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## New Officers Ready to Serve for the 2018–2020 Biennium

During the 49th Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Rocky Mountain District (RMD) convention, the delegates elected President Debbie Yocky, Vice President (VP) Gospel Outreach Amy Schultz, VP Servant Resources Shelly Stewart, Junior Pastoral Counselor Rev. Quintin Cundiff, and Nominating Committee Chairman Nancy Kraft with members Cindie Corvin, Tiffany Hoff, Colleen Spahr, and Anita Werner.



Newly elected officers (L to R): Rev. Quintin Cundiff, Debbie Yocky, Shelly Stewart, Amy Schultz, and Nancy Kraft.

In addition to the elected officers, there are several appointed positions which are pending Executive Committee (EC) approval: Meeting Planner Kim Goetsch, Parliamentarian Mary Marten, Planner Anita Werner, Scholarship Chairman Sue Frauenfeld, Structure Committee Chairman Susan Weimer, and Teens Committee Chairman Tiffany Hoff.

Continuing officers and appointments include VP Christian Life Beth Nagy, VP Communications Lesley Nordmeyer, *Tidings* Editor Tanya Hall, Recording Secretary Sue Giddings, Treasurer Chris Bostron, Assistant Treasurer Sharon Kembel, Senior Pastoral Counselor Rev. Trent Christensen, and Committee on Young Women Chairman Kelsey Hall. ✍



Debbie Yocky

PRESIDENT

*Rejoice always!*  
— 1 Thess. 5:16

What a wonderful convention! Our convention theme “Bold in Christ” based on 2 Corinthians 3:12 was a great reminder to boldly share the Gospel message with a world that is increasingly hostile to this message. It was great to have Carol von Soosten in the Rocky Mountain District for even a little while — she is such an encourager. Missionary Gary is so busy at Mission Central supporting our missionaries. I will never forget that we are “not normal.” Cubby and Kathy Tripcony are ministering to hurting people all over our country. These interest sessions speakers were such a blessing to our convention. Our pastoral counselors led us in Bible study and the opening worship service included beautiful music and an inspiring message from past pastoral counselor Jonathan Schultz. Thank you to all the pastors, musicians, interest session leaders, and volunteers who enriched our convention experience. Our “mountain top” experience in Boulder is just a memory and we look forward to gathering together with our LWML sisters in Mobile, Ala., June 2019 and at Keystone, Colo., June 2020.

I am always amazed at the generosity of our LWML RMD women. At this convention more than 647 layette kits were assembled and three offerings and mission walk pledges were collected. To God be the glory! More details about convention are included in this *Tidings* issue, including those convention offerings (page 10), the layette kit adventures (page 9),

and the Heart to Heart Sisters pre-convention gathering (page 11).

As we begin this new biennium, I would like to take a moment to thank our outgoing officers for their dedication and hard work on behalf of the Rocky Mountain District. Sylvia Bean, Darlene Markle, and Judy Delve have traveled many miles and been faithful servants as elected officers.

One of the first duties of a new president is appointing personnel including committee chairmen and committee members. I have just started looking at volunteer forms and making phone calls and will continue to make appointments over the next few months. Thank you to all who have served in the past. Some will continue to serve in the same position or in another position but new faces are welcomed. If you are interested in serving, please complete the volunteer profile on the website.

I am honored to serve as your Rocky Mountain District President. I look forward to meeting with you at fall rallies and other events as I travel throughout the district. Plan to attend the LWML Convention in Mobile, Ala., June 20–23, 2019. I ask that you continue to pray for me and the Executive Committee and Board of Directors as we serve the Lord with gladness. Please keep our mission grants in your prayers and continue to give mite offerings faithfully. 🌿

*Debbie*

# How Do You Say Thank You?

*Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations.* (1 Chronicles 16:23–24a)



Pr. Trent  
Christensen

SENIOR PASTORAL  
COUNSELOR

What a wonderful time Joline and I had in Boulder this June at the LWML RMD convention. We made some new connections with our sisters and brothers in Christ. We met people with whom we found out in a short time that we already had a connection. Then all the convention went back to our neighborhoods, “BOLDER IN CHRIST.” Which leads right into the theme of the LWML National Convention June 20–23, 2019 in Mobile, Ala. The Holy Spirit has made us “BOLDER IN CHRIST,” ... and, “IN PRAISE TO THE LORD” (2019 theme and the verse), we will *Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations.*

How are we to thank God for His salvation freely given in Jesus Christ?

