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☞ In these uncertain times, it may seem that COVID-19 is halting everything. On April 15, the Board of Directors ratified a recommendation from the Executive Committee that the on-site portion of convention would be cancelled. On April 18, the Executive Committee met—using good social distancing—to discuss a path forward. Not everything is halted.

☞ Delegates, come prepared to serve the Lord with gladness from home this year for the 2020 LWML RMD Convention. The convention page of the LWML RMD website will have information to help you prepare to be a delegate. Delegates will also receive an email with all their ballot and information. In addition, this *Tidings* issue has information to help you be a more informed delegate. Please study and share/discuss the proposed mission grants, proposed bylaw amendments, and slate of candidates with your society/group via email, conference call, video call, or other creative method you've discovered while showing your love for one another with social distancing.

- ☞ Proposed mission grants (page 6–page 9).
- ☞ Proposed bylaw amendments (page 10–page 16) should also be studied as this is how the LWML RMD conducts its business.
- ☞ Slate of candidates, including officers (page 17–page 18) and nominating committee (page 19), should be prayerfully considered as these will be the leaders for the next biennium.

☞ For more information to be an informed delegate, check out the LWML RMD website convention page. Delegates, please read through your delegate package to understand how voting will be happening for our 50th convention. Although this year we will be farther in distance, we are still together as sisters and brothers in Christ. ☞



Debbie Yocky  
PRESIDENT

*Rejoice always,  
pray without  
ceasing, give  
thanks in all  
circumstances;  
for this is the will  
of God in Christ  
Jesus for you.*

— 1 Thess. 5:16-18  
2018–2020 Biennium  
Theme Verses

This is not the *Tidings* article I expected to write. I had planned to ask you to come away from the hustle and bustle of your everyday life to come to the mountains and BE STILL. But now all our lives have come to a screeching halt and we have plenty of time to be still in our own homes. So much has changed in the past few months.

Our theme of “Be Still” continues to be so appropriate. We can rest in the assurance that no matter what challenges face us, God is in control.

These are unusual times and the leadership of the LWML Rocky Mountain District is working hard to make decisions that are in line with our mission as well keeping your safety our top priority. I long for the day that I will meet with you all again face to face. We are planning to hold our first District Retreat in September 2021 at Keystone Resort with a “Be Still” theme. We will gather in the mountains — just not this year. Stay tuned for more details.

Our mission remains the same — to share the Gospel message, to support missions around the world, and to encourage the women of the LCMS to use their time, talents, and gifts in joyful service to the Lord. I know that many of you continue to serve your church and community in any way possible, by making masks, praying for health care workers and church workers, and serving in many other ways. THANK YOU.

I am thankful that we were able to fully fund all of our 2018–2020 Mission Grants. Thank you for your generosity. We did not fully meet our Mission Goal but were able to send Mite offerings to LWML to fulfill our commitment to National LWML

Mission Grants. Please continue to pray for our Mission Grants and give as you are able to support mites.

The business of the LWML Rocky Mountain District must be completed. Although we will not meet in person, we will vote on our 2020–2022 Mission Goal/Budget, select Mission Grants, amend bylaws, and elect new officers. Each active society (group) of up to 40 members may select two delegates. We have been working with the Zone Presidents over the last few weeks to gather the names and email addresses of all eligible delegates. Each delegate will be emailed a packet of information and a ballot. The ballot will be printed and mailed to Parliamentarian Mary Marten. Mary and a small group of tellers will count the votes. The results will be shared through email and posted on our website on June 6, 2020. Your delegates will also have opportunities to ask questions by email and through Zoom meetings.

Our May *Tidings* issue prior to District Convention always contains important Convention information and this issue is no different. Make sure you read through this information and share your opinions with your delegate. Additional information including a short video about our mission grants will be posted on our website.

It is our tradition to gather three offerings when we meet in Convention. Although we are not meeting in person, I would still encourage you to make a donation to support one or more offering recipient. A special remittance form for Convention offerings is available

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## To Be Still or Not To Be Still

*<sup>13</sup>Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, “I believed, and so I spoke,” we also believe, and so we also speak, <sup>14</sup>knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. <sup>15</sup>For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. 2 Corinthians 4:13–15*



Pr. Trent  
Christensen

SENIOR PASTORAL  
COUNSELOR

*In Christ's Service*

¶ A month from now we will be coming together from our homes for the 50th Anniversary of the LWML Rocky Mountain District at Convention. The theme for the Convention is “Be Still” from Psalm 46:10, *“Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”*

¶ At first glance, one might think that “Be still” means to be quiet, as in silent. (At least that’s what I used to hear from my mother in church.) The Hebrew word used here can mean that. But in this case it can also mean “to sink, relax, or abate.” It is in that same sense Jesus used this word in speaking to the storm in Mark 4:39. (I think mom meant for me to both be silent and to abate.)

¶ On the other hand, Paul wrote to the brothers and sisters at Corinth that we believe and cannot be silent or abate because we have the greatest news that everyone around us must hear. It is the lifesaving news of the forgiveness of our sins and a resurrection to eternal life in Jesus’ presence!

