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## Dates to Remember:

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Winter Issue DEADLINE:

October 31, 2017 to

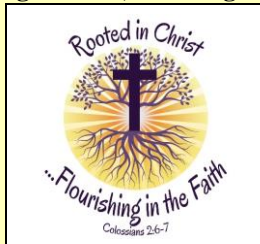
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### District Retreat

September 29-October 1, 2017

Gig Harbor, Washington



### District Convention

June 15-17, 2018

Spokane, Washington

### LWML Convention

June 20-23, 2019

Mobile, Alabama

## Greetings from LWML Washington-Alaska District PRESIDENT Marie Chow



**Jesus Christ Above All!** That theme was felt throughout the 2017 LWML Convention in Albuquerque this past June. The convention formally started Thursday (June 25) night with a communion worship service with Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, President of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, as Northwest District President Rev. Dr. Paul Linnemann gave greetings on behalf of the district. Past LWML President Ida Mall gave the keynote address, telling us, "God has work for us to do" and that we are equipped and ready by the Holy Spirit.

LWML President Patti Ross gave her report on what has happened the past two years and closed her report by looking ahead. "God would not have kept us going for 75 years if He didn't think we were worth the trouble. I look forward to the future of LWML as we continue to proclaim Jesus Christ above all in all that we do. I invite you to enjoy the future with me."

As we focused on the future at the convention, the new LWML logo was unveiled. More information is inside this issue of *Evergreen Echoes* from Public Relations Director Janet Rust. Humorous Interrupter Jan Struck portrayed Katie Luther as we learned a little more about Katie's life through her humorous antics. Saturday night ended with a diamond dazzle party that started with a parade of district representatives, and included a production that gave highlights of 75 years of LWML history. The LWML mission goal of \$2.075 million was adopted for the 2017-2019 biennium. Twenty-two grants were selected to receive over \$1.6 million during the 2017-2019 biennium with the rest going toward in-reach or operations.

This convention set the record for the largest number of Young Woman Representatives with 81. Our district did have two YWRs, Grace Macduff and Amy Young. Over 75 people from our district attended the convention. Judy Jeffery made both our own district banner as well as the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary banner. [See page 5 for a photo and article.]

Information on the LWML Convention can be found at [www.lwml.org/2017-convention](http://www.lwml.org/2017-convention). Links to the LiveStream, photos, manuals, service bulletins, and newsletters are there.

[See page 4 for the conclusion of President Marie's article.]

Serving Christ with You,

*Marie Chow*

## DISTRICT COUNSELOR

Rev. Dan Freeman, Junior Pastoral Counselor–West

### Reflections of a National Convention Newbie

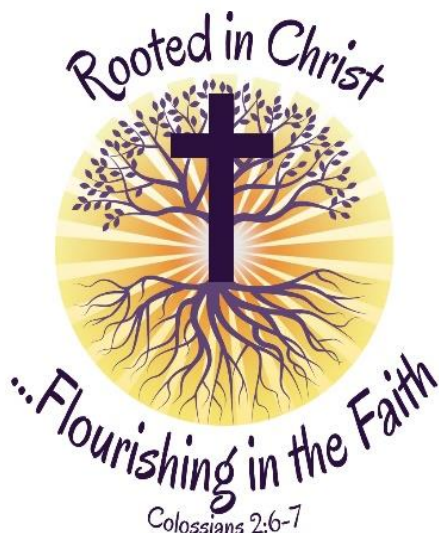
First, a pro-tip: When you travel to the LWML national convention, it is generally a good idea to pack pants. If you do, it will save you the hassle of having to spend your first day in town hiring an Uber to an unfamiliar shopping mall, hurriedly shopping for good deals on several pair of dress pants, and hiring a mysteriously and significantly more expensive Uber back to your hotel. (Don't ask me how I learned that pro tip...I heard that some idiot left his pants in his closet at home.)

Second, friends: I had no idea I would run into so many old friends. I saw friends from around the Northwest District. I got to visit with dear friends from my time in Montana 15 years ago. I ran into men I haven't seen since we graduated from the seminary. I got to have dinner with a couple I haven't seen since I graduated from college. I even got to see a woman I haven't seen since we were in high school.

