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## Dates to Remember:

**Evergreen Echoes**

**Fall Issue DEADLINE:**

**July 31, 2020 to**

[EvergreenEchoesEditor@gmail.com](mailto:EvergreenEchoesEditor@gmail.com)



### District Convention

September 25-27, 2020  
Great Wolf Lodge  
Grand Mound, Washington



**39th Biennial**

**LWML Convention**

June 24-27, 2021  
Lexington, Kentucky

## Greetings from

## LWML Washington–Alaska

## District PRESIDENT Marilee Ryan



*This issue of the Evergreen Echoes is filled with information about our 2020 district convention!*

I hope you're as excited about gathering in September as I am.

I look forward to seeing your smiling faces and giving and receiving huge hugs! As we praise our LORD through songs, inspiring messages, and servant events, may we be encouraged to continue to Walk in the Light of Christ every day.

President Paul Linnemann from the LCMS Northwest District will be proclaiming the Word of God at our opening worship service on Friday evening. Deb Burma will grace us with her charming humor and joy-filled message as our keynote speaker and Bible study leader. We will vote on our district mission grants to fund for the 2020-2022 biennium — spreading the Good News of the Gospel and serving God's children around the world. We will also choose some new officers to help guide the district through the next biennium.

Our prayers for God's guidance as these decisions are made.

Even though congregations and societies have not been able to meet, we still need to meet our mite obligations. Mite donations are one-third (1/3) below the anticipated budget. I encourage you to please send your mite contributions to our Financial Secretary — her address is on the roster page of this issue. You may do this individually and make a note of your zone, church name, and society. Thank you!

I am also encouraging you to send in your completed convention registration form and to make your hotel reservations now. The registration form says no refunds.

BE ASSURED that if the convention is canceled by either the district or the lodge, your fee will be refunded to you. We do, however, need a minimum number of people in attendance.

**Do Not Delay.** It would be sad if we had to cancel because of low registration numbers.

Blessings to you and wishes for a joy-filled summer.

*Marilee Ryan*



## Structure Committee

Pam Rafferty, Chairman  
Ella Kunkel, **Committee** member  
Aletha Voges, **Committee** member

The Structure Committee has been blessed to serve several societies and a couple zones in revising their bylaws. We appreciate your work on this behind-the-scenes, though important, aspect of our ministry.

If your group is updating its bylaws, we suggest first downloading a sample copy from the LWML.org website. Fill in as suggested and add where needed. LWML is suggesting using the term “group”, but if you prefer, you can still be called a society.

Here are some guidelines for using dates in your bylaws: if using a specific date, you may have to redo the bylaws every time you need to change it. There are dating exceptions: dates are permitted for the fiscal year and for your group or zone’s inception date. Remember, you can include dates with your procedures or your standing rules, which can be changed whenever you wish. District approval is not required for changes to procedure manuals or standing rules for zones and groups.

May you all be blessed with good health and safety as we navigate this unprecedented time.

### Societies and Zones:

When elections are held in societies and zones, **remember** to send a copy of the updated roster to **Corresponding Secretary LeeAnn Tibbals**. Her contact information is found on the roster of this newsletter.



For distribution on the district prayer chain,  
send prayer petitions to: [lwml.wa.ak.prayer.requests@gmail.com](mailto:lwml.wa.ak.prayer.requests@gmail.com).

**Vice President of Christian Life** Rhonda Ries is moderator of the prayer chain.



## Leadership Development Committee

Pam Rafferty, Chairman  
Michele Misener, **Committee** member

During this unprecedented time in our nation’s history, we pray that the needs of our grant recipients and our LWML members are being met.

People in our communities need to fill the God-shaped hole in their hearts with the good news of the Gospel message. That is the work of the LWML. As a believer, you are a **Leader** for the Lord: a prayer warrior, a financial contributor, a compassion giver, a meal provider, or an on-line Bible study facilitator.

It is also important to reach out to the young adults in our churches. If you know of a young adult in your church without the support of local family members, check up on them. Find creative ways to connect without close contact. Offer to make them a batch of cookies and leave it on the doorstep or take a walk in a park with adequate distancing. Both you and those young adults will be blessed beyond measure.

Remember LWML with your prayers and, if able, financial support. For ways to give to LWML, check out the link on the website [www.lwml.org/more-ways-to-give](http://www.lwml.org/more-ways-to-give).



## Lutheran Women's Missionary League Washington-Alaska District

Office of the President

### *32nd Biennial District Convention Official Call*

TO: All LWML Washington-Alaska District members, pastors, and friends

FROM: Marilee Ryan, District President

DATES: Friday, September 25, 2020 7pm — Sunday, September 27, 2020, Noon

PLACE: Great Wolf Lodge, 20500 Old Highway 99 SW, Centralia (Grand Mound), Washington,  
800-640-9653 or 360-273-7718

THEME: Walk in the Light 1 John 1:7



Check the *Evergreen Echoes*, the district website at [www.wa-aklwml.org](http://www.wa-aklwml.org), and the mail for the latest convention information!