¶ Maybe you have a coworker who has been pouring her heart out to you about the difficulties she has been having. She feels spread so thin in every area of her life that she isn’t

doing much of anything well because she is so stressed. That stress is taking its toll on her job, her health, and her marriage. You know that she needs to vent, and you also know that you need to respond. She needs to hear the invitation of her Savior who said, *“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest”* (Matthew 11:28).

¶ We can come up with all kinds of reasons for not speaking. We don’t think we have the words to say. We don’t think that others are looking for what we have to offer. We don’t feel the situation is appropriate. Sometimes there are rules, either written or understood, about what we are “allowed” to talk about at work, in social circles, or even at home. Sometimes when it comes to faith matters, we don’t speak.

¶ Paul gives us many reasons to speak what we believe when it comes to our faith. And none of his reasons have anything to do with avoiding personal guilt for not speaking. We don’t speak about faith so that we don’t feel bad about being silent. We speak because we have the greatest reason TO speak.

¶ I will be with you in spirit during our convention time in June and .... Since we are still, we will not abate! 🌿



Amy Schultz

VP GOSPEL  
OUTREACH

## 2018–2020 Biennium Mission Grants Recipients

To God be the Glory! All 2018–2020 mission grants have been paid in full!

### LVR — Fostering Faith in the Forest

Lutheran Valley Retreat (LVR) has for many years served youth at summer camps, offering week long experiences “in nature.” Some weeks are specifically reserved for children in foster care and their chaperones. They receive love and attention and learn of Jesus saving grace during this time at camp. This grant funded fourteen (14) campers to have a week of camp.

Currently LVR is dealing with the uncertainties of what will happen this summer due to the COVID pandemic. While they have cut as many costs as possible, such as temporarily eliminating most utilities costs by shutting off non-essential electricity and differing pension benefits, they have also applied for loans as they are able. But the reality is that they have already lost a great

deal of funding from canceled events. Mid-May they plan to make final decisions about their ability to hold summer camps. Please keep the ministry of LVR and its staff in your thoughts and prayers.

Isn't it wonderful in times like these that we can fully rely on our merciful Lord to meet our needs and give us His peace and comfort? Our dear Savior is with us every step of the way during this time of uncertainty. He will continue to sustain us. As we prepare to select new Mission Grants for the 2020–2022 biennium, please pray for these ministries and the lives they touch with Word and Sacrament ministry. I'm excited to see what God has in store as we serve the Lord with gladness in the coming months and years! 🌿



Shelley Stewart

VP SERVANT  
RESOURCES

### Called to Serve

We always want to be the best at what we do, right? It's just human nature. One would assume that being the best ensures great rewards.

In fact, the disciples argued about who was the best in Luke chapter 22. They assumed the best would get the greatest reward. Jesus turned it all on its head when he said “*He who is least among you all is the one who is great*” (Luke 9:48) when they had argued about it before. The disciples just weren't getting the message. Why should we serve? It looks good,

makes others happy, but why?

I tell my kids it's because I enjoy it. It makes me feel good to help out where I can. If I never got thanked, I'd like to think I wouldn't be upset, but the truth is that we like to be acknowledged for what we do. If you encourage others in giving, helping, stepping up, they might be more likely to do it again next time.

This is what Jesus was trying to get across, that we all need to help and encourage each other. Showing the love of Christ—that's all we need. 🌿

on our website. Checks should be mailed to Treasurer, Chris Bostron.

The first convention offering always supports the Mission Grants for the next biennium.

The second offering for 2020 is designated to support our Scholarship Fund in honor of all of our past RMD Presidents. As you may know, this convention would have been our 50th Convention. We have also lost three of our past district presidents in the last 18 months: Delores Rhode, Mona Mueller, and Pauline Groerich. Each of these women was a vital part of our history and each served as an important mentor to many women in leadership in our district. This offering will help fund our Scholarship Endowment Fund, which is not yet large enough to disburse scholarships from the fund. At this time the scholarships we fund now are paid through mite offerings. A contribution to

this offering would be a bridge from our past, honoring the faithful leaders of the past, to our future by supporting scholarships for church workers.

Our third offering will be to support the mortgage fund for a parsonage for Christ Breckenridge, the closest congregation to our Keystone Convention site. The Breckenridge area is a very expensive area to live and to support an ongoing and vital ministry in the area, the LWML Rocky Mountain District Board of Directors voted to approve the Christ Breckenridge Mortgage Fund as our third convention offering.

I hope to be able to travel to many of the Zone Fall Rallies and see you all in person soon. Please check our website for up-to-date information and resources. I pray for all of you frequently and humbly ask that you continue to pray for the LWML Rocky Mountain District

Executive Committee, Board of Directors, and District Committee members. Each of these men and women continue to work diligently to accomplish the work of the LWML Rocky Mountain District. Some of these men and women will be finishing their terms as elected or appointed officers, committee members, and Pastoral Counselor. I thank them for their service.

