



Lutheran Women's Missionary League Washington-Alaska District 31st Biennial Convention

June 15-17, 2018

Hotel RL by Red Lion Spokane at the Park
Spokane, Washington

Convention Theme

Rooted in Christ ... Flourishing in the Faith

The convention theme is based on the following Scripture passage:

*Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him,
rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught,
abounding in thanksgiving (Colossians 2:6-7).*

Convention Goal Statement

Rooted in Jesus my Lord and empowered by the Holy Spirit,
my life, through faith, overflows with gratitude and service to Him.

Convention Objectives

Convention attendees are given opportunities for and motivated to:

- ◆ Praise and worship God in thanksgiving for His love and for His Son;
 - ◆ Continue to be established in the faith; and
 - ◆ Share the faith with those near and far.



Attendees: 232

Election results:

President: Marilee Ryan

Vice President of Organizational Resources: Pam Rafferty

Vice President of Special Focus Ministries: Carolyn Holbrook

Financial Secretary: Elizabeth Cook

Pastor Counselor (East): Reverend Matthew Gulseth

Nominating Committee: Sandi Schauer, Chairman; Betty Rich, Patrice Cornelius,
Ruth Ann Shimoi, Betsy McDarment

Personalities - 2018 WA-AK District Convention

LWML Representative

Angelina Jauregui, Vice President of Gospel Outreach, was introduced to LWML by her mother, Juanita, who considered LWML one of the most rewarding experiences of her short life. Juanita suffered greatly from heart health issues which took her life at the age of 47, leaving 13 children, the youngest only five years old. Angelina never forgot her mother's dedication to her joyful service in support of missions to share Jesus with a world of great need.



Angelina worked 40 years with Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services in various departments, serving the last 10 years as an information systems analyst. Her home congregation is St. John's Lutheran Church in Montebello, California, where she serves her church as the executive director.

Angelina and her husband David married four years ago and enjoy family activities with their large family. Angelina has one daughter, two sons, one granddaughter, and three grandsons. David has two daughters, one son, four granddaughters, and one grandson.

Opening Worship Service Proclaimer



Rev. Dr. Paul Linnemann, President of The Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod Northwest District, has come to this place in God's path for him through a wide variety of experiences in professional church work. He graduated from Concordia Portland in 1980 with a B.A. in Elementary Education, received his M.A. in Counseling Psychology from Lewis & Clark in 1987, an M.A. in Exegetical and Practical Theology from Concordia Seminary St. Louis in 1994 and an L.L.D. from Concordia Portland in 2016. He was ordained on August 13, 1995 following his vicarage year. Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Tigard, Oregon called

Pastor Linnemann in August 1995, and he served there for 14 years, until elected President of the Northwest District in June 2009. His professional church work experience includes junior high school teacher, Director of Christian Education, Director of Student Development and Assistant Professor of Psychology, and secretary of the LCMS Northwest District while serving as sole pastor of Our Redeemer.

President Linnemann and Cindy have been married for 36 years, have three grown children, and two grandsons. His vision for the Northwest District centers on equipping leaders — both professional and lay — for doing their best work in their congregations, schools, and communities.

Bible Study Leader and Keynote Speaker

Jan Struck's earliest memories revolve around her church home in Indianapolis, Indiana where she experienced her elementary education in a two-room Lutheran school. Her strong Christian background led her to Valparaiso University where she received her theater/English degree.

Jan is retired from her career as a trainer/consultant in the field of healthcare technology. She is truly blessed to serve the Lord as a popular speaker leading Bible studies, workshops, and women's retreats. Her involvement with LWML has enabled her to bring the gift of laughter to numerous district and national conventions. Her trust and faith in Christ is her reason to make a "joyful noise unto God!!"



