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Candidates for VICE PRESIDENT OF CHRISTIAN LIFE



Susan Donnelly
Manchester, New Jersey
(New Jersey District)

LWML: Mission Grants Committee; Activities Director Pittsburgh Convention Host Committee.

DISTRICT: President, Vice President of Gospel Outreach, Editor.

ZONE: Secretary.

LOCAL: President, Vice President, Secretary.

CHURCH: Evangelism Director, Church Council, Call Committee, Prayer Chain, Garden Committee, Social Ministry, Church Christmas Bazaar, Vacation Bible School, Wednesday morning Bible studies.

COMMUNITY: Summer Lunch Program, Thanksgiving Meal Ministry, Seminar Leader on Appraisals and Tax Appeals in New Jersey.

EDUCATION: Bachelor of Science in English, University of Idaho, coursework for Appraisal License.

OCCUPATION: Real Estate Appraiser.

VISION STATEMENT: Our mission as women of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) has always been to create stronger relationships between our sisters and God and in doing so, encouraging our sisters to step out in faith and use their talents to further God’s kingdom. In 1 Peter 4:10 we read, “As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” Our gifts are as varied as God’s grace. The Holy Spirit has planted a song in my heart, “Here I am Lord, Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night. I will go Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.” I want every woman to hear God’s call and know that your LWML sisters will equip and encourage you in all you do for our Savior, Jesus Christ, using your gifts to spread the Good News in new ways to those who have never heard.



Jennifer Huecker
Bunceton, Missouri
(Missouri District)

LWML: Christian Life Committee Chairman and member, Nominating Committee.

DISTRICT: President, Convention Chairman, Christian Life Chairman.

ZONE: President, Christian Life Chairman.

LOCAL: President, Christian Life, Secretary.

CHURCH: Sunday school Teacher, Stewardship and Evangelism Committee, Voter’s Secretary.

COMMUNITY: 4-H Project Leader, 4-H Congress Chaperone, Public School Board, Substitute Teacher.

EDUCATION: Associate of Arts, St. Paul College, studied Art at Columbia College.

OCCUPATION: Self-employed Freelance Artist and Farm Wife.

VISION STATEMENT: That LWML, led by God, is a thriving group of committed women, growing in their faith, immersed in His Word, and serving through love for missions and outreach to others.



Candidates for VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATION



Charlotte (Char) Kroemer
Newberg, Oregon
(Oregon District)

LWML: Chairman Structure Committee, Nominating Committee, Sister to Sister Committee, YWR Committee, Discipling Woman to Woman Team.

DISTRICT: President, Vice President for Leader Development, Recording Secretary, Nominating Committee Chairman, Convention Chairman, Special Gifts Chairman.

ZONE: President, Archivist-Historian.

LOCAL: President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Christian Growth Chairman.

CHURCH: Constitution/Bylaws Revision Committee, Call Committee, School Board, Church musician, Recording Secretary, Vacation Bible School and Sunday school teacher.

COMMUNITY: McMinnville's Habitat for Humanity Faith Relations Committee.

EDUCATION: B.A. from Valparaiso University, Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) from Concordia University, Portland OR.

OCCUPATION: Administrator/Principal/Teacher at St. John Lutheran Church & School.

VISION STATEMENT: *LWML equates with serving our Lord with gladness. It is my prayer that as the world seems to continually change the LWML remains constant and true to the Word, seeking God's wisdom and direction for all we do. As Women in Mission may we continue to focus on service to others by using our God-given gifts, by sharing our God-given blessings through mites, and by reaching out to our neighbors with His truth. I pray LWML never loses the JOY we have because of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.*



Barbara Schaer Gordon
Nebraska
(Wyoming District)

LWML: Christian Resources Editors Committee, 2017 Convention Host Committee Publicity Chairman, Media and Marketing Committee, Mission-Ministry Vision (MMV) Consultant.

DISTRICT: Vice President of Gospel Outreach, Vice President of Mission Grants, 2016 Convention Chairman, Leader Development/HOPE Committee member, Newsletter Editor.

