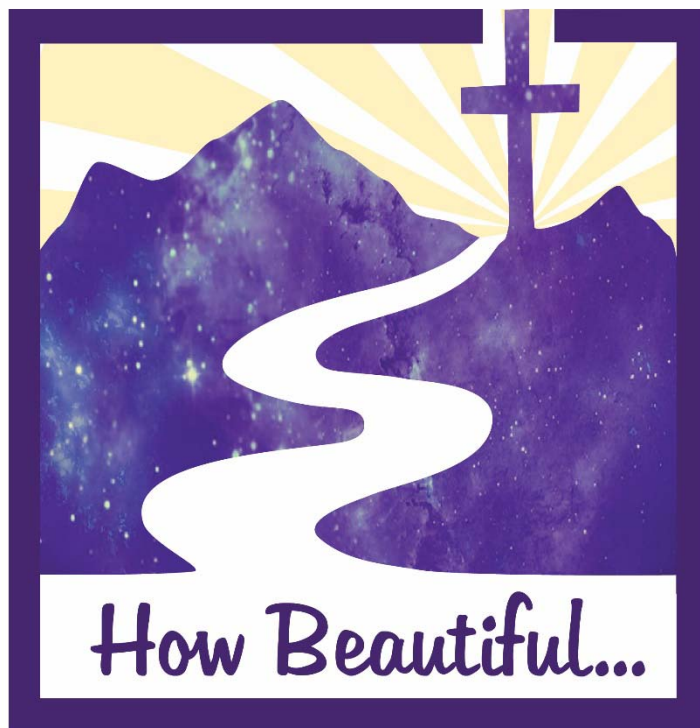


**Lutheran Women's Missionary League  
South Wisconsin District**

**37<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention  
June 22 & 23, 2018**

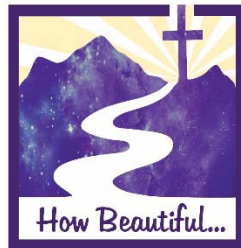


**Isaiah 52:7**

**Milwaukee Marriott West  
W231N1600 Corporate Ct.  
Waukesha, WI 53186**

**South Wisconsin District  
Lutheran Women's Missionary League  
June 22 & 23, 2018  
Milwaukee Marriott West**

- Purpose:** Conduct the official business of the LWML SWD in a timely and God pleasing manner allowing for a smooth transition moving into the coming biennium.
- Goals:** Through the power of the holy Spirit, using God's Word, we will be equipped to use our gifts to be witnesses of God's love to all people.
- Objective:** Grow in faith by offering opportunities to meet and hear from those active in missions at home and abroad. Share God-given talents by being the hands and feet of Him who gave us being.
- Theme Text:** *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!" Is 52:7 NIV*



**Isaiah 52:7**

**The Convention Logo**

**Purple Celestial Mountains**

Represent the vast areas of the world where the Word of God has been spread; but, more importantly, where the WORD needs to be heard.

**Path**

Represents the blessed journey of the feet that travel to do God's work—by both missionaries in a far field and those in the home fields.

**Cross**

Represents the sacrifice paid by our Lord, bringing salvation to the world.

**Rays of Sonlight**

Represent the majesty of our Lord!

- Feet:** The vehicle for spreading God's Word to all the world;
- Mountains:** places to which not everyone can travel
- The LWML** sends them through our mites and prayers.
- But:** there are places to which our feet can travel for God's work...our homes, churches and Communities, wherever the path of God leads us.
- This is not** just the work of those missionaries we send.
- We are all** commissioned to "say to Zion, Your God Reigns!"

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June 2018

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       | • USS Alabama Battleship       |
| • Bellingerath Gardens & Home | • Dauphin Island Park & Beach  |
| • Mobile Museum of Art        | • History Museum of Mobile     |
| • Fort of Colonial Mobile     | • Mobile Segways               |
| • Mobile Botanical Gardens    | • 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.

## 2018 LWML SWD Convention

### Ingathering Litany

L – O Lord, C – **have mercy**

L – O Christ, C – **have mercy**

L – O Lord, C – **have mercy**

L – O Christ, C – **hear us, O Lord**

L – We ask You to bless these items given this day for the in-gathering.

C – **We implore You to hear us, Good Lord**

L – We pray for the CHALO! people at Brookfield Lutheran Church  
and BLC VBS, and that these items will bless their ministry.

C – **We implore You to hear us, Good Lord**

L – We pray for peace, comfort from the Holy Spirit and Your protection in  
every time of need.

C – **We implore you to hear us, Good Lord**

L – Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God

C – **We implore You to hear us, Good Lord**

L – O Christ, C – **have mercy**

L – O Lord, C – **have mercy**

L – O Christ, C – **have mercy. Amen**

**LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE  
SOUTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT 37<sup>TH</sup> BIENNIAL CONVENTION  
JUNE 23, 2018  
AGENDA**

- **8:05 a.m. PROCESSION LINE-UP & PRE-CONVENTION MUSIC**
- **8:15 a.m. PROCESSION** (Please stand)

**Call to Order:** LWML SWD President, Barb Kaun

**Opening Prayer:** Rev. Dale Blanchard

**Pledge of Allegiance:** YWRs & Heart to Heart Sisters (Please stand)

**LWML Pledge:** LWML SWD Past District Presidents (Remain standing)

**Introductions:** LWML SWD President, Barb Kaun

**Convention Rules:** Corresponding Secretary, Claudia Fairfield

**Adoption of Convention Agenda**

**Special Guests:** LCMS SWD President, John Wille

LWML VP of Christian Life, Jennifer Huecker

**Announcement of mission grants funded 2016-2018 - VP of SFM & Mission Grants, Kristen Kolell**

**Vote for excess mites:** VP of SFM & Mission Grants, Kristen Kolell

**REPORT OF FRIDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE OFFERING:** Diane Kamrath

**Offering Prayer:** VP of Gospel Outreach & Christian Life, Diane Meyer

**Offering:** POBLO in SWD 75%  
The Love of Christ Fund 25%

**Credentials Report:** Registrar & VP of Organizational Resources, Ann Nehring

**ADOPTION OF 2018-2020 MITE GOAL:** Treasurer, Kris Hebel &

Financial Secretary, Diane Kamrath

**Prayer:** Financial Secretary, Diane Kamrath

**2018-2020 MISSION GRANTS PRESENTATION:** VP of SFM & Mission Grants,

Kristen Kolell; Mission Grant Chairman, Marge Frank;

and committee member Lois Cook

**Prayer:** Marge Frank

**VOTING FOR 2018-2020 MISSION GRANTS**

**Nominating Committee Report:** Nomination Committee chairman, Diane Timm

**INTRODUCTION OF NOMINEES to ASSEMBLY**

**Prayer:** Leader Development Chairman, Lydia Beasley

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**MITES IN ACTION SPEAKER:** LCMS Chaplain Steven Hokana

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER:** Rev. Ryan McDermott

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Sandy Krainz & Heidi Willison

**LUNCH PRAYER** – VP of Communications, Ruth Weckwerth

**Lunch and Break Out Sessions**

**RECESS UNTIL 1:25 P.M.**

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**1:20 p.m. Music & SINGING** – Cindy Schuett

**1:30 p.m. Call to Order:** President, Barb Kaun

**OPENING PRAYER** – Rev. Douglas Peters

**INTRODUCTION OF OFFERING RECIPIENT:** VP of SFM & Mission Grants, Kristen Kolell & Ebou Faye

**CREDENTIALS REPORT:** Registrar & VP of Organizational Resources, Ann Nehring

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

REPORT OF FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Diane Kamrath

REPORT OF TREASURER: Kris Hebel

**Presentation of the 2018-2020 Budget:** Treasurer, Kris Hebel

**BYLAW AMENDMENTS:** VP of Organizational Resources, Ann Nehring;  
& Structure Chairman, Monica Jeske

**VOTE for BYLAW AMENDMENTS**

**HEART TO HEART SISTERS:** Chairman, Mai Nhia Thao

**YOUNG WOMEN'S COMMITTEE:** Chairman, Amy Tikkanen

**Ingathering Litany & Presentation:** Senior Counselor, Rev. Dale Blanchard; VP of Gospel Outreach & Christian Life, Diane Meyer; representative of Brookfield Lutheran Church

**REPORT of the DISTRICT PRESIDENT:** Barb Kaun

**2019 LWML Convention, Mobile, AL DVD**

**RESULTS OF MISSION GRANTS VOTE:** Marge Frank

**REPORT OF TELLER FOR ELECTION of OFFICERS:** Diane Timm

**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS:** Senior Counselor, Rev. Douglas Peters

**THANK YOU TO CONVENTION COMMITTEE:** Sandy Krainz & Heidi Willison

**ADJOURNMENT AND SENDING** – President, Barb Kaun



### **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*

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### *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 50<sup>th</sup> 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).



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

## Proposed Bylaws Changes

### ARTICLE II - OBJECT

The object of this organization shall be:

- A. to develop and maintain a greater mission consciousness among the women of the LWML SWD through MISSION EDUCATION, MISSION INSPIRATION, and MISSION SERVICE;
  - B. to gather funds for the support of mission grants which have been approved by the LWML SWD Board of Directors (hereinafter referred to as BOD) and the SWD LCMS District Mission Executive or LCMS World **National and International** Missions, especially those for which no adequate provision has been made in LCMS budgets.
- Rationale: Changed the word “World” to “National and International Missions” to reflect current terminology used by the LCMS.

### ARTICLE IX – APPOINTED PERSONNEL

- Rationale: The addition of the below statements clarifies the conditions of Appointed Personnel.
- A. All Appointed personnel shall:
    1. be appointed by the President, with the approval of the EC;
    2. serve two (2) years, or until their successors are appointed, and shall be eligible for reappointment **as a non-voting member of the Board of Directors (BOD);**
    3. prepare a written report for the District Convention Manual;
    4. perform any other duties set forth in the LWML SWD *Guidelines Manual*;
    5. **attend at least one BOD meeting each biennium and attend additional BOD meetings at the request of the president, and;**
    6. **prepare a written report for each BOD meeting or prepare such report at the request of the President.**
  - ~~B. Voting appointed personnel shall attend all BOD meetings and prepare a written report for each BOD meeting.~~
    - ~~1. The *Mission Lamp* Editor shall:~~
      - ~~a. be responsible to the Vice President of Communication~~
      - ~~b. be responsible for editing the *Mission Lamp* and coordinate the information with the Webmaster or other publication editors~~
    - ~~2. The Public Relations Director shall:~~
      - ~~a. be responsible to the Vice President of Communication,~~
      - ~~b. present goals and objectives of the LWML to the public and general membership through publicity and public relations,~~
      - ~~c. compose LWML SWD rally information for the Mission Lamp,~~
      - ~~d. assist with publicity for LWML SWD events, if requested.~~



3. ~~The Website Administrator shall:~~

- ~~a. be responsible to the Vice President of Communication.~~
- ~~b. maintain the LWML SWD website; keeping all information up to date.~~
- ~~c. coordinate information with the Mission Lamp editor.~~

- Rationale: Removed whole section after review. The positions of Mission Lamp Editor, Public Relations Director, and Website Administrator have no need to vote as they report to the board and will be added to section C, which will be section B after removal.

C. ~~Non-voting~~ appointed personnel shall attend at least one BOD meeting each biennium, attend additional BOD meetings at the request of the President and have the option to prepare a written report for each BOD meeting or prepare such report at the request of the President. ~~Non-voting appointed personnel may include, but is~~ **are** not limited to, the Archivist-Historian, **Deaf Community Liaison**, District Convention Chairman, Email Prayer Request Manager, Fall Retreat Chairman, Graphic Arts Consultant, ~~Heart to Heart Sisters Chairman~~, **Mission Lamp Editor**, **Music Coordinator**, Parliamentarian, **Public Relations Director**, Quarterly Manager, Scholarship Chairman, Special Funds Coordinator, TLC Fund Review Coordinator, **Website Administrator**, and Winter Getaway Chairman.

- Rationale: Removed “non-voting” and “shall attend at least one BOD meeting each biennium, attend additional BOD meetings at the request of the President and have the option to prepare a written report for each BOD meeting or prepare such report at the request of the President.” due to coverage in Section A.2, A.5 and A.6. This section will be B when the current B is removed.
- Rationale: This section is dedicated to positions listed under Appointed Personnel. Added Deaf Community Liaison, Mission Lamp Editor, Music Coordinator, Public Relations Director, and Website Administrator. Removed Heart to Heart Sisters Chairman. This position will be added to Standing Committees in Article XIII.

## ARTICLE XI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- A. The ~~Executive Committee (EC)~~ shall consist of the elected officers as voting members, with the Pastoral Counselors as advisory members.
- B. The EC shall meet prior to all BOD meetings and/or at the call of the President or four (4) members of the EC.
- C. Five (5) voting members shall constitute a quorum of the EC.
- D. The ~~Executive Committee~~ **EC** shall:
  - 1. transact business of the BOD between board meetings;
  - 2. act in an advisory capacity to the President when requested;
  - 3. fill all vacancies occurring in the elective offices, except in the office of the President;
  - 4. approve appointments made by the President;
  - 5. perform other duties as outlined in the LWML SWD *Guidelines Manual*.

- Rationale: Changed “Executive Committee” to “EC” in sections A and D. This is spelled out in Article III Members, D., “...LWML SWD Executive Committee (hereafter referred to as EC)”.

## ARTICLE XIII DEPARTMENTS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

- A. The departments shall be Communication, Gospel Outreach and Christian Life, Organizational Resources, Special Focus Ministries and Mission Grants, with a Vice President serving as coordinator of each department.  
The Department Coordinators shall:
  1. function as liaison between the respective committees in each department and the EC;
  2. attend meetings of the committees in the department, in an advisory capacity, except when representing the President, at which time she shall be ex-officio;
  3. call meetings of the department, when necessary, to plan for the development of the department;
  4. keep the President informed of the business being transacted in the various departments;
  5. keep zones and societies informed through the district publication(s) and the LWML SWD website;
  6. perform other duties as set forth in LWML SWD *Guidelines Manual*.
- B. The Standing Committees shall be Christian Life, ~~Heart to Heart Sisters Chairman~~, Leader Development, Mission Grants, Missionary Outreach and Education, Renewal, Special Focus Ministries, Structure, and the Young Woman’s ~~Committee~~ chairmen.  
The Standing Committee Chairmen shall:
  1. be active members of the LWML;
  2. be appointed by the President, with the approval of the EC;
  3. be eligible to vote on the BOD;
  4. serve a term of two (2) years, or until their successors are appointed, and shall be eligible for one (1) reappointment;
  5. appoint members of her committee;
  6. keep zones and societies informed of the committee’s programs and resources;
  7. prepare a written report for each BOD meeting and for the District Convention Manual.
- Rationale: Added Heart to Heart Sisters Chairman as part of the Standing Committees which provides multicultural women a voice through a voting position/committee on the BOD. Ensuring opportunities which motivate, equip, and challenge multicultural women in the district is the reason for this change.
- C. The Communication Department may include the E-Mail Prayer Request Manager, Graphic Arts Consultant, ~~Mailing Director~~, *Mission Lamp* Editor, Public Relations Chairman, *Quarterly* Manager, Website Administrator, and any other committee necessary for Communication.
- Rationale: Removed Mailing Director since this position is no longer needed.

- D. The Gospel Outreach and Christian Life Department may include the Christian Life Committee, Fall Retreat Committee, Young Woman's Committee, Winter Getaway Committee and any other committees necessary for Gospel Outreach and Christian Life.
- E. The Special Focus Ministries and Mission Grants Department may include the Deaf Liaison, Heart to Heart Sisters Chairman, Mission Grants Committee, Missionary Outreach and Education Committee, Special Focus Ministries Committee, and any other committees necessary for Special Focus Ministries and Mission Grants.
- F. The Organizational Resources Department may include the Archivist-Historian, Leader Development Committee, Nominating Committee, Renewal Committee, Structure Committee and any other committees necessary for Organizational Resources.