I will be appointing new committee members and appointed personnel in June and July. If you would be interested in serving, please complete the Volunteer Profile on our website.

We will be together soon. Please reach out to me by email or phone with any questions, concerns, or suggestions. 🌿

*Blessings,  
Debbie*

## Bible Studies Always Available

There will come a time when we will again be able to gather in person for worship and Bible study. In the meantime, be sure to check out the LWML website for devotions, Bible studies and other activities. This is a

great opportunity to plan and check out what is available and review all that is available to download at no charge. Many fun things are available, like coloring pages, bookmarks, and the like. 🌿



Beth Nagy  
VP CHRISTIAN LIFE

Remember to send your mites each month to our RMD Treasurer:  
Chris Bostron, Treasurer | PO BOX 1424 | FORT MORGAN, CO 80701

*Mites*



# Mission Grant Proposals

## To Equip the Faculty of the Christ Evangelical Lutheran Seminary, Sierra Leone

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A mission of the Concordia Institute for Christian Studies, this program funds travel expenses for three LCMS pastors to go to West Africa to provide education for the pastoral leadership of the Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church of Sierra Leone. The local pastors that attend these classes then teach other pastors in their regions, which expands the outreach into Gambia and Ghana. This grant is for \$7,500.

## Mercy Meals of Colorado Springs

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Volunteers from Immanuel Lutheran Church, Colorado Springs and surrounding churches gather to assemble Mercy Meal bags that are shipped internationally by Orphan Grain Train to places like the war-torn Republic of Georgia. Each bag contains rice, soy, dried vegetables and nutrient-rich vegetable base powder. They package an average of 360 meal bags a week, with a cost of 13 cents per bag, and have at least 15 volunteers at work sessions. The Christian organizations that receive and distribute these Mercy Meals present the Gospel to those receiving the meals, providing the spiritual food that endures to eternal life. This grant of \$5,000 would provide supplies for two shipments of Mercy Meals while more donors and volunteers are sought out to continue this life-giving ministry.

## Reaching the Hispanic Community of Commerce City, CO

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Our Saviour Lutheran Church is in a community that is 82% Hispanic and 68% of the community's population is Spanish-speaking. For 4 years the congregation in Commerce City, CO, has supported a Resource Center to serve the community and gain the trust of the people and is now ready to launch an outreach in Spanish to children and families. This \$7,996 grant would be used to host several community outreach events, to purchase translating equipment, and to buy books such as Lutheran Service Book, Portals of Prayer and Luther's Small Catechism in Spanish. It would also serve to provide Spanish language instruction to leaders and instructors.

## Kingdom Kids' Camp at Lutheran Valley Retreat

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A week of camp can change the life of a child. Located in the Rocky Mountains north of Florissant, CO, Lutheran Valley Retreat's mission is to share God's grace and glory in His creation. This \$5,000 grant would subsidize a week of camp for 20 children in the foster care system. Activities at camp include archery, hiking, Bible studies, campfire devotions and fishing. The campers will also have the loving support of camp staff who share Jesus' love with them.

## God Cares About You – "Children's Weekend Food Bag Ministry"

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In one of the most crime-ridden and poorest neighborhoods in Albuquerque, NM, several Lutheran churches have begun the God Cares About You Mission, which serves to provide children and their parents with clothes, school supplies, food, meals, a back to work program, Bible studies, worship services and counseling. The Mission is a safe space in a violent neighborhood for parents and children to gather. Ten (10) to thirty (30) children come from the neighborhood each week for Sunday School and vbs time together with Jesus. A new "Children's Weekend Food Bag Ministry" would provide meals to these children who do not have reliable food sources for the weekend. A grant of \$8,000 would help start this new ministry of the God Cares About You Mission.

Faith Lutheran Church in Carbondale, Colorado was formed in 2014 as a merger of two congregations — one in Aspen and the other from Glenwood Springs — in order to continue the proclamation of the Gospel in the Roaring Fork Valley. From the start, Faith Lutheran saw their congregation as a church plant aimed at reaching out to the community. The population of Carbondale is 48% Latino. Funds will be used to build intercultural relationships through ESL instruction, *intercambio*, that is exchange. This provides opportunity for Anglos and Latinos to get to know each other and learn each other's languages. Funds will also be used for the Day of the Child, which will be a yearly festival for the community. The \$7,476 grant would also provide Lutheran books and Bibles in Spanish for the outreach programs.

#### Support for University Lutheran Chapel

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University Lutheran Chapel (ULC) is a dedicated campus ministry at Colorado's largest public university. ULC provides the witness and ministry of Jesus Christ in Word and Sacraments to the students, faculty and staff of Colorado University –Boulder. They offer Lutheran worship every week in which the forgiveness of sins through Word and Sacrament is distributed by Christ Jesus Himself. Unlike a traditional congregation, ULC cannot be self-sustaining given their mission status and a congregational makeup of students. ULC and the Rocky Mountain District are currently addressing part of the property whose fate is yet to be determined and ask for your prayers and support. This \$8,000 grant would cover witness and outreach events, advertising, Christian student fellowship events, teaching materials, and miscellaneous costs that arise necessary for doing ministry in this place.