But I think my favorite part of the convention was the presentations by previous mission grant recipients. That is really where the rubber meets the road. To hear how the work of the LWML has blessed so many and helped further the proclamation of God's Word is truly awesome (in the most literal sense of that word)! My friends whom I haven't seen since college were previous grant recipients. It was great to hear how the LWML has helped to enable Christ's work among Native Americans through them.

The 75th anniversary retrospective beautifully underscored the ongoing mission of the LWML to help spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. Even the business meeting (where rather than have to choose between tying grant recipients, the vote was simply to raise the mite goal to cover them both) highlighted the amazing capacity of the LWML to help fund the spread of the Gospel at home and abroad in the past, in the present, and into the future. It was a blessing to be there, and it is a blessing to be a part of this fine organization.

## Save the Date!



**LWML Washington-Alaska  
District Convention**

**June 15 – 17, 2018**

**Hotel RL by Red Lion  
Spokane at the Park**

**Spokane, Washington**

## VICE PRESIDENT OF GOSPEL OUTREACH

Cristina McAnulty

Gigi Lutz, **Mission Grants Committee** member

Gigi from Republic, Washington, and I from Wasilla, Alaska, pray that you are all enjoying your summer with family and friends, either vacationing within the USA or just visiting around your local areas. May you be abundantly blessed always.

The deadline for the 2018-2020 LWML Washington-Alaska District Mission Grant Proposals is approaching fast. So please make certain that if you are interested in applying for a district mission grant, you provide your request by **October 31, 2017**.

Information is on the district website at **[www.wa-aklwml.org](http://www.wa-aklwml.org)** by clicking on the "Mission Grants" tab. On that page, you can find a chart of the current mission grants, Mission Grant Updates, Descriptions, and Prayers. Please use this information to spotlight mite collections at your churches. The Mission Grant Proposal Form and Mission Grant Proposal Instructions are found by clicking on the "Downloads" tab in the main menu.

It was so wonderful that LWML reached its goal during the last biennium of 2015-2017, but our district still needs to meet its mission grant goal for 2016-2018 of \$90,000 by June 2018. Please continue to send in those mites, however great or small, so we can support our mission grants!

An important reminder to all: **All MITES** collected in your societies and zones **MUST** be sent to the District Financial Secretary Donna Chow. Her mailing information can be found on the roster at the end of this newsletter. Please make sure that you have passed on this information to the treasurer in each society/zone.

Thank you all for your continued dedication and support of our Mission Grant recipients.



## Mission Servants Committee

Marilyn Schaefer, Chairman

You are invited to share in the Gifts from the Heart ingathering at the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Washington-Alaska District Retreat in Gig Harbor on September 29-October 1, 2017. The love of Jesus will be shown to the prisoners at the Mission Creek Corrections Center for Women in Belfair, Washington, by collected supplies that they will use to care for sick and abandoned kittens. When the kittens are healthy, they are adoptable. This program helps the young women learn and practice personal responsibility, sympathy, empathy, and nurturing skills.

Items needed are: **towels of any size, washcloths, blankets, polar fleece for blankets, formula made for kittens, paté-style kitten food, non-clumping kitty litter, litterbox or similar crates of any size, small Tupperware®-type containers, liquid or bar soap, hand sanitizer, kitten toys, and monetary donations.** Bring your items to the retreat if you are attending, or send them with someone who is.

Soon the Mission Servants Committee will be selecting service projects for the LWML Washington-Alaska District convention to be held June 15-17, 2018 in Spokane, Washington. If you have ideas/suggestions for activities or projects that will glorify the Lord while helping neighbors, please contact Chairman Marilyn Schaefer. See her contact information on the roster page of this newsletter.



## Conclusion of President Marie's article from Page 1.

I look forward to seeing you at your zone rallies if I am able to attend. I will definitely see you at our next two district events—the retreat September 29–October 1 in Gig Harbor, where we will learn more about “Called to be...” and at our district convention next June 15-17 in Spokane where we will be “Rooted in Christ ... Flourishing in Faith.”

As Past President Ida said, “God has work for us to do,” please continue to use your time and talent at church, at work, at home, and in the LWML, and encourage others to do the same so together we serve and share His love with others to His glory.



## Scholarship Committee

Judy Ikerd, Chairman

### SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Five candidates have been selected to receive scholarships for the 2017-2018 academic year from the LWML Washington-Alaska District Scholarship Fund. Two of the recipients are attending Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri; two are attending Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana; one is attending Concordia University in Mequon, Wisconsin.