## ARTICLE XVII MISSION GRANTS

- A. A mission grant is a monetary project in the interest of missions and adopted by the delegates at the District Convention.
- B. In carrying out the approved mission grants of the LWML SWD, no indebtedness shall be incurred.
- C. Selection of mission grants;
  - 1. Mission Grant proposals for consideration by the LWML SWD may be submitted by any SWD LCMS member, society, or zone. Suggestions shall be sent as directed on the mission grant form to the SWD Vice President of Special Focus Ministries and Mission Grants (Coordinator of the Mission Grants Department) seven (7) months prior to convention and shall be signed by the person or group submitting the proposal and counter-signed by a pastor or zone Pastoral Counselor.
  - 2. The Mission Grants committee shall study the proposals and eliminate any which are not complete or did not meet the printed deadline date.
  - 3. All proposed mission grants to groups within the district shall be approved by the SWD LCMS President after being submitted to and reviewed by the SWD LCMS District Mission Executive.
  - 4. All proposed mission grants to groups outside the district shall be approved by LCMS ~~World~~ **National or International** Missions.
  - 5. The EC, including the Pastoral Counselors, shall prayerfully and thoroughly review all proposals which are approved by the SWD LCMS President or LCMS ~~World~~ **National or International** Missions, eliminating any which do not meet the criteria as printed on the mission grants proposal application form.
  - 6. The BOD, together with the Pastoral Counselors, shall study all mission grant proposals and select five (5) or more for consideration by the District convention.
  - 7. Each delegate at the District Convention shall vote, by ballot, for five (5) grants from the list submitted to the convention by the BOD.
  - 8. There shall be no mission grants to endowment funds not established and/or administered by the LWML SWD.
- Rationale: Section C., numbers 4 and 5: Changed the word "World" to "National or International Missions" to reflect current terminology used by the LCMS.

- D. The BOD, with input from the Vice President of Special Focus Ministries and Mission Grants, Mission Grants Committee and EC, shall establish the total grant goal for each biennium. The total dollar amount of mission grants on the ballot should be at least one and one-half times the grant total.
- E. Mission Grant Funds:
1. Funds voted for a mission grant must be disbursed or put to use within a four (4) year period from the time of the vote. The BOD has authority to extend the time in case of extenuating circumstances, or to reallocate the funds.
  2. In the event that changes in mission grant plans occur, the BOD shall be authorized to act, either in session, by mail, or by electronic messaging.

## LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

### SOUTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT

#### STANDING RULES

1. The Treasurer of the LWML SWD shall be authorized to pay travel expenses at the rate of thirty (30) cents per mile.
2. The honorarium for speakers at zone rallies and zone workshops shall be a minimum of twenty-five dollars (\$25), plus thirty (30) cents per mile expense.
3. The LWML SWD shall have a *Guidelines Manual* that is maintained by the President and reviewed each biennium.
4. The LWML SWD Conventions shall be held biennially in the even-numbered calendar year, between LWML Conventions, during the month of June.
5. Any proposed mission grant shall be removed from the ballot if, after one warning, any distribution of literature or materials is made which might influence the delegates' vote.
  - Rationale: The words "a minimum of" are added to Standing Rule number 2 to give more freedom to the LWML SWD Zones in giving an honorarium to their speaker.

## **LWML SWD Mission Grant Proposals for 2018 – 2020**

### **1. Support for Sri Lanka with a Multipurpose Construction Project \$40,000**

**Purpose:** To allow the Ceylon Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sri Lanka to move forward with the training of native pastors and deacons as well as provide a location for the central office of the CELC in addition to sanctuary and preschool space for Immanuel Lutheran Church in the capital of Colombo.

**WHEREAS** the LCMS has been active in Sri Lanka since 1927 and is evidenced by 4 congregations and 7 preaching stations, and,

**WHEREAS** the need to train pastors and deacons is evidenced by interest and enrollment in pre-seminary classes founded by LCMS missionaries in January 2017, and,

**WHEREAS** the Ceylon Evangelical Lutheran Church would benefit by having a physical address for business purposes, and,

**WHEREAS** the local congregation and Sri Lankans in general do not have the financial means to establish and support such a building program (The average weekly pay for a worker is \$10), and,

**WHEREAS** the church in Sri Lanka has obtained the necessary permission from the Board of Directors of the LCMS to move forward with a building project that will include a new sanctuary, room for seminary training and housing, office for the Ceylon Evangelical Lutheran Church and a preschool (Total cost, \$350,000 for construction, not including furnishings), be it therefore

**RESOLVED** that the LWML SWD in convention vote the sum of \$40,000 toward the construction and furnishing of the multi-purpose building project undertaken by the Ceylon Evangelical Lutheran Church in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

### **2. Bethany Ev. Lutheran Church Ministry Outreach \$12,000**

**Purpose:** To minister to the physical and spiritual needs of the people of the central city of Milwaukee. Funds received would be used for the following outreach programs: Kids for Christ program, food pantry, the soup kitchen, the men's fellowship program, distribution of school supplies, ministry to the homeless, and the clothing pantry.



WHEREAS Luke 19:10 tells us, *“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”* and,

WHEREAS we learn in 2 Corinthians 5:5 that, *“He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.”* and,

WHEREAS God has placed Bethany in the heart of an area of Milwaukee’s inner city that is deeply in need of

WHEREAS Bethany has accepted the responsibility of reaching His lost children to help them meet their physical and spiritual needs, and,

WHEREAS God has brought Pastor Ikanih to lead the ministry at Bethany, be it therefore

RESOLVED that the LWML SWD in convention vote the sum of \$12,000 so that Bethany Ev. Lutheran Church can continue to reach out to the lost souls of the city of Milwaukee.

### **3. International Student Ministry, UW-Milwaukee**

**\$7,500**

Purpose: Continued support and staffing for ministry and aid to internationals

WHEREAS Matthew 28:19 states, *“Go and make disciples of all nations,”* and,

WHEREAS International Student Ministry (ISM) is a Recognized Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Service Organization, and,

WHEREAS ISM is a ministry of Luther Memorial Chapel, where friendship and hospitality to international students, scholars, immigrants, and families is offered, and,

WHEREAS ISM is an outreach ministry that seeks to meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of arriving internationals in a distinctly Lutheran approach to the sharing of the Gospel, and,

WHEREAS Internationals are interested in learning the English language and about the American culture, and,

WHEREAS Internationals perceive that Americans are predominantly Christian, and,

WHEREAS Internationals have a need for friendship, warm clothing, household furnishings, and help navigating within the American society, and,

WHEREAS Ninety percent of internationals come from countries that are not predominantly Christian and two thirds of the countries are closed to Christian missionaries, and,

WHEREAS Internationals are intelligent, inquisitive, and by nature risk takers and open to new experiences (an atmosphere in which people are most open to the Gospel), and,

WHEREAS Through the relationships built, the internationals are invited to participate in Bible study and worship so that when they return to their home countries they will be able to share this Gospel message with their families and communities, be it therefore

RESOLVED That Luther Memorial Chapel by receiving \$7,500 in funding for ISM from the LWML SWD, ISM will be able to continue to reach out; and expand these efforts to those from other lands who have not heard the Gospel. We are seeking new and creative ways for this congregation to share the Gospel in a compassionate manner with the internationals whom God is sending to the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and the surrounding community. Our efforts will continue to meet the mission guidelines of the League.

#### **4. Reaching Visually Impaired Inmates with God's Love**

**\$8,000**

Purpose: Open work centers to produce the ESV in 14 point APhont for inmates

WHEREAS Hebrews 13:3 says, "*Remember those who are in prison as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated since you also are in the body,*" and,

WHEREAS Lutheran Braille Workers receives requests weekly for large print Bibles by visually impaired people who are incarcerated, and,

WHEREAS only a small percentage of inmates are allowed to receive our current large print Bible because of the size and spiral binding and,

WHEREAS every visually impaired person who is incarcerated should be given the same opportunity to worship and study the same translation as sighted people, be it therefore

RESOLVED that the LWML SWD in convention vote the sum of \$8,000 to help fund opening new Lutheran Braille Workers' large print centers for the production of the ESV Bible in 14 point APhont to be distributed to visually impaired people who are incarcerated throughout the United States.

## 5. Alaska Native Discipleship Teen Camp

**\$20,000**

- Purpose: Offer two Native Teen Camps (one for younger teens and the other for older teens) to disciple these young people in their faith walk with the Lord and equip them to make wise choices that will impact the rest of their lives as they become leaders and good citizens as caretakers of their families, the land and their communities.
- WHEREAS 2 Timothy 2:15 says, *“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.”* and,
- WHEREAS Rev. Dave Sternbeck (Nu-chah-nulth) and his wife, Rosemary, moved to Alaska in 2012 to establish the Mission Training Center in Fairbanks and build connections between Native villages and volunteer teams, and,
- WHEREAS volunteers, who have gone to the same Native villages for over 10 years teaching VBS, have seen the young people grow up and want to disciple them further in their faith, and,
- WHEREAS after the first Teen Camp in 2014, 18 youth were baptized over the following three summers, and the number of teens attending has nearly tripled over the four years, with interest continuing to grow, and,
- WHEREAS Teen Camp has outgrown the Mission Training Center and Camp Bingle and it is desirable to offer a second teen camp with an emphasis on teaching life skills to older teens and challenging them to grow in their faith relationship with Jesus Christ, and,
- WHEREAS of the 567 federally recognized tribes in the U.S., 229 are in Alaska where 16% of the population is Alaska Native and the majority live in 200 villages, and,
- WHEREAS alcoholism, abuse and suicide plague Native communities at a rate that is among the highest in the nation and over one in four Alaska Natives live in poverty, and,
- WHEREAS statistics indicate that less than 5% of Native Americans know Jesus as their Lord and Savior and many teens lack good Christian role models, and,
- WHEREAS funds are needed to provide scholarships for Native teens to cover the cost of round trip flights from the villages, food, activities and camp rental fees including bringing in trained Native counselors, therefore be it
- RESOLVED that the LWML SWD assembled in convention June 22-23, 2018 in Waukesha, grant the sum of \$20,000 to cover airfare, food and fees for Alaska Native teens attending teen camp.

## **6. LCMS Mission Central Support for Missionary Expenses**

**\$10,000**

Purpose: Spreading the Gospel

WHEREAS since we have the ability to act NOW on Galatians 6:10, “*Therefore, as we have the opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.*” and,

WHEREAS Jesus has called many to work for Him, and since those called are required to provide the necessary resources to meet expenses needed before and throughout mission service, and,

WHEREAS the staff at Mission Central are daily involved with the very most current missionary needs and updates and can immediately disperse it when it is available, be it therefore

RESOLVED that the LWML SWD adopt as one of its mission grants for the 2018-2020 biennium the sum of \$10,000 to enable this missionary support.

## **7. Lutheran Books for Missionaries Around the World**

**\$12,000**

Purpose: To provide Lutheran books translated in the language of the people they serve for Gospel outreach

WHEREAS the Holy Spirit encourages us to reach out to all people with Christ’s saving Gospel in a language they can understand, as at Pentecost: “*How is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language?*” (Acts 2:8), and,

WHEREAS LCMS missionary to Papua New Guinea, Rev. Larry Matro, says, “Nothing can reach a person better than the Word of God in a language they can truly understand,” and,

WHEREAS LCMS missionaries and church partners around the world are facing a big hurdle to introducing new believers to Jesus because they lack good Lutheran books translated in the languages of the people they serve, and,

WHEREAS for more than 25 years the Lutheran Heritage Foundation (a LCMS recognized service organization) has been translating books like *Luther’s Small Catechism* (in more than 80 languages) and *A Child’s Garden of Bible Stories* (in more than 25 Languages), therefore let it be

RESOLVED           that the LWML SWD in convention vote the sum of \$12,000 to help fund supplying our LCMS missionaries and church partners with good Lutheran books translated in the languages of the people they serve.

**8. Financial Assistance for Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN**  
**Food & Clothing Co-op to Purchase Food** **\$10,000**

Purpose:           Provide food for students preparing for full-time church work to reduce the financial needs of the family during their time of preparation.

WHEREAS           Christ in His Holy Word commands us to go and teach all nations about Him and what He has done for us (Matthew 28:19), and,

WHEREAS           individuals from around this country and the world come to Concordia Theological Seminary to prepare to serve God's people here in the United States as well as in mission work around the world, and,

WHEREAS           when students make the decision to leave their jobs and come to the seminary with their families, they no longer have the same financial flow of funds that they had before, but continue to have the same financial needs, and,

WHEREAS           spouses in many student families do find employment in Fort Wayne, but most are marginalized because the employers know that they will only be here for a short time, throwing families into difficult financial positions, and,

WHEREAS           the seminary seeks to reduce this financial burden by providing students access to a Food Co-op, which currently supplies between 80% and 90% of all families' food and household needs each month at no cost to the student, relying upon donations from individuals, congregations and organizations, therefore be it

RESOLVED           That the LWML SWD assembled in Convention in Waukesha, Wisconsin in June 2018 grant the sum of \$10,000 for the purchase of perishable items for the Food and Clothing Co-op of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana for the 2018-2020 biennium.



## 9. Shelter My Sheep – Free at Last Ministry

**\$20,000**

- Purpose: Continue to provide support of spiritual care, mentoring inside and outside of prison walls
- WHEREAS continued support of spiritual care is crucial to any new Christian,
- WHEREAS the Holy Spirit working through Bible studies focused on the whole Word of God, and knowing that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ has a plan for all who believe, and,
- WHEREAS providing tools to help guide these new lambs for developing structured “crime-free” lifestyles for themselves that will effectively sustain them on their journey back into the general public, and,
- WHEREAS Romans 12:1 encourages, “*So brothers, since God has shown us great mercy, I beg you to offer your lives as a living sacrifice to him. Your offering must be only for God and pleasing to him. This is the spiritual way for you to worship.*” The needs of those released from prison are great, and the staff and volunteers of Free at Last Ministry are struggling to meet those needs, be it therefore
- RESOLVED that the LWML SWD in convention approve \$20,000 to provide continued mentoring and assist in locating safe housing for those released new lambs brought to the Lord through Free at Last Ministry.

## 10. We Have Come Into This House/Gospel Lutheran Church

**\$50,000**

- Purpose: To enhance worship experience
- WHEREAS the paramount need for the successful operation of inner city Lutheran churches (schools) continues to escalate in the city of Milwaukee, and,
- WHEREAS the clear value one obtains from worshipping and studying in an architecturally historical house of the Lord makes a clear impression on ones’ life, and,
- WHEREAS also attracting new members to worship truly becomes easier once they have visited a well maintained historical location such as Gospel Lutheran Church, and,
- WHEREAS furthering our mission to bring lost souls to salvation in Christ and by doing so equip the ever-changing community to become believers and live a fruitful life in Him, be it therefore

RESOLVED           that we, the LWML Society of Gospel Lutheran Church, request that the LWML SWD grant the sum of \$50,000 to Gospel Lutheran Church to replace the nearly 100 year-old roof of the church and school.

**11.   Support for Concordia Seminary’s International Graduate School Students                               \$7,500**

Purpose:               Concordia Seminary’s program of forming international Graduate School students prepares them to carry out the Great Commission. When these students earn their advanced-level theological degrees and return to their home countries, they will be in key positions to expand the global proclamation of Christ’s love and the message of eternal salvation through faith in Him. Back in their home nations, these students will become teachers and church leaders. In these positions, they will have a considerable impact – one that will reach far into the future – on the spreading of the Gospel message throughout many countries.

WHEREAS           the global proclamation of Christ’s love and the message of eternal salvation through faith in Him continues to be paramount and, blessedly, the sharing of the Gospel message is increasing in a number of different parts of the world, and Lutheranism, in particular, is spreading in entire regions of different continents, and,

WHEREAS           there is a significant shortage of well-formed Lutheran pastors with advanced theological education in the majority of these countries, options outside the U.S. are few for the advanced theological study that is needed for these pastors, and few overseas Lutheran church bodies have resources to send their most capable students to the U.S. for this advanced study, and,

WHEREAS           Concordia Seminary’s Graduate School not only stands ready to welcome these international students, but continues to give high priority to their formation, and,

WHEREAS           the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has named supporting and expanding theological education as one of its key mission priorities to ensure that there will be well-formed pastors to lead Lutheran congregations throughout the world, therefore be it

RESOLVED           That the LWML SWD in convention vote the sum of \$7,500 to provide vital support for Concordia Seminary’s International Graduate School students.

