



MINNESOTA NORTHERN LIGHT

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE
MINNESOTA NORTH DISTRICT

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2016 LWML Minnesota

North District

27th Biennial Convention

June 20 - 22, 2016

Willmar Conference Center,
Willmar, MN

Hosted by Lakeland II

CALL TO CONVENTION:

The voting body of the convention is comprised of two delegates from each congregation, each zone president, voting members of the LWML MN North Board of Directors and past district presidents who reside in MN North.

Each delegate shall have an alternate to the convention. The names of certified delegates and alternates shall be in the hands of the convention registrar at least four weeks before the convention (May 15).

Convention Resources

Delegate credentials forms can be found in the spring packets handed out to societies at your spring rallies.. The convention registration forms and housing information are found on page 20 and on the district website: www.lwmlmnn.org.

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW!

We thank God for His bountiful love and blessings! **The mite goal of \$136,000 for the 2014-2016 biennium has been exceeded!** The overage (after 25% was given to LWML on the national level) is \$7,811.77.

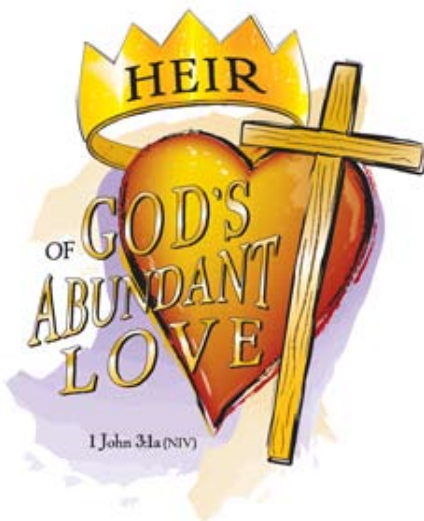
Other things to know. . .

The BOD, at their April 12 Quarterly meeting, voted to send the +\$7,000 to our two LCMS seminaries—in St. Louis, MO and Fort Wayne, IN. Because we all benefit from the theological training of our pastors, we felt it was a good avenue for our extra mites.

A significant portion of this overage is due to an annual gift from the interest on an Endowment Fund set up by Our Savior's Lutheran Church, St. Cloud, MN, before it closed. The money has been accumulating in the LWML MNN Bank Account; the BOD earlier in the biennium decided to put it towards the mite goal.

Your gracious and generous giving, plus other avenues, has made this overage possible—with God's guiding hand! All we can say is "Thank you, Lord, for blessing us beyond what we deserve!"

We certainly are Heirs of God's Abundant Love—in so many ways!



Theme: "Heir of God's Abundant Love" 1

John 3:1a (NIV)

"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called the children of God! And that is what we are!"

1 John 3:1a (NIV)

Convention Highlights

Keynote Speaker:

Gary Thies, Mission Central, Mapleton, IA

Bible Study Leader:

Rev. Don Stauty

Entertainment: Chord-Ayres

www.chord-ayres.com

See page 12.

Delegate Registration

Deadline: May 15

Registration Cost

increases after May 15

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Dear Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the Name of our Lord!

At the time of this writing, the LWML MN North District Board of Directors and Nuclei Committee/teams of Lakeland II are working hard to make our upcoming district convention a reality.

We’re getting ready for you, children of God, to gather at the Willmar Conference Center to worship, be in the Word through Bible study, make decisions on a new mite goal, mission grant recipients, bylaw changes and officers, and be in fellowship with one another.

We’ll be motivated and inspired by Missionary Gary (Gary Thies) from Mission Central. We’ll also have the opportunity to hear from some of our past mission grant recipients—Mites In Action speakers!

You will be receiving convention information in this newsletter plus your society will be receiving items in a Spring Packet, which will be handed out at spring zone rallies or mailed. Please have your delegate(s) share with your society what they will be voting on at convention (mite goal, officers, mission grants, bylaws.) Remember—they are representing your society!

Some things different from our last district convention. . .

- **Convention bags** will be provided for us through the generosity of the Lutheran Church Extension Fund. They’re purple! You’ll like them!
- **Servant Events** on Monday, January 20, will give you an opportunity to roll bandages, sort greeting cards, and/or make ponchos. (11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)
- **There is no child care.** Can you help young women by babysitting while they attend the convention?
- We’ll be acknowledging the **75th Anniversary of the LWML!** That’s something to celebrate!
- The **Chord-Ayres** will perform on Tuesday evening (7:30 p.m.) Non-registered guests can attend for a fee of \$10.
- The **Mite Walk** will take place early Wednesday morning. T-shirts are provided when you register for the Walk.

There are lots more details to be shared. Please check our LWML district website, www.lwmlmnn.org, for more details as convention gets closer.

Above all, continue to grow in God’s Word, serve Him daily and pray continually.

An Heir of God’s Abundant Love,
JoNette Brogaard, District President
 LWML MN North District



The mission of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League 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 world.

CHRISTIAN LIFE

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PEACE

The definition of peace is usually thought of as the absence of war or strife of any kind, but the Biblical use of peace is a much broader and more comprehensive concept. When we have peace in our lives, we have a contentment, tranquility and well being with ourselves, our family and those around us, because we are right with God. Knowing we have the forgiveness from Christ for our sins frees us from the guilt, anger and strife within us which robs us of peace.

Have you ever noticed how often in the Divine Service *peace* is mentioned? The practice of greeting each other and sharing the “peace” is practiced in many congregations. And each service ends with the granting of peace to the congregation from the pastor. This peace from God in Christ is a great and beautiful gift bestowed on us when we avail ourselves of it.

Jesus said, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you.” (John 14:27 ESV)

May God grant this peace to you each day of your life.

Committee Members
 Laurain Jurchen • Peggy McKeown
 Kathy Steinmetz • Rev. Don Stauty



SAVE THE DATE
2016 LWML RETREAT
“Living the Uncluttered Life”
Heb. 12:1-2 ESV
August 12-14, 2016

The flyers and registration forms are available to download from the district website and also located on page 19 of this spring issue.



2015–2017 reSOURCEs for Planning Programs

This “grab and go” resource provides two years of thematic monthly meeting plans. You can print as many copies as you need of any of the resources which include icebreakers, devotions (all new), Bible studies (20 new), Mission Servant projects, reference to Mission Grants projects, and a periodic sketch (five new).

Available for purchase in printed form (237 pages, 3 hole punched, in plastic sleeve) or FREE as a download: **reSOURCEs for Planning Programs**. Visit www.lwml.org/program-helps.