#### Interns at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Navajo, NM

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Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in Navajo, New Mexico, has been blessed by summer interns the past two summers and want to continue this ministry. Interns have participated with other volunteer teams from across the country to lead VBS, re-roof the parsonage, and hold sports camps. In 2019, 57 children participated in VBS – that's 9 more than the previous summer. Without the leadership of interns and volunteers, those needy children would have missed out on this life-changing event. This year the intern program expanded to include Prison Ministry, where the interns witnessed to the inmates by sharing a devotion. This \$9,000 grant will help continue this important ministry.

#### The Table at Bethlehem Lakewood, CO

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The Table ministers to the working poor and homeless in Lakewood, Colorado through the serving of a weekly meal, then followed with church services and Christian fellowship. Meals are served in the Bethlehem Lutheran Church commons area with church volunteers serving the meals and leading the services. There is no financial assistance and it is currently funded by attendees and donations. The approximately \$150/week is becoming insufficient as attendance increases, and this \$5,000 grant would be used to purchase food for this ministry.

#### Filling Haitian Tummies Open Ears to the Gospel – Trinity HOPE

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Trinity HOPE was established in 1999 specifically to feed Haitian children in Lutheran schools in this impoverished country. Through efforts to become efficient in feeding these children, meal cost is estimated at \$0.24 each. The Lutheran schools where these meals are provided teach the Good News of Christ not only to the children of the church members, but also to the other half of attendees whose homes practice Voodoo. It is estimated that 90% of those children hearing the

Gospel message come to believe in Christ, as well as 60% of their parents. This grant of \$5,000 would go to serve the children and families in Les Ceyes, Haiti.

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#### Faith Connections and Resources for People with Disabilities

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The mission of Bethesda Lutheran Communities is to enhance the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities with services that share the good news of Jesus Christ. They are requesting \$6,000 to help cover costs associated with traveling throughout the district and providing faith supports, guidance and resources to people with disabilities, as well as to congregations and faith-based organizations. Resources such as prayer books, grief and loss workbooks, confirmation materials and Wonderfully Made pamphlets can give guidance on how congregations can become more inclusive communities of faith.

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#### Introducing Muslims to the Savior

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Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF) supports the mission of the LCMS – bringing Christ to the lost. Fifty countries in the world have a Muslim majority, and LHF is at work in 14 of them. However, because Arabic is spoken around the world, materials from LHF have the potential to reach into Islamic regions where there are few or no active Lutheran missions. These translations are also needed here in the United States. In addition to Bibles, pastors use other resources, such as Luther's Small Catechism, hymnals, devotions, etc. to teach the Gospel. Many of these books only cost \$5 to translate into languages like Arabic, Farah, Bahasa Indonesian, or Kazakh. This \$5,000 grant would help LHF supply pastors and missionaries with over 1,000 of these Lutheran books translated in the languages of our Christian Brothers and sisters around the world.

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#### Renewal Lutheran Church Ministry Grant

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Renewal Church has a new LCMS congregation in the Denver Highlands that launched in 2018. Since its inception, Renewal Church has sought to become a central part of their neighborhood. Through its leaders and members, Renewal has developed relationships with local businesses, politicians, community leaders, and the area neighborhood association. Renewal has also been a presence at neighborhood events such as the street fair & harvest festival, to connect with its neighbors in the community. As its new congregation seeks to reach its community with Word and Sacrament, funds of \$8,000 will be used to support the ongoing costs of salary and benefits for its staff.

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#### Mission Central – “Support at Just the Right Time”

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Mission Central in Mapleton, IA, works with the LCMS Office of International Mission to support missionaries world-wide. A grant of \$8,000 would provide the means to help share the Gospel by providing missionaries with travel expenses, insurance, housing, language training and family needs. Funds provided are applied to whichever missionaries are in need *at just the right time*.

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#### Concordia Theological Seminary Food & Co-op Financial Assistance

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Students and their families at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana, are blessed to visit their Food and Clothing Co-op to help offset their financial needs. Often seminarians and their wives cannot find jobs to provide income for their families because they will only be in town for a short time. Being able to shop using a point system and volunteering at the Co-op provides these families with much-needed support during a time when they are being prepared for the ministry. This \$8,000 grant would provide roughly a month's worth of fresh food purchases, which on average includes 600 pounds of ground beef; 300 gallons of milk; 175 dozen eggs; 250 packages of cheese; 3,500 pounds of fresh produce; and 200 bottles of 100% fruit juice.



### PALS Wives Resource Project

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Post Seminary Applied Learning and Support, or PALS, regularly brings together groups of recent graduates of our seminaries throughout the first three years of their ministry. Pastors and their families gather together with an experienced pastor and pastor's wife to worship, study, and discuss ministry experiences. Funds from this \$2,000 grant would be used to purchase books for use by the pastors' wives at PALS meetings.