**Hannah Freeman:** Hannah will be a sophomore at Concordia University in Mequon. She wants to share her joy in music with others and plans to become a Parish Musician. She comes from Chehalis, Washington.

**Rick McCafferty:** Rick hails from Eagle River, Alaska. This is his third year in the Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology (EIIT) program offered by the Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. This program is largely online but also requires participation in classes in St. Louis. Rick is currently working with Native Americans and Alaska Natives while working on this online course.

**Michele Musegades:** Michele is beginning her second year at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. She comes from Grangeville, Idaho. She is working towards becoming a deaconess.

**James Pierce:** When his wife became critically ill, the Lord called James to serve Him as a minister. He listened and enrolled at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne. Last year he served as a vicar and is now in his final year. James comes from Seattle, Washington.

**Evan Scamman:** Evan comes from Aberdeen, Washington. He has completed his vicarage and will complete his final year at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne in 2018.

## Archivist-Historian

Nancy Wyckoff

### Our History Back “In the Day”

The first Washington-Alaska District retreat *attempt* was in May 1969 at the Snoqualmie Pass Lodge, but the retreat was cancelled due to lack of participants. Two successful retreats followed in 1971—one at Pilgrim Firs, Port Orchard, Washington, February 12-14, and the other at Lutherhaven, Coeur d’Alene, Idaho, September 26-28. The idea was to have three retreats by making it possible for many women to attend, but the third was cancelled due to lack of 25 registrations.

Registrar was Mrs. Leona Roberts who was later one of our district presidents. The registration fee was \$2 with lodging and food \$13! Can you imagine??!!

Attendance at Pilgrim Firs was 100 and at Lutherhaven, 31. Both groups felt the spiritual renewal through Bible study, fellowship with others, and time alone with God.

Now 46 years later we are still coming together for our biennial retreats. Those attending the latest Washington-Alaska District retreat at Gig Harbor, Washington, will experience the awesome way God works in each of our lives and see how we are “CALLED TO BE ... .”

## Nominating Committee

Linda Einspahr, Chairman

The nominating committee has been hard at work this spring and summer. It is in the process of receiving nominations for the open offices of the 2018-2020 biennium for the Washington-Alaska District. Everyone, please consider placing your name or that of another LWML sister in Christ or pastor as a nominee.

The following offices are open for nominations:

- ✚ **President**
- ✚ **Vice President of Organizational Resources**
- ✚ **Vice President of Special Ministries**
- ✚ **Financial Secretary**
- ✚ **Pastoral Counselor-East**
- ✚ **Nominating Committee (five members)**

If you would like any information regarding these offices, please feel free to email Chairman Linda via her contact information given on the roster page of this newsletter. Responsibilities of the offices are listed in the district bylaws which are available on the district website.

Thank you so much for your prayers and help.



**Do you know any woman in your congregation who is going on a short term mission and who needs financial assistance?**



If so, the Washington-Alaska District has a grant for this opportunity! Just have her go to the district website at [www.wa-aklwml.org](http://www.wa-aklwml.org) and select the "Download" tab on the left side of the page. Then, download the application under "Short Term Mission Application." Fill out the application and send it to Twyla Mitson, Short Term Missions Committee Chairman. See her contact information on the roster page.



### **Washington-Alaska District Banner for 2017 LWML Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico**

Judy Jeffery of Trinity Lutheran Church in Grangeville, Idaho, of East Inland Empire Zone made the banner for Washington-Alaska District for June's LWML convention in Albuquerque. President Marie Chow carried the banner in the banner procession Friday morning with Young Woman Representatives Grace Macduff and Amy Young accompanying her. The banners of all the districts were on display throughout the convention in the exhibition hall.

Judy also constructed the LWML 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary banner that had been designed by Amy Gill of Pacific Southwest District. That banner was displayed on the podium during the convention. A photo of that banner is in the convention photos in this newsletter.

## Structure Committee

Sandy Geisler, **VICE PRESIDENT OF ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES**

Has a situation like this happened in your zone or society meeting?

Melissa has resigned as vice president because she and her husband Al are moving to Wisconsin.

“Oh, no! Who will take over her responsibilities?”

“Maybe Jackie will do it ... or ....”

Having your zone and society bylaws up-to-date will take care of that issue. Current bylaws will help resolve issues you have probably not thought about for a long time.

