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Convention Delegates: Be Prepared

Delegates, come prepared to serve the Lord with gladness during our 2018 LWML RMD convention. The convention page of the LWML RMD website will have information to help you prepare to be a delegate. In addition, this issue of the *Tidings* will have information to help you be a more informed delegate:

- Sylvia shares a convention checklist and some travel tips (page 2).
- The proposed mission grant proposals (pages 14–15) should be studied and shared with your society as you represent them with your vote.
- The slate of candidates, including officers (pages 8–9) and nominating committee (pages 10–12), should be prayerfully considered as these will be the leaders for the next biennium.
- The proposed bylaw changes (page 13) should also be studied and discussed with your society.

For more tips on how to be an informed delegate and to help your time at convention be more enjoyable, check out the delegate section on the LWML RMD website, convention page. See you in Boulder!

Exhibit Hall has a Name

Congratulations to Linda Harsh for submitting the winning name. Plan to walk through **Bolder Expo** exhibit hall at the convention.

Thank you to all who entered our contest. There were many wonderful ideas related to our theme: Bold in Christ.

2016–2018 Grants Paid in Full

As of March 23, 2018, all the biennium grants have been paid in full. Praise be to God for this good news!

In addition, our mites goal to support National had only a shortfall of \$7,807.31.



Postings from
Sylvia

*Since we have
such a hope,
we are very
bold*
—2 Cor. 3:12

In just a few short weeks we'll be engaged together in Boulder, CO, where *since we have such a hope, we are bold*, (2 Corinthians 3:12) and be **"Bold in Christ."**

NOW IS THE TIME for your convention and hotel registrations to be completed and information for the Mission Grants, bylaws, budget, and officer selections to be prayed about, studied, and decided upon. Each active LWML society can have two (2) voting delegates at the convention; that delegate and alternate information should have already been sent to the convention registrar. Information regarding the presenters, Bible studies, and business decisions for the convention are in this *Tidings* issue or the immediate past January and March issues. You are also able to find convention information on our lwmlrmd.org website.

Since we have such a hope, I encourage you to come and grow in confidence of Christ's forgiveness and life because as we are equipped with His Word, we are empowered to recognize how God uses us to share His Gospel and more boldly rely on Him with prayer and service. As we are bold to proclaim His Word and live in the Gospel, we can enjoy the sure knowledge that we are His children for eternity. I look forward to seeing you there and a part of **Bold in Christ!**

Thank you to Mt Hope for hosting our April EC. It was a great help to be able to have a place to meet for both Friday night and Saturday morning as we handled regular district business and finalized details for the upcoming 2018 LWML RMD Convention.

Sylvia

Convention Checklist and Travel Tips

- Prayers for God's blessings on this convention and those presenting.
- Prayers for safe travel.
- Maps for the Opening Worship Service will be in your packet and on the registration table. Those needing rides or willing to provide rides be at the front doors to the hotel at 6:15 PM on Friday, June 8th.
- Your reservation and confirmation information.
- Your Bible.
- Comfortable wardrobe—Business Casual, include a sweater/jacket for cool Colorado mornings/nights and in the convention assembly room.
- Walking Shoes for the Mission Walk and your Mission Walk pledge money. Maps for the walk will be at the registration table.
- Check with your zone president for location of your zone banner and your scheduled zone picture time and location.
- Ingathering: completed layette kits.
- Offering money for the three (3) Convention offerings being received.
- Tip money—suggested tip for the hotel staff of \$1 per person, per day with a thank you note or Mustard Seed. The staff works very hard at keeping your room clean.
- Shopping money—the LWML Store will be open.
- Camera.
- Needed electronic "gadgets" and "chargers," always bring your electronics with you—do not leave them in your room.
- Medicines in original containers.
- Delegates: be familiar with the "voting business" of the convention and informed regarding your zone's voting preferences.
- Smiles, kind words, and patience for convention operations, hotel staff, and meal "challenges."
- **BOLD PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING** to be gathered together at this convention as we are **BOLD IN CHRIST**.

