

**Lutheran Women's Missionary League
South Wisconsin District**

**37th Biennial Convention
June 22 & 23, 2018**



Isaiah 52:7

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Dear Women in Mission of the LWML South Wisconsin District,

I send my encouragement, love, and appreciation to all of you as you meet in convention. I am so pleased you have come together to engage with others in the activities of your convention. Your theme of "How Beautiful" is a reminder for us as Lutheran Women in Mission to encourage and equip those who bring the Good News to the nations. I pray your speakers, worship, and time together will be God-blessed!



Your district under the leadership of President Barbara Kaun has supported the plans and programs of the LWML. By sending delegates to the LWML convention in Albuquerque you chose new officers, 22 new mission grants to fund with your Mite Box offerings, and learned of new mission outreach possibilities from exhibitors and speakers. By the work of the Holy Spirit these preaching, teaching, and caring ministries spread the Gospel and love of Jesus Christ around the world. Add to that the grants and outreach activities of your district and the blessings continue to equip even more of God's people to share the Good News!

Your engagement in LWML workshops, leader events, retreats, and conventions has equipped you for personal witnessing, serving, and growing in your faith walk. Your presence here today is a work of the Holy Spirit. Our organization remains strong because of your commitment to your Lord and your serving Him with gladness through your congregation groups, zones and districts. I urge you to prayerfully support your fellow Women in Mission.

Come praise the Lord with 3000 of your LWML sisters in Mobile, Alabama! That's where our 38th Biennial Convention will take place June 20–23, 2019. The theme "In Praise to the Lord" will focus our events on praising the Lord, telling of His salvation and declaring His glory among the nations. Speakers, exhibits, song, and fellowship will equip and encourage you in your faith and your work for God's kingdom.

The mission of the LWML is to assist each woman of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world. As we live out that mission we do all for the Glory of God. With His help, rejoicing in the assurance of His love and His redemption, we Enjoy our work as we Engage, Encourage, and Equip our Lutheran Women in Mission!



Serving gladly with you,
Patti,
LWML President 2015–2019

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



Lutheran Women in Mission

of the

Florida-Georgia, Gulf States, and Louisiana-Mississippi Districts

Invite YOU

To the 38th Biennial Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention

June 20–23, 2019

Mobile, Alabama

Led by God's power, we praise and proclaim the Lord
among all the nations.

- **Sing** and rejoice in celebration of His Word.
- **Tell** of His salvation for all.
- **Declare** His glory among the nations.
- **Go** forth in His joy!

Ya'll Come!

Plan a family vacation and enjoy the sights of the South!

- 5 Rivers Delta Center
- Bellingerth Gardens & Home
- Mobile Museum of Art
- Fort of Colonial Mobile
- Mobile Botanical Gardens
- USS Alabama Battleship
- Dauphin Island Park & Beach
- History Museum of Mobile
- Mobile Segways
- Condé-Charlotte Museum House

Experience southern hospitality the LWML way! ▾

COME CELEBRATE MOBILE!



CONVENTION RULES

1. The voting body consists of two accredited delegates from each society and the voting members of the Board of Directors (elected officers, zone presidents, chairmen of standing committees and the PR Department). Past SWD Presidents who currently reside in SWD are also voting members. (Article V, Section B.3) Pastoral Counselors are Advisory Members (Article XII, B)
2. A majority of the registered voting body shall constitute a quorum.
3. Only those delegates who have registered with the Registration Committee and are given the identifying badge may vote. Delegates will sit in the section reserved for voting members and wear their badges for the day. (An alternate may vote in the absence of the delegate and will sit in the section reserved for the voting body when acting as a delegate.)
4. Only members of the voting body have the right to speak and vote (Article V, Section a-2).
5. Any voting member wishing the floor shall give her name, zone, and church or office in order to be recognized.
6. Discussion is limited to fifteen (15) minutes on any question and to two (2) minutes for each speaker. No one may speak more than twice on the same subject without the consent of the voting body, the second opportunity being granted only after every other delegate desiring the floor for the first time has spoken.
7. A motion must be presented to the President in writing, signed by the maker, if so requested by the President.
8. The Chair shall be empowered to appoint such committees as shall be necessary for the conduct of the convention.
9. The Chair shall be empowered to appoint a Minutes Review Committee to approve the minutes of the convention after the close of the session.
10. All announcements shall be handed to a page or usher who will deliver them to the Chair.
11. The sale of items at convention is limited to the printed or recorded publications of the guest speaker's related topic, as well as Christian Life products and Concordia Publishing House items. Non-LCMS speaker's items need EC approval six (6) months in advance of the event. (Adopted by Board of Directors, September 2005.)
12. Cell phones, pagers and other electronic devices must be turned to "off" or "vibrate" during convention sessions.
13. These rules may be suspended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the voting body.