Mustard Seed Devotions

Did you know you can go on the LWML website (www.lwml.org) and sign up to have the Mustard Seeds sent to your email daily? For Free! It’s fun to explore the website to see all the things available.



2016 LWML Prayer Service “Wanted: Workers in God’s Harvest Field”

Written by Pastor John Heckmann,
 LWML Pastoral Counselor

The 2016 LWML Prayer Service expands on the themes of “Sow • Nourish • Reap” from the Des Moines LWML Convention. to obtain a paper copy. Downloads for the 2016 Prayer Service and cover artwork are available at lwml@lwml.org or call 1-800-252-5965.

The service offers opportunities for: singing; learning a little bit about farming practices through the ages; Confession and Absolution; very small group discussion; and prayer.

MISSION GRANTS

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 Dorothy Abrahamson • Mary Brinkley
 Judy Uran • Rev. Anthony Cloose

2014-2016 Mission Grants - Paid in Full



Mission Grants in Review

- Grant 1 – Scholarships for Full-time Church Work Students \$50,000
- Grant 2 – Scholarships for Men Preparing for Ordination \$15,000

Eph. 4: 11-12 “And He gave some,apostles; and some prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints,for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.”

The Lutheran Women’s Missionary League assists in this mission work by financial support through scholarships to full-time church work students and men “preparing” for ordination.

In the 2014-2016 biennium \$50,000 was granted to church work students and \$15,000 to men for ordination. Let us continue to keep these people in our prayers as they go forward as His instruments in spreading the Gospel.

Mission Grants Committee Report

A total of \$23,111.77 in mites for LWML MN North grants was raised this past quarter. The Mission Grant Committee recommended and the BOD approved the payment of grant allocations as follows: \$300 for Scholarships for Full-time Church Work Students; \$15,000 for Life in Christ Lutheran Church, Grand Marais, MN. **For LWML MN North mites, an excess of \$7,811.77 was given** The chart below details the current balance remaining for the 2014-2016 biennium.

Scholarships Application for the 2016-17 Academic Year

The 2016-2017 Scholarships Application Form is available to download from the district website at www.lwmlmnn.org under the “Resources” and “Scholarships” web pages.

The application deadline is May 15.

Encourage a student to consider a church career today!

	MISSION GRANTS FOR THE 2014-2016 BIENNIUM (Balance as of March 31, 2016)	GRANT AMOUNT	BALANCE REMAINING
Shortfall	Shortfall from 2012–2014 Biennium	\$2,205	PAID IN FULL
Grant 1	Scholarships for Full-time Church Work Students	\$50,000	PAID IN FULL
Grant 2	Scholarships for Men Preparing for Ordination	\$15,000	PAID IN FULL
Grant 3	Orphan Grain Train	\$8,500	PAID IN FULL
Grant 4	Lutheran Island Camp Summer Staff Training	\$10,000	PAID IN FULL
Grant 5	Salaries for Teaching Staff - Yambio Lutheran School	\$10,000	PAID IN FULL
Grant 6	School Building for Gloria Dei in Cap Haitian , Haiti	\$20,000	PAID IN FULL
Grant 7	Lutheran Braille Workers	\$5,000	PAID IN FULL
Grant 8	Life in Christ Lutheran Church, Grand Marais, MN	\$15,000	PAID IN FULL
Grant 9	Reverend James Kollie Education Fund, Liberia (Partially Funded)	\$295	PAID IN FULL
	TOTALS	\$136,000	\$ 0

LEADER DEVELOPMENT

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How do we lead?

As I was looking through information that was given to me regarding Leader Development, I found the following article which was used by the previous Leader Development Chairman of the Crookston Zone, Gladys Wagner. Thank you, Gladys, for all your years of service and the mentorship you gave to me.

“Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation...”
Psalm 25:5a (ESV)

As Christian women, how do we lead? Do we lead by example through our words and actions, or lead by caring as we nurture and provide, or lead by words as we listen and share the love of Jesus in every aspect of our life? Or is it easier to follow the crowd?

Here are some leading tips from ZOOM (Zone Officer Orientation Manual).

PRAY regularly for the zone president and other leaders.

ATTEND or report to meetings of the zone executive committee or board of directors as directed.

ATTEND zone events such as rallies and retreats.

ENCOURAGE and promote the organization of LWML groups in zone congregations who do not have an active group.

RESEARCH and share with the societies ways to gain and maintain members.

ENCOURAGE involvement of society members in zone events through attendance and/or participation.

MAINTAIN an enthusiastic, cooperative, joyful spirit.

KEEP files in good order to be given to your successor.

Leadership Requires...

- Love Unconditionally Matthew 22: 37-39
- Envision Exceptionally Proverbs 29:18
- Affirm Continuously 1 Thessalonians 5:11
- Discipline With Determination 1 Corinthians 9: 24-27
- Energize Others Enthusiastically Proverbs 3: 5-6
- Risk Faith-FULL-y Matthew 14: 28-32
- Serve Selflessly Ephesians 6:7
- Hope Relentlessly Isaiah 40:31
- Imagine Immeasurably 1 Corinthians 2:9
- Pray Persistently 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Each one should use whatever gift she has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.

Sisters in Christ,
Deborah Anderson



**Leadership is
taking steps
forward!**

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

- 1 Peter 4: 10-11 (ESV)

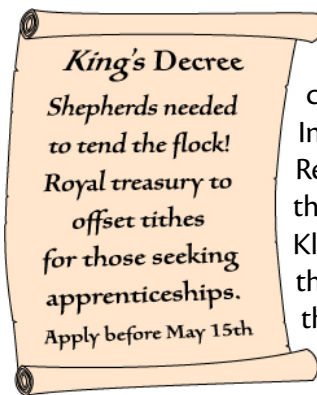
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Mites at Work for Scholarships

The May 15, 2016, deadline for LWML MN North scholarship applications is fast approaching. If you are attending or plan on attending one of our LCMS Concordia Universities or Seminaries to pursue full time church work, you should apply for a scholarship. We offer Scholarships for Men Preparing for Ordination and Scholarships for Full-Time Church Work Students. Full time church work includes deaconesses, Lutheran day school classroom teachers and directors of Christian education – just to name a few. Please check out the website at: www.lwmlmnn.org under the Resources menu for all the details.



Donald Klatt received scholarships when he attended Concordia Seminary in Ft. Wayne in 1998-2000 and 2004-2006. Rev. Klatt and his wife, Teresa, live in the parsonage of Trinity Lutheran Church, Fairfield Township, which is one of three churches he serves. He also serves the congregations of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Shible Township, and

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Holloway. The Klatts have four children and five grandchildren. In addition to serving as Lakeland Region Pastoral Counselor on the LWML MN North BOD, Rev. Klatt is the Pastoral Counselor for the Appleton Zone LWML and the Circuit Visitor for the LCMS Appleton Circuit.