Have you ever received a gift and a “Thank you” doesn’t seem enough?

I feel that way especially when at the communion rail receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of my sins and eternal life with Him.

How are we to say thanks to God for that and everything else in this temporal life? How do you respond when God blesses you specifically — he heals you or a friend, for the way He miraculously provided \_\_\_\_\_ just when you needed it?

When David brought the Ark of the Covenant into Jerusalem, he composed a psalm recorded in 1 Chronicles 16, that teaches us how to give thanks for all God has done for us ... TELLING.

Start with telling people what ISN’T hard to tell. Speak to them in the best way you can so that they can understand it. Tell them how God has blessed you by your family, your friends, by your situation, or how He has helped you through a tough time. People can relate to those things easier than the miraculous.

When most people hear of miracles, they hear them from “TV evangelists” who always seem to have ulterior motives for what they are saying. But you, are a credible witness. When you tell your stories, people have to give them a second thought. And a door is opened for telling them of the greatest miracle of all. Christmas, Good Friday, and Easter. God sending His only begotten Son into the world to save sinners.

Tell the stories of God’s impact on your life — in ways that your non-Christian friends can hear it. Tell people about what God has done for you! Tell people about what you **DEPEND** on God to do. **TELLING PEOPLE**, is the best way to say to God: “Thank you.” 🌿



Amy Schultz

VP GOSPEL  
OUTREACH

## Mission Grant Recipients for the 2018–2020 Biennium

	Granted	Paid
Intern at Navajo Reservation in New Mexico	\$9,600	
Trinity/HOPE	\$5,000	
University Lutheran Chapel, Boulder	\$6,000	
Messiah Lutheran Campus Ministry at Colorado Mesa University	\$6,000	
Fostering Faith in the Forest (LVR)	\$5,000	
St. Andrew Lutheran Church Plant	\$6,700	
Biblical Orthodox Lutheran Mission	\$7,500	
Lutherans for Life Post-Abortion Crisis Hotline	\$5,000	
The Table at Bethlehem Lutheran Church	\$5,000	
Financial Assistance for Concordia Theological Seminary Food Co-op	\$8,000	
To Establish Lutheran Seminary in Sierra Leone	\$10,000	
Lutheran Books for Missionaries around the World	\$5,000	
Dominican Republic Disability Ministry (partial)	\$3,514	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$82,314</b>

These 13 grants were selected during the 2018 LWML RMD Convention, where we were “Bold in Christ.” Together, they add up to our new Mite Goal of \$82,314. There are six RMD grants (including two campus ministries), two missions that spread the Gospel within the United States, and five international grants. You’ll notice that we are continuing our support of some missions and have added some new grant recipients.

Please keep these missions and the people they serve in your prayers as they share God’s saving grace and mercy here in the RMD, the US, and all across the world. May the Lord bless the people who will hear His Word and receive care through these missions! Look for more information about each grant in future issues of the *Tidings* and check out our devotions on [lwmlrmd.org](http://lwmlrmd.org). 🌿

### Fall Rally Dates

- September 15: Western, Emmanuel, Rifle, Colo.
- September 15: Northern, Zion, Brighton, Colo.
- September 22: Pecos, Shepherd of the Hills, Ruidoso, N.M.
- September 22: Southern, Immanuel, Colo. Spgs., Colo.
- September 29: Rio Grande, Mission, Las Cruces, N.M.
- September 29: North Central, Faith Lutheran, Denver, Colo.
- October 6: Northeastern, Trinity, Fort Morgan, Colo.
- October 13: Four Corners, Trinity, Gallup, N.M.
- October 20: South Central, Redeemer, Denver, Colo.
- November 3: N. New Mexico, Calvary, Rio Rancho, N.M.

☞Hello fellow LWMLers! I am excited and humbled to be elected to serve as your Vice President of Servant Resources for the next four years.

