

39th Biennial Convention of the LWML SWD

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LWML-SWD Installation Service

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St. Paul Lutheran Church, Grafton, WI

Incoming and Outgoing elected officers gather in front of the assembly. Outgoing officers hold an unlit candle.

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: Dear Sisters and brother in Christ, you are to serve our Lord as the newly elected officers and pastoral counselor of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League in the South Wisconsin District. Hear what Holy Scripture has to say about those who serve in the Church:

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Romans 12:3-8

¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:15-17

As newly elected officers of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League South Wisconsin District, you have been elected by your fellow members to serve the Lord in the various capacities that constitute the duties of your particular office. While they have recognized in you the various talents and spiritual gifts necessary for the fulfillment of these responsibilities of leadership, we know that you cannot succeed unless the Holy Spirit empowers you. Not only has Christ called you to go forward in your office for the sake of the Gospel, but He has also promised you, "Lo, I will be with you always to the end of the age." (Matt. 28:20) Look forward then with joy and optimism to the opportunities for ministry, which the Lord Himself has given you. He will strengthen you in your weakness and uphold you with His Word.



"I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being." Ephesians 3:16-17a NIV

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P: Do you accept the responsibility given to you to serve the Triune God and the LWML South Wisconsin District through your election to your position

Newly Elected: Yes, with the help of God.

P: In the presence of our loving Triune God and of this assembly, I install you as officers of the LWML SWD in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

Outgoing Officers would read their portion and then hand the unlit candle to the new officer. New officer then lights the candle from the Christ Candle after being directed to do so by Pastor Gehrke.

VP of Organizational Resources

By the grace of God, the district Vice President of Organizational Resources is to oversee the Archivist-Historian, the Leadership Development Committee, the Structure of our district, the Nominating Committee, and the Renewal Committee. She is also to maintain a list SWD property used in our district plus maintain a master copy of the district bylaws and guidelines. She is also to serve as a member of the Crisis Management team at district events.

P: (to new VP): Light this candle from the Christ Candle as a sign of your commitment to the LWML South Wisconsin District office of Vice President of Organizational Resources to which you have been elected, and your desire to serve by the wisdom and strength which the Lord will give you.

VP of Gospel Outreach and Christian Life

By the grace of God, the district Vice President of Gospel Outreach and Christian Life is to oversee the Christian Life Chairman, the Fall Retreat, the Young Women's Committee, and the Winter Getaway Retreat. She is to oversee the music that is approved for use at District events and to be responsible for badge sleeves and important health forms. She also is to serve on the Crisis Management team at district events.

P:(to new VP): Light this candle from the Christ Candle as a sign of your commitment to the office of LWML South Wisconsin District Vice President of Gospel Outreach and Christian Life to which you have been elected, and your desire to serve by the wisdom and strength which the Lord will give you.

Financial Secretary

By the grace of God, the district Financial Secretary is to oversee and receive all the monies coming into the district. She is to work closely with the district treasurer especially in regards to the deposits being made into the district accounts. She is also to oversee the Scholarship Committee, Special Funds Committee, and Interest Committee.



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P (to new FS): Light this candle from the Christ Candle as a sign of your commitment to the office of South Wisconsin District LWML Financial Secretary to which you have been elected, and your desire to serve by the wisdom and strength which the Lord will give you.

Recording Secretary

By the grace of God, the district Recording Secretary is to record and maintain all minutes of the district Board of Directors meetings, all Executive Committee meetings, and the district convention. She is to keep all email votes of the EC meetings and make sure that all minutes are distributed in a timely manner to the correct people.

P (to new RS): Light this candle from the Christ Candle as a sign of your commitment to the office of South Wisconsin District LWML Recording Secretary to which you have been elected, and your desire to serve by the wisdom and strength which the Lord will give you.

Junior Pastoral Counselor

By the grace of God, the district pastoral counselor shall be present and prepare devotions for Board of Directors meetings, Executive Committee meetings, and other committee meetings as assigned to him. He is to prepare Bible studies for retreats and review all materials for doctrinal compliance with God's Holy Word. The Junior Pastoral counselor shall attend the National LWML convention. He shall submit *Mission Lamp Articles* in a timely manner.

P (to new PC): Light this candle from the Christ Candle as a sign of your commitment to the office of South Wisconsin District LWML Junior Pastoral Counselor to which you have been elected, and your desire to serve by the wisdom and strength which the Lord will give you.

To the Convention Assembly

P: You have witnessed your newly elected officers assume their responsibilities to serve Christ and you. As members of the South Wisconsin District LWML, you are part of the work of the LWML. Do you promise to cooperate with these, your leaders, to love and encourage them, and to lift them up to the Lord in prayer so that God may be glorified and the Gospel of Jesus Christ be continued to spread throughout our zones, communities, district, and world.

C: We do by the grace of God.

P: Let us pray.

O Lord God, visit these new officers with Your love and favor. Enlighten their minds with the light of Your Gospel. Place in their hearts a love of the truth, and increase in them true faith. Nourish them with Your goodness and, of Your great mercy, keep them in Your love that they may be faithful in their service; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

P: Go in the name of the Lord. Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. The almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C: Amen



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