### Deaconess Training in Latin America

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Deaconesses are theologically, Biblically, and practically trained to help care for people in their body and soul. They help compliment the office of pastor by helping care for members of the congregation and reaching out in mercy to the community. This \$5,000 grant would help with expenses of educating Deaconess students in Mexico, Guatemala, Panama, Venezuela, and the Dominican Republic. There are currently 10 consecrated deaconesses, and 100 Deaconess students – think of how many people can be reached with the Gospel!

### LWML Global Bible Studies by Donna Pyle

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Donna Pyle has written many Bible studies for the LWML, and now they are being translated into other languages. This \$5,435 grant would be used specifically to translate one portion of this Bible study series into Ukrainian to offer a Eurasian global media resource through WordUs Mission Society's internet outreach. These studies would foster spiritual growth through Bible study for lay people throughout Eurasian Lutheran churches and communities to spread the Gospel, to learn sound doctrine, and to teach Christ-centered insights for life.

### Bringing Christ's Light to Those Living in Darkness

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Lutheran Braille Workers is prayerfully requesting a grant in the amount of \$8,000 to offset the costs within the Ministry Production Centers across the United States, to explore the opening of new Ministry Production Centers primarily within the Rocky Mountain District, and to assist with production costs nationally. These funds would help with the production of over 1,000 volumes of materials in Braille, Specialized Large Print and Audio formats, and will help thousands of people world-wide know about Jesus in a manner which serves their needs.

### Shepherd's Canyon Retreat Ministry

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Shepherd's Canyon Retreat Ministry serves the men and women of the LCMS who serve in various shepherd capacities across the church body at large. Church workers in crisis are able to seek the needed renewing, reviving and refreshing that they need to perform their roles in ministry. This \$3,500 grant would cover the retreat costs of one couple, which cover meals, housing and payments to professional Christian therapists. The ultimate goal of this grant is to ensure a continuous flow of support for the pastors and other professional church workers who seek the help offered. Of course, the Holy Spirit steps in to provide the healing every time!

# Proposed LWML RMD Bylaws Amendments

*Resolved*, that the LWML Rocky Mountain District Structure Committee be authorized to correct article and section designations, punctuation, spelling, typographical errors, and cross-references and to make such other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the intent of the voting body in connection with amendment of the LWML RMD Bylaws.

## PROPOSED AMENDMENT # 1

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*Rationale: Strike “societies” and insert “groups” to recognize flexibility in the names of local organizations. Many different names are used for LWML RMD groups such as circles, guilds, and societies. All are acceptable. This amendment will recognize all as groups of the Lutheran Women Missionary League Rocky Mountain District.*

### ARTICLE III – MEMBERS, SECTION 1a

#### CURRENT TEXT

- a. Women’s organizations within congregations of the LCMS Rocky Mountain District, on campuses, in resident homes, or in other settings shall be eligible for membership as societies.

#### IF ADOPTED WILL READ

- a. Women’s organizations within congregations of the LCMS Rocky Mountain District, on campuses, in resident homes, or in other settings shall be eligible for membership as groups.

### CONFORMING AMENDMENTS

If the amendment is adopted, the same change will be made in Article III – Members, Section 1c, d; Article VIII – Nominations, Section 2b, Section 3a; Article IX – Appointed Officers, Section 3d, Section 8e; Article XIV – Standing Committees – Section 2a, d, e, h; Article XV – Official Publication, Section 2b; Article XVI – Mission Proposals and Grants, Section 1a; Article XVII – Resolutions Section 1; Article XVII – Finances, Section 1a; Article XX – Resignation and Dissolution, Sections 1 and 2.

## PROPOSED AMENDMENT # 2

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*Rationale: to conform to current practices.*

### ARTICLE III – MEMBERS, SECTION 2c

#### CURRENT TEXT

- c. The organization shall present the requested number of copies of its bylaws to the District Structure Committee for approval.

#### IF ADOPTED WILL READ

- c. The organization shall send its bylaws electronically to the District Structure Committee Chairman for review and approval of the committee.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT # 3

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*Rationale: to conform to current practice.*

ARTICLE IV – DISTRICT ORGANIZATION, SECTION 2

CURRENT TEXT

Each zone shall write its own bylaws, which shall not conflict with the bylaws of the LWML District. The requested number of copies of zone bylaws and any subsequent proposed amendments shall be submitted to the District Structure Committee Chairman for approval prior to presentation to the zone. A copy of the approve bylaws and/ or amendments shall be filed with the District Structure Committee Chairman and the District President.

IF ADOPTED WILL READ

Each zone shall write its own bylaws, which shall not conflict with the bylaws of the LWML District. Zone bylaws and any subsequent proposed amendments shall be sent electronically to the District Structure Committee Chairman for committee approval prior to presentation to the zone. A copy of the approved bylaws and/ or amendments shall be filed with the District Structure Committee Chairman and the District President.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT # 4

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*Rationale: To conform to current practice.*

ARTICLE V – CONVENTIONS AND REPRESENTATION, SECTION 1b.