ZONE: Served in all positions at one time or another.

LOCAL: Treasurer, served in all officer positions and on all committees.

CHURCH: Treasurer, Council Secretary, Youth Director, Sunday school Teacher, Choir Director, Vacation Bible School Teacher and Director.

COMMUNITY: Gordon Chamber of Commerce, Willow Tree Festival worker.

EDUCATION: Rushville High School. Educational classes required to obtain and maintain licenses.

OCCUPATION: Real Estate Broker, Licensed Real Estate Appraiser.

VISION STATEMENT: *My vision is that all women of the LWML would be empowered with the passion for mission and ministry through the power of the Holy Spirit as they continue to serve and work to extend the kingdom of God.*



Candidates for VICE PRESIDENT OF GOSPEL OUTREACH



Sally Handrick
Perryville, Missouri
(Missouri District)

LWML: Mission Grants Committee Chairman and member.

DISTRICT: Vice President of Gospel Outreach, Co-Chairman of LWML Missouri District Convention 2016, PING Presenter, Gospel Outreach Committee, Assembly of Leaders Presenter, Christian Life Committee, Structure Committee, Member Development Committee, Nominating Committee Chairman, Committee of Young Women Chairman.

ZONE: President, Communications Manager, Christian Leadership Training Chairman, Effective Society Planning Facilitator, Nominating Committee, Christian Growth Committee Chairman and member.

LOCAL: Recording Secretary, Member Development Chairman, Christian Growth Committee.

CHURCH: Board of Education, Lutheran school teacher, Choir, Bible study leader, Vacation Bible School song leader.

COMMUNITY: Perry County Lutheran Chorale, AAL Regional Volunteer/Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Chapter leader, school volunteer parent-teacher, Red Cross volunteer, Lutheran Braille Workers, hospital auxiliary.

EDUCATION: Attended Concordia University Texas; B.A. in Education from Concordia University Chicago.

OCCUPATION: H&R Block client service representative and volunteer.

VISION STATEMENT: *Knowing that we are God's representatives in the world, my vision is for the LWML to serve as a resource and encouragement for all to be in the Word daily—growing in Christ so that we may readily share Him with all whom God places in our paths. "But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect" (1 Peter 3:15).*



Angelina Jauregui
Los Angeles, California
(Pacific Southwest District)

LWML: Heart to Heart Sister Committee Chairman, speaker, 2007 Sioux Falls Convention, Heart to Heart Sister Task Force, Member of first Heart to Heart Sister gathering at 2003 Oklahoma City Convention, Heart to Heart Speaker at 2005 Tampa Convention.

DISTRICT: Vice President of Gospel Outreach, LWML Grant writing training for Ethnic Pastors, Speaker throughout the district for Heart to Heart program.

ZONE: Speaker for Zone Rallies on Multicultural issues, Devotional leader at Zone Rallies.

LOCAL: President, Vice President, organizer of mission trips to Mexico for LWML women from around the country.

CHURCH: Executive Director, St. John's Lutheran Church, provided leadership for congregation in vacancy, scheduling guest pastors for ten years, ongoing Vacation Bible School leader, Bible class leader for Spanish language study, member Lutheran Hour Rose Parade Committee, rode the Rose Parade float in 2009.

COMMUNITY: Los Angeles County Commissioner of Older Adults, President of VIP Senior Club of Montebello, CA.

EDUCATION: East Los Angeles College; University of Utah—Salt Lake, VISTA volunteer certificate.

OCCUPATION: Information Systems Analyst, retired.

VISION STATEMENT: *As we celebrate 75 years of the LWML mission ministry, it is my vision to see the face of LWML include women of all colors and ages, using their God given giftedness to serve the Lord of the Harvest and to reach the people of the world through global missions. Through my God given gift of leadership I will put my whole trust in God to move the hearts of His people and encourage them to give generously to LWML so we can continue to proclaim the Gospel of his loving sacrifice on the cross. I will continue to share my enthusiasm of serving the Lord with gladness and thanksgiving.*



Candidates for RECORDING SECRETARY



Arlene Naasz
Pierre, South Dakota
(South Dakota District)

LWML: Structure Committee, Board of Directors, Christian Life Committee, Mission Service Committee.