## 12. LUMIN Schools Discipleship Program

**\$12,513**

- Purpose: By integrating biblical truth throughout their curriculum, LUMIN Schools provide a traditional Christian education with rigorous academics, character building, and faith development of children grades K4-8. Supplying teachers and students with adequate copies of *The Story Bible*, *Faith Alive* ESV Student Bible, and Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation will augment and enliven their instruction in the *One in Christ* religious education curriculum and RISE UP character development program, realizing our sincere desire to make them disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- WHEREAS the Lutheran Urban Mission Initiative, Inc. (LUMIN) has responded to the need for Christ's influence in Milwaukee's urban communities, and,
- WHEREAS by re-opening two closed Lutheran schools, assisting four failing Lutheran schools, and converting a secular school to a Christian school, Lutheran education has resumed or continued in Milwaukee's and Racine's urban communities, and,
- WHEREAS the fruit of LUMIN's educational ministry and the evangelistic efforts of LUMIN's staff is evidenced by the increased enrollment in all LUMIN schools, and an increase in baptisms and personal engagement in LUMIN Schools' sponsoring churches, and,
- WHEREAS all LUMIN students, along with academic and leadership training, receive religious instruction in the form of discipleship and Christian character development as part of LUMIN School's religious education curriculum, be it therefore
- RESOLVED that the LWML SWD in convention vote the sum of \$12,513 to purchase the resources needed to facilitate LUMIN's Christ-centered Discipleship Program at the K4 to 8<sup>th</sup> grade levels: *The Story Bibles*, *Faith Alive* ESV Student Bibles, and Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation.

## 13. Prayers for Staff Supporting People with Disabilities

**\$4,000**

- Purpose: The Goal is to encourage, with God's Word and prayers, the staff who care for the people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) that Bethesda Lutheran Communities supports in 13 states. A "Prayers for Staff" book would put God's Word into the hands of every staff person, including newly hired employees, with the prayer that the Holy Spirit blesses them as they care for people with disabilities with the love of Jesus.

WHEREAS St. Paul tells us *“to encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.”* (1 Thess. 5:11), and *“truly God listens to my prayer...Blessed be God that He has not rejected my prayer or removed His steadfast love from me.”* (Psalm 66:19-20), and,

WHEREAS giving Christ-centered support for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities is a joyful, yet demanding job, and working with co-workers can be stressful, and,

WHEREAS God’s Word is used by the Holy Spirit to encourage in all circumstances, and the Lord is faithful in hearing and answering our prayers, letting us know we are loved and forgiven, and,

WHEREAS governmental funding cannot be used for religious purposes, be it therefore

RESOLVED that the LWML SWD members gathered in convention in Milwaukee June 22-23, 2018 grant the sum of \$4,000 to Bethesda Lutheran Communities “Prayers for Staff” book to give to their 2,600 employees and future employees as supply allows.

#### **14. Scholarships for Low Income Campers at Camp LuWiSoMo**

**\$20,000**

Purpose: Supplement campers’ fees for families of low income children

WHEREAS Camp LuWiSoMo has received many requests in past summers to allow funding for low income campers to attend camp, and,

WHEREAS the camp’s current budget for 2018-2020 does not allow for extra funding to allow discounting camper rates, and,

WHEREAS new campers are the long-term life of Camp LuWiSoMo, and will continue to spread the word of our operations and communicate the value of camp offerings, and,

WHEREAS the families of many campers are not able to financially afford the cost of camp, and,

WHEREAS the LuWiSoMo Board of Directors believe it is important to give every child an opportunity to attend camp during their impressionable years and would like to see every child come to camp, regardless of ability to pay, and,

WHEREAS the full cost of the camp, estimated at \$400 per camper, would be offset on a graduated scale based on the family income for that family, and,

WHEREAS	LuWiSoMo provides a safe environment for youth to expand their faith in a beautiful outdoor setting, be it therefore
RESOLVED	that the LWML SWD in convention vote the sum of \$20,000 to fund scholarships for two years for children to attend our summer camp in Wild Rose, Wisconsin.

## **15. Final Printing of the Indonesian Lutheran Hymnal**

**\$20,000**

Purpose:	To provide a Lutheran Hymnal for faithful Lutherans in Indonesia
WHEREAS	the Indonesian Christian Lutheran Church (GKLI) is over 50 years old and is seeking to refine and solidify their identity as a faithful Lutheran church, and,
WHEREAS	the GKLI has requested help from the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) for guidance in teaching their pastors and leaders, and,
WHEREAS	after several workshops have been held by the LCMS, the Bahasa Book of Concord has been reprinted by a local Christian publishing company and distributed at these workshops, and,
WHEREAS	now the GKLI has requested help from the LCMS to assemble a truly Lutheran hymnal which would contain worship liturgies and hymns that proclaim the Word of God rightly divided in Law and Gospel, and,
WHEREAS	a hymnal committee has been formed and met several times with an LCMS deaconess who has helped to compile several ethnic hymnals, and,
WHEREAS	the project is in the process of getting liturgies and hymns translated and assembled, and,
WHEREAS	the target printing date/deadline is Reformation 2020, be it therefore
RESOLVED	that the LWML SWD convention vote the sum of \$20,000 to fund the final printing of the Indonesian Lutheran Hymnal Project.

## **16. SWD Church Worker Grant**

**\$30,000**

Purpose:	Assist church worker students (teachers, pastors, deaconess, DCE, DCO, lay ministers) who are studying to be full-time church workers at one of the synodical universities/seminaries with funds to be used toward tuition and board.
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WHEREAS Jesus gave his final command in Mark 16:15, *“Go into all the world and Preach the Good News to all creation”* and Romans 10:14 says, *“how can they believe in the One of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching for them?”*, and,

WHEREAS The need for pastors, teachers and other professional church workers is critical both to serve the church at large and in the mission field, and,

WHEREAS The 2017-2018 average annual expense at a Synodical university is \$43,000 and at a Synodical seminary is \$50,000, and,

WHEREAS Such high educational costs have caused a genuine hardship for most students, many leaving with an average of \$22,500 or more per year in indebtedness, and has forced some to delay their Christian education or to drop out of college entirely, and,

WHEREAS the South Wisconsin District has over 150 church work students enrolled in one of our Synodical universities, and 25 enrolled in one of our Synodical seminaries for the 2016-2017 school year, and,

WHEREAS the South Wisconsin District provided aid to 35 church work students for the 2017-2018 school year, but the amount awarded was only 11% of their unmet need, and,

WHEREAS the seminaries have requested each district contribute \$3,000 per student per year, and,

WHEREAS the South Wisconsin District of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League has representation on the South Wisconsin District Student Aid and Recruitment Committee, and thus, has a voice regarding distribution of moneys for grants, therefore be it

RESOLVED that the LWML SWD assembled in Convention, June 22-23, 2018, adopt the allocations of \$30,000 to the South Wisconsin District Student Aid and Recruitment Committee for scholarships for South Wisconsin District students attending one of our Synodical colleges or seminaries in preparation for full time service in the church.

## **17. SOS Center Enrichment Program**

**\$22,580**

Purpose: To provide educational enrichment in a safe Christian environment

WHEREAS the SOS Center provides a safe, caring, Christian environment for inner city youth and their families, and,

WHEREAS inner city youth will be provided with opportunities to learn and improve their educational skills while learning about the Gospel of Christ, and,

WHEREAS with God's love and guidance the youth can be guided to make better choices where they can improve their education, finish school, and stay away from drugs and jail, and,

WHEREAS inner-city Milwaukee youth need enriching educational and Christian activities offering opportunities and experiences outside of their community, connecting with others, and expanding their horizons, be it therefore

RESOLVED that the LWML SWD in convention vote the sum of \$22,580 to help fund the cost for one year for urban Milwaukee youth to attend After-School, Summer VBS, and Born to Lead because Christ Leads Us (BLCL) Leadership training to ensure their continued learning, skill development and growth in Christ's word.

## **18. Camp Courage: A Place of Hope and Healing**

**\$4,000**

Purpose: For children affected by disaster to gain spiritual tools to deal with their fears

WHEREAS God speaks to us in Isaiah 41:10, "*Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God: I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand*" and in Romans 8:28, "*And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good for those who are called according to His purpose*", and,

WHEREAS children, like adults, can be profoundly affected by disasters with an impact leaving them spiritually and emotionally drained, mentally and physically distressed, and,

WHEREAS LCMS Disaster response provides Camp Courage, a vacation Bible school type camp that brings the Word of God to children in a way that enables them to grasp God's great love and compassion, and,

WHEREAS we pray that Camp Courage will be a blessing to those communities affected by disasters as God's comfort is brought to children, reminding them that they are loved by God and baptized into His family, therefore be it

RESOLVED that the LWML SWD assembled in convention during 2018, adopt as a mission grant to the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod's Disaster Response Ministry the sum of \$4,000 for Camp Courage – A Place of Hope and Healing."

**19. Post-Seminary Applied Learning and Support (PALS) Curriculum and Resources** **\$3,000**

Purpose: Provide study books for new pastors and their wives at no cost to them

WHEREAS in Jeremiah 3:15, “*And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding*”, and,

WHEREAS new pastors and wives are encouraged to attend Post-Seminary Applied Learning and Support (PALS) Gatherings to help pastors and wives make a successful transition from seminary life to parish ministry, and,

WHEREAS PALS Gatherings and curriculum resources have greatly blessed pastors and wives through a transitional period, and,

WHEREAS continuing educational expenses frequently add to financial challenges for new pastors and their families, therefore be it

RESOLVED that the LWML SWD assembled in convention during 2018, adopt as a mission grant to The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod’s Pastoral Education the sum of \$3,000 for Post-Seminary Applies Learning and Support (PALS) Curriculum Resources.

**20. Worker Wellness for Chaplain Families** **\$3,000**

Purpose: To provide affordable opportunity for wives to attend wellness training

WHEREAS The Great Commission of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, commands us to reach out to all at home and abroad, further, “*And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelist, and some as pastors and teachers to equip the saints or the work of the ministry for building up the body of Christ.*” (Ephesians 4:11-12), and,

WHEREAS The LCMS Ministry to the armed Forces supports almost 200 chaplains who represent the church on active duty, the reserves, the national Guard and Civil Air Patrol meeting the needs of God’s people (military personnel and their families) where needed most and who serve in the vocation as members of our Armed Forces, and,

WHEREAS Church Worker retreats are focused on teaching God’s kingdom workers to care for themselves and their families so that they can better care for those they serve, and,



WHEREAS Military benefits provided by the government includes an allowance from the U.S. Government (TAD/TDY/PTDY) for Chaplain travel expenses but does not cover costs for spouses or children making it financially challenging for families to attend Wellness Retreats, therefore be it

RESOLVED that the LWML SWD in convention during 2018, adopt as a mission grant to The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod's Ministry to the Armed Forces the sum of \$3,000 for Worker Wellness for Chaplain Families.

## **21. Rosa J. Young Academies Organizational Development**

**\$5,000**

Purpose: To provide the educational, social, and emotional pillars upon which academically excellent servant leaders are developed in a safe, supportive, and nurturing learning community.

WHEREAS the Lord in His wisdom speaks to us in Proverbs 22:6, "*Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it*", and,

WHEREAS the number of youth in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod has been declining steadily in the last generation; worthy models of Christian ministry and vocation are needed to inspire young people to embrace church careers and vocations, and,

WHEREAS the RJY Academies & After School Program Initiative will vigorously collaborate with congregations in rural, urban, and inner-city communities to inspire the establishment of a new framework of Rosa J. Young Academies utilizing the benefits of Charter school structure, and,

WHEREAS through the Word of God and Holy Spirit, the means of grace can make new believers from academies and afterschool tutorial and mentoring opportunities by providing positive life changing spiritual and character building programs. Therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the LWML SWD assembled in convention during 2018, adopt as a mission grant to The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod's Black & African Ministry the sum of \$5,000 to help fund the "Rosa J. Young Academies Education Management Organization".

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		21. Rosa J. Young Academies Organizational Development	\$5,000

## Nominee for Vice President of Gospel Outreach and Christian Life \_\_\_\_\_

**Judith Gitzlaff, Wales**



**LWML Experience:** (Society) President since 2013, Secretary since 2014, President prior to 2006  
(Zone 17) President since 2014 and before 2006, VP prior to 2004  
(District) Exhibit Chairperson 2018 Fall Retreat, Nominating Committee PR 2018 Convention, District PR, Exhibit chair 2016 District Convention, Past Fall Retreat Committees

**Church Related Activities:** Member of Bethlehem Lutheran in Wales; Head of Altar Guild 2017 to present and prior to 2006, Sunday School Superintendent 2004-2006, Third Grade S.S. Teacher 1988-2004, VBS Teacher 1983 to early 1990's, Quilting and ushering many years

**Community Service:** Help with Bible Studies at memory care facilities 2007 to present, Volunteer Aide in Kettle Moraine School District 1986-1990

**Education:** Shadyside Hospital School of Nursing in Pittsburgh, PA, Nursing Diploma 1977

**Occupation/Employment:** Part-time RN in Clinic

**Vision Statement:** "My vision is that every woman in the LCMS know they are members of LWML and respond to God's love by using their God-given talents and treasures to serve in His kingdom."

Proverbs 15:30, *"A cheerful look brings joy to the heart, and good news gives health to the bones."*

## Nominee for Vice President of Organizational Resources\_\_\_\_\_



**Ruth Mueller**, Wauwatosa

**LWML Experience:** (Society) Secretary 2016-2018, Treasurer 2010-2016, President – many years (Zone 4) Christian Life Chairman 2012-2017, President 2004-2008, Treasurer – various times (District) Recording Secretary 2014-2018, Convention Chairman 2012-2014, Appointed VP Mission Grants (filled Vacancy in 2013), Financial secretary 1998-2002, and various committees

**Church Related Activities:** Member Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Strategic Planning Committee 2017, Choir 1985 to present, Evangelism Committee 1990's, VBS Teacher, Sunday School Teacher

**Community Service:** Block Watch Captain, PTA Chairman, Day Care Board Member

**Education:** BS – Northern Illinois University

**Occupation/Employment:** Retired homemaker and part-time caregiver, Rent-A-Daughter, Lunch Lady at Pilgrim School

**Vision Statement:** “As we see society changing and various worldviews becoming more prominent, my vision for LWML SWD is to keep the mission of the Gospel of Christ the main thing. It is important to encourage and uphold the women of the LWML in South Wisconsin District to see the importance of a strong faith as proclaimed by Scripture and the working of the Holy Spirit in our lives. This can be done throughout the district as we share time together at inspiring rallies, retreats, servant events and mission trips. We seek to be God’s instruments in the mission fields where we are and use our time, talents and treasures wherever and whenever He has need of us.”

*Isaiah 40: 9, “You who bring good tidings to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who bring good tidings to Jerusalem, Lift up your voice with a shout, Lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, ‘Here is your God!’”*

## Nominee for Recording Secretary \_\_\_\_\_



**Jan Ladendorf, Bayside**

**LWML Experience:** (Society) President at Trinity Freistadt since 2016; Member previously at St. John's in Glendale and Prince of Peace in Texas  
(Zone 5) President 2012-2016  
(District) Heart to Heart Event Committee 2016-2017, SWD-BOD 2012-2016

**Church Related Activities:** Member of Trinity Freistadt Lutheran Church in Mequon; Member of Radio Choir 2012-2017; Secretary of Lutheran Special School & Education Services BOD and Executive Committee 2007 to present; Hospitality Committee for LCMS SWD Convention 2014 to present

**Community Service:** Volunteer for Feed My Starving Children program

**Education:** BS – Concordia, St. Paul; MS - Southern Illinois University – Edwardsville

**Occupation/Employment:** Retired Lutheran Elementary Teacher (taught 35 years in five states)

**Vision Statement:** "My vision for the LWML SWD is to have them continue to be leaders in giving our women opportunities to serve the Lord with gladness by offering activities and resources that allow us to use, our God-given talents in service to God and His people, here in our societies, district, and the world at large."

*Nahum 1: 15a, "Look, there on the mountains, the feet of one who brings good news, who proclaims peace!"*



## Nominee for Financial Secretary

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**Marilyn Belter**, Berlin



**LWML Experience:** (Society) President at Grace Ev. Lutheran Church (Zone 12) President 2014-2018, Vice-President 2013-2014 (District) Winter Getaway 2018 Treasurer, Nominating Committee Secretary 2014-2016

**Church Related Activities:** Member of Grace Ev. Lutheran Church (Omro), Funeral Dinners, Member of Fellowship Committee 2011-2013, Financial Secretary of Immanuel Lutheran Church 2005-2006, Sunday School Teacher

**Community Service:** Pine Grove Cemetery Association Secretary 2016 to present and Board Member 2013 to present; Berlin Conservation Club Member; Mercy Medical Center 25 Year Club

**Education:** Associate Degree Nursing --Milwaukee Area Technical College, Wisconsin Dells H.S.

**Occupation/Employment:** Retired RN (Affinity Health System, St. Michaels Hospital, Mt. Sinai Hospital)

**Vision Statement:** "My vision for LWML-SWD is to continue to walk in faith and not by sight, to reach our mission goals, and to stay true to our purpose. To engage, encourage, educate, equip each Lutheran woman in her faith walk with the Lord so she may truly enjoy serving our Lord wherever He has placed her."

