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LWML History of Design Continues



During the 2017 national LWML convention, President Patti Ross revealed the updated LWML logo. In addition to the national LWML logo, each district has their own version. The logo, revealed during the convention, can be viewed at www.lwml.org/home.

The logo design represents the following:

“The heart of God is behind all that we are and do ...
He has loved us so ... seen in His only begotten Son ...
His cross and sacrifice ... His cherished blood for us ...
shed for the forgiveness of sins.
Therefore we lift high the cross of Christ ...
guiding our thanks and praise and service ...
So that His heart is impressed upon our own ...
and by the Spirit we are blessed with joy and peace ...
Therefore, the LWML lifts high the cross of Christ,
guiding our thanks and praise and service.”





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

WOW! We're just back from the 2017 National LWML Convention in Albuquerque, NM! What a time we had! THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU—to the many RMD workers that volunteered to serve at the convention. You did a great job! Many compliments were given to me as I walked by attendees throughout our time at the convention—remarking how great the convention was and how fun. Remember Workers, as a thank you for your service at the Albuquerque, NM Convention, you will be able to sit on the convention floor, as a group, and in a reserved location, at the Mobile, AL Convention. YOU EARNED IT!

What a wonderful time we had! People were busy praising God, visiting, learning new things, helping with servant events, and participating in spiritual nourishment. As is the norm, the two worship services were magnificent; both were real celebrations of God's saving grace! The services and music were spiritually and emotionally uplifting and moving.

I would like to share with you some convention highlights here and throughout this issue of the *Tidings*.

Pre-Convention

At the LWML Board of Directors meetings, we were encouraged to share with the world what LWML is and what we do; share with those "Jesus Christ is Above All," and physically, through service to others, create a greater mission consciousness for ourselves and those around us. Keep the purpose of LWML in the fore-front of what we do: have group activities of service and fellowship so that women of LCMS are "strengthened in their relationship with the Triune God and use their gifts in ministry for the people of the world." We want to keep our focus also on being equipped through prayer and Bible study, so we're prepared to share our faith

with others "whenever and wherever God has need of us." We want to remember God's promises to us as we look at ourselves now and in the future; particularly, we want to share those same promises with the world.

The audit for the LWML was completed with no errors.

"Gifts of Love" is in its 10th year; this is a program to help you plan for the future for your heirs and provides opportunity for you to share your faith and make known your wishes from a Christian perspective.

Most all of the resources available from LWML are downloadable from the lwml.org website; the website changes constantly—so check it often. The HOPE Committee provides resources that connect women with mission and ministry; they're working to develop a packet for starting LWML groups in other countries. A procedure has been created for Leader Development Chairmen to monitor BoardSource® web offerings and make suggestions to Board members. The Church Workers Task Force created a packet to welcome new pastors or new incoming pastors in our district. (Please share the name and contact information with me when your church welcomes a new pastor so we can share this information with him.) Also a video has been created to encourage pastors to support LWML.

For the dedication of the Convention Site Prayer Chapel, Host Committee Pastors Piepkorn and Shaver led us in a prayer service and blessing for the chapel asking God's grace and favor on us as we work to do His will at His convention.

Highlights continue on page 11.

It was a great convention—to God be the Glory.

Blessings,

Sylvia

A Bold Confession of Faith

During this yearlong celebration of the Reformation, there are several dates and occasions worth highlighting. One such significant moment was recently observed in the month of June. It was on June 25, 1530, that the Augsburg Confession was presented to the Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire.

Martin Luther had been declared a heretic. In 1521 he was excommunicated, and he knew that at any time he might be killed. Yet, Luther's teaching continued to spread throughout the land. Emperor Charles V was so consumed in war with the Turks that he could not devote his full attention to these theological matters within his borders. In 1526 at the Diet of Speyer, Lutheran princes successfully put forth an arrangement that allowed Lutheran princes to oversee religious matters in their territories until such matters could be resolved by a General Council of the Church. So, in areas where Lutheran princes ruled, Lutheranism was tolerated.