DISTRICT: President, Vice President of Gospel Outreach, Vice President of Mission Inspiration, Special Gifts Fund Chairman, Convention Host Committee for 2007 Sioux Falls and 1989 Rapid City conventions, Bylaws Chairman, Parliamentarian.

ZONE: Secretary, Treasurer, Bylaws Committee, Historian, retreat chairman.

LOCAL: Christian Life, Bylaws, Program Planning Committee, Mission Service leader.

CHURCH: Choir and bell choir, Sunday school teacher, Vacation Bible School leader.

COMMUNITY: Organized mission trip to Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, Lutherans for Life of South Dakota State secretary, Master Gardener, 4-H Judge.

EDUCATION: BS in Family and Consumer Sciences from South Dakota State University, graduate coursework at Northern State University.

OCCUPATION: Retired educator.

VISION STATEMENT: *My prayer and vision for the LWML is that we continue to serve the Lord, wherever and whenever He has need of us. We are an organization of different sizes, different shapes, different ethnicities, different ages and different talents. God has richly blessed us and we need to use our differences as we go forward to do His will. To God be all praise and glory!*



Ginger Starrett
Belvidere, New Jersey
(New Jersey District)

LWML: Recording Secretary, Governance Committee Chairman, Development/Advancement Committee, Visioning Committee, ID Committee, 2013 Pittsburgh Convention Host Committee.

DISTRICT: President, Vice President of Human Care, Convention Planner, Convention Chairman.

ZONE: President, Vice President, Missions, Secretary.

LOCAL: President, Secretary.

CHURCH: Altar Guild, Board of Social Ministry, Board of Ministry, Sunday school teacher, youth group leader, Family Group Leader National Youth Gathering, Thanksgiving meal ministry coordinator.

COMMUNITY: CROP Walk committee member, Girl Scout leader, Sunshine Committee member at Thomas & Betts, Green Township Women's Auxiliary.

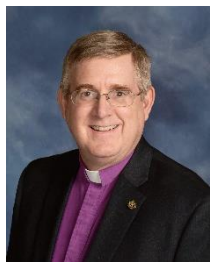
EDUCATION: Attended Warren County Community College.

OCCUPATION: Retired Planner/buyer at T&B Elastimold Co.

VISION STATEMENT: *As Lutheran Women in Mission we will continue to seek out new opportunities to value and strengthen the bond of all mission minded women in the church. Each woman young and young at heart will be equipped to recognize and use the gifts the Lord has bestowed upon her to further His Kingdom work through the LWML.*



Candidates for PASTORAL COUNSELOR



**Rev. Mitchel Schuessler Troy,
Illinois
(Southern Illinois District)**

MINISTRY: St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Troy, Illinois, 2009–present; Immanuel, Altamont, Illinois, 2002–2009; Bethlehem, Ferrin, Illinois, 1993–2003; Trinity, Harvel, Illinois, 1988–1993; Immanuel/Trinity, Auroraville/Borth, Wisconsin, 1987–1988.

EDUCATION: Doctoral Candidate for Doctor of Ministry, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis; Master of Divinity, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, 1987; Millikin University-Decatur, Illinois, 1983.

LWML COUNSELOR: District Counselor, Southern Illinois District, 8 years; Zone Counselor, Southern Illinois District, 10 years.

SYNOD/DISTRICT LCMS ACTIVITIES: National Youth Gathering Family Leader, 2 gatherings. Community Life Builder, 8 gatherings, Delegate to LCMS Convention 1998, 2001, Nominations Committee-Chairman Southern Illinois District (2 conventions), Youth Board Chairman, Southern Illinois District (4 years), Southern Illinois Board of Directors (4 years), Southern Illinois District Circuit Counselor (10 years), Southern Illinois District Ministerial Health (4 years).