You and Pentecost



Pr. Trent Christensen
A Note from the Junior Pastoral Counselor

¹When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. ⁷And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” ¹⁶But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷“And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, ³³Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.” (Acts 2:1ff)

What rejoicing there was in that room in Jerusalem! On that Pentecost, Jesus’ promise was fulfilled to His disciples. Those timid disciples who had been hiding behind locked doors now became fearless witnesses of the resurrected Christ.

From that day as long as they lived, they witnessed to their Lord and Savior. Through their witness recorded in the Scriptures, the Holy Spirit has worked in the church and through the church over the centuries to this very moment.

You know that there are evil spirits active in the world. There is also the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth, who is able to overcome all the lies of the evil one. The Holy Spirit, whom no one has ever seen, is like the wind, Jesus says. No one has seen the wind, but all are aware of its power, blowing up a hurricane that can destroy buildings or blowing and turning the blades of huge turbine generators. We feel the wind, we can see the effect of the winds power, but we cannot see the wind itself. The Holy Spirit also cannot be seen. But we see the effect of the power that the Holy Spirit has.

You know or hear about a person

who has lived in sin and lived to and for themselves all their lives. Then that person is converted to believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior from sin, death, and the devil, that is the Holy Spirit’s work.

When you meet a person who believes in Jesus Christ at their Savior, that is the work of the Holy Spirit. When you see a condemned sinner living out a life in Christian love, that is the work of the Holy Spirit. When you hear a person giving witness to Jesus, that is the work of the Holy Spirit.

When you see LWML women in Bible Study, that is the work and working of the Holy Spirit. When you hear the clinking of coins in a Mite Box, that is the work of the Holy Spirit. When you see LWML women in local, zone, district, and national, meetings distributing those Mite’s in the forms of grants, that is the work of the Holy Spirit. When you hear an LWML woman speaking the priceless words of the Gospel to comfort a hurting and lost soul, that is the work of the Holy Spirit.

When you see a little child being baptized and the work of Jesus Christ being applied to that child, that is

the work of the Holy Spirit. When you see souls filing into a house of worship to confess their sins, receive Absolution, to hear Jesus Christ preached into their ears, and to receive Christ on their tongues, that is the work of the Holy Spirit. When you are at the bedside of someone who dies a blessed death in faith in Jesus as their Savior and He the Door to Paradise in God’s eternal presence, that is the work of the Holy Spirit.

Everything that glorifies God the Father and the Son whom He has sent, is the work of the Holy Spirit. It’s the Holy Spirit who creates faith in the heart of anyone by the Word that is proclaimed. It is the Holy Spirit who gives wisdom to the LWML and all witnesses of Jesus Christ. It is the Holy Spirit who empowers and emboldens all of those witnesses.

May the Lord fill you readers with His Holy Spirit by daily being in God’s Word and receiving the Sacrament of the Altar as frequently as it is offered for you. Pentecost is not for once a year, not once a month, but for every day that we live. Each day be filled with the Holy Spirit to give glory to Jesus Christ every day of your life!



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	\$10,000
Pastor Debt Assistance/LCMS RMD	\$10,000	\$10,000
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	\$5,600
The Table at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Lakewood, CO	\$5,000	\$5,000
Biblical Orthodox Lutheran Mission	\$10,100	\$10,100
Siberian Lutheran Mission Society	\$10,000	\$10,000
Trinity/HOPE	\$5,000	\$5,000
Project Pastoral Education, West Africa	\$10,000	\$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	\$80,700

Casting Burdens for Burdened Campers—LVR

Lutheran Valley Retreat (LVR) is celebrating 58 years of running outdoor ministry. Each summer they reserve a week of camp for foster children and their chaperones. A week of camp at LVR normally costs \$400. This fee pays for food, counselors, horse rides, and

camp utilities. In 2017 our Mites subsidized a week of camp for 20 foster children and it will subsidize another 20 campers this summer. Let's pray that these children experience God's grace and glory as they enjoy His creation. This grant has been paid in full.