Isaiah 61: 1, *"The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor."*

## Nominee for Financial Secretary

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**Wendie Staus**, Hartford



**LWML Experience:** (Society) Attend meetings and events (Zone 5) Attend Zone Rallies;  
(District) Attend Retreats; Delegate SWD Convention Mid-2000's; Remembrance/Memory book project Mid-2000's; (National) Attended 1999 National Convection in Minneapolis, MN

**Church Related Activities:** Member of Divine Savior in Hartford; Community Outreach Board currently; Small group Bible study participant 2016 to present; Counting team member 2016 to present; Adult choir, praise team and bell choir for many years; Coordinator of Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner 2010 to present; Family Promise Volunteer – current; Fish Boil volunteer; past Sunday School teacher (10+ years); past VBS teacher; Financial Secretary 2000-2003; Recording Secretary 1996-1999

**Community Service:** Volunteer at Aurora Medical Center in Hartford 2018

**Education:** Moraine Park Technical College (Medical Transcription) 2004; Cedarburg HS 1969

**Occupation/Employment:** Retired as of November 2017; Aurora Health Care (Health Information) 2015-2017; Divine Savior Lutheran (Business Manager) 2014; Wheaton Franciscan/Aurora Health Care (Medical Transcription) 2005-2013; American Family Insurance (Licensed CSR) 1999-2003

**Vision Statement:** "Continue to support and encourage Women in Mission in their walk in service to the Lord. May their hearts be moved to increase mite donations in order to bring more people to hear God's Word through our pastors and missionaries. Keep promoting the LWML to our churches to gain more members of all ages through innovative projects. Romans 12:11 states, "Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord."

Mark 1: 14-15, *"After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. The time has come." He said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news."*

## Nominee for Jr. Pastoral Counselor \_\_\_\_\_

### Rev. Adam Barkley, Sheboygan



**Ministry:** Luther Memorial Lutheran Church in Sheboygan, WI

**Education:** M.A. Divinity, Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN, 2017 B.A. Liberal Arts, Concordia Ann Arbor, 2008

**LWML Experience:** None

**Employment Prior to the Ministry:** Worked in a University Registrar's office before attending seminary.

**Outside Hobbies and/or Community Service/Activity:** Hobbies: Reading, Sporting Clays, and guest preaching at area Lutheran schools. Community Service: Rev. Barkley stated that he is passionate about the pro-life movement and will be working in the future with his congregation to better serve young mothers in Sheboygan.

**Personal:** Married with four children. His wife served as a deaconess for four years. Rev. Barkley stated that he is passionate about teaching and enjoys exploring the Biblical texts and answering the hard questions.

**Value of the LWML:** "The LWML is an organization in the church everyone's heard of, but few understand. This is a great tragedy, for it is this mission organization which provides so much monetary support to overseas and domestic missions. Whenever I walk into a church, I don't have to look far to find those who read their Bible regularly, pray for their pastor, attend Bible Studies, and are always willing to help. For those are often the Church's LWML members. The value of the LWML is that these faithful women go beyond raising money. They continue to be in the Word of God and support their pastor. They understand what it is to be a disciple and what it is to have a robust prayer life. Whenever people ask me about the LWML, I can only respond like Phillip to Nathaniel and say, "Come and see." (Jn. 1:46). For until one actually participates in a zone rally, collects mites, watches those mission dollars grow, and be with other faithful Christian women, you have no idea what the LWML is all about. The LWML is worth more than the mites they raise, for in their service to the Church they have helped spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to a darkened world. And in spreading this pure Gospel, others believe and have life everlasting in Christ's name."

Proverbs 3: 27, *"Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act."*



## Nominee for Jr. Pastoral Counselor\_\_\_\_\_



**Rev. Matthew Gehrke**, Wisconsin Dells

**Ministry:** Trinity Lutheran Church of Wisconsin Dells, WI, since 2014, Concordia Lutheran in Cottage Hills, IL, previously

**Education:** Master of Divinity, Concordia Seminary, May 2006  
Bachelor of Arts, Concordia University Wisconsin, May 2002

**LWML Experience:** Mostly with LWML groups in two congregations

**Employment Prior to the Ministry:** Career Pastor

**Outside Hobbies and/or Community Service/Activity:** Hobbies: Board games and sports;  
Community Service: Kiwanis and previously BOD member of Community Hope Center and Options Now; Coached High School Tennis for Metro East Luth. HS for seven years

**Personal:** Married with two children

**Value of the LWML:** “There is a tremendous value in our church through the LWML. The LWML continues to carry out the Great Commission at the local, district, national, and international levels. The work of the LWML can’t entirely be measured. Sure, they can count their mites collected every year that goes to support the many worthy causes for the sake of the Gospel, but then that wouldn’t include the number of volunteer hours the women of the LWML give at all levels of service. The work of the LWML can be felt by the seminarians who have received support through Scholarships, Mission Grants, and local groups sponsoring a student. The work of the LWML can be heartwarming as another person half way around the world wraps oneself in a quilt made by a local LWML group. It can be tasted in the local bake sales that LWML groups put on to support the ministry of the Gospel. All this is simply the tip of the iceberg of the value that the LWML has in our church body today.”

Romans 10:14-15, *“How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!’”*

**Candidate's for Office Tally Record \_\_\_\_\_**

<b>Office and Candidate</b>	<b># of votes</b>	<b>Elected</b>
<b>Vice President of Gospel Outreach and Christian Life</b>		
Judy Gitzlaff		
<b>Vice President of Organizational Resources</b>		
Ruth Mueller		
<b>Financial Secretary</b>		
Marilyn Belter		
Wendie Staus		
<b>Jr. Pastoral Counselor</b>		
Rev. Adam Barkley		
Rev. Matthew Gehrke		

September 28, 2016

Mrs. Barb Kahn  
SWD-LWML President  
316 Thomas Court  
Neenah, WI 54956

President Barb,

I have reviewed the SWD LWML Financial Secretary Diane Kamrath's books for the year July 1, 2015- June 30, 2016. These consisted of the monthly entries of each check received, the detail report showing how each check was distributed, and the bank deposits. All records of monies received corresponded accurately with deposits made to the appropriate account.

Serving the Lord with gladness,



Bonnie Sanders  
690 Emerson Ave.  
Ripon, WI 54971

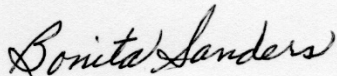
Aug. 25, 2017

Barb Kaun  
306 Thomas Court  
Neenah, WI 54956

Dear President Kaun,

I have reviewed the SWD-LWML Financial Secretary Diane Kamrath's records for the period July 2016 through June 30, 2017 as you requested. All entries of monies correspond with deposits made to the appropriate accounts.

Respectfully submitted,



Bonita Sanders  
690 Emerson Ave.  
Ripon, WI 54971

December 11, 2017

Lutheran Women's Missionary League – South Wisconsin District  
Executive Committee

RE: Financial Review for periods July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016; and July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

I have been asked to review the financial records of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League – South Wisconsin District (or LWML-SWD). This review covered the financial periods of July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016 and July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017.

A financial review is different than an audit. Both provide levels of assurance that the financial statements issued by the organization are free from material misstatements as required by accounting guidance (referred to as Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, or GAAP). An audit will provide the highest level of reasonable assurance, while a financial review will provide limited assurance. In a financial review, interviews, analytics, and tests are performed. An audit increases the level of assurance by including detailed tests and evaluations of internal control systems, observing systems, and confirming balances with external parties.

The purpose of a financial review for a nonprofit is to support the treasurers in their duties, to verify the records are consistently maintained and communicated to appropriate members, and to offer comments to improve efficiencies.

To facilitate this review, I followed the financial review guidance as issued by the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod through their 2015 Congregational Resources documentation. This guidance provided a general framework for the review. Specific steps included the following:

- Inquiry of organizational structure;
- Inquiry of controls over cash handling;
- Review of board and executive committee minutes for meetings held within the periods of review;
- Review of bank account reconciliations, when available;
- Comparison between board reviewed financials and system data, when available;
- Detail testing of cash receipt and cash disbursement transactions; and
- Testing of cut-off for the budget period ending June 30, 2016. (No cut-off testing was performed for June 30, 2017 as this date fell within a two-year budget period.)

2015-2016 Review Period Evaluation:

Through the review process, I gained an appropriate level of limited assurance that the financial statements for the 2015-2016 were free of material misstatements. A complete listing of individual findings from the detailed testing of transactions has been provided to the treasurer. These findings have been evaluated on an individual basis and have been determined not to affect the decision making ability of the Executive Committee or the Board of Directors.



2016-2017 Review Period Evaluation:

Through the review process, I gained an appropriate level of limited assurance that the financial statements for the 2016-2017 were free of material misstatements. It should be noted that the total 2016 Fall Retreat expenses for 2016-2017 (totaling \$11,492.20) were not included in the detailed transaction test portion of this financial review. I was made aware that support for 2016-2017 Fall Retreat vouchers was not available because the files could not be located. While I do not believe this amount is material to the financial statements or to the decision making ability of the LWML-SWD taken as a whole, I would encourage the organization to develop control procedures over the transfer of information and records at the end of the year. A complete listing of individual findings from the remaining accounts that were included in the detailed testing of transactions has been provided to the treasurer.

Recommendations:

I believe the Executive Committee should consider making these additional changes to improve recordkeeping and/or increase control over assets as follows:

1. Consider updating signature requirements on vouchers based upon value or sensitivity. I recommend payments greater than \$15,000 require approval by two Executive Committee members other than the treasurer.
2. Through my detailed transaction testing, I noted several instances where no voucher forms were submitted, specifically related to account transfers. It was communicated to me that transfers do not require voucher forms. While I suggest all checks have support, if LWML-SWD prefers to modify the requirement for transfers to increase efficiencies, I recommend the change be documented and communicated. Proper documentation of procedures will assist in the training process when position turnover occurs. The guidelines established by LWML-SWD require all vouchers, excluding account transfers, to be submitted on the proper voucher form, contain appropriate supporting documentation or receipts, and be properly approved. Following these established guidelines will streamline the payment process and increase the controls over cash.
3. The testing of bank reconciliations is an important part of the financial review procedures. I tested the bank reconciliations for the 2015-2016 review period without incident. However, bank reconciliation documentation was not available for the 2016-2017 period. Since bank reconciliations represent a cumulative control over cash, I reviewed the August 2017 bank reconciliation without incident to gain comfort over the security of cash. It appears the bank reconciliation were completed for the 2016-2017 period, but the documentation was not retained. I recommend printing or otherwise saving the bank reconciliation file each month.
4. Currently, the LWML-SWD reports a book inventory value of \$10,000 on the balance sheet. The most recent supporting documentation values the inventory at \$3,586.26, and the value is expected to further decrease as the organization sells or donates the products. I recommend the organization report the asset on the balance sheet at its current value until it is fully depleted.
5. LWML-SWD continues to reimburse volunteer travel expenses at the rate of thirty (30) cents per mile. This is consistent with the LWML national organization. According to the IRS, the standard mileage rate for charities to use for reimbursement purposes is fourteen (14) cents. This rate has remained unchanged since 2013. While it is allowable for a charity to have a policy of reimbursing volunteers at a rate higher than the IRS rate,

the volunteer is required to report the difference in rates as income on their personal tax returns. I recommend that the Board of Directors recommunicate this policy to all members and committee heads, possibly directly on the reimbursement form.

Other considerations that may assist in LWML-SWD organizational efficiency are as follows:

1. Consider modifying the voucher request forms as follows:
  - a. Show the calculation of the 25% payment to LWML – National and 75% payment to the LCEF-Mites account. Showing this breakdown would streamline the approval process and help ensure accuracy.
  - b. Include payment categories that match the system and board reporting categories. This will help committee members avoid confusion in classification or coding of expenses.
2. Strive to increase automation. Evaluate whether the current accounting software meets the needs of the organization. If not, other vendors or more current versions may offer efficiencies for the treasurer position. Also consider software reporting offerings in your evaluation where income and expense reporting could become an automated function and eliminate the need for excel files.
3. Consider aligning the financial review period to be consistent with the budgeting period. This would allow for an accurate test of budget cut-off and create efficiencies in the financial review process, especially in financial review periods where the treasurer position has transitioned.

I appreciate all the work that went into making this review run so smoothly. Thank you to the women of LWML-SWD for all their charitable efforts.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa M Barnes". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lisa M Barnes, CPA



2016-2018

Income	6/30/2017 2016-2018	Budget
<b>Non-designated</b>		
Administrative	2,510.06	\$ 6,000.00
Donated goods and Services	2,002.84	\$ 5,500.00
Rally Offerings	10,647.88	\$ 23,000.00
Prayer Services	1,087.00	\$ 3,000.00
Retreats/Conventions/Helpshops		
2017 National Convention	1,201.00	\$ 6,000.00
District Convention	1,298.47	\$ 25,000.00
Fall Retreat	10,645.43	\$ 25,000.00
Winter Getaway	9,266.11	\$ 22,500.00
Heart to Heart	275.00	\$ 1,000.00
Helpshop		\$ 500.00
Interest		
LCEF Savings	306.95	\$ 300.00
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>39,240.74</b>	<b>\$ 117,800.00</b>
<b>Designated</b>		
Mites	91,386.85	\$ 214,800.00
LWML (National)	22,183.81	\$ 53,700.00
LWML only	571.25	
District	68,631.79	\$ 161,100.00
Mites Interest	116.51	\$ 500.00
SWD Mites	66,723.86	
Selle Fund	1,353.88	\$ 2,500.00
Sanders Fund	437.54	\$ 750.00
Designated Offerings	2,118.95	\$ 5,000.00
Kaestner Funds	442.56	\$ 750.00
Schroeder Fund	122.74	\$ 100.00
Scholarship	931.32	\$ 1,500.00
Scholarship Interest	805.52	\$ 1,500.00
TLC Fund	225.00	\$ 1,500.00
TLC Interest	718.08	\$ 2,000.00
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$ 96,751.02</b>	<b>\$ 230,900.00</b>
<b>Reimbursed Expenses</b>		
Christian Life Products	1,348.37	\$ 5,000.00
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>1,348.37</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>
<b>Publications</b>		
Quarterly, Mission Lamp	9,151.57	\$ 18,000.00
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>9,151.57</b>	<b>\$ 18,000.00</b>
<b>Grand Total Income</b>	<b>146,491.70</b>	<b>\$ 371,700.00</b>