Finally, Charles V called for a meeting of the rulers within the empire to decide various matters, one of which was the controversy in the churches of Germany. The reformers saw this as their opportunity to present a clear confession of faith before the emperor. The man chosen to draw up this confession, however, was not Martin Luther. Instead, Philip Melancthon was chosen to write this statement of faith. Melancthon was a Greek professor

at the University of Wittenberg and a close companion of Luther's. He was not an ordained Pastor. Melancthon was an educated layman of the church.

In writing the Augsburg Confession, Melancthon made use of many of Luther's previous writings. But whereas Luther was often very course and combative in his language, Melancthon was more restrained. Luther admitted that this was a good thing. The document, written in both Latin and German, laid out in a very clear manner the tenets of our Christian faith. Luther, being an outlaw, could not travel safely to Augsburg. At this crucial moment in history, Luther could not be present.

In Augsburg the Emperor met with the Lutheran princes. He ordered them to forbid any Lutheran preaching, and commanded them to attend the Corpus Christi festival the following day. George, Margrave of Brandenburg replied on behalf of the Lutherans, "Before I let anyone take from me the Word of God and ask me to deny my God, I will kneel and let them strike off my head."

On June 25, 1530, the Lutherans presented their confession of faith. This confession of faith we still hold as Lutherans today. It is a clear statement of biblical truth. The very core of this confession of faith is Article IV: Justification. It states, "Our churches teach that people cannot be justified before God by their own strength, merits, or works. People are freely justified for Christ's sake,

through faith, when they believe that they are received into favor and that their sins are forgiven for Christ's sake. By His death, Christ made satisfaction for our sins. God counts this faith for righteousness in His sight." Among Lutherans it is said that the Church stands or falls on the article of justification.

As the LWML continues to serve the Lord with gladness, and support the ongoing missions and ministries of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, let us give thanks for the faithful confessors who have gone before us. May we, along with them, continue to make such a bold confession of our faith in Christ.



Pr. Mark Nierman
A Note from the
Senior Pastoral
Counselor

*Faith clings to Jesus' cross
alone
And rests in Him
unceasing;
And by its fruits true faith
is known,
With love and hope
increasing.
For faith alone can justify;
Works serve our neighbor
and supply
The proof that faith is
living. (LSB 555:9)*



Judy Delve
VP Gospel
Outreach

Mission Grant Recipients for the 2016–2018 Biennium

	Granted	Paid
University Chapel, Boulder, Colorado	\$8,000	\$8,000
Concordia Theological Seminary Ft. Wayne Food Co-op	\$10,000	\$3,000
Pastor Debt Assistance/LCMS RMD	\$10,000	\$6,000
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	\$2,800
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	\$10,000
Trinity/HOPE	\$5,000	\$2,500
Project Pastoral Education, West Africa	\$10,000	\$5,000
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	\$48,800

Rocky Mountain District Debt Assistance Program

To date, our LWML RMD has paid \$6,000 of the \$10,000 grant awarded to this most needed ministry. This Debt Assistance Program (DAP) was established in 1997 to aid new graduate seminarians who have debt ranging from \$4,000 to \$80,000 (average debt currently is over \$35,000) as a result of studying for the ministry. The DAP committee is all volunteer help, and printing and postage are covered by the district, so funds acquired through Endowment Fund investments go directly to help these new pastors. There are plenty of vacancy churches that are being shepherded by retired pastors, so the need to keep men in our seminaries is apparent. We ask for God's blessings as we support these men and their families, and in turn, hopefully encourage others in the call to serve.



Rev. Dustin Atkinson with family at his ordination at his home church in the Rocky Mountain District. His first call is to Star of the North Lutheran Church in Kenai, AK.

Do You Witness Every Day?

Sharing the Gospel every day is a big command from Jesus. Matthew 28:18–20 says, *Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*

God has placed the people we need to talk to right in our path. He has prepared this already. You have your audience; they are waiting. They are in your family, church, neighborhood, and workplace. Half of your witnessing is already done. The people are in front of you!

In May, I attended a workshop, *Every One His Witness*, led by Reverend Mark Wood and his wife. I received a booklet that had so much information and new ways of communicating to others that I have never seen or used before! Let me give you an example of one of the exercises in the booklet. I had to answer some questions such as, “at what level does the person I’m talking to primarily connect and communicate?” “Do they listen with their head, heart, or hands?” We also fit in one of those categories. “Do we analyze, sympathize, or fix things?”