Do you have a "scholarship story" to share? Please send it to me at scholarships@lwmlmnn.org.

Please continue to remember our scholarship recipients with your prayers. Several of our current scholarship recipients will be graduating this spring and we want to thank them for choosing to pursue full-time church work. May God bless their ministries as they "Serve the Lord with gladness" in this way.

Liz McTighe
Scholarships Chairman

Since 1964, the LWML MN North District has sponsored Scholarships for Full-Time Church Work Students and Scholarships for Men Preparing for Ordination. Through your mite donations, \$920,000.00 in scholarships have been awarded. I had mentioned in a previous article that it would be interesting to know where some of our scholarship recipients are now.

We have one scholarship recipient on the LWML MN North Board of Directors. Rev.



Jessica Borchardt
DCE



Laura Kester
Early Childhood/
Elem. ed.



Mackenzie
Lindquist
Early Childhood



Andrew Coop
Seminary
St. Louis



Jeffrey Manthe
Seminary
St. Louis



John Koopman
Seminary
Ft. Wayne Ind.



Stephanie Wilde
Pre Deaconess



Madison
Schellack
DCE



Josef Muench
Pre Seminary



CONVENTION AGENDA - (Tentative)

Sunday, June 19, 2016

- 3:00 pm Board of Directors Meeting at WCC
6:00 pm BOD/Nuclei Committee Chairmen Meal

Monday, June 20, 2016

- 8:00 am BOD meets; Exhibitors Set Up
11:00 am Registration Begins;
Exhibits/LWML Store open;
Ingathering and Servant Events begin.
11:00-3:00 pm Servant Events
Noon Lunch People are "on their own" for lunch.
1:00-2:00 pm Breakout Session I
2:15-3:15 pm Breakout Session II
4:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
5:30 pm Plated Dinner Served
7:00 pm Worship Service
8:30 pm Reception; Meet the Candidates

Tuesday, June 21, 2016

- 6:30 am Continental Breakfast Served
8:00 am Convention Meeting Begins
12:00 pm Plated Lunch Served
1:15 pm Convention Session
5:30 pm Convention Session Ends for the Day
6:00 pm Plated Dinner Served
7:30 pm Entertainment: Chord-Ayres

Wednesday, June 22, 2016

- 6:00-7:00 am Kandi-land Krusade Mite Walk
6:30 am Continental Breakfast Served
8:00 am Convention Session
12:00 pm Convention Ends
12:30 pm Officer Transition Meeting Held

LWML Minnesota North District Board Nominees for the 2016-18 Biennium

After many prayers and phone calls, the following people have consented to be candidates as of March 18, 2016. Nominees are still being sought for president and other positions. Women must have served on the District Board in order to run for president. What a wonderful way to serve the Lord in one of these positions.

I also want to remind everyone that according to the LWML Minnesota North District Bylaws, Article IX, Nominations, Section 1(e).

Further nominations may be made from the convention floor providing the nominee is an active member of her society and a written consent to serve, if elected, has been secured.

If you are feeling a nudge from the Holy Spirit, please contact Marilyn Hiltel, Nominating Committee Chairman, at: bmhiltel@jetup.net.

Submitted by the Nominating Committee:
Marilyn Hiltel, Chairman, Carla Patton, BOD Advisor, Carol Ann Sander, Kari Anderson, Lois Sather, Elaine Bazaard, Donna Stone

SLATE OF OFFICERS AS OF MARCH 2016

PRESIDENT

Marilyn Hiltel, Sauk Rapids

TREASURER

Mary Anderson, Stacy
Lois Sather, Madison

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Marilyn Eaves, Barnesville
Marlys Wollschlager, Madison

RVP ARROWHEAD I

Susan Ziege, Grand Rapids

RVP LAKELAND I

Shirley Berndt, Breckenridge
Ruby Prochnow, Alexandria

RVP PARK I

Kathy Brandt, Ada

PASTORAL COUNSELOR ARROWHEAD REGION

Rev. Phillip Hoppe, Finlayson
Rev. Walter Lehenbauer, Cloquet
Rev. Bruce Timm, Sauk Rapids

2016-2018 Mission Grant Proposals

The following Mission Grant proposals have met the criteria of the LWML MN North District Bylaws and were selected by the Mission Grants Committee to appear on the ballot.

Submitted by the Mission Grants Committee,

Carol Westendorf, Chairman, Dorothy Abrahamson, Mary Brinkley, Judy Uran, Rev. Anthony Cloose

A Gloria Dei School and Church Building - \$15,000

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church's school functions in an inadequate rented space with poor lighting and frequent flooding. Because of the poverty of the congregation, they cannot afford to complete the building. Land was purchased, a well drilled and construction begun. A solid foundation has been built and the first floor soon to be completed. With this grant, the second story will be completed and the building will be finished.

B Orphan Grain Train - \$9,000

These funds will help cover the cost of shipping clothing, quilts, layettes, school packs, health kits, food and medical supplies through Orphan Grain Train, that many, may see the good works of God in their time of need. That God may use us to provide those works of service for others.

C Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch Chapel Furnishings - \$5,000

These requested funds would help purchase a mobile pulpit and chapel chairs for the new chapel on the Fargo campus. This grant would help complete the chapel furnishings so it can be ready for use in 2016. Spiritual Life education and guidance are so crucial to successful treatment of the children that reside at the Ranch. This grant will allow us to continue providing

these services in a much needed and appropriate worship setting.

D Families Witnessing to Families - \$10,000 Sharing the Gospel and helping individuals come to know Christ and grow in His Word is what Family Shield Ministries exists to accomplish. Through the outreach ministries and services people come to know Christ and grow in faith as they listen to the radio program aired on 52 stations, participate in educational programs, are connected to resources through the follow up services, the counter-cult ministry, and the family outreach services. This grant will help them continue to strengthen and expand its outreach ministries and services and help families witness to families.

E Love Works! Lutheran Braille Workers - \$5,000 Ninety-five percent of blind and visually impaired people are unchurched. As the only LCMS ministry serving people with visual impairments, LBW offers unparalleled opportunity to serve more than 300 million severely visually impaired people around the world. This \$5,000 grant will be used for the production of God's Word in Braille and Large Print, enabling these people to receive the message of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.