See you there!

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## Gospel Outreach News

Cristina McAnulty, Vice President of Gospel Outreach  
Joyce Berger, Mission Grants **Committee** Member

We pray that you and your families are all staying healthy and doing well during this time of uncertainty. What is certain is that although most of us weren't able to attend Easter services in person with our loved ones, it truly was a wonderful experience to watch church services from the different churches in our district via the internet. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!!!

***Our Mission Grant 2018-2020 Biennium Theme was: "Let Your Mites Be a Beacon of Light for Grants"***

Thank you to all women of the LWML Washington-Alaska District for your generous support in helping us fund the 2018-2020 mission grants. We were able to fund \$89,420 of the planned grants through your mite contributions. The remaining \$6,580 was transferred from other accounts to enable us to fully fund the grants to the Lutheran Bible Translators and Lutheran Indian Ministries.

Your dedication to help the mission grants is truly a blessing to many and we're so very thankful for your continued prayers and support.

We pray that you'll be able to get out and enjoy the wonderful summer months with family and friends as we get ready for the 2020 Washington-Alaska District convention!

For the convention, please bring your mite walk pledge sheet and mites collected to the "Mite Walk Registration table." The mite walk begins at 4 p.m. at the hotel's front entrance. Refer to the map in the convention packet for details. The mites will be a "walking start" on money for the new grants being adopted for the 2020-2022 biennium. See the proposed mission grants and the convention offering recipient proposals on the following pages.



## Convention shirts and more

\$10 from each sale goes to the convention fund.

There are a variety of options that are made upon order. Get your order in now in time for our district convention!

Please go to <https://stores.inksoft.com/lwml-washington-alaska-district/shop/home>.





## *“Walking for the Mitey Light”*

**LWML Washington-Alaska District Convention  
Great Wolf Lodge, Grand Mound, Washington  
Friday, September 25, 2020 at 4 p.m.**



Let's get a “Walking Start” on our Mite Collection  
for the new grants to be adopted for the 2020-2022 Biennium

**Registration fee is \$10.00**

Please sign up on the district convention registration form.

**A pledge sheet is available on the district website!**

Receive a Special Gift for Participating!





## 32<sup>nd</sup> Biennial District Convention

September 25-27, 2020

### Convention Highlights

#### **Friday, September 25**

Love in Action Servant Events

Choir Practice

Delegate Orientation

Mite Walk

Opening Communion Service

#### Convention Personalities:

LWML Representative Senior Pastoral Counselor Rev. Mitchel Schuessler, Bible Study Leader,  
and Keynote Speaker Deb Burma

Friday Worship Service Proclaimer Rev. Dr. Paul Linnemann

#### Mites in Action Speakers:

Sandy Hall and Kaleb Ries

#### **Saturday, September 26**

Bible Study

Proposed Mission Grants Presentation and Vote

Keynote Speaker

LWML Report

Mites in Action Speakers

Proposed Bylaws Amendments

Election of Officers

Dinner Banquet and Entertainment by FarmStrong

#### **Sunday, September 27**

Installation of Officers

Closing Worship Service

## Candidate Credentials

### Recording Secretary

Carla Church



Carla Church, a well-organized young woman, has experience in many different areas of life. She is vice president of the East Inland Empire Zone. She was a Young Woman Representative for the 2019 LWML convention in Mobile, Alabama, and is currently on the Young Women's Committee for the district. She has been active with LWML for five years.

Carla is very involved in her church, Concordia Lutheran, Pullman, Washington, as well. She is currently serving or has served on the Fellowship Board, Youth Board, Education Board, Preschool Board, Lutheran Student Fellowship, Parish Planning Council Recording Secretary, Sunday school teacher, music leader, and cantor. She has gone on three short-term missions to Guatemala.

Carla's community activities include volunteer EMT and firefighter, Supply Coordinator for the Ambulance Company, and Community Thrivent Board Recording Secretary.

She is proficient in all Office applications including Word, Excel, Publisher, and PowerPoint. She is or was Office Manager for Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Moscow, Idaho; Office Assistant and Administrative Assistant at the University of Idaho College of Education; Financial Technician at the University of Idaho Auxiliary Services and Washington State University's Housing Financial Services; and Education Coordinator for Gritman Medical Center.

### Treasurer

Gigi Lutz



Gigi has a huge heart for LWML, and she has been involved with LWML for thirty-three years. She is currently serving as president of her society at Trinity Lutheran Church, Republic, Washington. She also served as vice president and treasurer. Her LWML North Columbia Zone offices include president and secretary-treasurer. On the district level she was the Public Relations Director and is currently on the Mission Servants Committee.