Biblical Orthodox Lutheran Mission

Biblical Orthodox Lutheran Mission (BOLM) is dedicated to sharing Christ's love with Arabic speaking people, Muslims and others, nationally and internationally. Much of their ministry is accomplished through internet talk "rooms." Here's an exciting excerpt from BOLM's March newsletter: "A MUSLIM SCHOLAR CONVERTED AND GOT BAPTIZED. We praise the Lord for this wonderful news, about our brother (A)

who is a very famous Muslim scholar and preacher! He spent about 20 years studying and preaching Islam to many, but he had no comfort or peace in his life. He used to come and attend our Seminary for more than 10 years, asking questions and criticizing Christianity sometimes. Finally the Holy Spirit has opened his heart and mind and Christ has found him!" This grant is paid in full.

What You Can't See Won't Harm You, or Could It?

While spring cleaning to remove the dust off my ceiling fans, I got to thinking, who even sees this dust? No one, right? But if I don't dust, my guests could begin sneezing! So I surmise, even if it's not seen, it can harm you.

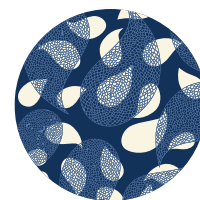
That very well could be the meaning of hiding our light under the bushel like the song we learned in Sunday School as a youngster, "This Little Light of Mine." Hiding the Word of God and hiding our spiritual gifts from others is harmful. God's plan is for us to use the very gifts He gives us to bless others. Out of sight, out of mind is another saying we use and that is more harmful when it comes to sharing Christ with others. We need to be in the Word daily and be available to help others always.

If I have learned anything these last four years serving LWML in the Rocky Mountain

District, it is keeping the Word of God in my mind and heart all the time! I've been surrounded by women who encouraged me to use my gifts and to be a blessing to others in my family, church, neighborhood, and work—each and every day! Hebrews 10:23–24 says, *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.*

If we are idle and not serving the Lord somehow in our church, we are doing something harmful. We are created to be a blessing to God.

Titus 2:4 says we are to teach the younger women—LWML does just that in the TEEN committee (YOUTH in mission) and the Young Women Representatives. Be sure to greet them in June at the convention!



Darlene Markle
VP Servant
Resources

Pre-Convention Workshop: Heart to Heart Sisters Program/Training

The Heart to Heart Sisters (H2H) Program is an intentional effort to include ethnic women in the life and work of the LWML RMD.

At our 2018 Convention in Boulder, CO on Friday, June 8th from 9:00–11:00 a.m., in the Millennium Room on the first floor, there will be a get acquainted/training workshop for all ladies interested in learning more about this program as well as for those interested in serving to promote this program in your society and/or zone. There is no charge to be a part of this training workshop.

The appointed Heart to Heart Sister Trainer needs to know the number of participants for which to prepare. Please email President

Sylvia at president@lwmlrmd.org if you are interested in attending. Final planning for the pre-convention workshop is underway, once you've indicated you'll attend the workshop, more information will be sent to you. In 2017 many of you expressed an interest in being a part of and learning more about this program. NOW is the TIME to make that happen!

You can also visit the national LWML [Heart to Heart Sisters](#) page to learn more about this exciting program, including the 2017–2019 program plan, the history of Heart to Heart Sisters, and aspects of embracing diversity. There are also available resources in Spanish.





Beth Nagy
VP Christian Life

Many thanks to Mary Marten for donating a second copy of “Peter From Fisherman to Fisher of Men” by Donna Pyle and “The Heart of Jesus”, a study on the women in the Book of Luke. Both are DVD studies which are available for loan from the Christian Life library.

As the time for convention nears, have you made your plans to attend? We are hoping to see you; have you checked out the items

available from the Christian Life Committee which are also available in the LWML Store?

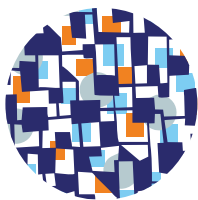
As I look through the LWML website, there are many new devotional materials available as well as Bible studies, sketches, and many other resources. Each month under Program Helps, there are featured resources for that month. The new devotion for April “He Lives/ We Live” is also available on our website. Check it out.