CURRENT TEXT

- b. Zones shall extent invitations for hosting District conventions. Invitations shall be sent to the District President by November 1 in the odd-numbered years, four (4) years prior to the proposed date of the convention.

IF ADOPTED WILL READ

- b. Zones shall host District conventions on a rotation basis.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT # 5

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*Rationale: To clarify the voting assembly of District conventions.*

ARTICLE V – CONVENTIONS AND REPRESENTATION, SECTION 2

CURRENT TEXT

The voting assembly of the convention shall be:

- a. two (2) elected delegates from each unit having forty (40) or fewer members and one (1) elected delegate for each additional twenty (20) members or major fraction thereof, as of January 1 preceding the convention;
- b. voting members of the Board of Directors; and
- c. past presidents of the LWML Rocky Mountain District, residing within the District, who are currently LWML members.

IF ADOPTED WILL READ

The voting assembly of the District convention shall be:

- a. two (2) elected delegates from each unit having forty (40) or fewer members and one (1) elected delegate for each additional twenty (20) members or major fraction thereof, as of January 1 preceding the convention. (\*A major fraction of twenty (20) is defined as eleven (11) or more.);
- b. voting members of the Board of Directors (elected officers, appointed officers, zone presidents, and chairmen of Standing Committees); and
- c. past presidents of the LWML Rocky Mountain District, residing within the District, who are currently members of the LWML.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT # 6

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*Rationale: To clarify delegates to LWML conventions.*

ARTICLE V – CONVENTIONS AND REPRESENTATION. SECTION 6a

CURRENT TEXT

- a. The representation at the LWML convention shall be one (1) certified delegate from each zone having ten (1) or fewer units and one (1) certified delegate for each additional ten (10) units or major fraction there, as of January 1 preceding the convention.

IF ADOPTED WILL READ

- a. The representation at the LWML convention shall be one (1) certified delegate from each zone having ten (10) or fewer units and one (1) certified delegate for each additional ten (10) units or major fraction thereof, as of January 1 preceding the convention. (\*A major fraction of ten (10) is defined as six (6) or more.)

## PROPOSED AMENDMENT # 7

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*Rationale: To conform to newly adopted LWML title.*

### ARTICLE VIII – DUTIES OF OFFICERS, SECTION 1h

#### CURRENT TEXT

- h. be a member of the national LWML Board of Directors. If unable to attend a Board of Directors meeting or a convention, any elected LWML District officer shall be authorized by the District President to attend as the District's representative and shall have voice but not vote.

#### IF ADOPTED WILL READ

- h. be a member of the national LWML Presidents Assembly. If unable to attend a Presidents Assembly meeting or a convention, any elected LWML District officer shall be authorized by the District President to attend as the District's representative and shall have voice and vote. Notice of the substitute's name and address shall be given to the LWML President.

## PROPOSED AMENDMENT # 8

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*Rationale: To allow for electronic balloting.*

### ARTICLE VIII – NOMINATIONS, SECTION 2g

#### CURRENT TEXT

- g. Prepare printed ballots with the names listed in alphabetical order by office.

#### IF ADOPTED WILL READ

- g. Prepare ballots with the names listed in alphabetical order by office.

## PROPOSED AMENDMENT # 9

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*Rationale: To clarify Appointed Officers as voting members of District Board of Directors*

### ARTICLE IX – APPOINTED OFFICERS, SECTION 2c

#### CURRENT TEXT

- c. serve as members of the Board of Directors.

#### IF ADOPTED WILL READ

- c. serve as members of the District Board of Directors with voice and vote.



PROPOSED AMENDMENT #10

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*Rationale: To clarify Special Appointed Personnel as non-voting advisory members.*

ARTICLE X – SPECIAL APPOINTED PERSONNEL, SECTION 2c

CURRENT TEXT

- c. attend meetings in an advisory capacity at the request of the President.

IF ADOPTED WILL READ

- c. attend meetings in a non-voting advisory capacity at the request of the President.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT #11

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*Rationale: To add Public Relations Director.*

ARTICLE X – SPECIAL APPOINTED PERSONNEL, SECTION 1

CURRENT TEXT

The special appointed personnel may include:

- a. Archivist-Historian
- b. Convention Registrar
- c. Parliamentarian

IF ADOPTED WILL READ

The special appointed personnel may include:

- a. Archivist-Historian
- b. Convention Registrar
- c. Parliamentarian
- d. Public Relations Director

CONFORMING AMENDMENT

If the amendment is adopted, the following change will be made to:

ARTICLE X – SPECIAL APPOINTED PERSONNEL, SECTION 6

CURRENT TEXT

None

IF ADOPTED WILL READ

The Public Relations Director shall:

- a. serve a term of two (2) years or until a successor is appointed and be eligible for reappointment;
- b. be directly responsible to the President;
- c. work in close cooperation with the Committee on Communications; and
- d. be coordinator of the convention publicity.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT #12

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*Rationale: To clarify Pastoral Counselors as non-voting advisory members.*

ARTICLE XI – BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SECTION 1a

CURRENT TEXT

- a. The Board of Directors shall be the elected officers, appointed officers, zone presidents, and chairmen of standing committees. No member shall hold more than one (1) voting position on the Board of Directors. The Pastoral Counselors shall be advisory members.