Gigi's church and church family are important to her. She is active in the local LWML and is teaching Sunday school. She has also served as treasurer of her congregation.

Staying healthy is a major goal for Gigi. She is a certified to teach the SAIL (Stay Active and Independent for Life) classes and is very faithful to her exercise classes.

Gigi earned a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from Eastern Washington University. She has accounting and secretarial experience since she graduated from high school in 1966. She retired in 2011 from Ferry County Community Services after twenty-five years. She has experience with Word and Excel computer programs as well as the Internet.

Gigi's her name, but numbers are her game. During her career she was responsible for the accounting of the many contracts of Ferry County required by the State of Washington (for example: mental health, chemical dependency, developmental disabilities, and aging services.)

## VP of Gospel Outreach

Ruth Ann Shimoi



Ruth Ann has been active in LWML for forty years. She is a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Renton, Washington. In her former society at Beacon Lutheran, Renton, Washington, she served as president and Christian Growth leader. She is the Lake Washington Zone President. Ruth Ann is also active on the district level. She has served on the Structure Committee and is on the Nominating Committee.

Ruth Ann's servant heart extends to other activities in her church. She is a deaconess, Board of Education Chair, youth leader, Sunday school teacher, and preschool aide.

Community activities also keep her busy. She has served or is serving as treasurer for the Puget Sound Youth Board, organized many outreach mission events for church members, families and youth. She was also a baseball team mom. Although she states that computer skills are not her strengths, she definitely uses the computer to communicate well with the people who work with her on various boards and committees.

## VP Christian Life

Grace Macduff



Grace Macduff was a Young Woman Representative to the 2017 LWML convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and served on the district Young Women's Committee and is currently chairing that committee. She recruited other young women and planned programs in which they could participate at the district conventions. Her firm foundation in the faith, given to her by the Lord Jesus Christ and nurtured by her family and upbringing, has sparked a continuing thirst for God and His Word. She has a desire to share and minister to others. Her work as a business owner and hairstylist gives her many skills in communications, event coordinating, multi-tasking, marketing, and creating. She desires to bring a fresh vision and new life to the LWML through the VP Christian Life position and hopes to bridge a gap between the young and the old in the next four-year term.



## Nominating Committee

Jayne Bowes



Jayne Bowes and her pastor husband Brian serve two churches — Our Savior Lutheran, Okanogan, Washington, and Hope Lutheran, Tonasket, Washington. Both churches are in the North Columbia Zone. Jayne has been involved with LWML for thirteen years. In her society she has served as president and secretary and also as a zone board member. Jayne is very active in her church. She started and organized a puppet ministry. She is the voters' assembly secretary. She organizes Christmas Eve baskets, Easter baskets, and Easter egg hunts. She directs and participates in choir and partners with her husband, Rev. Brian Bowes, in various mission opportunities. Jayne is active in many community activities as well. Her computer skills include Word and Excel and specialized programs for her work as a Speech and Language Assistant.

Sandi Hall



There is never a dull moment when Sandi Hall is around. She has been active in LWML for twenty-five years. She has served her society at Trinity Lutheran Church, Republic, Washington, as president, vice president, Christian Growth Committee Chairman, and secretary. In the North Columbia Zone she has served as president and vice president. At the district level she has served as Vice President Christian Life and Public Relations Director. She was also a member of the Short Term Mission Committee. Sandi is currently our district LWML store administrator. Sandi is active in her home church and attends Sunday Bible study, worship, and Friday morning women's Bible study. She helps serve meals at the Pastors' Winkel when they meet at Trinity. She also helps with serving and decorating at weddings and funerals. She organizes and/or helps with outreach projects.

Sandi's community activities include helping with the children's activities at Easter and Christmas events for the Republic Eagles. She assists her husband Lee with hosting Veterans' events such as memorials and outreach. She works with the food service at the county fair.

Sandi is knowledgeable in Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher, and Access Data Base.

Roberta Hilgendorf



Roberta has been active in LWML for thirty-five years. On the district level she served on the Voluntary Music Committee in Wisconsin. This committee approved all CCLI licensing. She often led music and singing at district conventions and district retreats. She served as zone treasurer in the past and is currently the Christian Life Chairman for the Alaska Zone. In her LWML society she served as president, secretary, and Christian Life Chairman. Music is a big part of her life. She was a member of the Piano Teacher's Association of Wisconsin. She is an organist and has been a Lutheran School music teacher, band director, and choir director. Roberta is familiar with the use of Microsoft Word and Windows.