F Scholarships for Men Preparing for Ordination

- \$15,000 Our LCMS will always need ordained pastors. Financial support is essential for educating men with God-given talents to be effective in their calling. Each time someone hears God's Word, they are benefiting from this project. We need to support these men who will be leading God's people in the truths of God's pure Word.

G Scholarships for Full Time Church Work Students

- \$50,000 As our LCMS Synod grows and advances, we will always continue to need trained leaders and teachers. Scholarships are a way to help students going into full-time church work with the high cost of a college education.

H Lutheranism 101 for Chinese Immigrants - \$7,500

The fields are ripe for planting Gospel seeds among the 2 million Chinese immigrants in the United States (21,000 of whom live in Minnesota)! However, the language barrier can be a great obstacle when Chinese immigrants don't speak English very well, and LCMS pastors and evangelism teams don't speak Chinese. Lutheran churches and campus ministries in places like Duluth, Rochester, Iner Grove and Winona have requested Chinese translations specifically for outreach to teens, such as

God's Word for You, books for teaching confirmation class, such as *Lutheranism 101*, to introduce Chinese immigrants to the Savior. Lutheran Heritage Foundation will be able to translate and publish these materials with this grant.

Lutheran Island Camp's Christ Serve Academy - \$10,000 Christ Serve Ranch, a program of Lutheran Island Camp, has been providing Lutheran, Christian, Biblical worldview programming in science, leadership, outdoor education and the environment at its 275 acre science and environmental learning center. The Academy will take the best of its resources, research, instructors, and curricula and make them portable through on-line education, a science lending library, and onsite teaching with a mobile lab and classroom. The grant requested will be used to help fund staff training and the Christ Serve Academy during its first two years of operation.

Caring for Our Pastors - \$10,000 This grant would enable and encourage pastors of the Minnesota North to seek advanced training in the care of souls. It would reduce the current cost of attending by more than half, enabling even smaller congregations to send their pastors. This retreat training environment, called DOXOLOGY, grounded in Holy Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, ensures that pastors will be emotionally and spiritually refreshed and equipped by their participation.

Orphanage in Yambio, South Sudan - \$15,000 This grant will be used to build a safe and

secure home for the orphans of Yambio, South Sudan. This home will provide a center for learning about Jesus, their Savior. They will be equipped to become productive members of society. The land for the site of the orphanage has been purchased and structural details have been determined and are ready to be implemented when funds are obtained.

C.R.O.S.S. Appeal (Congregations Reaching Out to Support Schools) - \$14,000 In 2012 the Minnesota North District adopted a resolution that congregations and individuals in the district financially help support our seven Lutheran schools. Because Lutheran schools share God's Word daily, they are a blessing to many. The schools receiving these funds use the money in programs/activities which otherwise would not be possible. This grant would be distributed equally to the seven schools.

Confessional Lutheran Education Foundation (CLEF) E-Reader Project - \$5,000 The funds requested for this project would be for a qualified professor that CLEF would send to an institution that needs to be introduced to the Kindle (electronic reader.) The professor teaches an introductory course using the Kindle and assisting the students in learning how to use the electronic reader. All subsequent courses are taught using the Kindle.

Puerto Rico Mission - \$3,000 In 2015 Rev. Matthew Ruesch was called to bring God's Word and Sacraments to the people living in

Mayaguez. He has been serving the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church there but the congregation has not been able to fully support this outreach ministry. If this mission grant is adopted it will provide financial support to the Ruesch family and enable his ministry to continue at Prince of Peace and the surrounding community.

Bible Translation Field Testing - \$10,000 In order to translate God's Word accurately, Lutheran Bible Translators have people that know Greek and Hebrew and can accurately translate God's Word into the unwritten languages still found in West Africa. It is equally important that the translated Scripture be clearly understood by the people it is being translated for and therefore it has to go through a process of review and testing. The testing is done by local people reading it and then many of the indigenous people will have to hear it orally to give their input as that is how information is traditionally shared in this part of the world. This grant will enable this process to take place.

*** NOTE: Grant K is pending final approval by the LCMS International Missions office.** (LWML MN North District Bylaws, ARTICLE XVI, MISSION GRANT PROPOSALS AND GRANTS, Sec. 5.)



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PUBLIC RELATIONS—IDEAS FOR YOU!

Share the JOY of membership in LWML with all the women in your church by using “eye catching” posters, banners, and displays.

Here are some ideas to help you:

Seek support from your pastor and the church secretary. Share your goal to publicize LWML on a regular basis (monthly, quarterly, etc.) to inform LWML members and prospective members. Start small. There are bulletin bites available at (*lwml.org*) made just for this purpose.

Request a special place to post all LWML information on a bulletin board or kiosk. Post the LWML logo and a purple border around the area for posters, printed notices and service projects. Purple is our color and recognizable to all current and prospective LWML members.

Use the district and national mission grants as topics for your bulletins and posters. Information on these mission grants can be obtained from the LWML website, the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*, and the *Minnesota Northern Light* newsletter. And you can post notices for society meeting, zone rallies, workshops, district and national conventions, etc.

Involve LWML members, youth, the confirmation class and other interested church members to make LWML posters, banners and displays. Ask those people with special skills in scrapbooking, graphic arts, or computer savvy to help with your displays that promote LWML. They may want to join LWML if they see what FUN we have together.

For **needed supplies**, check your local craft stores or seek donations from church members. The LWML catalog has numerous resources that can be used in displays.

Don't forget about the wonderful Bible studies, program helps, and mission grant information available to you on the district and national websites. If you do not have a computer or need help in gaining computer skills, this would be a wonderful opportunity to develop a closer friendship with a young woman or family member in your quest for internet information.

May the Lord bless your PR efforts with new LWML members and informed current members. Increase your membership one woman at a time!

STRUCTURE

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2016 Bylaw Amendments

LWML Minnesota North District Bylaws state in Article XXI AMENDMENTS, “These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting at the biennial convention, provided the proposed amendments have been presented for consideration to the Board of Directors, approved by the LWML Structure Committee, and published in the official Minnesota North LWML publication in

an issue previous to the convention. By unanimous vote a proposed amendment may be presented to the convention without previous notice. A three-fourths (3/4) vote shall be required for adoption.”

Submitted by the Structure Committee,

Doris Weispfennig, Chairman, Betty Kuelbs, Phyllis Jastram, Carolyn Olson, Rev. Donald Klatt

The Bylaw Amendments are found on page 11.



PROPOSED LWML DISTRICT BYLAWS

Current LWML MN North District Bylaws can be found on our LWML MN North website, www.lwmlmnn.org, under the "Resources" menu.

Proposed LWML District Bylaw
ARTICLE IV District Organization; Section 3b

Rationale: To be consistent with current bylaws.