IF ADOPTED WILL READ

- a. The Board of Directors shall be the elected officers, appointed officers, zone presidents, and chairmen of Standing Committees. No member shall hold more than one (1) voting position on the Board of Directors. The Pastoral Counselors shall be non-voting advisory members.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT #13

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*Rationale: To add Events Planning Committee as a Standing Committee.*

ARTICLE XIV – STANDING COMMITTEES, SECTION 1a

CURRENT TEXT

- a. The Standing Committees may include:
- 1) Christian Life
  - 2) Committee on Teens
  - 3) Committee on Young Women
  - 4) Heart to Heart Sisters Committee
  - 5) Leader Development
  - 6) Mission Grants
  - 7) Mission Servants
  - 8) Scholarship
  - 9) Structure

IF ADOPTED WILL READ

- a. The Standing Committees may include:
- 1) Christian Life
  - 2) Committee on Teens
  - 3) Committee on Young Women
  - 4) Events Planning
  - 5) Heart to Heart Sisters
  - 6) Leader Development
  - 7) Mission Grants
  - 8) Mission Servants
  - 9) Scholarship
  - 10) Structure

## CONFORMING AMENDMENT

If the amendment is adopted, the following changes will be made to

### ARTICLE XIV – STANDING COMMITTEES, SECTION 2d

Current text

If adopted will read

Section 2

Section 2d

(Lists the duties of Standing Committees)

The Events Planning Committee Chairman is the Convention Coordinator. The Events Planning Committee, consisting of three (3) or more members, shall:

- a. research possible speakers and programs for District events/retreats;
- b. recommend possible events to the Executive Committee; and
- c. have its chairman report to each meeting of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors and to the District convention.

(\*Renumber - Section 2d becomes 2e; Section 2e becomes 2f; Section 2f becomes 2g; Section 2g becomes 2h; Section 2h becomes 2i; Section 2i becomes 2j)

## PROPOSED AMENDMENT #14

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*Rationale: To add a duty to Convention Coordinator.*

### ARTICLE IX – APPOINTED OFFICERS, SECTION 4

CURRENT TEXT

IF ADOPTED WILL READ

The Convention Coordinator shall:

The Convention Coordinator shall:

- a. serve a term of four (4) years and be eligible for reappointment;
- b. be directly responsible to the President;
- c. be the liaison between the host zone(s) and the Executive Committee; and
- d. report to regular meetings of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors at the request of the President.

- a. serve a term of four (4) years and be eligible for reappointment;
- b. be chairman of the Events Planning Committee;
- c. be directly responsible to the President;
- d. be the liaison between the host zone(s) and the Executive Committee; and
- e. report to regular meetings of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors at the request of the President.

# Candidates for the 2020–2022 Biennium

## Vice President Christian Life

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¶Kay Moeller from Broomfield, Colo. is a member of Risen Savior in the Northern Zone. She has been involved with LWML Christian Life at the zone and local levels. She has also been involved with Gospel Outreach at the district level. She has had experience as a church council secretary, social ministry, Sunday School superintendent and as a teacher. She has been active as Lutheran school teacher, public school substitute teacher, Red Cross administrator, and Kindergarten teacher. Kay has skills in organization, writing devotions, and leading Bible studies. She has a business technology certificate, early childhood license, and an MA in Elementary Education.



Kay Moeller

¶Brenda Sima from Durango, Colo. is a member of St. Paul's in the Four Corners Zone. She has been involved with the local LWML society for 37 years including president and vice president positions as well as has been a district Christian Life committee member. She has experience as a church bell choir director, a co-director of Joy Club (disabled adults, a Bible study co-leader, vision team member, and Gospel Seeds member. She volunteers for "Who We Play For", a heart screening, CPR, AED non-profit. Brenda has been a speech/drama teacher as well as a oil & gas landman. She has skills in teaching, writing, researching, communications, and directing. Brenda received a BA in Speech/Communications.



Brenda Sima

## Vice President Communications

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¶Tanya Hall from Colorado Springs, Colo. is a member of Rock of Ages in the Southern Zone. She has been involved with LWML as a society member and as the district *Tidings* editor. She has taught women's Bible study in addition to being a missionary ESL teacher. She has been an assistant to a technical librarian, a technical editor/writer, a strategic management facilitator, and has worked retail. She has skills as a graphic designer and problem solver. Tanya has a BA in Communications and an Executive MBA.



Tanya Hall

## Recording Secretary

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¶Margaret Blazek from Clovis, N.M. is a member of Immanuel in the Pecos Zone. She has been involved with LWML as a society president, zone president, zone treasurer, convention co-chairman, and zone secretary. She has been a church organist and Sunday school teacher. In her community, Margaret is a member of Altrusa International of Clovis. She is a retired public school teacher and currently teaches half day middle school Social Studies at Clovis Christian Schools. Her skills include playing piano, writing, and basic math. Margaret has a degree/training in special education and gifted education.