To help you think through this, when you are witnessing, ask yourself these questions:

- How does the person I’m talking to react?
- What is going on in this person’s life, thinking, experience, etc. that is a good point of connection to explore sharing God’s Word with them?
- What will you share first — law or Gospel?

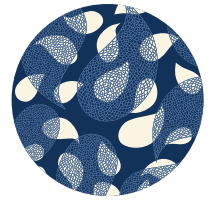
- What specific scripture passages should you prepare to use?
- What can I invite this person to now that will keep our conversation going?
- What concrete ways can I extend encouragement?

You may recognize these steps as LASSIE: Listen, Ask, Seek, Share, Invite, and Encourage. Personally, I never heard of this technique, but after the workshop, it has lit a fire within me to learn all I can and share it with the Evangelism Board in my congregation! Perhaps you too can find out more about this Lutheran Evangelism. God has already prepared you with the spiritual gifts you need to bring people to Him! Why not learn all you can too? Just go to lcms.org/witness-outreach right now and bring the Good News to those in your life. Their future depends on it. Help be that witness to Christ’s love.

The workbook also mentioned that the Bible is our source for understanding witnessing as God wants us to understand it, and that the Holy Scriptures are filled with examples of God calling His people to bear witness. Read Deuteronomy 6:6–9 and read what God told Moses to tell the people!

I personally love to share prayer stories, but as the workbook author noted, those stories should never take the place of God’s story. His story speaks to every heart, every desire, and every hurt of every person who has ever lived or will ever live!

Don’t wait any longer. Be part of the “cloud of witnesses” mentioned in Hebrews 12:1.



Darlene Markle
VP Servant
Resources



Beth Nagy
VP Christian Life

We celebrated in Albuquerque and are now back home. New officers were elected, a new logo was unveiled, first timers were welcomed, convention workers from four districts were celebrated, and new products were available.

Now as we look forward to fall rallies and a convention in 2018, we take a deep breath and start to work. Among the new products were new Bible studies. Donna Pyle's new DVD study, *Peter...from Fisherman to Fisher of Men*, is available in our district lending library. A copy of each of the Balance studies was purchased for review: *Balance — Christ Filled Living*, *Balance — Christ Filled Family Living*, and *Balance — Christ Filled Living with Adolescents*. New devotional booklets of favorite Mustard Seed devotions and a new devotional for teens are also available. New

clothing items, jewelry, and note cards are also available.

Some of these items will be available at the fall rallies, so go and check them out. Catalogs will also be available for you to check out many other items. All new and existing items are available on the LWML website or at the CPH website.



Marybeth Zurcher
Planner

God's Survival Kit

At the National Convention this past June, we were given an opportunity to celebrate 75 years of the LWML. Since the convention I have been thinking about who we are and why we do what we do. We have once again been reminded that we are men and women who share in the love of our Lord and Savior. Our desire to serve Christ allows us to seek out opportunities to do so. Whether at the society, zone, district or national level, we are given many ways to serve. Through Bible study and devotions, helping others where there is a need with our mites, ingatherings and prayer, serving in an office and allowing ourselves to grow and stretch, or simply enjoying fellowship and friendship. Our Lord is always with us standing by our side.

As we prepare for the upcoming year, it is time to think about the next district

convention being held in June 2018 in Boulder, Colorado. The theme "Bold in Christ" will be a mountaintop experience for all. As you think of climbing that mountain, how about making a "God's survival kit" for each of your ladies for the first meeting. Fill a zip lock bag with these items:

- Post-it notes: to list your blessings each day (Ephesians 1:3)
- Band-aid: to heal hurt feelings (Psalm 147:3)
- Piece of gum: to stick with it—you can do anything with Christ (Philippians 4:13)
- A candle: to share your light with others (Psalm 18:28)
- An eraser: to start each day with a clean slate (Jeremiah 31:34)

Serve the Lord wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men. Ephesians 6:8 NIV