Marybeth Zurcher
Planner

What a wonderful time to delight in the beauty of our creation as spring arrives and everything begins to look new again. As we prepare for our time at convention in the grand mountains of Boulder, Colorado, you may want to share a devotion called “Bloom and Grow!” It can be found at lwml.org under program helps and devotions. It is based on 2 Peter 3:18: *But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.* The devotion talks about the Edelweiss flower from “The Sound of Music”. It reminds us to

be in the Word so that we can model God’s love in a pure and strong way when we witness to others. It also might be fun for the ladies to share why they love the mountains or a fun or special adventure they have had in the mountains. You could possibly have a picnic-like meal and use wildflowers on the table to get people excited to come to the mountains. God bless you each and every day. Remember the many gifts he bestows on us by His love and forgiving grace.



In the Zones

FOUR CORNERS

EXTENDING HOSPITALITY

The Ladies Guild at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church is **BOLD** in extending hospitality to members, friends, and guests. Pictured (left to right) and dressed in their new purple aprons with the new logo are Sue Giddings, Barb Kasik, Brenda Sima, Anne Erickson, Lisa Weber, and Dell Davis. During 2018, St. Paul’s Ladies Guild has hosted two receptions after memorial services, Lenten suppers, and the weekly coffee fellowship after services. The purple aprons give visibility of the LWML to the congregation and to guests who have questions.



Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.

(1 Peter 4:8–9)

Convention Central

The LWML RMD website has the following information and more regarding

the 2018 district convention available at www.lwmlrmd.org/convention.



Hotel

The deadline for reserving the Millennium Harvest Hotel at the \$134 convention rate is May 17, 2018. The reservation number is 800-545-6285. Please use reservation

code **1806Luther** to get the special rate. Remember that there are no roll-in showers available at this hotel.

Enrichment Session Speakers

The Enrichment Session Speakers will be Gary Thies of Mission Central, Kathy Tripcony and Cubby the Comfort Dog, and Carol von Soosten, the LWML Strategic

Plan Facilitator. In addition, Gary Thies will also be our keynote speaker at the Saturday banquet. More information is available on the website and the January/February *Tidings*.

Ingathering

Remember to bring to the ingathering COMPLETED layette kits. The completed layette kits will include diapers (1 or a few (4–5) but not a whole box...whatever fits well in the blanket; preferably newborn to 6 months, baby wipes, pacifier (new), bottle

(new), sleeper, onesie (1 piece underwear that snaps at the bottom), receiving blanket, blanket/quilt, and a Mustard Seed Devotion. One of your kits can use your zone banner as the blanket/quilt.

Offerings

Three offerings will be received at our district convention. The first offering, received during the Opening Worship Service, is designated for our 2018–2020 Mite Goal. The second offering, received on

Saturday afternoon, is designated for Orphan Grain Train Solar Ovens. The third offering, received during the Closing Worship Service, is designated for Lutheran Church Charities Comfort Dogs.

Mission Walk

Get pledges now for the mission walk. Use the form available on our website. All proceeds go directly to mites for the 2018–2020 biennium. Please join us for this

fun event. Maps and directions will be at the registration table. You may turn in your pledge sheet and money at registration or before you begin the walk on Saturday.

Candidates for the 2018–2020 Biennium



Debbie Yocky

Northern New
Mexico

Christ
Albuquerque, NM

Candidate for President

SOCIETY: Secretary, Vice President,
President (current), Christian Life Chairman

ZONE: President, Secretary

DISTRICT: YWR-1999, Christian Life
Committee, Christian Resources Editor, VP
Christian Life, Planner

NATIONAL: Marketing Team, LWML Bible
Study and Devotion writer

CHURCH: Women's Bible study leader,
Sunday school teacher, VBS teacher, Choir

COMMUNITY: PTL President, Basketball
Booster Board Secretary

PAID: Speech Language Pathologist
for Albuquerque Public Schools (21 years),
currently in leadership role in the special
education department (APS)

SKILLS & GIFTS: Leadership, teaching,
writing, strategic planning, marketing, social
networking, computer skills.



Amy Schultz

Northern

Mt. Calvary
Estes Park, CO

Candidate for Vice President of Gospel Outreach

SOCIETY: Treasurer (Our Saviour, Vernal,
Utah)

ZONE: President-Western Zone,
Leadership Training – PING presentation at 2
Zone events.