Linda Huyck



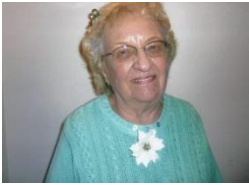
Linda has a special love for the LWML. She has been involved in LWML for eighteen years. In her society at Peace Lutheran Church, Lacey, Washington, she has served as president, vice president, and secretary. She held the offices of secretary and treasurer in the Rainier Zone. On the district level she served on the Nominating Committee. She was the Properties Chair for the 2012 district convention planning committee. Linda enjoys being with people. Her church activities include LWML and shut-in visitations. Her community benefits by her volunteering as a driver for people who need help.

Mary K. Miller



Mary Miller is fairly new to the LWML, but she jumped right in and was elected as treasure for her local society at All Saints Lutheran Church, Bellevue, Washington, in 2017. Her church activities include LWML officer, choir, quilting for Lutheran World Relief, pre-school reader, small group Bible study, circle chair, greeter, evangelist, and Sunday school participant. Mary's servant heart overflows to community activities as well. At Fort Devens, Massachusetts, she served three years as president of the Officers' Wives Club. Mary is familiar with Word, Excel, and Outlook.

Lorna Williams



Lorna Williams attended her very first LWML meeting with her Mom, Elsa Tanke, in 1942 when the LWML was organized at Zion Lutheran Church, Lamona, Washington. Later she went with her Mom to Zion Emmanuel, Odessa, Washington. Lorna has been active in LWML for fifty-one years. She is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Olympia, Washington, which is in the Rainier Zone.

Lorna has a servant heart and is always ready to help. In her local LWML society she has served as treasurer, president, and vice president. Her church activities include serving as head usher. In that capacity, she arrives early on Sundays to open all the church doors, make coffee and tea water, set out snacks, and turn on all the lights. She does the same on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for Bible study. Upon arrival she opens the elevator and greets people. When the church activities are over, she makes sure all the lights are no longer burning. A community activity in which Lorna is involved is the Habitat lunches.

#### Pastoral Counselor West

Pastor Kevin L. Schubkegel



Pastor Schubkegel has a heart for the LWML. He served as counselor for the Mount Baker Zone. He envisions his role as a district counselor to help women share and fellowship as they grow in their daily vocations in their witness/mission opportunities while learning and interacting with local and global mission projects. Another important aspect of the role of the district counselor is to lead others to explore and celebrate the connections between Word and Sacrament ministry, daily vocations, friendships, and world missions.

Pastor Schubkegel enjoys gaining knowledge. He has a Bachelor of Science in computer science from Pacific Lutheran University, a Master of Divinity from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary and fulfilled twenty-seven hours of LCMS Colloquy coursework.

He served at Loveland Church, Fontana, California, from 1987-1998, and at Trinity Lutheran Church, Mount Vernon, Washington, from 2003 to the present. He served on the Northwest District Convention Floor Committee in 2009, and in software development with the LCMS Office of Information Systems, 1998-2003.

Community activities in which Pastor Schubkegel is or has been involved include tennis team assistant at Mount Vernon High School; homeschool speech and debate judge; associate chaplain, Skagit Valley Hospital; soccer coach, YMCA; and Young Life Youth Outreach Ministry.

## 2020-2022 Sunday Convention Offering Recipient Proposals



1. Faith Lutheran Church
2. Family Promise of Skagit Valley
3. Lutheran Indian Ministries (L.I.M.)

## Lutheran Women's Missionary League Washington-Alaska District 2020-2022 Mission Grant Proposals

### 1. Aid to Washington-Alaska District Scholarship Fund      \$16,000

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League Washington-Alaska District has previously had a grant proposal for a limited number of seminary students each biennium, with each student receiving a grant ranging from \$2,000 to \$4,000 over a two-year period. Now, seminary students, along with other students attending our Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) seminaries and universities can apply for a scholarship by completing the application forms through the Scholarship Committee. By awarding this grant, the monies from mite funds will be directly transferred to the Scholarship Fund on a regular basis. These funds, along with monies directly given to the Scholarship Fund, will be awarded by the Scholarship Committee on an annual basis in amounts determined by the Committee under the direction of the Mission Grants Committee and The Board of Directors. These funds are for any student who is a member of an LCMS church in the Washington-Alaska District, and who is studying fulltime church work, and is enrolled in one of the LCMS universities and colleges.

**2. Apple of His Eye Mission Society \$5,000**  
**Training Leaders to BOLDLY Declare Y'shua as Messiah, In Israel**  
Recognized Service Organization of LCMS

The mission grant funds will be used to help identify and train Israeli Jewish believers using Hebrew Catechism and New Testament texts. We will develop systems and strategies for outreach and planting house fellowships at first, just as in the days of the early church. When there is a critical mass for congregational worship services, facilities will be rented from non-Lutheran Messianic churches or other locations in Israel, to host tabernacle-type Word and Sacrament ministry worship services (which would necessitate setting up and taking down the accoutrements for worship each week). Almost seven million Jewish people reside in the land of Israel. To date, due to strategic plans, available finances and personnel, there has been no LCMS presence in the land of Israel to reach Jewish people with the Gospel. The solution is to recruit and train Israeli citizens who confess Y'shua as Messiah to join in partnership with The Apple of His Eye for mission work there.