Proposed Change:
Strike "sponsored"

If Adopted will Read:
...lunch donations, from zone functions such as rallies...

Proposed LWML District Bylaw
ARTICLE V District Conventions and Representation; Section 1d

Rationale: To be consistent with current practice.

Proposed Change:
Strike "sixty (60) days; Insert "one (1) year"

If Adopted will Read:
...District newsletter at least one (1) year prior to the convention.

Proposed LWML District Bylaw
ARTICLE IX Nominations; Section 1

Rationale: Clarification

Proposed Change:

Letter sentences as follows:

- a. A Nominating Committee of six (6) members. . .zone, shall be nominated.
- b. One (1) Regional Vice President shall be appointed as advisor by the District President.
- c. The nominee receiving the highest number of votes shall act as chairman.
- d. In case of vacancy it shall be automatically filled by the member from said region receiving the next highest number of votes.
- e. The Nominating Committee shall submit, . . .

Present letters "c through "g" would be relettered "f" to "j".

Proposed LWML District Bylaw
ARTICLE XVI Mission Grant Proposals; Section 5
Rationale: To clarify

Proposed Change:
Last sentence. Add "five hundred dollars"

If Adopted will Read:
The minimum sum of such a grant shall be five hundred (\$500) dollars.

Proposed LWML District Bylaw
ARTICLE XII Board of Directors Section 3b
Rationale: To insure that spiritual leadership of pastoral counselors is present at BOD meetings.

Proposed Change:
Add a "b"

If Adopted will Read:
b. At least one (1) Pastoral Counselor must be present in order for a Board of Directors meeting to be held.

Proposed LWML District Bylaw
ARTICLE XIII Executive Committee; Section 2c
Rationale: Clarification

Proposed Change:
Add "two hundred fifty dollars"

If Adopted will Read:
...amount not to exceed two hundred fifty (\$250) dollars.

Proposed LWML District Bylaw
ARTICLE XVIII Finances; Section 3
Rationale: To Clarify

1st Proposed Change:
First Sentence. Add at the end of sentence: "for the National Convention Expense Fund."

If Adopted will Read:
...preceding district convention for the National Convention Expense Fund.

2nd Proposed Change:
Second Sentence. Strike "It" and insert "These monies"

If Adopted will Read:
These monies will fund the travel costs and...



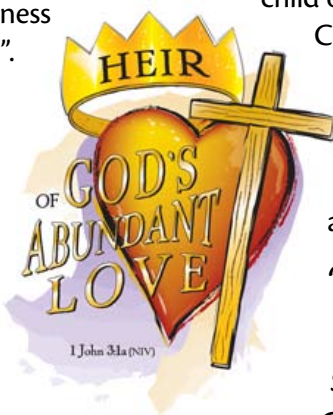
KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Gary Thies, Mission Central, Mapleton, IA
Website: missioncentral.us

Gary Thies is the Director of Mission Central, a missionary training and conference center in western Iowa. In 2003, 5 Acres and an old set of farm buildings were purchased across the road from the residence of Gary and Maxine Thies, and on August 23rd, 2003, the dedication was held for the establishment of what is today Mission Central, the largest Mission Supporting Agency in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. This “not normal” location and agency has one specific vision and that is “Mission Education and Raising the Awareness of the Mission of Jesus Christ in the World”.

Mission Central is the largest mission supporting agency in the entire United States for The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod!

Mission Central is located 2 miles East of Mapleton, Iowa and 45 miles SE of Sioux City, or 85 miles NE of Omaha, Nebraska. Truly a Miracle in the middle of a cornfield.



BIBLE STUDY LEADER

Rev. Don Stauty serves the congregations of Redeemer, Aurora and Gloria Dei, rural Virginia. He is also the Circuit Visitor of the Iron Range Circuit. Don is married to Pam and has two grown sons and one daughter in law. He has been with the LWML District Board for the past six years and has enjoyed every moment of it.

Bible Study Overview: Through your baptism into Christ’s death and resurrection, you are a new creation; you are a child of God. In the parlance of Lutheranism, “What does this mean?” To be a child of God is to be an heir of all the riches of Christ- forgiveness of our sins, defeat of death and the devil, and the promise of eternal life serving God and the Lamb. The Bible study will look at our adoption as children of God and also our role as such in the world in which we live.

“How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called the children of God! And that is what we are!”

I John 3:1a (NIV)



ENTERTAINMENT THE CHORD-AYRES

chord-ayres.com

On Tuesday evening, Oct. 21, 1969,, ten men and an accompanist met in the basement of the Minnesota Valley Lutheran Church, rural Louisburg, Minnesota. These Visionary young men, and their accompanist were Jim Boraas, Mike Crosby, Sherwood Dove, Glen Nelson, Ron

Schoephester, Orrin Tofte, Paul Trelstad, Luther Trelstad, Roger Voorhees, David Wasberg and Nancy Moen. This was the beginning of a men’s chorus that was to continue for the next forty years. They named themselves “The Chord-Ayres” referring to men’s voices sung in harmony. Little did they realize that their small group of ten would soon become a much larger group of men; they are a local group of men, some older, some younger, some farmers, businessmen, teachers, retirees and others who would leave their jobs and everyday concerns and get together just for the love of singing. They close their shops, climb off their tractors, put on their tuxedos and harmonize to some of the most unlikely strains of music this side of Minnesota. These men (and women accompanying on the piano) make and provide this music only because they enjoy it.”

HUMAN CARE

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Patty Wiedewitsch • Rev. Anthony Cloose



SERVANT EVENTS

Servant Events will be taking place, beginning at 11:00 a.m. and running until 3:00 p.m. on Monday, June 20th. You can choose how much time you want to spend in this area!

We will be:

- Rolling Bandages (*from used bedsheets*)
- Sorting Unused Greeting Cards
- Making ponchos

Ingathering items needed for Servant Events:

- Gently used bedsheets (*any color*)
- Unused Greeting Cards (*all occasions*)



INGATHERINGS

Gifts From the Heart

Items for Grace Place, Willmar:

Toilet paper, paper towels, facial tissues, laundry soap, dish soap, cleaning products

Website: graceplaceofwillmar.org

Bathroom Kit for Safe Avenues Shelter, Willmar:

(Place in kits or bring as separate items)

Towels, washcloths, paper towels, scrubbers, facial tissues (like Kleenex)

Website: www.willmarshelter.com

Please label what you bring. If complete Bathroom Kit, label as such. Otherwise, list items in your boxes/bags.