DISTRICT: Communications Fact Finding
Committee, Mission Grants Committee

NATIONAL: Leadership Training – PING,
2017 Nat'l Convention, Choir Mailing

Director, "Diamond Times" Convention
Newspaper reporter

CHURCH: Choir Director, Hand bells
Director, Sunday School teacher, Christmas
program helper (Vernal), Hand bell ringer
(Estes Park), Helped with Christmas program
at Mt. Calvary, Estes Park

SPECIALIZED DEGREES: Music
Education (Concordia, NE)



Jill Clark

Rio Grande

Trinity
Alamogordo, NM

Candidate for Vice President of Servant Resources

SOCIETY: Society President

ZONE: Rio Grande Zone President, Rio
Grande Zone Vice President, Rio Grande
Zone Christian Growth

DISTRICT: Teen Committee

CHURCH: Youth Leader, Sunday school
Teacher, Bell Choir

COMMUNITY: EMT-Basic with
AlamoWest Volunteer Fire Department

PAID: Pre-school teacher, Former assistant
Church secretary

SKILLS & GIFTS: Teaching, working with
all ages

SPECIALIZED DEGREE OR TRAINING:
Bachelor Degree in Early Childhood
Development, Emergency Medical
Technician-Basic license

Candidate for Vice President of Servant Resources

SOCIETY: President, Christian Growth
ZONE: President, Vice President, Gospel Outreach
DISTRICT: YWR Chairman, Meeting Manager, Planner
CHURCH: Handbell Choir, Sunday School Teacher, VBS leader
PAID: Sexual Assault Victim Advocate, HR Technician, Supply Sergeant, Teacher

SKILLS & GIFTS: Music, Administration, Organization, Encouraging participation of others in projects
SPECIALIZED DEGREES or TRAINING: Communications, Teaching



Shelley Stewart

South Central

Mt. Olive
Aurora, CO

Candidate for Pastoral Counselor

LWML: Assisted with worship at National Convention, volunteered in Prayer Chapel at National Convention
LOCAL: Pastor of Calvary Lutheran Church, Rio Rancho, NM
ZONE: Assisted with Zone Rallies
CHURCH: Sunday school teacher, reader, VBS leader and teacher, Confirmation teacher

COMMUNITY: Served in Meals on Wheels program
SKILLS & GIFTS: Enthusiastic about good ideas, enjoy serving and helping. Gifts of organization, creativity and problem solving.
SPECIALIZED DEGREES or TRAINING: M.Div., BA in history



Rev. Quintin Cundiff

Northern New
Mexico

Calvary
Rio Rancho, NM

Candidate for Pastoral Counselor

RETIRED: Presently serving St. Peter Lutheran Church, Rocky Ford, CO, 1st & 3rd Sundays; Family of Faith Lutheran Church, Falcon, CO, 2nd & 4th Sunday
LWML: Montana District, 3 terms, Pastoral Counselor, Prayer Chapel at 2017 LWML Convention, Albuquerque, NM, LLL Colorado Pastoral Counselor
CHURCH: As Layman: Walther League President, Gamma Delta President – DU, Sunday school Superintendent, Youth Group Director, Youth Bible Class teacher, Adult Bible Class teacher, Evangelism Explosion Teacher & Leader, District Youth Director,

District Youth Camp Director, National Youth Gatherings, Denver Lutheran Choir, LC-MS Interim Pastor, LC-MS Reconciler, Coordinator of Tri-Circuit Pastors' Conference, Pastor 36 years, Circuit Visitor
COMMUNITY: Board of Directors Lutheran Valley Ranch
PAID: 20 Years Secondary School teacher and College Professor (Science), Basketball Coach
SPECIALIZED DEGREES or TRAINING: BA Denver University, MS Virginia State College, PHD Michigan State University, other training at Concordia Theological Seminary



Rev. Clare Skov

Southern

Faith
Woodland Park, CO

Nominating Committee Candidates



JoAnn Beegles

Four Corners

St. Paul's
Durango, CO

LOCAL: Guild President
ZONE: Nominating Committee, Secretary/
Treasurer

CHURCH: Sunday school teacher and
Director, Substitute Organist, Bell Choir/
Vocal Choir

COMMUNITY: Various youth related
groups while children were growing up, Boy
and Girl Scouts, 4H

PAID: Administrative Assistant with the
State of Colorado (Driver's License office,

Ft. Lewis College-Admissions, Department
of Regulatory Agencies and Local
Affairs-Denver

RETIRED: Teach piano lessons, some
substitute teaching

SKILLS & GIFTS: Customer service-"front
desk" first point of contact, encourage others
to try different skills, Thinking "outside the
box".