**3. Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Anchorage, Alaska \$10,000**  
**New Roofing and Siding for Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church**

A goal for our church is to have a safer, drier, cost-efficient building that will allow us to continue the mission of proclaiming God's Word, making disciples of men, partaking in the Lord's Supper, and teaching children about Jesus. The funds received would be used to provide durable, reliable roofing and siding, energy efficient repairs, and contribute to labor costs. The focus is ministry, as we work to keep all those who enter our building free of distractions that would prevent or turn them away from hearing God's Word. *Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the Word about Christ.* (Romans 10:17 NIV). The life span of the roofing and siding is 25 years and it is now in its 35<sup>th</sup> year. The ceiling tiles are unsightly and at times we have buckets catching water drips. Due to building codes and standards having changed since the church was built, we're having to replace both the roof and the siding to be in compliance.

**4. Children of the Nations – Bellevue Sanitation Block, Bellevue, Haiti \$9,000**

Our goal is to construct a concrete-lined latrine in 28 homes in the Bellevue neighborhood of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, which will prevent human waste from contaminating the local sources of water and remove potential contamination from the local community. With less waste in the water source, instances of diarrhea, under-nutrition, skin rash, and typhoid will be significantly reduced. Clean water will promote safe food handling practices, which will mean fewer food-related illnesses. Furthermore, in-home toilets will provide safety, privacy, and dignity for all users. By having access to a private toilet, women and girls will have significantly increased freedom to run household errands and attend school as there will be a secure, private space to attend to feminine hygiene needs. Essentially, these toilets will contribute to the holistic care for children and adults through Children of the Nation's WARM (Water, Agriculture, Renewable Energy, and Microenterprise) practices that focus on an integrated approach to sustainability. Because of fewer water-borne illnesses, children and adults will be better able to focus on education, small business development, and community engagement. The combination of this contributes to long-term solutions for community sustainability. The funds will help provide the necessary hygiene needs for those in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

**5. Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri \$4,500**  
**Support for Concordia Seminary's International Graduate School Students**

Concordia Seminary's program of forming international students prepares them to carry out the Great Commission. After our Graduate School's foreign students earn their advanced-level theological degrees, they, in service to their home countries' church bodies, will strive to expand the global proclamation of Christ's love and the message of eternal salvation through faith in Him. These graduates will become teachers and church leaders, whereby they will have a considerable impact – one that will reach far into the future – on the spreading of the Gospel throughout many different countries. Our Graduate School currently enrolls 41 international students who collectively are from 18 countries, a number of which are developing nations. Neither these students nor their home countries' church bodies have nearly enough resources to fund the cost of these students' advanced-level education. Consequently, support for these students is an ongoing, significant Concordia Seminary need.

**6. Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana \$2,000**  
**Food and Clothing Co-op for Seminary Students**

The Food and Clothing Co-op spends approximately \$7,500 a month to purchase items such as eggs, cheese, milk, fruit juice, ground beef, fresh fruits and vegetables, other perishable items and additional grocery and paper products to fill the shelves. The funds will be used to purchase only perishable food items each month, which are then given directly to the students and their families. Students receive points in exchange for their work volunteering at the Food and Clothing Co-op. The students are also allowed to shop in the Clothing Co-op at their own discretion during operating hours and take whatever they need for free; no points, vouchers or money are necessary in the clothing area. All seminary students must be enrolled and taking classes to be eligible to use the Food and Clothing Co-op. Because the Co-op is such a vital part of the seminary students' lives, it is important that the seminary continue to raise funds to supply food for the Food Co-op.

**7. King of Kings Lutheran Church \$9,000**  
**Enabling Congregationally-Selected Residents near Gambella, Ethiopia to Attend Seminary**

The mission of South Sudan Mission of Building Together is to assist the fast-growing church in South Sudan and Ethiopia to spread God's love among Ethiopian and South Sudanese people hungry for God's Word.

Funds will be used to pay for the training to include room and board for two locally selected students to attend a local seminary. The Ethiopian Evangelical Mekane Jesu Church-Western Gambella Bethel Synod, Jack Jordan Bible School has been approved as a credible teaching seminary.