BREAKOUT SESSION - A

Celebrating as God's Heir

Cheryl Mattil, LWML Representative

So you are God's Heir, how does that effect your countenance? Do you come across as a sourpuss or a magnet for Christ to the lost?

Cheryl Mattil, Strategic Plan Facilitator Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Cheryl Mattil, Strategic Plan Facilitator, hails from the Texas District and proudly promoted the 1995 national convention in Kansas City at the LWML Texas District convention prior to that by dressing as a cow!

To Cheryl the LWML is all about the woman sitting in the pew of her local congregation reaching out to those around her and beyond like ever-increasing concentric circles. She reflects on Acts 1:8 where it says, *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth,* and she sees those concentric circles active in the mission focus of the LWML today.

Cheryl describes her husband, Mike as her amazing best friend. Rev. Mattil has served as LWML pastoral counselor on all levels of the LWML. They have three married daughters and four grandchildren who bring joy and blessings to them each day.

Serving in a variety of positions on all levels of the LWML including president, vice president, treasurer, song leader, YWR, writer and editor on the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly staff, and now as the Strategic Plan Facilitator, Cheryl joyfully helps wherever the Lord calls her.

Cheryl believes the words of her favorite Bible verse, *"Trust in LORD with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths"* (Proverbs 3:5-6).



BREAKOUT SESSION - B

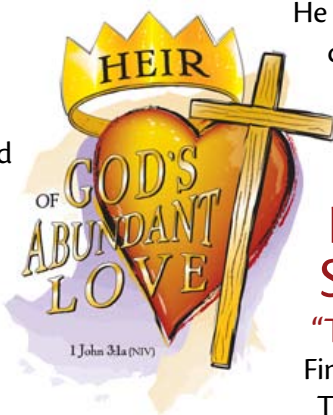
My Grace is Sufficient For You!

Rev. Jeffrey A. Lee
Mission and Ministry Facilitator

When life deals you lemons – make lemonade! God strengthens us through difficult moments when we may feel the weakest and most vulnerable. God promises that He is there – "Never will I leave you or forsake you." God may make His greatest impact through your weakness.

Rev. Jeffrey Lee serves as the Mission and Ministry Facilitator for Missions and Congregational Outreach for the Minnesota North District of the LC-MS.

He was ordained in 1987 and has served in congregations in Nebraska, Minnesota South and Minnesota North Districts.



BREAKOUT SESSION - C

"The First Rosa" A DVD Presentation
Find out more at: www.lcms.org/thefirstrosa

The time has come to tell the untold story of Lutheran educator and church planter Rosa J. Young. There was another Rosa, but Rosa Young was first. Rosa Parks started a civil rights revolution; Rosa Young started a spiritual revolution.



Breakout Sessions begin on Monday, June 20th, at 1:00 and 2:15 p.m.

Be sure to indicate your Breakout Session choices on the Convention Registration Form.



YOUNG WOMEN

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Kristina Kuhnau • Ruby Prochnow
Rev. Don Stauty

DID YOU KNOW?

- When completing the registration form for convention, if you are a woman between the ages of 18 and 35, please **fill in the circle for “Young Woman” and join us for our special activities!** There is no special application to complete for young women attending the Willmar Convention in June. *(The application process occurs for a national convention, not a district convention.)*
- The Young Women will be **meeting Monday and Tuesday evenings**, after the other convention activities, to get to know each other and discuss the convention experience.

- We will have a **“Young Women” exhibit** at convention; stop by and meet those manning the booth. We’ll try to answer questions you may have.
- **Convention activities begin at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, June 20**, with registration. Exhibits are open and Servant Events begin at 11:00 a.m., with Breakout Sessions (preregister) beginning at 1:00 p.m.
- **Come and enjoy the gathering of sisters and brothers** from the Minnesota North District – united in “Serving the Lord with Gladness!”
- **See you at the Willmar Conference Center in June!**

Karena Lapolice, Chairman

Memorials and Honorariums Given

*From Mildred Helmrichs in
Memory of Doris Cloeter*

From Collette Miller in Memory of Doris Cloeter

From Bonnie Cloose in Memory of Doris Cloeter

*From JoNette Brogaard in
Memory of Delores Hastad*

From Corky Rainer in Memory of Adeline Ehlers

*From Immanuel, Parkers Prairie
in Memory of Duane Riedel*

From Faith, St. Cloud in Memory of Helen Larson

*From JoNette Brogaard in Memory
of Blanche Wechsler*

*From Carlyle Olsen via Network for
Good in Honor of Kristin Olsen*

*From Immanuel, Parkers Prairie in
Memory of Darrell Moats*

*From Zion Women’s Fellowship, Alexandria
in Memory of Blanche Wechsler*

*From Family & Friends of Blanche Wechsler
in Memory of Blanche Wechsler*

*From St. John’s of Sparta Twp., Montevideo
in Memory of Elizabeth Weckwerth*

From George Clemens in Memory of Ruth Clemens

*From Immanuel, Parkers Prairie in
Memory of Junior A. Cigelski*

*From Carlyle Olsen via Thrivent
YourCause in Honor of Kristin Olsen*

*From Trinity Evening Circle, Bemidji
in Memory of Helen Johnson*

*From Lavina Jagow in memory
of Marilyn Hoffman*



Financial Remittance Form can be downloaded from the Resources page found on our district website: www.lwmlmnn.org. Memorial gifts and honorariums should be sent to the Financial Secretary, Corles Rainer.

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financialsec@lwmlmnn.org



Share your society or zone events in *The Lutheran Witness*

LWML activities and Counselor’s Corner are featured on one page in the supplement insert included in each issue of *The Lutheran Witness*. A great way to share ideas and events in our LWML societies and zones is to submit your articles and photos for publication in *The Lutheran Witness*.

- Clearly identify all of the people in the photo, and provide any other information about the photo you think would be helpful for the reader to know.
- Digital photos should be submitted in JPEG (.jpg) or TIFF (.tif) formats and attached to your email.
- Please include the name, email address and phone number of a contact person in case there are questions.
- Please email your articles/pictures to the Editor at: **editor@lwmlmnn.org**
- Articles and pictures may also be mailed to: JoNette Brogaard, 6158 County Rd. 11 NW, Alexandria, MN 56308.



Receive Mustard Seeds Daily Devotions

directly in your email inbox. You can subscribe to this inspirational resource by clicking on the The Word menu tab on the LWML website, www.lwml.org.