SPECIALIZED DEGREES or TRAINING:
BA degree in History and Sociology.



Cindie Corvin

Northern New
Mexico

Good Shepherd
Albuquerque, NM

LWML: Member Women In God's Service
at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church; 2017
LWML Convention Properties Chairman

RMD: Nominating, Human Care, and
Mission Servants Committees

ZONE: Treasurer, Historian, VP (2 terms),
current President (3rd term)

CHURCH: Sandia North Circuit
Representative. GSLC RMD District Liaison,
Treasurer, Children's Bible study teacher,
Altar Guild, Trustee

COMMUNITY: God Cares about You

Mission—children's Bible study teacher and
community outreach; Volunteer Stanley
Union Church and Stanley community center
maintenance; yard care for elderly; Lutheran
Brotherhood & Thrivent committees; New
Mexico Mission of Mercy—dental care for
the needy.

PAID: Worked in all aspects of general
dentistry since 1978, secretarial/bookkeeping
duties for 2 small businesses

SKILLS & GIFTS: Worker Bee, Assistance
with Grant Applications



Karen Goeglein

North Central

Bethlehem
Denver, CO

LWML: Have served in various positions
DISTRICT: Served on Grants and Structure
Committees as a committee member and
Chair of the Grants Committee

CHURCH: Life Light studies for 20+ years,

Choir, Orphan Grain Train Volunteer

COMMUNITY: Served on committee for a
golf league

PAID: Retire RN

LOCAL: Vice-President
ZONE: Attended Zone Rally, Treasurer for
Northeastern Zone
DISTRICT: YWR National Convention
CHURCH: Sunday school teacher, Youth
Group leader, Church Secretary

After attending the National Convention, it
really encouraged Tiffany to want to become
more involved within the LWML.



Tiffany Hoff

Northeastern

Trinity
Fort Morgan, CO

LWML: Mount Olive Lutheran Church (37
years); RMD Corresponding Secretary, RMD
Convention Coordinator (12 years), Grace
Lutheran Fellowship LWML President.

CHURCH: Sunday school teacher, Parish
Fellowship Awana memorizing mentor

COMMUNITY: Senior center Alzheimer
volunteer, Children's advocate

PAID: Emergency/Pediatric xray tech;

childcare provider; Workers Comp
Administrator, Human Resources Employee
Relations, Medical clinic assistant.

SKILLS & GIFTS: Organizing/Delegating/
Talking; Arts and crafts.

SPECIALIZED DEGREES or TRAINING:
American Registered Radiologic Technologist®
(ARRT®), Childcare Specialist, Human
Resource Association



Nancy Kraft

Western

Grace Lutheran
Fellowship
Gypsum, CO

LWML: Servant Activities Director, 2017
LWML Convention, Albuquerque; Wrote
LWML Christian Resource items.

DISTRICT: VP of Christian Life, RMD
Nominating Committee

ZONE: President, Northern Zone, VP of
Christian Life

SOCIETY: President

CHURCH: Sunday school teacher, Board
of Deacons, Quilting Group, Women's Bible

Study, and Couples Small Group with Bible
Study

COMMUNITY: Food Bank Drives, Living
Well Showers

PAID: Children's Librarian, now retired

SKILLS & GIFTS: Organizing events
(e.g., Servant Activities), Writing Christian
Resources



Coleen Spahr

Northern

Eternal Savior
Lafayette, CO



Anita Werner

Rio Grande

Ascension
El Paso, TX

LWML: LWML Finance Committee Member 2017–2019, LWML 2017 Host Committee, Staff Service Chairman, RMD Mission Grants Committee, Attended, LWML Leadership Training (PING) 2011, Rio Grande President 2016–2018 and twice before, Ascension LWML Past President, currently Treasurer