Keynote: Step Out with the Gospel

Keynote speaker, Past National President Ida Mall, shared that we are equipped through God's Word to share Jesus Above All. We are to let people see the "light" of Christ shine through us. We are to "step out" with the Gospel as boldly as grandmas "step out" with their grandchildren's stories. The Holy Spirit empowers us through the Means of Grace, and prayer to equip us to share Jesus in our words and actions. She offered these suggestions for involvement in opportunities to share Christ with those around you:

1. be in prayer—make it a regular natural part of daily living
2. give monetary offerings that support missions
3. provide meals for those in need, shared with His Word
4. send greeting cards with a Christian message
5. support church workers
6. wear jewelry that shares a Christian message—such as a cross—be ready to share a Christian message as you explain the significances of the jewelry. She further shared to wear the message in your own heart as well as wearing the jewelry around neck or wrist
7. leave a Mustard Seed Devotion when you leave a tip—tell the server that one is for the body, the other for the soul
8. go on mission trips to physically share the Word with others through word and action
9. teach Sunday School and Vacation Bible School
10. take personal time just to visit and talk with people—they need us to listen to them
11. give hugs
12. greet people with a smile and kind word

First a Response, then a Second

The music booming outside of the chapel doors on Friday concerned me deeply.

Who could meditate with all that noise, I thought!

I opened the door and saw a sea of green shirts. They were the Mission in Motion walkers—walking indoors. They were giving each other high-fives and fist bumps to energize themselves.

Well, I might just suggest that they do their walking further from the chapel at the next convention when I fill out my survey.

During my two-hour shift in the chapel after the mission walk, I saw 48 women come into the chapel to write out prayer requests!

God's plan must have been for these women to circle round and round and round again to see exactly where Grace Place was.

Praise God! So in gratitude for my attitude, God showed me His plan for that music.

New Officers Elected at 2017 Convention

The following individuals were elected for national LWML office.

- VP of Christian Life: Jennifer Huecker
- VP of Communication: Char Kroemer
- VP of Gospel Outreach: Angelina Jauregui
- Recording Secretary: Ginger Starrett
- Pastoral Counselor: Rev. Mitchel Schuessler
- Nominating Committee: Chairman—Joy Anderson, Karen Morrison, JoNette Brogard, Linda Fees, and Sherrie Smith



JESUS CHRIST ABOVE ALL IN ALBUQUERQUE

Servant Activities

Servant Activities participants created over 1,000 beautiful greeting cards of comfort for cancer patients. The cards were donated to Phil's Friends, an organization that prepares individualized care packages for cancer patients. When the representative from Phil's Friends came from the convention exhibit area to pick up the finished cards, he was not only very excited about the number of cards, but also that many of the women who created the cards visited their booth in the exhibit hall.

Due to the overflowing generosity of the hosting districts, we had more than 200 extra drawstring backpacks for the School Kits. Someone had the idea to ask women to take the empty backpacks back to their societies, fill them, and send them to Lutheran World Relief. It did not take long for all the backpacks to be taken and women were still asking if we had any left.

We started with 10 tables for tying fleece blankets. When we realized



that we needed more tables in order to complete the blankets before the end of the event, God had a plan. We added extra tables, but that was still not enough. Then all 3,000 Personal Care Kits were assembled much more quickly than we planned, so those 16 tables were converted to fleece tying stations. By the middle of the second session, we had 30 tables devoted to tying fleece blankets. All the blankets that had been cut and fringed ahead of the convention were completed with 30 minutes to go.



Braille
2900 Large Print
Calendars
40 Volumes of
Lamentations



2017 CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS





In the Zones

RIO GRANDE

WAYS TO COLLECT MORE MITES

During their Spring Workshop, the ladies in the Rio Grande Zone came up with the following ideas for collecting mites.

- Bible Study Brunch — include a mite box and remember to have childcare available.
- Mite Box Sunday.
- Super Bowl Sunday Collection — put out two bowls/baskets, each labeled with the different teams playing.
- Church's Mission Committee Mite Matching Grant—provide at a fundraiser.
- Mission Dinner for Mites — invite the whole congregation.
- Fifth Sunday Door Offering for Mites after church.
- “Noisy” mite offering during church.
- Thrivent Action Grants — fund Mite dinners and other projects where the proceeds go to mites.