Visit LWML website at www.lwml.org

New Mustard Seed Devotions



Everyday Celebrations

28 Mustard

Seed Devotions, written by Elaine Bickel and Jan Struck, that highlight celebrations of Baptism, confirmation, and weddings as well as birthdays, anniversaries, and family gatherings. These devotions are meant to be enjoyed and then shared with family and friends. #LWML40195



The Race of Faith

28 Mustard Seed

Devotions, written by Amanda Stacy, DCE. Amanda notes that “Running goals - or any other goals - can only be achieved with positive motivation, hard work, and perseverance. ... faith in God can do infinitely more.” #LWML40196



In Times of Need

30 Mustard

Seed Devotions, written by Rev. Larry Krueger, Rev. Mike Mattil and Rev. Kris Whitby. The authors explore the topic of God displaying his goodness through times of illness and affliction. #LWML40197



The Word: Wisdom for Living

32 Mustard Seed Devotions, written by Marcia Gomulka and Myrna Lou Meyer. The authors note, “God wants us to come to Him with the needs and desires or our heart. While we may not know God’s specific will for all that we ask, He is always ready to listen.” #LWML40198



The LWML HOPE Committee is happy to present the online edition of the LWML Starter Kit: A Guide for Beginning a New Group. You will find it to be user-friendly as it directs leaders of new LWML groups to connect with LWML district presidents for support in getting started. Download the free resources at: www.lwml.org/lwml-starter-kit.

Gifts, Chosen for You



Every Christian has spiritual gifts. What are yours? Learn about the spiritual

gift of administration, faith, generosity, mercy, prophecy, service, teaching, and wisdom. 8 sessions. Includes notes for leaders. Available for purchase or as a FREE download.

Visit: www.lwml.org/bible-studies

2016 LWML RETREAT
August 12-14
at Lutheran Island Camp,
Henning, MN



LWML RESOURCES PLUS

www.lwmlmn.org



The *Minnesota Northern Light* is published quarterly by the LWML Minnesota North District following the meeting of the Board of Directors in January, April, July, and October.

The deadline for articles in the *Minnesota Northern Light* are: March 15, June 15, September 15, and December 15. Please send your articles, information, and pictures to the Editor at:

editor@lwmlmn.org.

2016 UPCOMING EVENTS

April-May - Zone Spring Rallies and Workshops

May 15 - Scholarships Application Deadline

May 15 - Delegate Registration Deadline

May 15 - Cost of Convention Registration Increases

May 19 - BOD Meets in Willmar for the Pre-Convention Board Meeting

June 20-22 - LWML MN North District 27th Biennial Convention in Willmar, MN

July 12, 2016 - LWML MN North Board of Directors will be meeting together in Brainerd, MN.

August 12-14 - 2016 LWML Retreat "Living the Uncluttered Life" at Lutheran Island Camp, Henning, MN.



A great help in your prayer and praise life – especially remembering the mission grants we're supporting. Download this month's calendar from the Publication Menu.

E-Subscribe to the Minnesota Northern Light

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Share Your Talents through LWML

Has God given you the gift to write?

Are you willing to use that gift in service to the Lord through LWML? Please send your items to depcl@lwml.org along with your name, address, and phone number. Writer Guidelines can be downloaded at www.lwml.org/program-helps.

LWML District Board Positions Available:

We are currently looking for an Editor and an Archivist-Historian for our district. The duties of this position are described in our district bylaws which can be downloaded from our district website at www.lwmlmn.org. If you are interested, please contact JoNette Brogaard at president@lwmlmn.org or by phone at 320-846-0984.



Jesus Christ above all.

2017 LWML Convention

Date: June 22-25, 2017

Location: Albuquerque, New Mexico

Theme: "Jesus Christ Above All"

Scripture Verse: Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name (Philippians 2:9).

President: Patti Ross

Convention Goal

Statement: Empowered by the Holy Spirit, through Word and Sacrament, I will proclaim

Convention Objectives: Each convention attendee will be:

- Encouraged through worship and Bible study.
- Equipped to share His message of salvation.
- Engaged in celebrating God's faithfulness while serving the Lord with gladness.

LWML Minnesota North District Board of Directors



District Website:
www.lwmlmnn.org

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www.lwml.org



Front row left to right: Karena Lapolice, JoNette Brogaard, Lori Salvhus; Middle row: Tessa Giru, Jenny Biorn, Carla Patton, Elizabeth McTighe, Doris Weispfennig; Back row: Rev. Donald Klatt, Corles Rainer, James Wagner, Theresa Warnsholz, Carol Westendorf, Rev. Don Stauty. Not pictured: Deborah Anderson, Rev. Anthony Cloose

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2016 LWML RETREAT

"Living the Uncluttered Life" Hebrews 12:1-2 (ESV)



2016 LWML Retreat
August 12-14, 2016 at
Lutheran Island Camp
Henning, MN

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of

witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:1-2 (ESV)

Rev. Anthony Cloose, Saint Paul Lutheran Church, Frazee, MN, will lead us in Bible study.

The Christian Life Committee will be leading the program.

Lori & Leon Dawkins, the entertainment, will be singing and leading group singing. They are from Fergus Falls.

SPECIAL OFFERS: Bring a "Retreat First Timer" and receive 25% off the registration price. Also, young women ages 12-18 receive a 25% discount.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Lori Salvhus at: christianlife@lwmlmnn.org or call (218) 784-2475

Retreat updates and a map to LIC can be found on the District website:
www.lwmlmnn.org

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4:00-6:00 pm		Registration
6:00 pm		Picnic supper provided by LIC
6:45 pm		Get Acquainted Activities
7:30 pm		Bible study Part 1 - Rev. Anthony Cloose
8:30 pm		Campfire
9:30 pm		Snacks in the Fireside Room
-----		SATURDAY
7:00-8:00 am		Registration
8:00 am		Breakfast
8:30 am		Devotions and Announcements
8:45 am		Bible study Part 2 - Rev. Anthony Cloose
9:30 am		Break
9:45 am		Program
11:30 am		LWML MN North District President
12 noon		Lunch
1:00 pm		Program
2:15 pm		Free Time - (Tours of Christ Serve Ranch, pontoon rides, etc.)
5:00 pm		Dinner
6:30 pm		Entertainment
8:30 pm		Campfire with Smores
-----		SUNDAY
8:00 am		Breakfast
10:00 am		Worship
11:00 am		Farewell and Ice Cream Social

ITEMS TO BRING:

- Bible
- Flashlight
- Clothes for Sun or Rain
- Insect Repellent
- Towel & Washcloth
- Toiletries
- Pillow, Bedding or Sleeping Bag
- Snacks

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2016 LWML Retreat
August 12-14, 2016
at Lutheran Island Camp

Registration Deadline: August 1, 2016

(There will be an additional \$10 fee for late registration. No refunds after August 7. Young women ages 12-18 receive a 25% discount.)