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Expenses

Expenses	6/30/2017 2016-2018	Budget	
<b>Non-designated</b>			
Administrative			
President	1,800.38	\$ 4,000.00	45%
Executive Committee	2,897.56	\$ 3,500.00	83%
Board of Directors	3,189.46	\$ 6,500.00	49%
<b>Committees</b>			
Archivist/Historian		\$ 75.00	0%
Christian Life	106.25	\$ 750.00	14%
Heart to Heart	106.74	\$ 75.00	142%
Human Care		\$ 75.00	0%
Leader Development		\$ 75.00	0%
Mission Grants		\$ 150.00	0%
Missionary Outreach	100.00	\$ 200.00	50%
Nominating		\$ 75.00	0%
Public Relations		\$ 500.00	0%
Renewal/Planner		\$ 75.00	0%
Scholarship		\$ 50.00	0%
Special Funds Coordinator		\$ 50.00	0%
Special Focus Ministries			
Structure		\$ 50.00	0%
Web Page	55.00	\$ 150.00	37%
Young Women	85.20	\$ 500.00	17%
Assembly of Leaders		\$ 475.00	0%
Equalization	547.50	\$ 650.00	84%
Insurance	291.00	\$ 600.00	49%
New Programs			
Seminars and Training	542.88	\$ 200.00	271%
Supplies	188.25	\$ 250.00	75%
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,910.22</b>	<b>\$ 19,025.00</b>	
<b>Retreats/Conventions/Helpshops</b>			
CCLI License		\$ 650.00	0%
District Convention	1,592.96	\$ 22,575.00	7%
Fall Retreat	9,523.39	\$ 22,500.00	42%
Heart to Heart Event	364.37	\$ 500.00	73%
Helpshops	42.00	\$ 500.00	8%
National Convention	34,385.59	\$ 29,000.00	119%
Winter Getaway	6,085.43	\$ 20,500.00	30%
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$ 51,993.74</b>	<b>\$ 96,225.00</b>	54%
<b>Designated</b>			
Mites	98,898.77	\$ 214,800.00	46%
LWML	24,999.00	\$ 53,700.00	47%
Special Gifts	2,399.77		
LWML District	71,500.00	\$ 161,100.00	44%
Selle Fund		\$ 2,500.00	0%
Special Gifts			
Designated Offerings	2,118.95	\$ 5,000.00	42%
Kaestner/Schroeder Funds	583.58	\$ 650.00	90%
Scholarship		\$ 2,500.00	0%
TLC Fund	1,305.00	\$ 4,800.00	27%
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$ 102,906.30</b>	<b>\$ 230,250.00</b>	45%
<b>Reimbursed Expenses</b>			
Christian Life Products	291.23	\$ 5,000.00	6%
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>291.23</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>	6%
<b>Publications</b>			
Mailing/Printing		\$ 200.00	0%
MissionLamp		\$ 100.00	0%
Quarterlies	6,611.41	\$ 18,000.00	37%
Web Site	105.00	\$ 2,500.00	4%
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,716.41</b>	<b>\$ 20,800.00</b>	32%
<b>Miscellaneous</b>			
Miscellaneous		\$ 200.00	0%
Bank Charges	62.25	\$ 200.00	31%
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$ 62.25</b>	<b>\$ 400.00</b>	16%
<b>Grand Total Expenses</b>	<b>171,880.15</b>	<b>\$ 371,700.00</b>	46%
<b>Income - Expenses</b>	<b>\$ (25,388.45)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	

<b>LWML South Wisconsin District 2016 - 2018</b> <b>Balance Sheet 6/30/2017</b>
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<b>Checking--BMO Harris Bank</b>		\$ 9,151.27
Kaestner (held in checking)	\$ 221.28	
Sanders (held in checking) SWD Mites only	\$ 67.15	
Selle (held in checking)	\$ 676.94	
Schroeder (held in checking)	\$ -	
Scholarship (held in checking)		
Available funds	\$ 8,185.90	
<b>Savings Fund---LCEF</b>		\$ 42,347.56
<b>Mites Fund---LCEF</b>		\$ 2,285.83
<b>District Committee Accounts</b>		\$ 3,438.37
Winter Getaway	\$ 1,041.40	
Fall Retreat	\$ 975.38	
Convention	\$ 1,421.59	
<b>Total Working Capital</b>		<b>\$ 57,223.03</b>

<b>Scholarship Fund-Church Worker Fund</b>	Base of \$50,000	
<i>Purpose: Scholarships for women of the SWD</i>		
LCEF Scholarship Fund-Steward Account	Base \$	21,861.66
LCEF Scholarship Fund-5 Year Fixed	Base \$	30,000.00
	Total \$	<b>51,861.66</b>
<b>TLC-The Love of Christ Fund</b>	Base of \$25,000	
<i>Purpose: To provide monies for SWD LWML needs</i>		
TLC LCEF Steward Account	\$	45,806.86
TLC LCEF Fund-5 Year Fixed	Base \$	16,000.00
TLC LCEF Fund II-18mo. Fixed	Base \$	13,506.47
	Total \$	<b>75,313.33</b>

<b>Total Mite Goal for 2016 - 2018</b>		<b>\$ 214,800.00</b>
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<b>Mites Received</b>		\$ 91,386.86
<b>Mite Grant Fund---District</b>		
Mites received plus Interest	75% to SWD Grants \$	66,667.92
Special gifts designated to SWD	100% to SWD Grants \$	172.46
Selle Fund	100% to SWD Grants \$	1,353.88
Sanders Fund	100% to SWD Grants \$	437.54
Goal: \$ 161,100.00		\$ 68,631.80
Carry over from 2014-2016	100% to SWD Grants \$	4,168.91
*Current Available \$ 1,285.71		\$ 72,800.71
<b>Mite Grant Fund---National</b>		
Mites received	25% to National Grants \$	22,183.81
Special gifts designated to National	\$	571.25
Goal: \$ 53,700.00		\$ 22,755.06
<b>To Date Total</b>		<b>\$ 95,555.77</b>

<b>Additional: Restricted Funds</b>
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The SWD LWML is a beneficiary for 2 life insurance policies and a charitable trust. The policies are noted here but, not included in totals because beneficiaries may change at any time.

<b>Kaestner Investment Fund</b>	LCMS Foundation	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Base \$</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>
<i>Purpose: Interest from this fund is to be used for missionaries in the field, preferably from the SWD and serving in a foreign field</i>				

<b>Schroeder Investment Fund</b>	LCEF	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Base \$</b>	<b>6,036.56</b>
<i>Purpose: No restrictions to the use of the interest on this account.</i>				

<b>Selle Fund: LCMS Foundation</b>		<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Base \$</b>	<b>47,000.00</b>
<i>Purpose: 100% of our portion of the fund's earnings are to go SWD mites. Interest from Base--50% of earnings to SWD mites and 50% to National mites.</i>				

**Sanders Fund:** Interest and quarterly payments are designated for LWML-SWD mites

<b>Assets:</b>	LWML Bookstore	\$ 10,000.00
	Southwest Airlines - National Convention Airfare Deposit	\$ 2,050.00
	Fall Retreat Deposit - Hilton Garden Inn	\$ 500.00

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**LWML SWD  
ZONE REPORT**

**January 1, 2016 - December 31, 2017**

<b>Zone</b>	<b>Mites</b>	<b>Quarterlies &amp; Mission Lamps</b>	<b>Prayer Services</b>	<b>Rallies</b>	<b>Other</b>
Zone 1	\$ 6,711.99	\$ 738.00	\$ -	\$ 380.00	\$ 437.85
Zone 2	\$ 11,774.55	\$ 955.50	\$ -	\$ 620.36	\$ 13.42
Zone 3	\$ 10,910.90	\$ 1,319.50	\$ -	\$ 1,043.19	\$ -
Zone 4	\$ 9,469.39	\$ 825.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 773.60	\$ 225.00
Zone 5	\$ 13,412.99	\$ 920.00	\$ -	\$ 1,303.00	\$ 723.00
Zone 6	\$ 8,155.80	\$ 547.50	\$ -	\$ 1,329.00	\$ 18.00
Zone 7	\$ 5,372.73	\$ 917.50	\$ 489.00	\$ 1,125.50	\$ 97.81
Zone 8	\$ 7,637.16	\$ 569.00	\$ -	\$ 1,277.92	\$ 434.85
Zone 9	\$ 7,198.03	\$ 1,016.50	\$ 231.00	\$ 518.00	\$ 11.25
Zone 10	\$ 12,597.66	\$ 1,176.50	\$ -	\$ 1,015.75	\$ 173.00
Zone 11	\$ 13,609.68	\$ 985.00	\$ -	\$ 1,457.24	\$ 11.25
Zone 12	\$ 8,222.84	\$ 1,156.50	\$ 477.00	\$ 1,647.38	\$ 75.00
Zone 13	\$ 5,447.43	\$ 716.00	\$ 264.00	\$ 402.32	\$ 13.95
Zone 14	\$ 11,359.35	\$ 885.00	\$ -	\$ 1,725.01	\$ 272.00
Zone 15	\$ 6,603.81	\$ 420.00	\$ -	\$ 1,112.52	\$ -
Zone 16	\$ 5,355.03	\$ 760.00	\$ -	\$ 533.10	\$ -
Zone 17	\$ 7,911.25	\$ 340.00	\$ 416.00	\$ 947.75	\$ -
Zone 18	\$ 5,425.51	\$ 996.50	\$ 117.00	\$ 304.66	\$ -
Zone 19	\$ 9,826.73	\$ 849.50	\$ 243.00	\$ 974.00	\$ 365.00
Zone 20	\$ 6,275.90	\$ 745.00	\$ -	\$ 535.00	\$ -
Zone 21	\$ 9,341.26	\$ 1,133.00	\$ 500.59	\$ 1,314.40	\$ 40.00

<b>STATISTICS REPORT OF ZONE ACTIVITIES</b> <b>January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2017</b>										
	<b>President</b>	<b>Number of Societies Inc. Supporting/ Ind Members</b>	<b>Total Membership 2016 2017</b>	<b>Number of Rallies/ Attendance</b>		<b>Zone Bible Studies/ Attendance</b>		<b>Prayer Services/ Attendance</b>		
1	Janis Mattson	8	79 80	4	103	2	44	0	0	0
2	Karen Miller	10	100 91	4	197	2	25	0	0	0
3	Kathy Herbst	7	300 249	4	380	4	183	0	0	0
4	Mary Zuelsdorf	10	120 120	4	162	4	160	0	0	0
5	Diane Timm	5	104 97	4	142	2	102	0	0	0
6	Cynthia Pieper	5	99 81	4	133	1	36	0	0	0
7	Sara Block/Jennifer Schneider	6	77 79	4	106	2	53	2	55	55
8	Kim Baumann	7	129 97	4	160	2	87	0	0	0
9	Joanie Begalke	8	85 72	4	125	0	0	0	0	0
10	Kay Nett	9	165 154	4	118	2	73	1	42	42
11	Betsy Mevenden	5	171 152	4	222	1	52	0	0	0
12	Marilyn Belter	8	85 79	4	180	3	142	1	37	37
13	Melody Rodger	8	55 63	4	122	2	66	2	94	94
14	Joan Anderson	7	66 78	4	102	2	64	0	0	0
15	Joanne Brandt	7	61 65	4	101	2	49	2	66	66
16	Elaine Hull/Theresa Smith	10	29 29	4	96	2	48	0	0	0
17	Judy Gitzlaff	5	48 50	4	127	0	0	2	44	44
18	Naomi Neuberger	7	94 91	4	94	0	0	1	20	20
19	Corine Hendrikson	6	80 76	4	113	4	111	2	47	47
20	Garnet Bauling/Anne Koth	6	53 100	4	101	0	0	0	0	0
21	Lori Henkes/Nancy Jensen	12	92 67	4	151	3	151	2	63	63
			2092 1970							
	<b>TOTALS</b>	155	4062	76	3035	40	1446	16	468	468
	<b>AVERAGE PER YEAR</b>		2031	36	1518	20	723	8	234	234

\*Includes 24 Supporting societies & 7 Individual members

3 Disbanded – Z3 Risen Savior LWML Franklin 2017

Z8 Bethany LWML Kohler 2017

Z21 Redeemer Ladies Aid Racine 2017

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Doug Lee	M	Pastor Wilfred & Karen Grieser	Jan. 2016
Ruth Hanke	M	Pastor Wilfred & Karen Grieser	Jan. 2016
Richard Ebert	M	Alta Muncho	Jan. 2016
Gerry Burke 90th Birthday	C	Judy Paulson	Jan. 2016
Ruth Hanke	M	Marilyn Stricker	Jan. 2016
Meta Meyers 90th Birthday	C	Pastor Wilfred & Karen Grieser	Feb. 2016
Esther Bauers	M	Anita Goede	Feb. 2016
Esther Bauers	M	Don & Diane Kamin	Feb. 2016
Esther Bauers	M	Carolyn Schuette	Feb. 2016
Esther Bauers	M	Bruce & Diane Pfeil	Feb. 2016
Esther Bauers	M	Virginia Moeller	Feb. 2016
Lucille Hurlbut	M	Gerry Burke	Feb. 2016
Mildred Tijerina	M	Susan Ann Roeder	Feb. 2016
Jean Drigit	M	First Immanuel Luth. LWML	Feb. 2016
Marge Frank's Mom	M	Corrine Henderickson	Feb. 2016
Marge Frank's Mom	M	Diane Kamrath	Feb. 2016
Rev. Dennis Schueler	M	St. Lukes Ladies Aid	March 2016
Esther Bauers	M	Barbara Strenger	March 2016
Gladys Stoehr	M	Susan Ann Roeder	March 2016
Lorraine Kaiser	M	Bob & Lois Cook	March 2016
Esther Bauers	M	Elaine Hull	March 2016
Sylvia Herman	M	Pella Luth. Ladies Aid	March 2016
Myra Lutz	M	Richard Lutz & Family & Friends	April 2016
Edith Mosner	M	Past District Officers	April 2016
Esther Bauers	M	Past District Officers	April 2016
Esther Maechtle	M	SWD LWML Past Officers	April 2016
Esther Maechtle	M	Victor & Doris Krahn	April 2016
Myra Lutz	M	Gerry Burke	April 2016
Myra Lutz	M	Beverly Kuntzsch	April 2016
Margaret Kasper	M	Trinity Ladies Aid LWML Rantoul	April 2016

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Hope Luth	M	Hope Ladies Aid	May 2016
Verna Burmeister	M	Verna Burmeister Family	May 2016
Ervin Fast	M	Norman & Diane Kamrath	May 2016
Member in Hospital	M	Grace Ruth Guild	May 2016
Margaret Hand	M	Victor & Doris Krahn	May 2016
Art Skeel	M	Pastor Wilfred & Karen Grieser	May 2016
Art Skeel	M	Mt. Calvary Ladies Aid/ LWML	May 2016
Esther Maechtle	M	Family of Esther Maechtle	June 2016
Hope Luth	M	Hope Ladies Aid	June 2016
Audrey Halstead	M	Linda Fisher	Aug. 2016
Audrey Halstead	M	Victor & Doris Krahn	Aug. 2016
Audrey Halstead	M	St. Paul's Mission Circle, Cascade	Aug. 2016
Diane Lynn Ansier	M	Pastor Wilfred & Karen Grieser	Aug. 2016
Margaret Kasper	M	Jon & Marion Kasper & Family	Aug. 2016
Vila Lau	M	Trinity Luth. LWML Rantoul	Sept. 2016
Shirley Klossner	M	Our Savior LWML Women in Mission	Sept. 2016
Marilyn Tews	M	St. Paul's Luth., Grafton	Sept. 2016
Elaine Steinpreis	M	St. John Luth. LWML, Plymouth	Oct. 2016
Florence Harms	M	Carolyn Blum	Oct. 2016
D. Hildebrandt	C	Millie & Kevin Hildebrandt	Oct. 2016
Florence Harms	M	LWML-SWD	Oct. 2016
Ruth Willie	M	Bethlehem Evening LWML, Sheboygan	Nov. 2016
Virginia Rens	M	Beverly Schultz	Nov. 2016
Florence Harms	M	Judy Paulson	Nov. 2016
Florence Harms	M	Barbara Kaun	Nov. 2016
Hope Luth	C	Hope Ladies Guild, Fond Du Lac	Nov. 2016
Elaine Steinpreis	M	St. John Luth. LWML, Plymouth	Nov. 2016
Florence Harms	M	Shepherd of the Hills Luth Women, Onalaska	Nov. 2016
Virginia Rens	M	Pella Luth. Ladies Aid , Waupun	Dec. 2016
Carol Kremer	M	Hope Ladies Guild, Fond Du Lac	Dec. 2016