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Raymond-Harvel Kiwanis; Shattuc Lions Club; Altamont Lions Club.

VISION STATEMENT: *The LWML should continue to reach out with the message of the Gospel to the women of the LCMS, using every opportunity and means to make available that which will help them to grow in faith and showing that faith in action through the mission grants.*



**Rev. Tod Shouse, Zephyrhills,
Florida
(Florida-Georgia District)**

MINISTRY: Our Savior Lutheran, Zephyrhills, Florida 2014–present; Redeemer Lutheran, Bartow, Florida 2010–2014.

EDUCATION: Master of Divinity, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, 2010; University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 1976-1980.

LWML COUNSELOR: District Counselor, Florida-Georgia District, 4 years.

SYNOD/DISTRICT LCMS ACTIVITIES: Pastoral Delegate to 2013 LCMS Synodical Convention.

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Prayer Leader for Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast, 4th of July Celebration, Teacher of the Year recognition. Chamber of Commerce, Redeemer Lutheran Food Bank, outreach to military, Back to School Backpacks.

VISION STATEMENT: *To continue to encourage and equip women to live their lives in active mission ministries—locally, nationally and world-wide. To personally grow in faith through worship, Bible Study and prayer. To stand firm in the faith while sharing the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ to those who don’t know Him as they Lord and Savior. Lutheran women in mission are Lutheran women in motion-connecting people to Jesus.*



Candidates for NOMINATING COMMITTEE



Joy Anderson
Prior Lake, Minnesota
(Minnesota South)

LWML: Information Technology Committee Database Assistant, YWR to the 2005 Tampa Convention.

DISTRICT: Vice President of Servant Resources, Servant Resources Chairman, Young Women Rep Co-Chair, Webmaster, Gospel Outreach Committee.

ZONE: Secretary, Christian Life Chairman.

LOCAL: President, Christian Growth Leader.

CHURCH: Board of Education, Kansas Work Week Mission Trip, Board of Stewardship, Communications and Technology, Sunday school substitute teacher, Pastor Call Committee, Board of Missions, Worship Song leader, Choir member.

COMMUNITY: Concordia University, St. Paul Alumni Relations President and various offices, Camp Omega Board of Directors Member, Blood Donor.

EDUCATION: B.A. in Theatre Arts, Concordia University, St. Paul.

OCCUPATION: Office manager at an accounting firm.

VISION STATEMENT: My vision for the LWML is for the organization to continue being a leader in spreading the Gospel and support of missionaries and mission organizations around the world. I want our mite goals each biennium to grow. I want the LWML to be an organization with excitement and love of the LWML that others can't help but want to know more about and be part of this wonderful organization.



JoNette Brogaard
Alexandria, Minnesota
(Minnesota North District)

LWML: Structure Committee Chairman, 1999 Minneapolis Convention Host Committee.

DISTRICT: President, Corresponding Secretary, Regional Vice President, Nuclei Committee Chairman.

ZONE: President.

LOCAL: President, Archivist-Historian, Christian Growth.

CHURCH: Choir accompanist, Brass group accompanist, Vacation Bible School Coordinator, handbell choir member, church organist.

COMMUNITY: Alexandria Literacy Project, Kindergarten Teachers' Convention Host Committee.

EDUCATION: B.A. Education, Concordia University, St. Paul.

OCCUPATION: Retired Lutheran Day School Teacher.

VISION STATEMENT: I see the LWML continuing to be an organization that unites us as a group so we can "do more", like financing mission grants that affect people around the world and doing service projects in our communities. I also see LWML as a group united that provides resources, opportunities, and ideas so that each woman can individually grow in faith and service to her family, church and community.



Betty Dietrich
Morton, Illinois
(Central Illinois District)

LWML: Gospel Outreach Committee chairman and member, Nominating Committee.