**8. LCMS Office of International Mission**  
**Latin America and Caribbean Region – Deaconess Training in Latin America \$5,000**

This mission project teaches God's Word to Lutheran women in Latin America and the Caribbean countries where national LCMS partner Lutheran churches and missions have asked for training to equip and encourage their women to share the Gospel message in their congregations and communities. Seeking out and developing opportunities to live out the Gospel in mercy is part of this program. As a deaconess serves within her community, she can teach God's Word to women, youth and children in the congregation and extend His mercy to non-believers in the community. Acts of mercy and diaconal care will show Jesus' love in deed and can be used by the Holy Spirit to soften and open the hearts of those to whom she ministers. This gives them a way to share God's Word with them.

**9. Lutheran Bible Translators \$10,000**  
**Elliot and Serena Derricks, LBT Missionaries - Building Project**  
Recognized Service Organization of the LCMS

Funds will be used for building materials that are needed to construct a 3-room translation and literacy office for the Fali Translation and Literacy Teams working with Elliot and Serena, and for solar panels to provide dependable electricity for the work, a well to provide water, and other various pieces of equipment to support the work and everyday life of the Derricks family.

**10. Lutheran Bible Translators \$5,000**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church of Togo Literacy**  
Recognized Service Organization of LCMS

God's Word in the New Testament is available for the Mual people in Togo, but it is not being widely used, as very few people in the Lutheran Church of Togo are able to read their language. The Mual New Testament that Lutheran Bible Translators (LBT) helped translate into the Mual language is not being adequately used because of a lack of literacy skills. The Lutheran Church in Togo has asked Lutheran Bible Translators to train church leaders and laity in Togo to teach their people how to read Mual. This is vital in Togo as Islamic extremism is on the northern border of Togo and is literally within miles of the Mual language area. According to Romans 10:17 "faith comes by hearing the Word", and that needs to be in a language understood by the hearer if the church is to grow.

**11. Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Office of National Mission \$2,500**  
**Soldiers of the Cross**

Soldiers of the Cross (SOTC) is one of the LCMS mercy programs that helps faithful pastors, teachers and other active church workers in financial or personal crisis. The LCMS has more than 2.3 million baptized members in more than 6,100 congregations and more than 9,000 pastors. Two seminaries and 10 colleges and universities operate under the auspices of the LCMS, and its congregations operate the largest Protestant parochial school system in America. As *Soldiers of the Cross* provides emergency support, there has been recognition that helping church workers retain health insurance is a top concern. Some workers face emergencies such as a serious illness, or a spouse who suddenly becomes ill and can no longer work. Sometimes funds fill the "gap" between difficult times. Some live in communities hit by natural or manmade and civil disasters. In the last several years, we have experienced an unprecedented number of floods, tornados and hurricanes, which have directly impacted our called church workers. The average amount of assistance is \$500 and the goal is to provide assistance to all who request.

**12. Lutheran Heritage Foundation \$6,500**  
**Witnessing to the Ethiopians: Books for Ethiopians and Immigrants**  
Recognized Service Organization of the LCMS

Just like the Ethiopian in Philip's day needed guidance to discover the Gospel, so do modern day Ethiopians. The Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF), a recognized service organization of the LCMS, endorsed by the Office of International Mission supports the mission of the church: bringing Christ to the lost so that through the Holy Spirit and the Word they may believe in Christ their Savior.

LHF spreads the Gospel by translating and publishing Lutheran books that help explain the Bible, including Luther's *Small Catechism*, *A Child's Garden of Bible Stories*, hymnals, devotions, and more. These resources are used by Lutheran church bodies, seminaries, congregations and missionaries in more than 105 languages. These books are distributed at little or no cost to churches, missionaries, and other church workers who could otherwise not afford them.

**13. Lutheran Indian Ministries - Alaskan Native Youth Cultural Camp \$8,500**

Recognized Service Organization of the LCMS

The purpose of a biblically-based culture camp for Alaskan Native youth who have endured guilt and shame from abuse is to provide a place where participants begin their personal healing journey, experience freedom and victory by the Word of the testimony of others, and recognize the spiritual battle they face, knowing that Satan the accuser has been defeated, confident that God will use them to be a positive influence in their communities. The purpose of Kattivik Bible Cultural Camp is two-fold: first, to provide a safe Christian environment where barriers caused by abuse are broken down and secondly, to train Native youth in survival skills to become self-sufficient, confident leaders back in their home communities.

**14. Matthew House Monroe, Washington \$10,000**

We are a Prison Hospitality House. We sleep between 1,500 to 2,000 women and children a year in our apartments. This summer we have slept over 150 women and children a month. Our apartments get “used” and are showing the need to fix and repair a number of things. Our play area’s blacktop needs to be replaced as well.