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Mr. & Mrs. Wallace Papenfus	M	Grace Ruth Guild, Milwaukee	Dec. 2016
Wally Huff	M	Tom & Marcia Beineke	Dec. 2016
Judy Brockman	M	Peace Luth. Mission Guild LWML, Neenah	Dec. 2016
St. Peter's Luth	M	St. Peter's LWML	Dec. 2016
Joyce Mael	M	Rev. Jim & Corrine Henderickson	Jan 2017
Wally Huff	M	St. John's LWML, West Bend	Jan 2017
Hope Luth	C	Hope Ladies Guild, Fond Du Lac	Feb. 2017
Shirley Schroeder	M	St. John LWML, Berlin	Mar. 2017
Joan Mallow	M	St. John's Ladies Aid, Oconomowoc	Mar. 2017
Rick Meyer	M	Elaine Lueck	Mar. 2017
Joan Mallow	M	St. John's LWML, Ashipun	Mar. 2017
Rev. Eldor Harmann	M	Norman & Diane Kamrath	Mar. 2017
Rev. Eldor Harmann	M	Immanuel Lights, Mayville	Mar. 2017
Arlene Zimmer	M	Immanuel Lights, Mayville	Mar. 2017
Ada Lowe	M	St. Paul's Ruth Guild, Brown Deer	April 2017
Dione Newby	M	Peace Luth. Mission Guild LWML, Neenah	April 2017
Carol Brack	M	Messiah Women's Guild, Ripon	May 2017
Emma Valuras	M	Connie Schmidt	May 2017
Rev. Eldor Harmann	M	Millie Harmann & Family	July 2017
Alice Harmann	M	Beverly Kuntzsch	July 2017
Marlene Pingle	M	Peace Luth. Mission Guild LWML, Neenah	July 2017
Marcella Federwitz	M	Barb Schallock-(Marcella Memorial Fund)	July 2017
Bethlehem Luth Member	M	Katherine Wendt	July 2017
Karol Voight	M	Frank & Dorothy Fumo	July 2017
Karol Voight	M	Bernice Steffens	July 2017
Althea Dobratz	M	St. John Ev. Luth, LWML, Plymouth	Aug. 2017
Althea Dobratz	M	Elaine Lueck	Aug. 2017
Rev. Robert & Marge Novotney	H	Fred & Barbara Kaun	Aug. 2017
Diane Hillman	M	Trinity Ladies Aid LWML, Rantoul	Aug. 2017
Judy Boeck	M	Immanuel Lights, Mayville	Aug. 2017

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Jean M. Behrendt	M	Mt. Calvary Luth. Women in Mission	Sept. 2017
Lily Wienrow	M	Trinity Ladies Aid, Rantoul	Sept. 2017
Michael Mattson	M	Grace Ruth Guild, Milwaukee	Oct. 2017
Marlene Machut	M	St. John Ev. Luth LWML, Plymouth	Oct. 2017
Doris Hoffman	M	Ron & Elaine Hull	Oct. 2017
Marlene Machut	M	St. John Ev. Luth LWML, Plymouth	Oct. 2017
St. Paul LWML	M	Sandra Dally & Diane Staven	Oct. 2017
Audrey Nigh	M	St. Lukes LWML, Lyndon Station	Oct. 2017
Loretta Giese 95th Birthday	H	Norman & Diane Kamrath	Oct. 2017
Marion Wieck	M	Mt. Calvary Ladies Aid, Janesville	Oct. 2017
Marion Wieck	M	Marilyn Strickert	Oct. 2017
Ilis Donovan	M	Pella Ladies Aid, Waupun	Oct. 2017
Mary Pirsig	M	Shepherd of the Hills Luth Women, Onalaska	Nov. 2017
Loretta Giese 95th Birthday	H	Allen & Gloria Christian	Nov. 2017
Loretta Giese 95th Birthday	H	Paul & Carol Frank	Nov. 2017
Loretta Giese 95th Birthday	H	Family of Loretta Giese	Nov. 2017
Evelyn Kamrath	M	Curt & Kristen Kolell	Nov. 2017
Evelyn Kamrath	M	Merlin & Sandy Bowe	Nov. 2017
Evelyn Kamrath	M	Fred & Barbara Kaun	Nov. 2017
Ilis Donovan	M	Pella Ladies Aid, Waupun	Dec. 2017
Christmas	C	Fred & Barbara Kaun	Dec. 2017
Christmas	C	Diane Timm	Dec. 2017

## **Biennium History**

### **Lutheran Women's Missionary League South Wisconsin District 36<sup>th</sup> Biennial**

**Convention** was held at Madison Marriott West on June 24-25, 2016 in Middleton, WI. -

Theme: Rooted and Established in Christ's Love which was based on Ephesians 3:17-19 – So that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith-that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. – Keynote speaker: Linda Reiser, National LWML Past President – Mites in Action Speakers: Rev. Daniel Anderson, of Calvary Lutheran Chapel with Judy Tang of the International Friendship Center at UW Madison and Judy Schultz of Lutheran Special School and Educational Services – Bible Study: Rev Jack Fish – Representing National LWML: Leslie Joseph, Meeting Manager – New Officers elected: President, Barb Kaun; VP of Special Focus Ministries & Mission Grants, Kristen Kolell; VP of Communications, Ruth Weckwerth; Corresponding Secretary, Claudia Fairfield; Treasurer, Kris Hebel; and Jr. Pastoral Counselor, Rev. Douglas Peters - Ingathering items, International Student Ministries at UW Madison and UW Milwaukee – Attendance, 289 – Over one dozen Young Women Reps attended - Offering \$2,253.55, Mission Walk \$1,039.43, Mite Box \$263.26 for a total of \$3,556.24 toward our 2016-2018 Mite goal of \$214,800 – 2016-2018 LWML SWD Mission Grants selected were:

1. Church Without Walls, Deaf Ministry	\$16,500
2. Church Worker Student Grant	\$ 30,000
3. Veterans Helping Veterans, Concordia University	\$ 5,000
4. Refuge House Renovation, Place of Refuge Ministries	\$ 20,000
5. Concordia Theological Seminary Clothing & Food Co-op, Fort Wayne	\$ 15,000
6. Widow's Milk Mission Society, India	\$ 5,000
7. Free at Last Ministry to Women	\$ 25,000
8. "Telling the Story" DVD Devotional Series for Shut-Ins	\$ 16,000
9. Concordia Seminary St. Louis Food Bank	\$ 15,000
10. Teaching Children as Christ Taught Us, Lutheran Special School & Educational Services	\$ 12,000
11. CLET, Togo, Africa Seminary Dorms (partial)	\$ 1,600

The new officers were installed. The outgoing officers lit the candles of the newly elected officers. Out-going officers were thanked for their service. The convention closed with prayer and the singing of "Serve the Lord with Gladness".

**2016 Planning Meeting** – August 6, 2016 at Peace Lutheran Church in Beaver Dam – Opening devotion, Pastor Peters based on Matthew 10:32-33 – 2016-2018 Goal: Engage, Encourage, Educate, Equip, Enjoy – Lutheran Women in Mission – Bible Verse: Romans 15:4-7 "For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the



glory of God. – Theme: Encourage to Glorify Christ – Departments met separately for planning to develop goals for the department and each committee – EC meeting August 19-20 at Camp LuWiSoMo and BOD meeting September 10<sup>th</sup> at Pella Lutheran in Waupun - Closing Prayer by Pastor Peters.

**2016-2017 Female Church Worker Scholarship Awards** - \$800 was awarded to Corriane Cain, attending Concordia Seward; \$600 to Bethany Mrosko, attending Concordia St. Paul and \$600 To Kelsey Kleba, attending Concordia Mequon.

**2016 Fall Retreat** – September 30<sup>th</sup> & October 1<sup>st</sup> – Holiday Inn, Manitowoc - Theme: Katie Luther, Heart of a Servant – Verse: John 12:26, “Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me”. – 172 attended, 25 first timers – Keynote Speaker: Stephenie Hovland spoke on Katie Luther’s life as wife and vocation, - Friday night activities: Book discussion on the book “Kitty My Rib, wine sampling, and made greeting cards for the Milwaukee House of Corrections – Ingathering (outer wear) for Jefferson Elementary School in Manitowoc – Breakout Sessions: Rachel Chester, student at Concordia University, WI shared her experiences as a missionary and Lydia Beasley, SOS Center Born to Lead Because Christ Leads Us program – Offerings: SOS Center \$1,174.70, LWML SWD Endowment Fund for Female Church Workers \$391.57, \$302.67 to mites.

**2017 Winter Getaway** - January 27 – 28<sup>th</sup> at the Wintergreen Resort and Conference Center, Wisconsin Dells – Theme: Rooted in Love, Serving with Gladness – Verse from Isaiah 65:14a “My servants will sing because of the gladness in their hearts”. – 150 attended – This Getaway offered Bible Study with Pastor Blanchard Friday and Saturday – Mites in Action Speaker Rev. Bud Palmer (deaf ministry) and Indira Priya Telegana (Chalo Ministries at Brookfield Lutheran)- many servant events that offered ladies more time for fellowship as they worked at the various projects which included: Build a Bear or Bunny for Angel Hugs, Pot Holder Eyeglass Cases and Witness bracelets for Most Ministries, Bible Marking for Prison Ministry, Fleece Tied Blankets for Safe Harbor Homeless Center, Sleep Mats for the Homeless (made from plastic bags) for any homeless organization or Orphan Grain Train or Lutheran World Relief and assembled Hygiene Kits for Safe Harbor Homeless Shelter in Reedsburg – Ingathering Recipient: Safe Harbor Homeless Shelter, Reedsburg, WI – Offering Recipient: Emmaus Mercy Meals - Purple Queen pageant was held Friday night and Saturday the Crazy Hat Contest.

**2017 Spring Workshops** – March 18<sup>th</sup> at Peace Lutheran in Beaver Dam and March 25<sup>th</sup> at First Immanuel in Cedarburg – Emphasis was on Leadership.

**2017 Heart to Heart Sisters Event** – John 117:1 “Praise the Lord, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples” – Over 180 people attended – Sisters represented were the Nigerians, French Africans, Karennis, Hmong, Chinese, Germans and the Hispanics – Lunch Offering \$275.00 – Mite Box \$123.68 – Ingathering: School supplies for The Karennis.

**37<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention** – June 22-25, 2017 in Albuquerque, New Mexico – Theme: Jesus Christ above all, Philippians 2:9 – **LWML turns 75 – New logo for 2017** - Thursday Evening Communion Service proclaimer: Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison (offering 1 \$45,123.55 for mites) – Rev. Allen D. Anderson Sunday closing service proclaimer - Keynote Speaker: Ida Mall (Become Epiphany People, be a light to show others and help others to hear, see and know Jesus) – Bible Study Leader: Deaconess Betty Knapp – Humorous Jan Struck as Katie Luther – Song Leader: Wendysue Fluegge – Mites in Action Speakers: Steve & Nancy Cohen, Apple of His Eye Mission (to the Jews); Sanya Parson, Rebecca's Garden of Hope (youths at risk); Vicar Tim Norton, Lutheran Indian Ministries; Katia Sahyouni, Lutheran Hour Ministries in Lebanon – Lucheon Speakers: The Cohen's (Ministry to Jews), Linda Reiser/Gloria Edwards (LWML past presidents), Rev. Kevin Robson(LCMS National/International Mission & Missionaries), Vicar Tim Norton (Lutheran Indian Ministries), Donna Pyle (Author, Bible study presenter & founder of Artesian Ministries), and Rev. Dr. Gregory P. Seltz (Speaker of The Lutheran Hour) – Servant Events: assemble materials for Lutheran Braille Workers, marking Bibles for prison ministry, assemble personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief and Lutheran Indian Ministry, create greeting cards for cancer patients, assemble hygiene bags for The Storehouse, tie quilts & fleece blankets for Lutheran World Relief and donating blood (more than 100 donated) – Mission Walk, 1,127 walkers (\$73,674.55) – Golf Outing \$12,500.58 – Offering 2 LWML Endowment \$49,105.84; Offering 3 Bilingual "Worker Priest" serve people on the US/Mexico border \$39,904.81, Offering 4 "God Cares About You" will be used in Albuquerque's poorest area - Gifts from the Heart: sheets, baby kits, health kits, school kits, underwear, towels/linens and \$31,256 in gift cards - Mission Goal \$2,075,000 – 22 of the 34 grant requests will be funded – New officers elected – Convention Attendance 3,472 (850 First Timers) – Evening of Fun, The 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary "Diamond Dazzle" Celebration - SW District Young Women Reps: Emily Woelfel and Kati Meyerhofer, (81 YWR's) – Truly a top of the mountain, inspiring convention, Jesus Christ above all.

**2017 Fall Retreat** – held on September 21-23 at Green Lake Conference Center in Green Lake – Theme: Recreated in Christ Jesus for His purpose – Bible Verse: "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do". Ephesians 2:10 - Thursday evening vesper service led by Pastor Peters – Friday night snacks, bonfire and sing a long - Attended 154 – Bible Study: Rev Douglas Peters - Keynote Speaker: Heart to Heart sister, Sarah Long-Radloff from the North Wisconsin District – Breakout Speaker: Vicar David Bias, missionary at large, Sheboygan County Hispanic Outreach and Kimberly Trombley from Bethesda Lutheran Community Homes – Offering \$1,600.60 - Offering Recipient: Sheboygan County Hispanic Outreach – Ingathering Recipient: Bethesda Lutheran Community Homes – Servant Events: Fleece project and Card making.

**2018 Winter Getaway Retreat** – January 19-20<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn in Fond du lac – Theme: Finding Faith in Films - Bible verse, Romans 15:5-6, "May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus

Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you for the glory of God” - 149 attended – Bible Study: Rev. Dale Blanchard - Keynote Speaker: Rev. Randy Raasch, Senior Pastor of First Immanuel in Cedarburg – spoke of ways to share the gospel through the use of popular movies, television shows and books. – Mites in Action Speaker: Chaplain Muehler, Director, LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces - Movie: The Green Mile was shown – Offering \$1,479.30 – Offering Recipient:  $\frac{3}{4}$  Hmong Ministry and  $\frac{1}{4}$  Female Workers Scholarship Fund – Ingathering recipient: Charis Pregnancy Help Center and Fond du Lac Police Department – Servant Events: Decorating onesies for Charis Pregnancy Help Center, No Sew Fleece Hats and Scarves, School Kits, Bible Marking for Free at Last Ministry, Lutheran Braille Workers, and Blessing Bags for the homeless.

**Young Women Committee** - Chairperson is Amy Tikkanen -The committee has planned several activities in an effort to attract more young ladies to LWML – 2017 Event held: Morning of Christ centered relaxation and fun at Faith Lutheran in Sturtevant on August 19, 2017 and October 7<sup>th</sup> at St. Luke’s in Lyndon Station – 2018 Event to be held: An afternoon of painting, Bible study and trivia, July 28<sup>th</sup> at Hope Lutheran in Fond du Lac and August 11<sup>th</sup> at Divine Savior in Hartford and August 18<sup>th</sup> at Good Shepherd in Tomah.

The following event will be held after the due date for this report.

**2018 Heart to Heart Sisters Event** – will be held on March 17, 2018 at Brookfield Lutheran Church – Theme will be: God’s Love Made Complete in His Son – Bible Verse: 1 John4:10-12 “This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.” – an ethnic lunch will be served.

**2018-2019 Female Church Worker Scholarship Awards** - \$750 was awarded to Kelsey Kleba, attending Concordia Mequon; \$625 to Michelle Oddsen attending Concordia Mequon and \$625 to Rebecca Prince attending Concordia Chicago.

## Executive Committee



Front Row: L to R—Ruth Mueller, Barb Kaun, Ann Nehring, Diane Meyer

Back Row: L to R—Rev. Matthew Douglas Peters, Ruth Weckwerth, Kristen Kolell, Diane Kamrath, Rev. Dale Blanchard, Claudia Fairfield

Missing:

Kris Hebel, Treasurer

## Zone Presidents

Front (left to right)

Janis Mattson, Zone 1

Karen Miller Zone 2

Kathy Herbst Zone 3

Mary Zuehlsdorf Zone 4

Back (left to right)

Diane Timm Zone 5

Cynthia Pieper Zone 6

Sara Block Zone 7

Jennifer Schneider Zone 7

Kim Baumann Zone 8



Front (left to right)

Joanie Begalke Zone 9

Kay Nett Zone 10

Betsy Meverden Zone 11

Marilyn Belter Zone 12

Back (left to right)

Melody Rodger Zone 13

Joan Anderson Zone 14

Joanne Brandt Zone 15

Elaine Hull Zone 16

Theresa Smith Zone 16

Judy Gitzlaff Zone 17



Front (left to right)

Naomi Neuberger Zone 18

Corrine Hendrickson Zone 19

Garnet Bauling Zone 20

Back (left to right)

Anne Koth Zone 20

Lori Henkes Zone 21

Nancy Jensen Zone 21





## **President**

Front (left to right)

Barb Kaun, President, Jana Hoffmann, Parliamentarian

Back (left to right)

Rev. Dale Blanchard, Sr. Counselor

Douglas Peters, Jr. Counselor



## **Organizational Resources**

Front (left to right)

Monica Jeske, Structure, Ann Nehring, V.P.

