2024 LWML-RMD District Convention June 7-9, 2024 DoubleTree by Hilton – Lincoln Park 919 7th Street Greeley, CO 80631 970-304-0000



FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)

Q1. When does registration open?

Now!!! Don't forget to register early to take advantage of the Early Registration discount.

Q2. How much is registration?

Early Registration (postmarked by April 1 st)	\$125
Registration (after April 1 st)	\$140
Spouse	\$50
Pastors	FREE

Q3. How do I register?

The registration form was included in the January Tidings. You may also go to https://www.lwmlrmd.org/convention/ and click on the Registration link to download the form. Your check for the registration fees and meal plan should be made out to LWML RMD. Mail registration form along with your check to:

Joey Schilling, 5006 W. Hinsdale Circle, Littleton, CO 80128

Q4. Can I register online?

Unfortunately, this is not an option for the 2024 convention, but we hope to make it an option in the future.

Q5. After completing registration, will I receive an email confirmation?

Yes. The Registrar will send a letter of confirmation via e-mail or regular mail to all who register by May 1, 2024.

Q6. When is the deadline for registration?

Registration deadline is June 1st. Registrations should be mailed 14 days before the convention to ensure that it reaches the Registrar prior to the convention. If you wish to register after this date, you may register onsite at the convention.

Q7. Can I attend only one day of the convention? If so, how much is the registration fee?

Yes. You may select either Friday or Saturday on your registration form. The fee for one day is \$50.

Q8. What is the cancellation/refund policy for the convention?

Due to room and food commitments, there will be no refunds after June 1, 2024.

Q9. How much is the meal plan?

\$130. The meal package includes Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, Saturday lunch, Saturday Banquet, and Sunday breakfast. We encourage attendees to take advantage of the convenience of eating onsite and to support the District in meeting our financial commitment to the hotel by including the meal plan in your registration.

Q10. Can I share the meal plan with someone else?

No. Due to contract requirements with the hotel, meal plans cannot be split between participants.

Q11. Can I pay for my meals individually?

No. The meal plan must be reserved as a package.

Q12. Can I attend only the banquet?

Yes. The cost of attending just the banquet is \$35. The banquet is included for those who order the meal plan.

Q13. How do I request special dietary meal requirements?

On the bottom of the registration form, there is a space to provide dietary restrictions. Please only include restrictions of medical necessity. Food preferences cannot be accommodated.

Q14. Do I make my own hotel reservations?

Yes. See details below.

Q15. Can I make my hotel reservations online?

Yes. You're welcome to call for reservations or book online.

Reservation line: 1-844-570-7816 Booking link: https://group.doubletree.com/ohes9y Group Code: LWM

Group rate is \$129 per night. Special group pricing is available beginning Thursday, June 6 through Sunday, June 9, 2024.

The last day to book for the special group rate is Tuesday, May 7, 2024.

Q16. I want to share a room. Will you find me a roommate?

The convention organizers do not have the resources to facilitate roommates. We recommend talking to other women in your Society and/or ask your Zone President if they know of other

attendees who you could share with. Be sure to check out the District Website and Facebook page for opportunities to connect with other potential roommates. C

Q17. What should I bring with me?

- Prayers for God's blessings on this convention and those presenting.
- Prayers for safe travel
- Your reservation and confirmation information.
- Your Bible or Bible app for devotions
- Completed Planner forms (Code of Ethics, Conflict of Interest, and Waiver Release) found on the website at https://www.lwmlrmd.org/resources/. Forms may also be emailed to the Planner prior to the convention.
- Offering money (cash or check) for our two Convention Offerings
 - o 2024-2026 Mite Offering
 - o Northern and Northeastern Zone Lutheran Schools
- Funds to get all the fun LWML swag in the LWML Store.
- Ingathering donations (see details at https://www.lwmlrmd.org/convention/ under Ingathering)
- Clothing (don't forget a swimsuit so you can take advantage of the pool and hot tub).
- A sweater/jacket/cardigan for the convention assembly room tends to run cool.
- Be kind.
- Prayers of thanksgiving as we gather IN HIS HANDS at this convention!