**15. Ministry in Mission \$8,000**

**Support for Lutheran Family Services of Haiti: Jacmel Lutheran Home**

Recognized Service Organization of the LCMS

Funds will be used to support the Director of Nursing, two chaplains, general medical care staff, cooking, housekeeping, maintenance, security and the general well-being of the elders living at the Jacmel Lutheran Home. Haitians will be employed for these services. With a Gross Domestic Product (GDP) per capita of \$765, these jobs fill a vital need in the community. The operating costs of the Jacmel Lutheran Home is expected to rise substantially in the months ahead. Current unrest in the country has led to a 20% inflation rate and there are gas shortages causing an unrelenting cycle of economic and political turmoil. There are currently six females and two men who are thriving at the Jacmel Lutheran Home. One of the male residents asked to be baptized shortly after his arrival.

**16. Opportunity Mission Outreach, Washington-Alaska District \$6,000**

**Short Term Missions Committee**

Spontaneous mission opportunities occur within convention years, and financial help is needed immediately. The funds would provide help for those participating in a short-term mission trip. Each request would be between \$500 and \$1,000. It is possible that six to twelve short term mission requests could be partially or totally funded during the biennium. The decision to accept a request for financial assistance for an individual LCMS woman in our Washington-Alaska District to participate on a short-term mission trip would be made by the Short Term Missions Committee.



## **17. Pregnancy Choices of Skagit County \$7,500**

Pregnancy Choices is a Christian ministry caring for those touched by unplanned pregnancy by providing options and resources that promote life.

Pregnancy Choices is an outreach ministry of Jesus Christ through His Church and is committed to presenting the gospel of our Lord. Pregnancy Choices provides accurate and complete information about prenatal development, abortion, adoption and parenting. It is committed to integrity in dealing with clients, earning their trust, and providing promised information and services, and denounces any form of deception in advertising or individual conversations with clients.

Pregnancy Choices is committed to assisting women in carrying their babies to term by providing emotional support and practical assistance free of charge at all times. It is committed to creating awareness within the local community of the needs of pregnant women and of the fact that abortion compounds human problems rather than resolves them. Pregnancy Choices recognizes the validity of adoption as an alternative to abortion, but is not biased toward adoption when compared to other life-saving alternatives, and does not discriminate in providing services because of the race, creed, color, national origin, age, or marital status of its clients. It does not recommend or provide contraceptives and does not recommend, provide or refer for abortion. Is not an adoption agency.

## **18. Shepherd's Canyon Retreat - Client Scholarship \$3,500**

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Participant scholarships are provided to "in crisis" professional church workers to attend healing retreats Synod's capabilities and goals of developing and retaining called professionals. Church workers in crisis are able to seek the needed renewing, reviving, and refreshing that they need to perform their roles in ministry.

Grant monies received from LWML districts help to cover the actual retreat costs of a Shepherd's Canyon Retreat ministry session: meals, housing, and payments to the professional Christian therapists who lead the retreats.

Volunteers help with hospitality at all retreats, enabling us to keep costs as low as possible.

## **19. Trinity HOPE - Filling Haitian Tummies Opens Ears to the Gospel \$7,500**

The mission of Trinity HOPE is to provide a nutritious noon meal every school day to hungry children attending Lutheran schools throughout Haiti, allowing Trinity HOPE to meet their physical needs and assist the Lutheran pastors and churches in sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with the children, their families and communities. Trinity HOPE feeding programs help make the children healthier, increase their learning ability and enable them to be more receptive to the Word of the Lord that is shared with them each day. These children then become the young missionaries of Haiti, helping bring their families to Christ. We are currently feeding over 28,000 meals a day in 140 Christian schools. Our goal is to have feeding programs in all Lutheran schools and the many other schools on the waiting list to join our program.

## **20. Trinity Lutheran Church - Busy Hands Quilters, Bellingham, Washington \$2,500**

Busy Hands is a quilting group that is part of Trinity Lutheran Church and was founded in 2002. The women meet weekly year-round to make their quilts which are donated to twelve local agencies in the Bellingham, Washington, area. They produce about 250 quilts a year to donate to those local agencies. The materials used to assemble the quilts are from donations of sheets, thread and some monetary donations from our church members, but the batting alone costs \$100.00 a roll and the ladies use about 10 rolls over the course of a year. The funds received would be used to continue this service of making quilts that we provide to the local agencies by helping with the costs of materials.

## 21. WORDrus Mission Society - LWML Global Bible Studies by Donna Snow \$6,000

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The funds would be used specifically to professionally translate all eight studies in the LWML Donna (Pyle) Snow Bible Study Series into Finnish to offer a Eurasian global media resource through WORDrus Mission Society's internet outreach. These studies would foster spiritual growth through Bible study for laypeople throughout Eurasian Lutheran churches and communities to spread the Gospel, to learn sound biblical doctrine, and to teach Christ-centered insights for life.



### Help Wanted

Carol Coerber, Parliamentarian

HELP! The district president has told me I am to be a teller at the convention! I cannot be a teller – I am a delegate; I will be too busy!!!!