Janet Steinhaus, Archivist/Historian

Back (left to right)

Diane Timm, Nominating Committee

Jana Hoffmann, Renewal Chairman

Missing:

Lydia Beasley, Leader Development



## **Gospel Outreach and Christian Life**

Front (left to right)

Debbie Netz, 2018 Fall Retreat, Cindy Schuett,

Music Chairperson

Back (left to right)

Emily Woelfel, 2018 Winter Getaway, Diane Kamrath

Amy Tikkanen, Young Women's Chairman

Cynthia Bohmann, Christian Life

Missing:

Diane Meyer, VP, Cindy Gill, 2017 Fall Retreat Chairman



## **Special Focus Ministries & Mission Grants**

Front (left to right)

Mai Nhai Thao Kruse, Heart to Heart Sisters  
Marge Frank, Mission Grants Chairman

Back (left to right)

Kristen Kolell, VP, LuAnn Roman, Missionary  
Outreach & Mission Education

Missing:

Linda Ault, Deaf Community Liaison



## **Communications**

Front (left to right)

Jennifer Olen, Public Relations Chairman  
Ruth Weckwerth, VP

Back (left to right)

Bobbi Blacklock, AV, Cinda Poppe,  
Quarterly Manager

Missing: Kim Hovie, AV,

Holly Anderson, Mission Lamp Editor

Joyce Kaestner, Email Prayer Request Manager



## **Financial**

Diane Kamrath, Financial Secretary  
Kris Hebel, Treasurer, Diane Kitzerow,  
Scholarship Chairman



## Reports from Officers and Committees

### District President - Barb Kaun

#### 2016-2018 Biennium Theme: Encourage to Glorify Christ

**GOAL:** Engage, Encourage, Educate, Equip, Enjoy – Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML-SWD)

**Bible verse:** Romans 15:4-7, English Standard Version

*<sup>4</sup> For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup> May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup> Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.*

When this goal was set by the leadership of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League South Wisconsin District, LWML President Ross had already established *Engage, Encourage, Equip, and Enjoy LWML* as the theme of the 2015 – 2017 biennium. Let's review how God equipped us to accomplish this.

Newly called Church workers in the South Wisconsin District have been welcomed into service with, and for, us. Through the efforts of the Young Women's Committee young women in the district have been encouraged to learn about the mission of the LWML, and assist in spreading the Gospel by equipping seminarians and missionaries through the giving of our offerings of thanks. Each of us have had opportunities to engage, encourage, and enjoy each other at Fall Retreats, Winter Getaways, Heart to Heart multicultural events, prayer services, and leadership workshops.

Moving forward, pray with me that, through our service at events scheduled for The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod in the SWD, more pastors and women will witness our willingness to follow the example of our Lord serving others in gladness.

What will be our response to the wondrous gift God gave us through His Son, Jesus Christ? We will continue to faithfully support the work of those who have been called to share the Good News. Together we will rejoice in this gift of redemption, and in His power, we will engage, educate, encourage, equip, and enjoy being Lutheran Women in Mission.

*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!"*  
Isaiah 52:7.



## **Vice President of Organizational Resources – Ann Nehring**

The position of Vice President of Organizational Resources is an elected position that serves on the LWML SWD Executive Committee for a four-year term. During that time, it is the responsibility of the person in this position to check on and encourage the women in the positions of the Structure Committee, the Archivist, the Leader Development Committee, the Renewal Committee, and the Nominating Committee. Other duties of this position include participating in the decision making done by the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors to ensure that the LWML SWD continues to help women of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod find avenues to use their God-given talents as they joyfully share the Good News of Jesus Christ with people far and near. This is carried out by first hearing and studying God's Word and inwardly digesting how this is applied in daily life. Next, relationships are built through meetings, visits, retreats, phone calls, and emails with LWML members and Pastoral Counselors. Work is accomplished to tell about Jesus to many people in tangible ways such as the mission grants that are funded by the LWML SWD and the retreats and events that are sponsored by our district.

For me, this position has been a marvelous blessing in that I have been able to meet and get to know so many women who willingly give their time and talents to do God's work in the LWML. I am encouraged and renewed in my faith in Jesus as my Savior as I see the mission grants being funded and hear the stories of those who come to know Jesus as well. One of my favorite tasks during these last two years was to work with Jean Kruse, chairman of the Structure Committee, to revise the LWML SWD Convention Guidelines. Many people contributed to this project and the new guidelines are full of information for running the Convention. Although this task didn't look to me as if it was immediately contributing to the Mission funds, it did lay out how a convention can be run efficiently to do God's work.

It has been a pleasure for me to serve in this position for the past four years. Serving in this position has shown me that Our Lord does certainly equip those He calls for service in ways that I could never have imagined on my own. I look forward to seeing how my gracious Heavenly Father will use me as His servant in the time to come.

## **Vice President of Gospel Outreach and Christian Life - Diane Meyer**

During this 2016-2018 Biennium the Fall Retreat and Winter Getaway events have been very successful. We have seen higher numbers of attendance with the Fall Retreat having about 175 in attendance. The 2018 Winter Getaway had 149 attend which was about 25 more than we have had in the past. God has blessed us with at least 20 - 30 new attendees at each event. Both committees have worked hard to plan events that are well balanced in providing opportunities for spiritual growth, service to others, fellowship with one another, and lots of fun. The Fall Retreat committee pulled together to help each other through some difficult times of illness. The Winter Getaway had a couple changes in leadership. Each time, the members

have trusted that God would provide solutions and would give them strength to work through the difficult time. I like to refer to those times as “stretching periods” that occur so we can grow in our faith and as a VP overseeing these committees it brings joy to my heart to witness that spiritual growth!

The Young Women’s committee decided to provide 2-4 one day events that would be held in different areas. There would be one program, repeated at each location. Although it was a bit of a struggle and we did not have the attendance hoped for at the events in 2017, the committee did learn a lot. They are off to a great start for the three 2018 Young Women events.

Through the Fall Retreat, Winter Getaway and the Young Women’s events we have seen our LWML women reach out to engage others, encourage those new to LWML, equip others to serve, educate our members about LWML, and enjoy one another as we continue to Serve the Lord with Gladness.

### **Vice President of Special Focus Ministries and Mission Grants – Kristen Kolell**

It is hard to believe it has been two years since I have had the privilege of serving in this position. I have learned so much and have enjoyed working with some outstanding, yet humble Christian women! I have appreciated the more experienced women who have so freely offered assistance when I had questions. I am so thankful to work with Linda Ault, Marge Frank, LuAnn Roman, and Mai Nhai Thao and their respective committees. These women have all displayed leadership in their positions and have served with dedication, creativity, and are always focused on the Gospel.

Much time was spent on the grant proposals and communicating with mission leaders at the district and national levels of the LCMS regarding the proposals. Reviewing the proposals brought clarity of the great need to spread the Good News of Jesus’ saving love throughout the world. Each time a grant was ready to be paid, it was a joy to contact the recipient to tell them the good news, that the ladies of the South Wisconsin District fulfilled their promise to fund the grant. May our district continue to Serve the Lord with Joy and Gladness!

### **Vice President of Communications – Ruth Weckwerth**

Communications covers a wide variety of areas and has changed quite a bit over the last biennium. The new website was launched and is a great source for information for the South Wisconsin District. A facebook account has been added to cover social media and to keep up with the fast-paced need for information. The Mission Lamp is still printed quarterly and covers South Wisconsin news and articles from committee chairman. Holly is doing a wonderful job filling the Mission Lamp with awesome graphics and layout. Also, covering print media is the Lutheran Women’s Quarterly from LWML. It contains Bible studies and up to date mission grant information.

Joyce is keeping our communication with God by offering prayer requests for those needed prayers. Our AV team of Bobbi and Kim are doing a great job working with event committees and speakers to keep programs running smoothly.

With all the other areas covered we are moving the Public Relations committee to a new task of keeping the churches and sisters outside of LWML informed of events and opportunities to join us. We are creating our own mailing lists and collection of congregational addresses where we can reach out to others personally in the South Wisconsin District. Jennifer and Paulette are also searching for ways that we can reach out and serve people of the district.

In the next biennium we look forward to finding new ways of keeping you informed, adding new members to our team, a website 2.0 upgrade, and encouraging others to join the mission of the LWML South Wisconsin District.

### **Corresponding Secretary - Claudia Fairfield**

Two years, I can't believe how fast time flies when you're busy serving the Lord! Meeting ladies at our various meetings and retreats has been a truly enjoyable experience.

In my position, I'm responsible to the District President (DP), by mailing/emailing official calls for Executive Committee (EC) and Board of Directors (BOD) meetings, and writing correspondence (letters, cards, etc.), attending zone rallies as a district representative and any other duties as assigned by the DP.

Other duties include keeping the LWML SWD Handbook and zone/society officer information current with your updates, writing reports (BOD/Convention), compiling BOD members reports for distribution prior to BOD meetings, assisting societies and individual members as needed. Preparing for meetings (EC, BOD, Biennium Planning, Zone Presidents (ZP)/Christian Life Training) by finding a location that will meet the district's needs, contacting the host for meeting requests (table setup, morning snack/lunch, etc.) and arranging for lunch payments with the district's treasurer. Also, preparing name badges, name tents and folders for each meeting. Reading correspondence, such as, thank you letters and notes received from recipients of scholarships to the BOD. Sending materials that were handed out during meetings to absent members to keep them up-to-date with district information.

Thank you for giving me the privilege to serve as the Corresponding Secretary, LWML SWD. This position has given me opportunities to fulfill my vision for the LWML SWD by meeting and encouraging women of all ages to continue to grow in faithfulness, fellowship, and service to Christ. I'm looking forward to working with you during the next two years.

*...encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you. 2 Corinthians 13:11*

## **Recording Secretary - Ruth Mueller**

The past four years have ticked away and my term has come to an end. Thank you for this opportunity to serve you and our Lord. None of us is perfect, but God promises to be with us and use us to accomplish His plan. By His grace I have found joy in completing this role.

It has been an honor to help maintain order and consistency in our LWML SWD. By serving on the Executive Committee God has used me to help determine what directions our LWML SWD will take. By taking minutes and recording email votes it is noted how each part of our body of LWML women fits together to accomplish our goals. By representing the executive committee at zone rallies it is a blessing to get acquainted with many local women. By attending district retreats and workshops it is an opportunity for my own faith life to be encouraged and strengthened.

None of us can do it all, but together, in gratitude for all God has done for us through Jesus, He uses our hands, feet, voices, lips, treasures, and wills to extend His Kingdom. To God alone be the glory!

## **Financial Secretary - Diane Kamrath**

It is hard to believe that it has been 4 years since Diane Meyer and myself were sitting in the back of the convention room at the Olympia in Oconomowoc and wondering if either of us would be the new officers. Both of us were not sure what the Lord had planned for us, but let His will be done. As the votes were tallied both of us were going to be new officers. My job as a Financial Secretary was going to begin.

At the beginning of my term I had a lot to learn but I thank my mentor Bonnie and Treasurer Ruth for being patient with me and answering all my questions. I was so excited to go to my mailbox and get my first mite envelope, I still get excited almost 4 years later! It is so interesting to see where all the mites come from and the amounts. Not only does all the Mite money come to the Financial Secretary but also all the Memorials, Celebrations, Honors, Rally Offerings, Prayer Service Offerings, Lutheran Women's Quarterly order money, Selle & Sanders Funds interest money, donations to Administration Fund, Thrivent Choice dollars, etc. then I record all the amounts in the proper categories and deposit the funds. I then e-mail the total in each category to our Treasurer, currently Kris, for her records.

I have learned a lot through having this position, especially how God works through the Women of the LWML to accomplish the same goal. Whether it be Pastors, members of the EC, the BOD, or individual societies, we are all members of GOD'S TEAM here on earth, and with God's help- Together Everyone Accomplishes More!

I Thank God for each one of you. Thank you to the ladies that sent me notes, cards, and words of encouragement. I Thank God I had the opportunity to Serve the Lord with Gladness in this position. God Bless all of you for making the LWML-SWD what it is and keep up the Prayers and fulfilling the Mission Grants. To God Be the Glory!

*Trust in the Lord with all your Heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6*

### **Archivist/Historian – Janet Steinhaus**

The words archivist and historian go together very well. Our LWML present records rapidly become our history. Our history shows the dedicated service of leaders, the many mission grants that spread the gospel, and relieve the hurting of those less fortunate. Memories are kept through scrapbooks and Mission Lamps. Convention manuals review the former two years and introduce the new grants and new leaders that join the activities of the district.

I attend board meetings, retreats, conventions and exhibit at each. It is a privilege to be a part of these talented, faithful women that engage, encourage and equip women of the district to the glory of God.

*We too will serve the Lord, because he is our God. Joshua 24:18b*

### **Christian Life Committee – Cynthia Bohmann**

As the Christian Life Chairman, my goal is to make the women of LWML SWD aware of any and all Christian Life materials available on a district and national level. The resources for Bible Studies, skits and handouts are available on the district and national LWML websites. I am contacting Zone Presidents so that Christian Life material can be shared with their societies.

I continue to write devotions for the LWML SWD page and Mission Lamp as requested.

With the assistance of our Zone Counselor, I am developing a presentation for the Zone Presidents meeting in November. This session will be sharing ideas on the role of the zone pastoral counselor, speakers and Bible studies available for rallies.

I look forward to continuing this work and pray for willing workers to assist me.

### **Deaf Community Liaison - Linda Ault**

This position is fairly new and was created after the 2014 Convention. The committee is to help get the information about our LWML SWD events out to our Deaf sisters-in-Christ; to encourage their attendance; to let them know about possible TLC scholarships; to find interpreters for the events; and to work with the grant foundations (Mill Neck) to apply for possible help with the costs incurred for interpreters. I am to request PR items from each event showing a grant has been requested; to keep track of Interpreter costs; and then make sure that all materials are sent to Mill Neck Foundation for the Deaf. It is a position filled with joy...the joy of knowing that those that cannot physically hear can, through sign language, 'hear' more of God's Word and enjoy the company of their LWML sisters in Christ.

*"How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?" Romans 10:14*

### **E-Mail Prayer Request Manager - Joyce L. Kaestner**

For a number of years, I have been privileged to take LWML SWD prayer requests to our God's throne of grace. I have several times asked the current officers to appoint another person; but, in each instance, I have heard my Father calling me to continue. Thus, I continue in this capacity, continually thanking God for this ministry that He has placed in my hands.

May God richly bless all whose prayers have been requested and the servant who serves Him.

### **Female Church Workers Scholarship - Diane Kitzerow**

Our LWML-SWD thanks and praises God that we were blessed to grant scholarships totaling \$2,000 to three young ladies of our district who are studying to carry on the mission of our Lord in full time church work. Kelsey Kleba, a member of Divine Redeemer in Hartland, majors in Secondary Education at Concordia University Wisconsin; Michelle Oddsen, a member of St. Paul's in Oconomowoc, majors in Lay Ministries at Concordia University Wisconsin; and Rebecca Prince, a member of St. Paul's in West Allis, majors in Early Childhood Education at Concordia University Chicago. Please pray for these young ladies as they prepare for the next chapter in their lives.

### **Missionary Outreach/Mission Education - LuAnn Roman**

Since being appointed to the position of Missionary Outreach/Mission Education Committee Chair in 2016, I have had the opportunity to Engage, Encourage, Educate, Equip and Enjoy on the District level, the work that all of us do as LWML.

Taking information about missionaries and mission education resources to the Spring and Fall Retreats and Winter Getaway, I have been able to do all those things on behalf of the 12 missionaries that have roots in our SWD. My job to update and maintain the Speaker's List is meant to assist those at the Zone/Society level to do the same. Having a number of resources (DVD, books) to share further helps this effort. Being accountable to the Board of Directors for reports and Mission Lamp articles reinforces that, together, we are Lutheran Women in Mission and can enjoy the great work God is accomplishing through us.

It is a privilege to work alongside those who plan, direct and execute the work of the District. Without their dedication, partnered with National LWML, and you, we could not enjoy the fact that God's Kingdom is growing through the distribution of mites worldwide.

## **Mission Grant Committee Chairman - Marge Frank**

The job of the Mission Grant Committee Chairman has been one of the most fulfilling I've had with Lutheran Women in Mission - South Wisconsin District (LWML SWD). Twice in my four-year term, I've experienced the excitement of gathering mission grant proposals and learning about the work of each missionary and mission project. Grant requests have come from every corner of the world.

The variety of requests reminded me of Hymn #322 – “From Greenland’s Icy Mountain” in the *Blue Lutheran Worship*.