Q18. What should I wear to the convention?

While there is no dress code, traditionally participants have dressed in business casual apparel. The convention rooms are often cool, so we recommend bringing a sweater with you to sessions.

Q19. What goes on at the convention?

The convention includes meetings to conduct LWML Rocky Mountain District business, the chance to hear about the work of the LWML at both the District and National levels, Bible studies led by out Pastoral Counselors, two worship services, fellowship opportunities including a Walk for Mites and the banquet with musical entertainment, and more! What many women appreciate most about attending a convention is the opportunity to build relationships with other LWML women.

Q20. What is the schedule of the convention?

You will get a detailed schedule when you arrive. Here is a general idea of what to expect:

Friday morning: Registration and Mites Walk

Friday afternoon: First business meeting

Friday evening: Worship service at a local LCMS church

Saturday morning: Second business meeting

Saturday afternoon: Third business meeting and enrichment sessions

Saturday evening: Banquet with musical entertainment

Sunday morning: Fourth business meeting and closing worship service

The LWML Store and the Exhibit Hall will be open Friday morning and during breaks throughout Friday and Saturday.

Q21. What are we voting on and who gets to vote?

At the convention, we will vote on the proposed 2024-2026 Mission Goal; the 2024-2026 Mission Grant Recipients; Candidates for Vice President of Communications, Vice President of Christian Life, Junior Pastoral Counselor, and Nominating Committee; and Bylaw Amendments.

Voting members of the convention are:

- Society elected delegates or their elected alternates.
- Voting members of the District Board of Directors
- Past presidents of the LWML Rocky Mountain District residing within the district and who are currently LWML members.

Q22. What are the convention offerings supporting?

We will have two offerings at the convention. One will go towards the 2024-2026 Biennium Mite Goal and the other will go towards supporting five Lutheran schools in the convention host zones (Northern and Northeastern).

Q23. I would like to volunteer to serve the LWML Rocky Mountain District. What positions are open and who do I talk to?

How exciting! There are many opportunities to serve in the LWML Rocky Mountain District. Officer positions are available every two years, in coordination with the Convention. Committee positions are open throughout the year and offer a great chance to learn and grow in the LWML. Take a moment and chat with an officer or committee member during your free time. Stop by one of the committees' booths in the Exhibit Hall. Also, Volunteer information is available on the District website: www.lwmlrmd.org. Check out the Volunteer Form for opportunities and contact information.

Q24. Will the Share the Word book exchange be available at the convention?

Yes! Bring all those devotionals and Bible study books you've read piling up on your end table or sitting on shelves collecting dust. There will be tables in the Exhibit Hall for you to share and/or exchange your books. And you don't need to bring a book to get a book. Oh, and they're FREE! No donation necessary! We want to Share the Word with everyone!

Q25. Will there be coffee available during the business meetings?

Coffee will be furnished at breakfast and meals included in the meal package. The cost of coffee is prohibitive as we want to use our money wisely for mites. There will be coffee available in the café' to purchase or you may bring coffee purchased outside of the hotel.

Q26. Who do I talk to about accommodation in the meeting hall or other meeting room?

Please <u>DO NOT ASK HOTEL STAFF.</u> They cannot make any changes. Please visit with Convention Coordinator Chris Bostron or District Convention Co-Chairman Nancy Kraft. They will contact the necessary hotel management for any changes such as room temperature, sound, or video changes.

Q27. Can I reserve a table at the banquet to sit with my friends?

A few tables will be reserved for special guests; all other tables are open to all participants. First come, first serve seating. The ballroom doors will open when the banquet begins for all to be seated. *Those with dietary considerations will receive a card to designate their plates. Place your card on your place setting for table servers to see.

Q28. Will the hotel store my luggage if I check out early on Sunday?

Check out time on Sunday is 12:00 noon. We are hopeful the Convention will conclude prior to noon. However, should you choose to check out sooner, please bring your luggage with you to the General Assembly room where worship and closing ceremonies will be held.