√ Check	Before Aug. 1 st	After Aug. 1 st
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday-Sunday	\$120	\$130
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday-Saturday	\$70	\$80
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Only	\$50	\$60

Choose your housing preference:

- Cabin Retreat Center

Make Check Payable To: **LWML MN North District**

Send Registration To: **Lori Salvhus**
102 Thorpe W
Ada, MN 56510

Name : _____

Address : _____

Phone : _____

Email : _____

Special Needs : _____

Roommates : _____



Lutheran Women's Missionary League
MINNESOTA NORTH DISTRICT

27th Biennial Convention June 20 - 22, 2016
 Willmar Conference Center, Willmar, MN

2016 CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM
 PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY
 COPY AND SEND FRONT SIDE
 ONLY ONE REGISTRANT PER FORM

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Address: _____

State: _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Region: _____ Zone: _____

Society: _____

Church's Name: _____ City: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ **Phone:** _____

CONVENTION PACKAGES Convention package includes registration and packet.	Cost Before May 15th	Cost After May 15th	Amount
Full Convention Registration	\$100	\$110	\$
Past District Presidents	\$85	\$95	\$
Clergy (Free Registration) Must pay for meals.			
Convention Workers and Nuclei Committee	\$50	\$60	\$
Part-Time (One day attendance, includes packet.)	\$35	\$45	\$
MEAL PACKAGES ARE SOLD SEPARATELY (Not included in registration fee.)			
Full Meal Package (Meal info is on back of form.)		\$ 100	\$
Mite Walk (Mark your T-shirt size.) <input type="radio"/> M <input type="radio"/> L <input type="radio"/> XL		\$ 10	\$
Make Checks Payable to: LWML MN North District			
Total Amount of Check Enclosed			\$

- Check all titles that apply to you.**
- Delegate
 - Guest
 - Nominee
 - Young Woman (18-35)
 - District Board Member
 - Zone President
 - Past District President
 - Speaker
 - Exhibitor
 - Clergy
 - Nuclei Committee
 - Convention Worker
 - Other _____

CONVENTION ACTIVITIES (Mite Walk will begin at 6 AM on Wed., June 22.)

MITE WALK - Will you be participating in the *Kandi-land Krusade Mite Walk*? Yes

CHOIR - Will you be participating in the Choir? Yes Soprano I Soprano II Alto I Alto II

BREAKOUT SESSIONS - Please indicate your first (1) choice and second (2) choice. Instructions on back of form.

- Session A "Joyful as God's Heir"** Cheryl Mattil **Session B "My grace is sufficient for you"** Rev. Jeffrey Lee **Session C "The First Rosa"** DVD Presentation

Do you have any special needs? (Disabilities, Food Allergies, Wheelchair, etc.) _____

DELEGATE INFORMATION

ALL DELEGATES MUST REGISTER BEFORE MAY 15th

IMPORTANT! - If you are a delegate, please:

➔ 1) Give your **ALTERNATE'S** name, _____

➔ 2) Include your **2016 DELEGATE CREDENTIAL FORM**, signed by your society president, with this mailing.

2016 Convention Registration Information

BREAKOUT SESSIONS: Sessions will be offered on Monday, June 20th. Sessions begin at 1:00 PM and 2:15 PM. Each session is one hour in length and will be presented twice. **On the front page,** please indicate your first choice (1); and second choice (2).

SESSION A “Joyful as God’s Heir” presented by Cheryl Mattil, LWML Representative – Cheryl will discuss the importance of witnessing with a smile, not a frown. Witness with a song in your heart!

SESSION B “My grace is sufficient for you” presented by Rev. Jeffrey Lee, MN North District Mission and Ministry Facilitator. – Rev. Lee shares his story of how he was led into the pastoral ministry after his father’s chemical dependency and suicide. Rev. Lee talks about how God’s grace works powerfully in our weakness. “My grace is sufficient for you, for my strength is made perfect in weakness.” 2 Cor. 12:9

SESSION C “The First Rosa” a DVD produced by the LCMS on the life of Rosa J. Young. View the inspirational story of woman who was a teacher, confessor, and church planter.

OPENING WORSHIP: All are invited to worship at 7:00 PM on Monday, June 20, at the Willmar Conference Center. (Communion Service); Reception to follow.

SERVANT EVENTS: Servant Events will be taking place, beginning at 11:00 a.m. and running until 3:00 PM on Monday, June 20th. You can choose how much time you want to spend in this area! Additional Servant Event information can be found on the District website: www.lwmlmnn.org.

ABOUT OUR TUESDAY EVENING ENTERTAINMENT: Do you have someone you would like to bring to the Tuesday evening Chord-Ayres concert at 7:30 PM? Anyone attending the concert who is not a registered convention attendee should purchase a ticket at the registration desk. Cost: \$10 per ticket.

MEAL INFO: (Full Meal Package)

Monday Evening Dinner - Plated

Fresh Bread & House Salad
Chicken Kiev
Baby Red Potatoes
California Blend

Tuesday Breakfast

Tuesday Lunch - Plated
Turkey Breast on Croissant
Cole Slaw

Tuesday Dinner - Plated

Fresh Bread
Garden Vegetable Salad
Beef Pot Roast
Honey Glazed Carrots
Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
Dessert

Wednesday Breakfast

THINGS TO DO: Arriving at the Willmar Conference Center in the late morning or early afternoon on June 20th? After you register, here are some things you can do:

- Attend Breakout Sessions. (Begins at 1:00 PM; please pre-register)
- Do a Servant Event or two (Begins at 11:00 AM)
- Visit the exhibits (Open at 11:00 AM)
- Shop at the LWML Store (Opens at 11:00 AM)



HOUSING INFORMATION

ROOM COST \$93.99/ night + tax

You are responsible for your own housing arrangements!

The hotels that are most convenient for our convention goers are: **Best Western Plus (320) 235-6060** (adjointed) and **Holiday Inn (320) 231-2601** (adjacent). When calling for reservations, let them know you are with the **Lutheran Women’s Missionary League**. Room block will be dropped on **May 20th**.

So... make your reservation soon!

Any questions? Call Corles Rainer, Convention Registrar at: **(320) 743-2131**

POINTS TO REMEMBER:

- ➔ **Make a copy** of the front page and mail it.
- ➔ **Registration deadline is May 15th**
- ➔ **Refund deadline is June 11th** (except delegates, no refund).

- ➔ Please **enclose** the total remittance.
- ➔ Make Checks **Payable To:**
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