☞In going through my stuff from Convention (lots of great things and ideas — where to put everything?) I came across a flyer from Bethesda Lutheran Communities with a pattern to create prayer cloths to give to people with disabilities. This struck a chord with me because my mother gave me a prayer blanket when my first child was born. It was created by one of the ladies at her church, then the entire group prayed for me before it was given to me. I put it over the back of the rocking chair in the baby's room, where I sat to feed both my kids when they were little. Many nights my baby and I dozed

under that blanket. I wonder if this is what the ladies thought of when they prayed over it? It chokes me up to think of presenting something so special to someone — to cover and comfort them and a new precious life — not to mention to protect them with the love and Word of God, whether they knew it or not.

☞What a wonderful gift! It's also a way to witness to the next generation of mothers (and hopefully LWMLers) that we are all sisters in Christ! We should always remember to pray for our leaders, our teens, and our young women that they might be covered in God's grace. I think I might look for my mom's old crochet bag and see if I can make one or two! Although the pattern from Bethesda is for a small cloth, I'm going to be BOLD and try for a blanket!



Shelley Stewart

VP SERVANT  
RESOURCES

## Archivist-Historian Convention Report

☞Hello, my name is Susan Avila. I am a member of Rock of Ages Ladies Guild, Colo. Spgs, Colo. Since I joined the LWML in 2001, I have held every officer's position in my society and I have been the treasurer and secretary for the Southern Zone.

☞I became your LWML RMD Archivist-Historian in February 2018. As your Archivist, I am responsible for collecting and storing information on your zone's and society's activities — be that a zone rally or workshop, or a society's service project to collect funds or make and/or collect items for a local, national, or global mission. As Historian, I am responsible for compiling the information I receive

from you into a report for our biennium conventions and for the RMD President's records. All this information and these reports are duplicated and sent to the LWML National Archives at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Mo. All this information is also available to you as members of LWML Rocky Mountain District. What a great servant resource for all of us!

☞I look forward to delving into all the district's archival boxes and learning about the many extraordinary women (and men) who have made the LWML RMD what it is today! Thank you for the opportunity to serve you, my fellow sisters in Christ, and most especially, our Lord, with gladness. 🌿



Susan Avila

ARCHIVIST-  
HISTORIAN





# BOLD IN CHRIST







# BOLD IN BOULDER





Beth Nagy

VP CHRISTIAN LIFE

A very special THANK YOU to the Christian Life Committee members who set up and worked in the LWML Store throughout the convention. They have been a wonderful group throughout the past two years as we worked and learned together.

New devotions, sketches, and the like will be available on the District website soon. These items are available on the national LWML site — most at no cost to you when you download the item from the website. 🌿

## LWML Sunday 2018



LWML Sunday 2018

LWML Sunday is typically held in October. This year's theme, "Our Rest in a Changing World," comes from Psalm 62. The materials were authored by Rev. Ken Hennings the LCMS Texas District President. For more information regarding LWML Sunday, please visit [lwml.org/lwml-sunday](http://lwml.org/lwml-sunday).

Most LWML Sunday 2018 materials are available for download at the time of this publication. Items to be ordered should be available soon. Please note that all orders should be submitted by September 1, 2018. 🌿



In the Zones

## RIO GRANDE

### ZION LUTHERAN SUPPORTING YSLETA LUTHERAN MISSION HUMAN CARE

Zion Lutheran Church's LWML, El Paso, Texas has truly "Served the Lord with Gladness" with three projects which benefited the Ysleta Lutheran Mission (YLM) Human Care — a Mission dedicated to helping those in need in El Paso and Ciudad Juarez, Mexico.

Those three projects included a collection of new toys to assist the Ysleta Lutheran Mission in their Christmas Gift distribution, a Lenten Food Drive to assist the Saturday food distribution held at YLM, and a collection drive of backpacks

and school supplies to assist YLM in their distribution to children in need when school starts in August. 🌿



The Zion Lutheran Women in Mission — busy hands and joyful hearts — fill bags with 750 pounds of beans and rice for the Ysleta Lutheran Mission food distribution.



# Mission Servants Committee Convention Round-up Report: 647 Layettes

*For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. (Ephesians 2:8–10)*



Nora Sotak  
D'Ann Weimer

MISSION SERVANTS  
COMMITTEE



This picture is not a mountain of bagged trash. Each of these trash bags contains five layettes the women of our district put together with love and gratitude to our Lord Jesus Christ. Yep, our district walked in the good works the Lord prepared for us. Good works, lots of good works in the form of 647 layettes.