SOUTH CENTRAL

PRAYER SERVICE/SPRING WORKSHOP

On May 6, South Central LWML held its Prayer Service 2017 and spring workshop at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Highlands Ranch, CO. It was worth the wait. The Prayer Service, conducted by Pastor Chris Matthis, zone pastoral counselor, contained pertinent information regarding women's commitments made by different age groups today.

The ladies enjoyed a continental breakfast, and a sandwich and salad lunch. An

ingathering was collected and delivered to the 2017 national LWML convention. The ladies also had a fun time dressing to the hilt.

Two Bible studies were presented. Pastor Larson, Ascension, Littleton, co presented “God's Special Gifts—Angels” from the book *The Story of Angels* by Pastor



Don Ginkel. Pastor Skelton of Holy Cross, presented *Commending Christ from one Generation to Another*.

The event theme was based on Psalm 145: *One generation shall commend Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts.*

FOUR CORNERS

VICAR TIM NORTON ORDINATION

Vicar Tim Norton, whom we have supported through our mites and prayers, will be ordained on August 27, 2017. Please keep him, his family, and his ministry in your prayers.

OTHER ZONES

SUBMIT INFORMATION AND PHOTOS

Please contact the *Tidings* editor at tidingseditor@lwmlrmd.org to submit any information or photos for possible publication. Please submit photos separately from the text with highest possible resolution.

Convention Highlights from LWML RMD President

The new logo was presented. The goal is to attract a broader audience by re-engaging the long-time members and attract new members with a logo that incorporates a compassionate/loving, yet new and updated look. The cross, at the forefront, reminds us that “Jesus Christ is Above All,” and He died to save us. The heart represents the love and giving nature of God through His children. The drop symbolizes the blood of Christ, who redeemed us with His blood, as well as, symbolizing the “tear of compassion.”

New Mite Boxes were unveiled for the 75th anniversary.

Attendees were encouraged to subscribe to the *Lutheran Women’s Quarterly* or the eQuarterly. They were also encouraged to prayerfully consider serving at the National level by going to the lwml.org website, under “get involved,” and filling out the “personnel form” on the website. Mission Service opportunities are available on the lwml.org website and our lwmlrmd.org website; the time is now to take advantage of these possible human care projects in your societies and zones.

The new Mite Goal: \$2,075,000..

In Bible Study I, led by Deaconess Betty Knapp, we learned about some of the history of the LWML. The focus in the past was Bible study, and that remains the priority still today. We were encouraged to get real and look at what prevents us from doing what we are called to do—to share Jesus. Bible study keeps us focused

on who we are and what we are. We are to keep “Jesus Christ Above All” as we “serve the Lord with gladness.” She also urged us to write a personal mission statement to keep us focused on the main thing.

Bible Study II directed us toward “where we go from here.” Deaconess Knapp shared that from the very beginning of the LWML, missionary has been our name and is the most important factor in what we do. While we can’t all be foreign missionaries, we can be missionaries where we live and work. We can continue to provide support to foreign missionaries with our mites and prayers. Our lives intersect with people whose only knowledge of Christ will come through us. She also shared the themes of the past conventions.

The Mission Guest Speakers and the Info Gatherings during lunch time on Saturday were times of hearing how these speakers shared the Gospel and why it was so important to them and the world.

In the Opening Worship Service, the LCMS Synodical President, Pastor Matt Harrison shared in his sermon that the LCMS and LWML are truly partners through prayers, mites, and service in missions to the world in sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ Above All.

In the Sending Worship Service, LCMS Rocky Mountain District President Pastor Allen Anderson shared a “wow!!” He commented that all the people attending

convention had come to celebrate “Jesus Christ Above All,” and now equipped would share that message with the world around them. People would hear God’s Word and through the power of the Holy Spirit would come to Jesus as their Savior.

Friday night we were “dancing in the streets” (or rather the aisles) as Mariachi San Pablo from Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care of El Paso, TX delighted and entertained us with vibrant music and song.