Margaret Blazek



Raeanne Kooren

#### Treasurer

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¶Raeanne Kooren from Denver, Colo. is a member of University Hills in the South Central Zone. She has been active in LWML as a Ruth Guild president. She has also worked as a church board treasurer and an accountant for three charities. Raeanne is a certified public accountant.



Brenda "Yvonne"  
Steeby

¶Brenda "Yvonne" Steeby from Alamogordo, N.M. is a member of Trinity in the Rio Grande Zone. She has been active in LWML at the society, zone, and district levels. She has also worked as volunteered as a church treasurer, secretary, VBS, greeter, reader, and teller as well as been in the choir. In her community, she has worked with the hospital auxiliary, local pregnancy center, PEO — Women's scholarships, and the United Way Day of Caring. Brenda "Yvonne" has computer and sewing skills. She has a degrees in Business and Accountancy.

#### Pastoral Counselor

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Rev. Tim Davis

¶Rev. Tim Davis from Wray, Colo. serves Calvary in the Northern Zone. Pr. Davis has been active with LWML serving different circuits throughout his ministry in Southeastern, South Dakota, and the Rocky Mountain. Pr. Davis has served with MOST ministries in Guatemala and Uganda. He has also served as an adult leader to national youth gatherings and Higher Things conferences. Pr. Davis has coordinated the northeast Colorado Free Conference. Pr. Davis is also active in his community serving with the Lions and has competed in BBQ/Smoking competitions in Colo., Kan., and Neb. Pr. Davis skills include good listening and he loves the people and the work of the LWML at all levels. Pr. Tim Davis has a BS degree in Psychology and a Master of Divinity.



Rev. Pete A. Scheele

¶Rev. Pete A. Scheele from Bailey, Colo. serves Shepherd of the Rockies in the South Central Zone. Pr. Scheele has been active with LWML since 1964 through his wife Glenda and mother Ellen. In addition to being a pastor, Pr. Scheele has been a school bus driver, mathematics & industrial technology teacher, as well as a wrestling & football coach. Pr. Scheele has been involved in his community with a homeowner organization, his congregation, and Par county historical society. His skills include outdoor activities such as hunting and fishing, teaching, as well as working with wood. Pr. Scheele has a BA Teaching Degree in Mathematics & Industrial Technology & Athletic Training, Master Degree in Industrial Technology, Master Degree in Divinity with an emphasis Mission and Doctrinal Studies.



Judy Delve from Denver, Colo. is a member of Faith in the North Central Zone. She has been active in LWML at the society, zone, and district levels including roles as president, treasurer, Christian Life, planner, meeting manager, and VP Gospel Outreach. She has been a church organist, choir leader, Sunday school/VBS teacher, and quilter. In her community, Judy has been a receptionist for a Visiting Nurse Association Wellness Clinic. Her skills include small group devotion/ladies' Bible study. Judy is a retired registered nurse.



Judy Delve

Beth Gilleece from Delta, Colo. is a member of Redeemer in the Western Zone. She has been a YWR, zone vice president, and an independent member during her involvement with LWML. She has been a church and church council secretary, Sunday school teacher. Beth also works to revitalize her LWML society/group. She works for the Presbytery of Western Colorado. Beth has gift of willingness to help and learning on her own. She is good at administrative duties and tasks.



Beth Gilleece

Anita Palenschat from Gallup, N.M. is a member of Trinity in the Four Corners Zone. She has been an LWML member since 1973 and has worked at the local, zone, and district levels in varied positions including president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and committee member. She has been involved at church with Sunday school, VBS, choir, and youth group. In her community, Anita works with the Girl Scouts, Artist's Co-op, Retired Educators, and Relay for Life. She has been a Lutheran and public school teacher as well as an artist and art teacher. Anita's skills include visual arts, singing, cooking, crafts, and other hobbies. She has a BS in Education with majors in Art and Geography as well as continuing education in teaching.



Anita Palenschat

Christie Peebles from Fort Collins, Colo. is a member at Peace with Christ in the Northern Zone. She has been active with LWML as a society and zone president. She has been involved with her church (in Colo. and Tex.) as a preschool board member, missions and ministry board member, mission outreach and evangelism board member, a handbell choir director/member, and has lead a woman's Bible study. Christie has been active in her community as the president and founding member of Rice Graduate Christian Fellowship (6 yrs) in Houston, Tex. She has volunteered a few times for Rebuilding Together Houston and Habitat for Humanity. She is currently an associate professor in Chemical and Biological Engineering at Colorado State University. Her skills include leadership, organization, bringing people together with different skillsets to accomplish a task, teaching, mentoring, and hospitality. Christie is analytical and says "Yes" to crazy things. She has a PhD in Bioengineering.



Christie Peebles

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