Jan and her husband, Bill, have a blended family that includes six grown children, their spouses, eleven grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Mites in Action Speakers



Laura Davis has served as the director of Y4Life, the youth and young adult program at Lutherans For Life, since 2012. She is the daughter of a Lutheran pastor and a Lutheran preschool teacher from Katy, Texas. She received a Bachelor of Arts in history from Texas A&M University in 2010 and a Master of Public Service and Administration at A&M's Bush School of Government and Public Service in 2012 with an emphasis on non-profit management. She completed an internship at a pregnancy resource center in Lynnwood, Washington, and has previously served on the National Board of Directors for Lutherans For Life. She currently resides in Edmonds, Washington and is a member of Lamb of God Lutheran Church in Seattle.

Anne Gonzalez serves the LCMS in the Office of International Mission as Manager of Short-Term Service. She served on the inaugural West Africa Mercy Medical Team in Togo in September 2017. She served her first call as a parish Director of Christian Education in Wisconsin from 2005-2011. Anne and her husband, Chris, have two children. They currently live in St. Louis, Missouri, and attend Timothy Lutheran Church.



Don Sundene has been a member of Lutheran Ministry Services Northwest (LMSN) since 1985. He has served on the board of directors in various capacities and is now the executive director for the past three and one-half years. LMSN reaches out into the community in hospitals, care centers, and jails. Don and his wife reside in Redmond, Washington. They have three married children and six grandchildren. Don and his wife are members of Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Bellevue. He is a graduate of St. Martin's University, retired from Sears and a locally-owned business.

Gifts from the Heart

LIFE SERVICES SPOKANE

Dedicated to the sanctity of life
at conception

Items collected:

- Infant clothing
- Baby toiletries
- Diaper bags
- New car seats
- Maternity clothing (including large & x-large maternity jeans)
- Nursing bras
- "Mom" toiletries
- Gift cards



Servant



Events

Love in Action Servant Events

SERVANT EVENT #1— REFRESH BAGS for House of Charity and Mission Community Outreach Center
Filling "Refresh" Bags with personal hygiene items, socks and snacks collected from each zone for the homeless and those at homeless shelters.

SERVANT EVENT #2 — GREETING CARDS for Nursing Home Residents and Shut-Ins in Your Area

Constructing greeting cards for a variety of occasions. The completed taken to home churches to be given to nursing home residents and shut-ins so that they will have cards on hand to send to others. Supplies for card making provided.

Offerings:

Friday: \$2,721.00 to LWML Washington-Alaska District Mites

Sunday: \$2,520.83 to Matthew House

Other Mites:

Mite Walk: \$4,353.20

LWML Store items for Mites: \$306.91

Convention Decorations for Mites: \$95.00

Mite Goal for the 2018-2020 Biennium: \$181,270

Mission Grant Goal: \$96,332

Mission Grant Name	Amount
Aid to Washington-Alaska District Scholarship Fund	\$19,000
Southeast Alaska Travel Fund - Alaska Mission for Christ	\$10,000
Opportunity Mission Outreach - Washington-Alaska District	\$ 6,000
Vehicle for Elliot and Serena Derricks - Lutheran Bible Translators	\$10,000
Concordia Seminary's International Graduate School Student Support	\$ 3,500
Classroom Addition - Sterling Lutheran Church, Sterling, Alaska	\$ 5,000
Camp Courage - A Place of Hope and Healing	\$ 4,000
Musical Instruments for Native Youth Program in Neah Bay - Lutheran Indian Ministries	\$ 6,500
PB & J for the Homeless	\$ 4,000
Equipping People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities to Share the Gospel	\$ 5,000
Seminary Education for New Pastors in South Sudan - Lutheran Heritage Foundation	\$ 5,000
Care Center Outreach, Seattle/Puget Sound Area - Lutheran Ministry Services Northwest	\$ 2,700
Deaconess Ministries in the Mission Field - LCMS	\$ 4,000
Trinity HOPE - Haiti	\$ 5,000
Reaching Visually Impaired Inmates with God's Love - Lutheran Braille Workers	\$ 6,000
Worker Wellness for Chaplain Families - LCMS	\$ 3,000

Photos from the 2018 LWML Washington-Alaska District Convention