Saturday night was a dazzling parade as past district presidents and current district presidents, district YWRs, H2H Sisters, and Jr. Pastoral Counselors high-stepped and frolicked their way up the aisles of the ABQ Convention Center while attendees celebrated with clapping, shouts, and unique noise makers. We were then entertained with vignettes, songs, interviews with people from the past, present, and future of LWML.

“Katie Luther” visited us and shared interesting and humorous tidbits about family life in the “Luther household.”

Wendysue Fluegge was the talented and fun song leader. With her guidance, we boldly proclaimed Christ through song.

A total of 3472 attended the convention: 81 YWRs; over 850 first timers; 324 delegates; 6 past national presidents; 12 golf teams with Tee Up 4 Mites totaling \$12,550.00; and mission walk raised \$73,674.55.

Every One His Witness Workshop

There were twenty-nine (29) willing and excited attendees at LWML RMD's Every One His Witness Workshop on Saturday, May 13, 2017. Eternal Savior in Lafayette, CO was the host church with Kim Goetsch and Cindy Stahly organizing the AV equipment and the food. Rev. Mark Wood from the St. Louis Synodical Office prepared and taught the workshop. Attendees felt the workshop was very beneficial in preparing them for witnessing. The attendees are

looking forward to using the materials that Synod is preparing for congregational use based on the workshop. There was no charge for the workshop; all resources were supplied by LCMS. A Thrivent Action Team Grant was used to provide food for the attendees. Thank you to all who helped prepare for this workshop and to all who attended. This workshop was one of five presented for LWML districts.



Every One His Witness Workshop Attendees

National President's Report

President Patti Ross engaged us in her President's Report by sharing the avenues being used to increase peoples' knowledge of LWML through: increasing social media, hiring a marketing/communications manager in the LWML office, designing a new logo, increasing the media presence of LWML, adding an LWML app, educating district presidents with resources available to encourage and nurture them, adding news to the *Lutheran Women's Quarterly*, and starting a blog. She further encouraged

us by sharing that we enjoy our service to serve the Lord with gladness, not glumness. "That sometimes, we can feel discouraged, especially if we are in a small group in a small congregation. That's why conventions such as this are so encouraging, and uplifting." She then added, "God would not have kept us going for 75 years if He didn't think we were worth the trouble. I look forward to the future of LWML as we continue to proclaim Jesus Christ above all in all that we do. I invite you to enjoy the future with me."

Big Shout Out and Thank You from YWRs

First off, I'd like to thank the RMD for choosing me to be one of the Young Woman Representatives (YWRs) for the 37th Biennial National Convention in Albuquerque, NM.

Wow! What an amazing weekend we had. There were 81 YWRs at convention this year and being able to experience the work of the Lord with these women was breathtaking. Before this convention, I had only attended one other event at zone level. Being in ABQ really put into perspective what Lutheran

Women in Mission really does and how it touches the lives of others through our mites. I never really quite understood how much of an impact mites make, but hearing first hand some of the Mites in Action stories was unbelievable and touching. I am looking forward to furthering my knowledge, love, and the mission of LWML, and spreading the word of God to those that may not know Him. I am looking forward to serving at district level in the future—near or far. We'll see what the Lord has in store for me there

Please keep Kelsey and me in your prayers as we take our experiences back to our societies, and prepare for District convention next June in Boulder, CO, where we'll present our full experience. Please continue supporting our mission grants through mites and prayer. This is huge for these people; they really do appreciate how much we give to them. God's blessings to you all.

In Christ,
Tiffany Hoff

What a blessing to be able to attend the 2017 National LWML Convention in Albuquerque, NM! The whole weekend was a time to "honor the past as we anticipate the future". It was great to meet new friends; celebrate that Christ is "above all" throughout Bible studies, worship, singing sessions, and life; participate in the Diamond Dazzle Evening; review more about how LWML actually works; and laugh as the "Humorous Interrupter" educated us about Katie Luther through entertainment.



It was wonderful to hear about some of God's work in action, specifically through our mite offerings. While our pennies may seem small, our God is a mighty God and He multiplies them for His good. One example was speakers Rev. Carl and Mrs. Chenhsi (Li) Hanson. Li was raised in a Buddhist family half way around the world, and now is a baptized Lutheran: one who joyfully knows she is loved, redeemed, saved through faith by grace through Christ alone—which she says is both the work of the Holy Spirit and proof that God works through our mite money. Yes, we cheered when she spoke of her baptism, and her sister's, and later more family members. Christ is risen! Alleluia!