I have heard that before! And you are correct – you ARE a delegate, and you WILL be busy. However, ONLY delegates are allowed to be tellers! It is a very important task, and not to be undertaken lightly. You will be counting the votes of the convention body to discover which bylaws have been amended, which mission grants and offerings have been selected, and which officers have been elected. (You will also be the first to know the results of the vote, and you will be sworn to secrecy! And like any good secret agent, others will try to make you talk, but you won't!!! Sounds exciting, doesn't it? Actually, it is fun, and important!)

So please, when you are contacted by President Marilee, unless you cannot attend the convention, say, "Sure, I would LOVE to be a teller!"

I pray that all of you are walking in the Light at this dark time in our world. I also pray that by the time this *Evergreen Echoes* is published, our world will be getting back to normal. We pray for all the people who don't have the comfort of our Light. That is why we are in the LWML — to spread the Light to all.

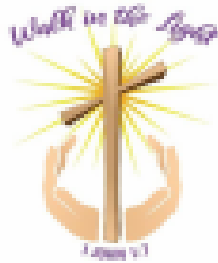
## Society Corner

### Epiphany Olympic Zone

On February 8, the LWML society of Epiphany Lutheran, in Kenmore, Wash., hosted a cookie decorating party. A number of non-church friends and neighbors joined the LWML group and other church members for an afternoon of sweet fun and excitement! The women of Epiphany's LWML provided a delicious salad luncheon. Baker extraordinaire and Epiphany LWML member Heidi Nelson led the group in creating beautiful and tasty cookies to share or eat.



Submitted by Mary Abdi



**LWML Washington-Alaska District Convention**  
**September 25-27, 2020**  
**Great Wolf Lodge - Grand Mound, Washington**  
**REGISTRATION FORM**

Please print & submit **one** form per registrant.  
 Please make a copy of your completed form for your records.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Zone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Church \_\_\_\_\_

Check appropriate category (only one):

- General Registration
- Voting Delegate\*
- Delegate's Alternate
- Young Woman (age 18-35)
- Teen (age 12-17)
- Heart to Heart Sister
- Voting Board Member\*
- Non-Voting Board Member
- District Committee Member
- Past District President\*
- Pastor
- Exhibitor
- \*Voting Members

Fees are due August 25<sup>th</sup> to avoid late charge, the registration fee is non-refundable and must be paid in full. No refunds on meals after August 25<sup>th</sup>.

<b>Registration</b> (waived for clergy)	\$90.00	_____
<b>Meals: Saturday Lunch &amp; Evening Banquet</b>		_____
meal package - both meals	\$60.00	_____
or Saturday Lunch only	\$25.00	_____
or Saturday Banquet only	\$40.00	_____
<b>Mite Walk</b> Friday, 4 P.M.	\$10.00	_____
<b>Late Fee</b> (postmarked after August 25 <sup>th</sup> )	\$10.00	_____
<b>Total Remittance</b>	\$	_____

Is this your first Convention?  
 Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
 Would you like to sing in the choir?  
 Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Special medically required dietary restrictions or allergies \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please make checks payable to: **LWML WA-AK DISTRICT CONVENTION FUND.**

Co-Registrars: LeeAnn Tibbals: 208-310-9418

Carla Church: 509-570-8135

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Mail this form and your check to:

LeeAnn Tibbals  
 945 N Cleveland St.  
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Check One:

- I prefer an emailed receipt to the above email.
- I prefer a paper copy of the receipt and have enclosed a legal sized, self-addressed, stamped envelope.

**PLEASE REGISTER EARLY!**

Please make your own hotel reservations by phoning 1-800-640-9653.

Refer to: Group Block number 2020LWML.

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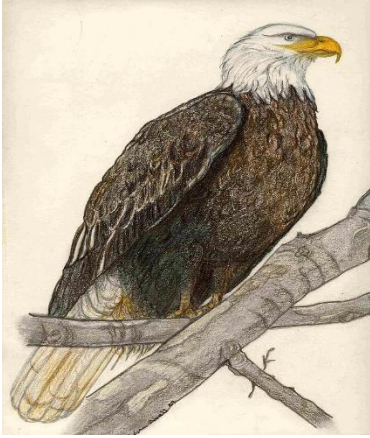
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-  District Counselors
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Send mites to **Financial Secretary Elizabeth Cook**. Order Mite Boxes from and/or send any roster changes to **Corresponding Secretary LeeAnn Tibbals**.

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Bald eagles are found in all 48 continental states, but there are huge nesting populations in Alaska. The national symbol and a celebration of the Alaska Zone.

Ed note: all wildflowers found as clipart in this issue are wildflowers found in LWML Washington-Alaska District.



## Mission Statement

The mission of the Lutheran Woman'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 people of the world.