DISTRICT: President, Vice President of Christian Life, Human Care Committee Chairman, Grants Committee member.

ZONE: Vice President.

LOCAL: President, Vice President, Secretary.

CHURCH: Small group leader, Central Illinois District Mission Commission, Camp CILCA Board of Directors, Sunday school and Vacation Bible School teacher, youth group leader.

COMMUNITY: High school parent group board, PTL treasurer and board member.

EDUCATION: High School Diploma, Technology Education.

OCCUPATION: Pharmacy Technician.

VISION STATEMENT: *I feel my gifts are service related. My gifts include mercy, hospitality and service. I would use these gifts to encourage other women regardless of age and experiences to use their gifts to serve Him. I feel I also have the gift of encouragement and faith, and by sharing these gifts, I can help other women realize nothing is impossible with God's help.*



Linda Fees Miller, Nebraska
(Nebraska South District)

LWML: Mission Servants Committee Chairman, Human Care Committee Member.

DISTRICT: President, Convention Chairman, Vice President of Human Care, Leader Development Member.

ZONE: President, Treasurer.

LOCAL: Society President, Treasurer.

CHURCH: Organist, Confirmation teacher.

COMMUNITY: American Red Cross Platelet Donor; 4-H leader; school volunteer

EDUCATION: B.S. in Education from Concordia University, Nebraska.

OCCUPATION: Farmer/Rancher and Substitute Teacher.

VISION STATEMENT: *I know that God will continue to use the LWML to encourage and energize women (and men) of all ages to become servant leaders and missionaries in homes, local neighborhoods, and global communities. He will continue to bless the missions and the members of our organizations. We have wonderful examples available from past leaders and projects, yet the LWML must be bold in welcoming new ideas to reach and develop members of all ages and backgrounds.*



Deborah Graybosch
Ronkonkoma, New York
(Atlantic District)

LWML: LWML 2013 Pittsburgh Convention Host Committee, Board of Directors.

DISTRICT: President, Vice President for Spiritual Life, Vice President for Leader Development, Mission Advocacy and Grants Chairman.

ZONE: President, Vice President, Nominating Committee, Christian Life Chairman.

LOCAL: President, Vice President.

CHURCH: LCMS Atlantic District Nominating Committee, Deacon Intern, Lay Assistant, Hope and Mercy Outreach chairman, altar guild chairman, Gospel Outreach chairman.

COMMUNITY: Hope and Mercy Outreach Event chairman, fundraising for family in need.

EDUCATION: Concordia College—New York - Deacon Program, Stony Brook University, Suffolk Community College – Dental Assistant Certificate.

OCCUPATION: Administrative Assistant/Surgical Coordinator.

VISION STATEMENT: *Believing that encouragement and mentoring is vitally important to the growth of any organization, my prayer is that each and every LCMS woman will look to the younger generation, to guide them forward in their service to the Lord. While at the same time, looking back at the generations that have gone before us, with thankful hearts for the road they have paved. Coming from a district which is blessed by its diversity in both age and race, my prayer is that each and every district of the LWML may experience this true blessing from God.*



Anne Hartman
Eau Claire, Wisconsin
(North Wisconsin)

LWML: Christian Life Committee, HOPE Committee, Young Woman Representative Task Force Chairman, Leader Development Committee, YWR at 2003 Oklahoma City Convention.

DISTRICT: Convention Co-Chairman, Christian Life Committee Co-Chairman, YWR Committee Chairman.

ZONE: Vice President, Christian Life Chairman.

LOCAL: LWML Individual Member.

CHURCH: Small Group Bible Study Leader, Mid-week Kindergarten Teacher, Board of Deacons Financial Secretary and Deacon-at-large, Women’s Ministry.

COMMUNITY: Eau Claire Public School District, Parent Advisory Council, Soccer Club Tournament Committee, Memorial High School Orchestra Booster Club, Chippewa Youth Symphony Board Member, Crestview Academy Parent Group Treasurer, South Middle School Parent Advisory Council.