Kelsey Hall
Committee on
Young Women
Chairman

I especially enjoyed both hearing about LWML history while seeing new records set and being part of it all! RMD, I was honored to be included as one of your YWRs. For your prayers, support, donations towards my Mites in Motion Walk; for your encouragement; for sending me to this convention; for these LWML adventures and other purple shenanigans, thank you. To God be the glory!

Hannah Jackson

2017–2019 National LWML Mission Grants

We will fund 22 mission grants for this biennium as the last two grants were tied. The voting assembly voted to fully fund both grants.

1. Providing Food and the Gospel to Starving children, \$40,000
2. Mercy House for Women and Children, \$100,000
3. Christ for Veterans and Their Families, \$27,750
4. Tanzanian Sewing Center, \$25,000
5. Current Missionary Need, \$100,000
6. Lutheran Children's Books for Families Worldwide, \$100,000
7. Christian Hope Through Mass Media in Egypt, \$100,000
8. NOLA 4H: Hearts for the Hungry, Homeless and Hurting, \$100,000
9. Lutheran World Relief Quilt and Kit Shipping Fund, \$80,000
10. Christian Eldercare Home in Haiti, \$100,000
11. Training Lutheran Middle Eastern Missionaries, \$93,000
12. Completion of Lukonda Lutheran School Buildings, Uganda, \$48,000
13. Equipping Youth to Witness for Life – Y4Life, \$25,000
14. Laborers of Love, \$100,000
15. Sharing Jesus with People with Disabilities, \$100,000
16. Education Loan Repayment Assistance Grants, \$100,000
17. Nursing Students Serving with Mercy Medical Team, \$25,000
18. Restoration Programs for Native Hawaiians, \$75,000
19. RECONNECT to the Body of Christ, Circuit 28, \$50,000
20. Prison and Jail Ministry Synod-wide Conference in 2018, \$36,500
21. Family Scholarships for Short Term Mission Trips, \$60,000
22. Raising Pastors and Deaconesses, \$97,000

Fall Rallies

You're invited to attend your zone fall rally. This is a time for spiritual and emotional uplifting. Come be a part of your zone for this nurturing, informative, and fun event.

9.16

North Central: Mt. Zion/Resurrection
in the City, Denver, CO

Western: Messiah, Grand Junction, CO

9.23

Southern: Redeemer, Colorado Springs, CO

Pecos: Grace, Hobbs, NM

9.30

Northeastern: First English, Sterling, CO

Northern: Risen Savior, Broomfield, CO

South Central: Shepherd of
the Rockies, Bailey, CO

10.7

Four Corners: Zion, Farmington, NM

10.14

Rio Grande: Trinity, Alamogordo, NM

10.21

Northern New Mexico: Good
Shepherd, Edgewood, NM



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Rocky Mountain District Convention

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Since we have such a hope, we are very bold
2 Corinthians 3:12

2018–2020 Grant Proposals Submissions

The LWML RMD is seeking mission grant proposals for our 2018 district convention. Grants accepted through voting at that convention will be paid in the 2018–2020 biennium. We encourage you to prayerfully consider applying for a grant for your particular mission work,

Please note that the deadline is November 1, 2017. Contact Judy Delve, VP of Gospel Outreach at vpgospeloutreach@lwmlrmd.org for any questions or visit www.lwmlrmd.org/mission-grant-information for guidelines and forms.

Mites

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

LWML RMD

Chris Bostron, Treasurer

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Convention Offerings

During the 2017 convention, the following four offerings were collected:

- 2017–2019 Mission Goal: \$45,123.55
- LWML 75th Anniversary Thank Offering for the Endowment Fund: \$49,105.84
- “Worker Priest:” to serve people on the US/Mexico Border with Concordia Lutheran Church, Chula Vista, CA: \$39,904.81
- God Cares About You; for use to support this mission of the “International Zone” of the city of Albuquerque, NM: \$33,290.56

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