayer; God reveals and equips the saints for His ministry. The body of Christ connects together so the saints are equipped to do the Lord’s work. (Heb 13:20-21).
- Enjoy: “Have a blast while you last.” (Ecclesiastes 9:1-6). What matters is the contribution you make in your life as others see the joy of the Lord through you.

Rhythms

Linda Reiser, Past National LWML President talked about “rhythms.” Rhythms of nature, life and even for the convention. She encouraged District Presidents to pray for their delegates, and the delegates to pray for each other and the District Presidents; good communication with delegates before,

during, and after the convention is vital. She also recommended joining “Board Source” to learn more about Board of Directors and their work.

Endowments

Past National LWML President, Virginia Von Seggern spoke about endowments. The “Gifts of Love” helps equip you to have a plan in place to receive and distribute your estate. Gifts of Love was begun in 2007 and carries out LWML’s vision. Linda Gage is our LWML Representative to help answer questions and give guidance in working through your estate planning. You can contact her at lindagage.lwml@gmail.com or lwmlgiftplan.org. LWML RMD received a check from LCMS Foundation from the trust fund of John and Margaret Boucek honoring their request to remember LWML RMD.

Mite Challenge

At National BOD there is always a mite collection. This meeting there was a challenge for the district presidents to collect \$5000.00 in mites and Pastor Roegner would shave off his beard. We collected by God’s grace \$8291.19. Pastor Roegner has agreed to remain clean shaven until convention if we can send in another \$1700.00. I encourage you to engage your societies and church to help further equip the saints and keep Pastor Roegner clean shaven until convention by sending in those mites.

We have not yet met the 2 million dollar might goal; we are \$274,558.97 short, and RMD as of 12/31/16 is about \$18,000.00 behind in our mite commitment. So let’s encourage one another to “send in those mites!”

**SEND ALL YOUR MONIES
TO
ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT LWML
CHRIS BOSTRON, TREASURER
PO BOX 1424**

**FORT MORGAN, CO 80701
ALL MONIES INCLUDE MITES,
QUARTERLY, DELEGATE, SCHOLARSHIP AND SPECIAL GIFTS**



Treasurer's Remittance Form

Date _____

NAME OF SOCIETY:

NAME OF CONGREGATION:

ADDRESS OF CONGREGATION:

MITES OR VOLUNTARY OFFERINGS

\$ _____

OTHER (please specify)

\$ _____

\$ _____

\$ _____

TOTAL BEING SUBMITTED:

\$ _____

REMITTED BY:

ADDRESS:

PHONE NUMBER:

REMIT TO:

Rocky Mountain District LWML

Chris Bostron, Treasurer

PO Box 1424

Fort Morgan, CO 80701

Phone: 970-768-1713

Mites

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

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Deadline for National Mites

Please note that currently we are short on mites for the year. Please send in your mites by March 15, 2017. The remittance form can be found on the LWML Rocky Mountain District website under Forms, page 15 in this issue of the *Tidings*, or by selecting the Mites address in this issue of the *Tidings*.

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