The teens and Young Woman Representatives (YWRs) repacked layettes in the trash bags, then counted the trash bags. We had 115 bags to haul to the Navajo Mission, Ysleta Lutheran Mission, and Orphan Grain Train (OGT). 38 bags for each mission. But, of course, it didn't work that way — the Navajo Mission doesn't have enough storage space for 190 layettes, but they were very grateful to receive 75 layettes.

Somehow communication between us and the people hauling the layettes to OGT in Castle Rock, Colo. got mixed up and we had to scramble to get cars

to take layettes to OGT. We had some wonderful LWMLers stuff their cars full of layettes. We also heard that OGT packed 135 layettes in boxes and sent them by train to OGT in Norfolk, Neb.

Ysleta Lutheran Mission ended up getting more layettes than the other missions, mainly because we found a pick-up and a Suburban going south and we loaded them up with the remaining layettes.

We would like to thank the teens and YWRs that helped organize and carry layettes. We would also like to thank all the ladies of the LWML Rocky Mountain District who donated items and wrapped layettes. Thank you!

Pray that every layette is a blessing for the recipient and that they may know and love our Lord as we do.

Remember, serve the Lord with gladness in all you do. 🌿



Linda Harsh

MISSION GRANTS  
COMMITTEE

## Missionary to Speak about God's Work in Africa

During the 2014–2016 biennium, LWML RMD supported Pastor Clausing and his family through our grant support of Mission Central in Iowa. The Clausings have been serving in Eastern Africa, based in Kenya. During their summer furlough, they will be visiting Colorado and speaking at several events.

Please consider attending an event to hear what God is doing in Africa.

- Sunday, July 29, 9 a.m., Faith Lutheran Church, Woodland Park, CO, 1310 Evergreen Heights Dr, Woodland Park, CO 80863
- Wednesday, August 15, Evening, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Pagosa Springs, CO, 56 Meadows Dr, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, 970-731-4668
- Thursday, August 16, 2018, 7 p.m., Risen Savior Lutheran Church, Broomfield, CO, 3031 W 144th Ave, Broomfield, CO 80020, 303-469-3521



## 2018 District Convention Offerings

First Offering: 2018–2020

Mite Goal — \$2,804.49

Second Offering: Orphan Grain Train Solar Ovens — \$2,128.54

Third Offering: Lutheran Church Charities Comfort Dogs — \$2,038.15

In addition to the first offering, the Mission Walk for Mites raised \$1,130.00 and mite donations of \$145.00 were given for the convention logo coasters for a total of \$1,275.00 raised for our Mite Goal. 🌿



*Walkers for Mites walking, smiling, and staying hydrated.*

## Bold Heart to Heart Sisters



Gerri Passmore

HEART TO HEART  
SISTERS

On June 8th–10th, many of us were in Boulder, getting tips on being BOLDER in our outreach. Prior to the actual convention start, a small but dynamic group of ladies met in a dining room to share our interests in Heart to Heart Sisters (H2H). Some were a little shy, as you might even be, wondering if their ethnicity or experience even “qualified” them to be there. Soon everyone relaxed as we learned that the only assets needed were a love of God and a willingness to share with others regardless of their race or culture.

As the session went on, we found out that many in our churches had

extended families that involved people of diverse backgrounds. Members or their relatives have adopted children from other countries or were married to someone who had other than their own ethnic heritage. We even had a former missionary field worker.

We were excited to learn that our new President, Debbie Yocky, has a heart for this work, and to have her in attendance. If you too have an interest, contact either Nancy Kraft at [nomcom@lwmlrmd.org](mailto:nomcom@lwmlrmd.org) or Gerri Passmore at [heart2heart@lwmlrmd.org](mailto:heart2heart@lwmlrmd.org). 🌿





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

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## Apply to be an H2H or YWR at 2019 National

It's that time again for H2H sister trainer and YWR hopefuls to fill out an application to attend the 2019 Convention in Mobile, Ala. as one of two RMD YWRs (due to our LWML RMD Committee on Young Women Chairman by January 15, 2019) or as a H2H Sister Trainer (due to LWML RMD President by August 1, 2018). 🌿

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