CHURCH: Financial Secretary (2017–2019), Choir member (19+ years)

COMMUNITY: El Paso Symphony Board of Trustees (Chair-Elect), United Way of

El Paso County Board Member, Financial Women in Texas (Past President)

PAID: Retired banker with 40+ years of experience in all phases of banking; currently working on contract basis 30 hours most weeks

SKILLS & GIFTS: Leadership, Organized, know my way around financial statements, very comfortable with Excel & Publisher

SPECIALIZED DEGREES or TRAINING: Graduate School of Banking, University of Wisconsin, Madison



Kimberly Whitney

Southern Zone

Bethany
Pueblo, CO

LWML: Founding member of Society; served as Vice President & Treasurer. Even though society is inactive, remains Treasurer. Attends district conventions, zone rallies, and workshops. Loves what LWML does and will continue to participate as an individual member.

CHURCH: Saved by God's grace at baptism as an infant—life-long Lutheran; was gifted by God with musical ability. Has directed choirs for 35 years, led ladies' Bible study for 20+ years. Participates wherever God has need of her. Member of Bethany for almost 35 years.

COMMUNITY: "Unofficial" fundraiser for

local (community) pregnancy crisis center; "Community judge" for home school speech & debate tournaments.

PAID: Forty-six years of teaching piano and accordion. Past substitute teacher and "storm-duty" secretary for insurance adjusters.

SKILLS & GIFTS: Degree in music education, with piano as major instrument; organized and schedule activities far into the future—but flexible should schedules change. Finds music for and accompanies Lutheran school melodramas annually for 21 years.

SPECIALIZED DEGREES or TRAINING: B.A. in Music Education (secondary).



Prayer Requests

A huge thank you to my LWML Sisters in Christ for all your prayers during my cancer surgery. PRAYER WORKS! I'm a modern-day miracle! My cancer is gone! So any prayers you may have to bring before our loving

Father in heaven, I will be happy to send them on. I'm back on the job! Thank you!

Janet Krogh,

Mission Servants Committee Chairperson, and Prayer Warrior

Proposed Bylaw Changes



The RMD Structure Committee reserves the right to correct spelling and punctuation errors, as well as to renumber and re-letter items.

Title Page

Insert the new LWML logo; to update bylaws to reflect the new LWML logo.

Article VII – Duties of Officers, Section 4b

Duties of Officers, Section 4b; to add a new standing committee to the duties of VP of Gospel Outreach.

Proposed Amendment, if adopted, Section 4b will read: be coordinator of the Gospel Outreach Department (Mission Servants Committee, Scholarship Committee, and Heart to Heart Sisters Committee).

Article XIV – Standing Committees, Section 1a, 9)

Rationale: to add a new Standing Committee.

Proposed Amendment, if adopted, Section 1a, 9 will read: Heart to Heart Sisters Committee.

Article XIV – Standing Committees, Section 2i

Rationale: to add duties for Committee on Heart to Heart Sisters.

Proposed Amendment, if adopted, new Section 2i will read: The Heart to Heart Sisters Committee Chairman shall be appointed by the President and be a voting member of the Board of Directors. The Heart to Heart Sisters Committee, consisting of three (3) or more members, shall:

- 1) be responsible to the Vice President of Gospel Outreach;
- 2) identify, develop, support, and encourage women leaders in ethnic ministries, thus celebrating the gifts God has given the church;
- 3) identify and encourage cross-cultural opportunities within the District and LWML, thus emphasizing the church's rich diversity; and
- 4) have its chairman report to each meeting of the Board of Directors and to the District convention.

Current Bylaws

The current bylaws, accepted at the 2016 LWML RMD convention, are available to read on our LWML RMD website.



2018–2020 Proposed Mission Grants

1. To Establish Lutheran Seminary in Sierra Leone—\$10,000

This grant would cover some travel and two week lodging expenses for three LCMS volunteer pastoral instructors as they provide advanced theological education to pastors in their own native West Africa.

2. Hope Through Life's Challenges—\$5,000

This grant will pay some expenses for Family Shield Ministries radio ministry and call response center, including spread of resources, postage, phone and office expenses.