EDUCATION: B.S. in Education from Valparaiso University.

OCCUPATION: Homemaker.

VISION STATEMENT: *My favorite part of the LWML mission statement says that we assist each woman of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. That means every woman in the pew. My vision is that we continue to be an organization that encourages women to be in His Word, serve Him, and reach out to those who don’t know Him. I pray that we are a group that embraces women of all ages and cultures. May we continue to give our mites to reach the lost and serve our Lord with gladness in the way He has gifted each of us to serve.*



Candidates for NOMINATING COMMITTEE



Karen Morrison
Wichita, Kansas
(Kansas District)

LWML: HOPE Committee.

DISTRICT: President, Vice President of Communication, Public Relations Committee, currently serves as Lutheran World Relief Coordinator for annual state-wide pickups each October.

ZONE: Secretary, Christian Life Chairman.

LOCAL: President, Bible Study Coordinator.

CHURCH: Nursery Coordinator, At-Large Church Council member, Adult Ministry, Board of Youth.

COMMUNITY: Prairie Quilt Guild Board of Directors, assist in serving meals at a homeless walk-in center and the CrossOver Recovery Center with other Risen Savior church members.

EDUCATION: Emporia State University, Wichita State University.

OCCUPATION: Sales and Bookkeeping.

VISION STATEMENT: *My vision is that the LWML would continue to be the premier LCMS organization where women of all ages can work, study and grow side by side, focusing on mission work near and far, while showing the love of Christ to all we encounter along the way and sharing the Gospel message of salvation with everyone our lives touch. We will do this with a humble servant heart because our motto will always be to "Serve the Lord with Gladness."*



Emily Rogers
Pendleton, Indiana
(Indiana District)

LWML: Board of Directors, Gospel Outreach Committee, Mission-Ministry Vision (MMV) Task Force and Consultant, HOPE Committee.

DISTRICT: President, LWML Consultant, MMV Consultant, Leader Development Chairman, Mission Grants Committee, Vice President Spiritual Resource Department, Nominating Committee, Christian Leadership Training Committee.

ZONE: President, Christian Growth Chairman, Nominating Committee.

LOCAL: President, Vice President, Special Women's Events Coordinator, Christian Growth Chairman, Nominating Committee.

CHURCH: Choir, preschool board member, Women's Bible study leader.

COMMUNITY: Madison County 4-H Association Board of Directors (Awards Committee, Bylaw Committee Chairman, Secretary, Vice President), County 4-H Rabbit Superintendent and leader, President Choir Booster, and Post Prom Co-Chairman.

EDUCATION: Associate in Applied Science – Food Service & Lodging Supervision Technology, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN.

OCCUPATION: Instructional Teaching Assistant.

VISION STATEMENT: *My vision for the LWML is for all women to identify with 1 John 4:19, "We love because He first loved us;" realize with a desire to use those gifts to serve the Lord and others with gladness.*



Sherrie Smith
Justice, Illinois
(Northern Illinois District)

LWML: Committee on Young Women Chairman, Leader Development Committee member, Christian Resources Editors Committee member, Mission Ministry Vision Consultant.

DISTRICT: President, Committee on Young Women Chairman, Planner, song leader.

ZONE: President, Secretary/Treasurer.

LOCAL: President, Christian Growth Chairman.

CHURCH: Organist, Vacation Bible School leader, Bible study leader, Choir and Handbell Choir member, Visioning Committee member.

INTERNATIONAL WORK: Short term mission team member on eight (8) trips.

COMMUNITY: Feed My Starving Children, Phil's Friends, BEDs Volunteer, Flood Relief.

EDUCATION: B.A., Concordia University Chicago.

OCCUPATION: Preschool Teacher, Children and Family Ministry Director.

VISION STATEMENT: *My vision for the LWML is that women of all ages and ethnic backgrounds come together to study God's Word, serve those near and far, and have fellowship with each other. It is time for us to find new ways to reach out to our broken world with the Good News of Jesus.*