Breakout Speaker, Hannah Lull

Every Day Missions



Hannah Lull is a fun, bright, authentic woman who loves the LORD and loves people! She is a sophomore at CUW, studying to become a Director of Family Life with a minor in Missions. She has been on 15 mission trips including St. Louis, Milwaukee, Mexico, Hawaii, and India. She is passionate about walking with people as they become more involved with outreach, in the community and around the world, desperately wanting others to grow closer to Jesus. She loves what God is doing in the LWML and is eagerly inviting more young women to be involved. She is beyond honored and humbled to serve the LORD at this convention. Hannah will be sharing on how she shares Jesus with her generation as well as inviting others to join Jesus with their gifts and talents.

Friday Evening Speaker, Alan Lull

Sharing Christ in Real Everyday Ways



Alan Lull is a Youth & Mission Director at St John's Lutheran Church in West Bend. He will be teaching us how to share Christ in really fun ways! He has lived in China for two years and also has gone on short term mission trips in many places of the world; India, Russia, Hawaii, Mexico, Guatemala as well as all over the U.S. Alan has been married for 22 years (His wife still likes him) has a daughter going to Concordia University Mequon and a son that is a senior at West Bend High School. During our time together, Alan will give practical ways to share Christ in very enjoyable ways; He loves Jesus and hates people going to hell. You will not sleep when he speaks, just try! He loves to take people on 2 hour mission trip around the city; hang on to your spiritual hats, we are going to have fun!

Keynote Speaker

Rev. Ryan McDermott



Rev. Ryan and Emily McDermott serve the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) as career missionaries in West and Central Africa, based in Togo, working in deaf ministry. In this role, Ryan works with partner churches throughout the region to recognize and develop opportunities to reach the deaf with the Gospel. He also identifies and trains leaders, both pastors and laypeople, for working in deaf ministry. As needed, Ryan teaches courses in deaf ministry and theology at The Centre Luthérien d'Etudes Théologiques (CLET), or Lutheran Center for Theological Studies, in Dapaong, Togo. Ryan was born in Los Angeles. His home congregation is Messiah Lutheran Church, La Crescent, Minnesota. Emily was born in La Crosse, Wisconsin, and her home congregation is also Messiah Lutheran Church, La Crescent, Minnesota. Ryan and Emily enjoy spending time with their four children – Rhys, Evangeline, Joshua and Kaj.

Mites in Action Speaker
Chaplain, Lieutenant Colonel, Steven Hokana
Assistant Director, LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces



Chaplain, Lieutenant Colonel, Steven Hokana serves as the assistant director of Ministry to the Armed Forces for The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). To the position, he brings more than 30 years of experience as an active-duty U.S. Army chaplain.

Hokana graduated with a bachelor's degree in History from Concordia College—New York, Bronxville, N.Y., in 1982. He earned his Master of Divinity degree from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in 1987, and his Doctorate of Ministry degree from the Oblate School of Theology, San Antonio, Texas, in 2006. His dissertation illustrates the redemptive love of God to heal those with anxiety disorder through confession and prayer. He is a board-certified chaplain and an active member of the Association of Professional Chaplains. In addition, he is a member of the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education (ACPE) and a Diplomate for the American Academy of Experts in Traumatic Stress.

Hokana's military service has taken him to Southwest Asia, Cuba, Bosnia, Germany, Denmark, Alaska and on multiple stateside assignments. His military and combat operations include Desert Shield; Desert Storm for the liberation of Kuwait; and Stabilization Force 6, a multinational peacekeeping force deployed to Bosnia and Herzegovina after the Bosnian war. His involvement in military operations includes Inherent Resolve, Freedom's Sentinel, Enduring Freedom and Resolute Support. During his career, he has provided pastoral care in diverse units, including Combat Service Support, Airborne Infantry, Light Infantry and Armor.