*From Greenland’s icy mountain to India’s coral strand,  
From Africa’s bright fountains to Asia’s golden sand,  
From many an upland river to many a coastal plain,  
God would the lost deliver from error’s evil chain.*

A lot of preparation goes into preparing these grants for the vote at convention. The purpose or goal, resolutions, a ballot and short paragraph describing each grant request is compiled and distributed to the Executive Committee and Board of Directors. This work is done under the supervision of VP Kristen Kolell and help from Lois Cook, Mission Grant Committee member. Kim Hovie of the AV department produces a DVD of all the grants to share with LWML delegates before the convention.

After grants are chosen at the convention, posters, church bulletin inserts, prayer cards and a display of each mission grant is designed and ready for distribution to LWML members. These items are useful to inform each congregational member about the work of LWML and the how Mites are used to spread the love of Jesus around the world. These materials have been designed by Holly Anderson. Displays were set up at the Fall Retreats and Winter Getaways to highlight resource materials available to LWML members to promote the work of LWML within their congregations and to inform members of the progress in funding of the mission grants. As you can see, Jesus has truly blessed me with a wonderful team for support and encouragement. The friends I have made through LWML will be in my heart and prayers until we all meet before the throne of God in heaven.

*Salvation! Oh Salvation! The joyful sound proclaim  
Till those of every nation have learned Messiah’s name.*

*This is the work Jesus has given LWML to do and He promises that “We can do everything through Him who gives us strength.” Philippians 4:13.*

### **Mission Lamp Editor - Holly Anderson**

It is my privilege to serve the LWML SWD as editor of the Mission Lamp, our quarterly newsletter. The Mission Lamp is released at the beginnings of February, May, August, and November. Committee and retreat chairpersons, along with our LWML SWD president and either our senior or junior counselor submit articles each quarter about the varied happenings in the district, and it is my job (and my pleasure) to produce the newsletter for all to enjoy. In fact, the Mission Lamp serves not only our enjoyment, but our connection, our encouragement, and our source of information. Want to know what is happening with our mites? Consult the Mission Lamp. Want to know President Barb's thoughts about our mission? Read the Mission Lamp. Want to be encouraged in the Word? See our counselor's contribution to the Mission Lamp. Want to know where we stand in reaching our goals for grant recipients? You guessed it. It's in the Mission Lamp. Free to you, and free to share with your friends, the Mission Lamp is YOUR NEWSLETTER for all LWML SWD activities. If by chance you do not receive a printed copy or a link to the newsletter online from your society or zone president, there is an obvious yellow "button" on the home page at [www.lwml-swd.org](http://www.lwml-swd.org). If you are ever inspired to share something with the ladies of our district, please send it to me at [holkanders@gmail.com](mailto:holkanders@gmail.com), and I'll see if we can squeeze it in!

### **Parliamentarian - Jana Hoffmann**

The responsibilities of the Parliamentarian are to serve as an advisor on parliamentary procedure when asked. I have had the privilege of attending both the Board of Directors meetings and serving in this capacity. I have learned new things in the board meetings I have attended. Thank you for allowing me to serve in this role and give me the grace as I learn more about meeting procedures.

I thank the Lord and the LWML SWD for this opportunity to serve.

### **Public Relations - Jennifer Olen**

The LWML SWD Public Relations committee is blessed to be assisting with educating women of the district regarding the various events and opportunities the LWML SWD offers. In the last biennium the committee has exhibited on behalf of LWML SWD at the Passionate Believers conferences, Heart 2 Heart Sisters events, State Teacher's Conference and SWD convention. Each year we compiled the Fall and Spring Rally information from the 21 zones of the district. The information was then distributed to the Mission Lamp editor and Website Master for publication.

New initiatives taken this biennium have been creating and maintaining a master list of all congregational emails, websites and addresses in the SWD. This list has been used to email congregations information about the Heart 2 Heart Sisters event and the 2018 LWML SWD Convention. In this way we have had the opportunity to be directly engaged with the



congregations rather than having another entity accomplish this on our behalf.

Another initiative implemented is taking our “Serve the Lord with Gladness” mission to a new level by finding volunteer opportunities at LCMS SWD events. This has given the women of the LWML SWD the occasion to interact with others who might be unfamiliar with the LWML. At the time of this report we have had 7 women offer to be volunteers at the LCMS SWD Convention June 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. We anticipate this endeavor to grow as more LWML women report on their experience in serving others.

### **LW Quarterly Manager – Cinda Poppe**

Just as the Mission Lamp relays information from LWML SWD to our societies, the Lutheran Women’s Quarterly conveys the mission of the LWML to women of the LCMS.

As LW Quarterly Manager it is my responsibility to work with the LWML-SWD District President, VP of Communication, Financial Secretary, and Website Master to create the yearly order form, tabulate subscription orders, and complete and submit the final order form with complete addresses.

I also follow up on delivery issues and confirm the LW Quarterly financial billing statement.

Serving the LWML SWD as LW Quarterly Manager is a blessing as we encourage each other to Glorify Christ.

### **Renewal Committee Chairman - Jana Hoffmann**

When I accepted the position of Renewal Committee Chairman I had limited knowledge of the responsibilities of the chairman. The past two years has been a great learning for me. I want to help more of our women engage with LWML. It is a great blessing to serve the Lord with gladness.

### **Structure Chairman - Monica Jeske**

I have been an active member of my church LWML society for almost eleven years and became the Structure Committee Chairman at the end of October 2017, taking over the duties from Jean Kruse. Jean and Ann Nehring have been wonderful mentors.

Since October, one zone has updated their Bylaws, and another is in the process of doing that. The LWML SWD proposed Bylaw changes will be presented at the LWML SWD Convention in June for approval. Several SWD guidelines have been updated and posted to the web; a Bookstore Manager guideline has been written and posted. More guidelines will be updated later this year. I urge all zones to review their Bylaws and, if they haven’t been updated in the past four years, it might be time to update.

God puts us where we are needed. It is a pleasure to be able to serve on the Structure Committee. I look forward to learning more about this position and meeting many more Christian women.

### **TLC Application Review Chairman - Linda Ault**

It has been my pleasure to be chairman of this wonderful Committee. Since the 2016 Convention there has been a wonderful increase in requests for scholarships which shows that the word is reaching our members. It also shows the need for our ladies to apply for a possible Scholarship well before the deadline for applications. It is the responsibility of this committee to approve the Retreat/Convention scholarships. Please keep letting the ladies of the district know about these scholarships and that they can be easily found on our LWML SWD website.

*"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up..."* I Thess. 5:11

### **Young Women Committee - Amy Tikkanen**

Wow! Two years truly have flown by! It started off slow, but once we got things going; it has been good. We had the opportunity to host a couple of events. We had pretty low turnout that was kind of a bummer, but we are trying to do something new. We did this to try and get new ideas and activities introduced to the LWML. While it had its challenges, it was a lot of fun. Throughout the 2 years, we had two YWRs represent the LWML-SWD in Albuquerque, NM at the LWML Convention. From the stories they have shared, it sounds like they had a great time and learned a lot about the LWML and its mission. It has been a pleasure being able to help these women have this experience and grow spiritually.

Finally, I am excited that we have three upcoming events that that will feature Bible study, painting, and fellowship. It is my hope that every society sends at least one person to one of the events. It is surely going to be a lot of fun, and we want to experience it with ALL our LWML sisters, new and "seasoned" alike!

It has been a great pleasure serving as the Young Women Committee chair and look forward to any new opportunities that come my way!

## 2018 LWML SWD Convention Steering Committee



Front (left to right) Bobbi Blacklock, Heidi Willison, Sandy Krainz, Kim Hovie  
Back (left to right) Rita Whittow, Mary Zuehlsdorf, Ann Nehring, Joyce Kaestner, Jennifer Olen, Kathy Herbst, Peggy Buhler



Left to right Pastor Blanchard, Janis Mattson, Karen Miller, Lois Roller  
Missing: Cindy Schuett, Kris Hebel, Linda Zywicki

### **2018 LWML SWD Convention Steering Committee - Sandy Krainz, co-chair**

It is an interesting task to try to look ahead two years for what will take place at a district convention. I liken it to planning a banquet: preparing a theme of foods, planning a menu, gathering ingredients, bringing in the cooks, having the banquet hall all prepared and, finally, having it take place. We are most fortunate that we have our Heavenly Father to give us guidance and direction as we undertake this task.

Your Convention Steering Committee has been meeting almost monthly for the past two years and, as the saying goes, “two heads are better than one”, we worked together to plan for the convention and see it actually happen!

With the selection of the theme, “*How beautiful...*” based on Isaiah 52:7, members of our four host zones took on the chairing of the necessary committees and, by putting our ideas together, made the decisions that have brought us all together to experience the mission work of the South Wisconsin ladies of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League. God is Good!...All the Time!

## **1. I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY**

I love to tell the story  
Of unseen things above,  
Of Jesus and His glory,  
Of Jesus and His love.  
I love to tell the story  
Because I know 'tis true.  
It satisfies my longings  
As nothing else can do.

### **Chorus:**

**I love to tell the story!  
'Twill be my theme in glory  
To tell the old, old story  
Of Jesus and His love.**

I love to tell the story;  
'Tis pleasant to repeat  
What seems each time I tell it  
More wonderfully sweet.

I love to tell the story,  
For some have never heard  
The message of salvation  
From God's own holy word

### **Chorus**

I love to tell the story,  
For those who know it best  
Seem hungering and thirsting  
To hear it like the rest.  
And when in scenes of glory  
I sing the new, new song,  
'Twill be the old, old story  
That I have loved so long.

### **Chorus**

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## **2. HOW BEAUTIFUL**

How beautiful the hands that served  
The wine and the bread and the sons of the  
earth.  
How beautiful the feet that walked  
The long dusty roads and the hill to the cross.

### **Chorus:**

**How beautiful, how beautiful,  
How beautiful is the body of Christ.**

How beautiful the heart that bled,  
That took all my sin and bore it instead.  
How beautiful the tender eyes  
That chose to forgive and never despise.

### **Chorus**

And as He laid down His life,  
We offer this sacrifice  
That we will live just as He died:  
Willing to pay the price, Willing to pay the price.

How beautiful the feet that bring  
The sound of good news and the love of the  
King.

How beautiful the hands that serve  
The wine and the bread and the sons of the  
earth.

### **Chorus**

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### **3.SHARING THE CARING CHRIST**

**Chorus:**

**Sharing, caring, sharing the caring Christ,  
Sharing, caring, sharing the caring Christ.**

For God so loved the world  
That He gave His only Son,  
And all who do believe,  
The vict'ry has been won.

**Chorus**

So go therefore and teach  
So that all may hear God's Word.  
Tell everyone you meet  
'Til everyone has heard.

**Chorus**

And all who love the Lord  
Share the blessings He has giv'n,  
And will forever more  
Sing praise to Him in heav'n.

**Chorus 2x**

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### **4.LUTHERAN WOMEN, ONE AND ALL**

Lutheran Women, one and all,  
We have heard the Gospel call,  
We by faith have seen our Lord  
Crucified and then restored.  
We have seen Him pay the price,  
For our sins a sacrifice.  
Him we Lord and Christ acclaim  
And unite to praise His name.

Lutheran Women, young and old,  
Well we know His challenge bold:  
"Help to take the Gospel light  
To a world in darkest night,  
By example in the home,  
By inviting those who roam,  
By our prayers for sinners lost,  
By our gifts for missions' cost."

Lutheran Women, coast to coast,  
In the Lord a mighty host,  
Let us all united be in the Holy Trinity,  
One in faith, in hope, and love,  
Working for the LORD above,  
'Till, our earthly labors done,  
We in heaven shall all be one.

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### **5.TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE**

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.

Take my moments and my days; let them flow in endless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love;

Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King;

Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee,

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;

Take my intellect and use every power as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it Thine, it shall be no longer mine;

Take my heart, it is Thine own, it shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store;

Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

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*(Stand)*

### **6.WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN**

We give Thee but Thine own,

What e'er the gift may be;

All that we have is Thine alone,

A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus

As stewards true receive

And gladly, as Thou blessest us,

To Thee our first-fruits give!

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## **7. WITH JOY WE COME TOGETHER**

With joy we come together,  
Our hearts of one accord,  
Rejoicing in the blessings  
Of serving You, O Lord.  
The gifts that You have given  
Make us a mighty throng.  
With thankfulness we raise up  
Our praise to You in song.

We celebrate the women,  
Who've served You through the  
years,  
Sustaining one another  
Through vict'ry, trials, and fears.  
We follow now their service,  
Devoted, Christ, to You.  
No matter what Your errand,  
We'll strive to follow through.

Through ministries supported,  
We've seen Your love outpoured.  
With mites that You've provided,  
We've learned to trust You, Lord.  
Our many hands have served You,  
Yet much is left undone.  
Your mission must continue  
In reaching everyone.

*(Stand for last verse)*

Lord, with Your love and guidance,  
We'll serve You faithfully.  
Wherever You should lead us,  
We'll follow willingly.  
May we be bold in witness  
So others see Your grace.  
That we may one day worship  
Together face to face.

*Jean Hansen Kammerer  
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## **8. SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS!**

"Serve the LORD with gladness!" It is He alone  
Who redeemed us sinners, Guides us as His  
own  
To enjoy the blessings; Of His love and grace  
Will at last in glory; Meet us face to face.

**Chorus:**

**Onward, then, for Jesus!**

**Let this be our aim:**

**"Serve the LORD with gladness!"**

**Glorify His name!**

"Serve the LORD with gladness!" He gave us  
command  
To proclaim His Gospel; Now in every land!  
So that fellow sinners; May, like us, be blest;  
Leading them to Jesus, We can serve Him best.

**Chorus**

*(Stand for last verse)*

"Serve the LORD with gladness!" There's no  
greater joy  
Than to serve the Master, Work in His employ.  
As we build His kingdom; Angels, too, rejoice  
Over every sinner; Brought to hear His voice.

**Chorus**

*Prof. Ernest Lewerenz*

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## **9.HARK THE VOICE OF JESUS CALLING**

Hark, the voice of Jesus calling, "Who will go and work today?  
Fields are white and harvests waiting-- Who will bear the sheaves away?"  
Loud and long the master calleth; Rich reward he offers thee.  
Who will answer, gladly saying, "Here am I, send me, send me"?

If you cannot speak like angels, If you cannot preach like Paul,  
You can tell the love of Jesus, You can say He died for all.  
If you cannot rouse the wicked with the judgment's dread alarms,  
You can lead the little children to the Savior's waiting arms.

If you cannot be a watchman, Standing high on Zion's wall,  
Pointing out the path to heaven, Offering life and peace to all,  
With your prayers and with your bounties you can do what God commands;  
You can be like faithful Aaron, Holding up the prophet's hands.

Let none hear you idly saying, "There is nothing I can do,"  
While the multitudes are dying and the master calls for you.  
Take the task he gives you gladly, Let his work your pleasure be;  
Answer quickly when he calleth, "Here am I, send me, send me!"

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**10.LORD, HELP US WALK YOUR SERVANT WAY**

Lord, help us walk Your servant way  
Wherever love may lead  
And, bending low, forgetting self,  
Each serve the other's need.

You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord  
But, pow'r You laid aside  
You lived Your years in servanthood  
In lowliness You died.

No golden scepter but a towel  
You place within the hands  
Of those who seek to follow You  
And live by Your commands.

You bid us bend our human pride  
Nor count ourselves above  
The lowest place, the meanest task  
That waits the gift of love.

Lord, help us walk Your servant way  
Where love may lead  
And, bending low, forgetting self,  
Each serve the other's need.

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**11.I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT**

I want to walk as a child of the light.  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus.

**Chorus:**

In Him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God.  
I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of Righteous, shine on my path,  
And show me the way to the Father.

**Chorus**

I'm looking for the coming of Christ.  
I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
We shall know the joy of Jesus.

**Chorus**

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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.

## **Lutheran Women's Missionary League (Lutheran Women in Mission)**

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### **The League Pledge**

In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

### **Purpose Statement**

The purpose of the LWML-South Wisconsin District is to assist each woman in the congregations of our district in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her Spirit-endowed gifts in reaching out with Christ's love to all the people of her church, neighborhood, and the world.

### **Objectives of LWML-South Wisconsin District**

The objective of this organization shall be to develop and maintain a greater mission consciousness among the women of LWML-SWD through mission education, mission inspiration, and mission service; and to gather funds for the support of mission grants.

(Bylaws, Article II)

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