3. Trinity/HOPE—\$5,000

This grant would provide a noon meal for 110 children and teachers in one of our Lutheran schools in Haiti for a whole year, providing physical nourishment while they are spiritually fed with the Gospel.

4. Biblical Orthodox Lutheran Mission—\$7,500

This grant would supply three (3) months expenses for the Internet Seminary and local office needs as the Gospel is presented with a target to the Muslim community.

5. Reaching Visually Impaired Inmates with God's Love—\$5,000

This grant would assist Lutheran Braille workers to provide one church with equipment costs to print a tape bound Bible for use in jails and prisons.

6. Concordia Seminary's International Graduate School Student Support—\$5,000

This grant would provide funding for Lutheran church workers in other countries to come to the U.S. for advanced degrees which enable them to return home and use the education in service to their church.

7. St. Andrew Lutheran Church Plant—\$6,700

This grant would help fund LCMS Domestic Missionary Adam DeGroot as the called pastor to this church in Southwest Albuquerque, NM, an area currently without the Gospel in the RMD.

8. Support for University Lutheran Chapel, Boulder —\$6,000

This grant would give general support to the student congregation at CU-Boulder, offering a place of worship and gathering in a very secular environment.

9. Lutheran Books for Missionaries Around the World—\$5,000

This grant would help Lutheran Heritage Foundation supply our missionaries with catechisms, hymnals, and devotionals in the languages of the people they serve.

10. Dominican Republic Disability Ministry—\$5,000

This grant would assist the yearly budget of Good Shepherd Lutheran Homes in the DR, which care for the Intellectual and Developmentally Disabled (IDD) as well as sharing the Gospel with them in an environment where they otherwise get little.

11. Lutherans for Life Post-Abortion Crisis Hotline—\$5,000

This grant would help expand, through added staffing, the hotline outreach, currently being accessed monthly by more than 300 people looking for help with post-abortion issues, including the need for grace and forgiveness.

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12. Intern to serve with Pr. Tim Norton, Navajo Reservation, NM—\$9,600

LWML RMD has supported Pr. Norton in past biennium as he studied for the ministry. This grant would provide funds for an intern to help him serve the Navajo community and the church that is growing there.

13. Fostering Faith in the Forest—\$5,000

This grant would fund fourteen (14) foster care children and their chaperones to have a week of camp at Lutheran Valley Retreat, where the love of Jesus is shared.

14. Wonderfully Made: Connecting Church and Families to Faith—\$5,500

This grant would fund Bethesda Communities to support caregivers of those with IDD with devotionals and help to connect with a church home. It also would provide “Wonderfully Made: Welcoming a Child with Disabilities into Your Family” brochures to RMD congregations.

15. Messiah Lutheran Campus Ministry at Colorado Mesa University (CMU)—\$6,000

Messiah is the only Lutheran church in this valley community to reach out to the students at CMU. Using their facility, this grant would cover some of the operating costs for one year and the Wi-Fi needed for student use.

16. Deaconess Ministry in the Mission Field—\$4,000

This grant would help cover travel, food and lodging expenses for deaconesses, as well as the Bible resources they use in their missions, both foreign and domestic.

17. Post-Seminary Applied Learning and Support (PALS)—\$3,000

This grant would ease the burden of purchasing the books needed for their PALS groups, a gathering of new pastors and their wives, as they adjust to serving their congregations after seminary graduation.

18. Every One His Witness (EOHW) Special Focus Modules—\$4,000

This is an LCMS program to help LCMS members connect and witness to people. This grant would help fund a specific module directed at groups like Mormons, Jews, Muslims, and de-churched adult children.

19. Soldiers of the Cross/Office of National Ministry—\$4,000

This grant would add to the funding of this program which provides a single-payment grant to our own LCMS church workers in financial crisis.

20. The Table—\$5,000

Bethlehem Lutheran Church volunteers reach out to the homeless and working poor in Lakewood, CO. This grant would fund some of the food and worship materials needed in this weekly meal and church service.

21. Concordia Theological Seminary (CTS) Food Co-op—\$8,000

This grant would buy perishable food items for the co-op at CTS, which provides food staples and clothing for seminary students and their families. (They, in turn, volunteer hours at the co-op.)

Mites

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

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