Hokana has served as chief of United States Disciplinary Barracks and manager of Chaplain/Chaplain Assistant Training, U.S. Army Medical Command, and he twice served as ministry chief in Army hospitals. His career culminated in his service as chaplain of the 13th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), where he supervised up to 44 chaplains and chaplain assistants who provided religious-support operations to thousands of soldiers and Department of Defense civilians and contractors in Iraq, Afghanistan and multiple other nations in Southwest Asia.

Among his awards and decorations are the Legion of Merit, Army Meritorious Service Medal (awarded nine times), the Army Commendation Medal (awarded six times), the Army Achievement Medal (awarded three times), the Humanitarian Service Medal (awarded twice), and the Parachutists and Air Assault badges. Hokana also is the recipient of the Order of Medical Military Merit and the Bronze St. Martin of Tours award for more than 20 years of service as a chaplain in the LCMS.

Hokana and his wife, Mary, have three children and one grandchild.

Jennifer Huecker, Vice President of Christian Life

Lutheran Women's Missionary League



Vice President Jennifer Huecker is from the Missouri District. Jennifer's mother, Verna Kueck and her grandmothers were all active members of their congregation's Ladies Aides, first in Concordia, Missouri and then in Fort Smith, Arkansas. It was mother-in-law, Della Huecker, who introduced her to service in the Lutheran Women's Missionary League shortly after she and her husband David married.

Della Huecker suggested Jennifer drive five women to the 50th Anniversary LWML Convention in Cleveland, Ohio. What an uplifting experience. This began many years of joyful service in support of mission to share Jesus with a world in need.

Serving through her local society, zone, district, and national LWML in various offices and committees, has and continues to be a wonderful gift from God. This has been possible only through His guidance and the support of many women involved in dedicating their time and sincere commitment to reaching others with God's Word.

Jennifer and her husband David are the parents of two children and six grandchildren. Their oldest grandson recently married and now a new granddaughter has been added to the family.

Their home congregation is Zion Lutheran, Lone Elm, Missouri. It is a small rural congregation with a grade school supporting first through eighth grade.

Living on a farm in central Missouri, they have a cow/calf and row crop operation. For many years Jennifer has also used her gift and love of art as a free-lance artist, sharing commissioned pen and ink drawings, watercolor, and oil paintings.

It is the privilege of the Christian Life Department to provide materials to engage and equip women to grow in their Christian faith as they are encouraged to reach out to others with the Good News that Jesus Christ is their Savior.

Jennifer's personal vision statement for the LWML is that, led by God, we are a thriving group of committed women, growing in faith, immersed in His Word, and serving through love for missions and outreach. Jennifer cites that her favorite Bible passage is, *nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord* (Romans 8:39b).



Serve the Lord with Gladness. (Psalm 100:2)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

In thanking those who have blessed us with their service, let us begin by thanking Our Heavenly Father for providing opportunities to be His “hands and feet” in our everyday service through the LWML to “bring the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him.”

Heartfelt thanks go to the following for faithfully praying for this convention and all of the planning meetings:

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- The staff of the Milwaukee Marriott West for thorough assistance in planning
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Rev. Ryan McDermott, LCMS Missionary to Africa
Chaplain, **Lieutenant Colonel**, Steven Hokana, Assistant Director, LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces
Ms. Hannah Lull, CUW student and everyday missionary to the world around her
Mrs. Jennifer Huecker, LWML VP of Christian Life
Mr. Alan Lull, Youth & Mission Director at St. John’s Lutheran Church, West Bend WI
- Those who could not be with us but sent their best regards
- Rev. M. Douglas Peters for planning and leading the Friday Divine Worship Service, and Saturday mid-day devotion
- Rev. Dale Blanchard for leading the Friday evening vespers service, and the Saturday opening devotion
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- Those who have served as presidents in the past, including all 6 with us, and the three who could not be present

All convention attendees who:

- contributed gifts from the heart for the ingathering recipients at Brookfield Lutheran Church
- generously contributed offerings in thanks to the supplier of all our needs
- served the Lord through the LWML with hearts of faithful servants
- all who contribute Mites to send the messengers who proclaim with us “***How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, “Your God reigns!”***”

May all that we do and all that we say be glorifying to God our Father, Jesus Christ our Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Sanctifier, who equips and leads us to serve the Lord in gladness.