Take the time to REVIEW and RENEW your bylaws today. Doing so should not take long, and your mind will be at ease.



### Please copy this issue for the women in your church!

For black and white copies, print the pages in grayscale for copying on a copy machine. Or print out all the copies in color!

If you would like to receive colored newsletter issues via email, contact Circulation Manager Denise Crawford. Her contact information is on the roster page.

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For distribution on the district prayer chain, send prayer petitions to:

***lwml.wa.ak.prayer.requests@gmail.com.***

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

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### Photos from the 37<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention of the LWML

Photos taken by the professional photographers at the convention can be seen on the LWML website at [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org). In the menu, click on “News & Events.” Then click on “Convention Central.” Scroll down the page until reaching the “Convention Photos” title. Click on “BBM Photography” which is in a purple font. Follow the instructions to view the photos.





# Heart to Heart Sisters Committee

Allison Akahoshi, Chairman

This summer I was able to attend the LWML convention in Albuquerque. Although I was not a part of the Heart to Heart Sisters training group, I was able to interact with the new sisters and new leaders at a luncheon, their exhibit table, and at various times during the convention. And I made sure to share meals with them. After their training, they were able to participate in the convention as attendees.

Many of the sisters came from areas where specific cultural diversity exists. These are areas where ethnic groups settled when they came to the United States and where their needs are met, such as help in acclimating to their new homes and meeting their economic and physical needs. Other sisters and leaders came from areas where there are scatterings of multicultural women. Since it is our desire to include these ladies in our societies, it is up to us to reach out. When we do that, they are blessed and so are we.

The new Heart to Heart Sisters spent five days together and the Leader group spent six days together. Although the women were from different parts of the world, they were open to making friends, laughing with, and loving each other. It was such a joy to interact with the Heart to Heart Sisters throughout the convention.

Let's share our LWML experience with our sisters of different ethnicities. Look around your church. Is there someone who might welcome your invitation?

## Teen Committee

Elizabeth Cook, **VICE PRESIDENT of SPECIAL FOCUS MINISTRIES**

It is that time of year, where school starts up again, and activities abound. Do your teens know what you do with your time while they are busy with their activities? Do they know that LWML stays busy Serving the Lord with Gladness in their everyday lives and in specific activities and events throughout the year? Have you considered reaching out and inviting teens to join you as you attend teas, prepare homeless survival kits, or tie blankets for CareNet?

Prayerfully consider ways you can help the teens in your church or your home. See that servant events and service to God do not have to be done only on Sunday or only at youth group events and retreats!

For more ideas, visit [www.lwml.org/youth](http://www.lwml.org/youth) to see how you can reach out to add **YOUth** in Mission to your Lutheran Women in Mission.



## Young Women Committee

Marilee Ryan, Chairman

After an adventurous drive to Albuquerque and an early Thursday morning hot air balloon ride, it was my delight upon entering the opening ceremony of convention to see the Washington-Alaska District's Young Woman Representatives (YWR) coming toward me with the district banner after the procession. Amy Young and Grace Macduff attended their first LWML convention and received their YWR pins from President Marie. They were kept busy throughout the convention. Give warm welcomes and LWML hugs to these young women as you get acquainted with them over the next two years. I look forward to their inspiration in planning activities for the YWRs attending the district convention next June.

Read about their experiences on the next page of this newsletter. Welcome, Amy and Grace, to the future of LWML.

## Young Woman Representatives to the LWML 37<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention June 22-25, 2017, in Albuquerque, New Mexico

### From Amy Young

Harmony is the word that comes to mind when I recall my time as a YWR at the 2017 LWML convention. Specifically, I think about the harmony of voices, shared experiences, and most importantly, spiritual purpose.

Throughout the convention, the unison of voices in prayer and singing was powerful. For example, the opening worship service was very inspiring as nearly 3,500 people prayed together, took communion, and sang praises to God.

I also recall the comradery of shared experiences. There were over 80 YWRs at this convention, which was the biggest group ever. It was wonderful to meet them and hear their stories. Together, we participated in events such as the mission flag presentation, which was one of my favorites since it was a time to remember the LWML mission work conducted in 71 countries. In addition, we had a great time at Friday night's mariachi concert with toe-tapping Christian music. Let me tell you, Lutheran women can dance! And we had a joyful time at Saturday night's Diamond Dazzle where we remembered 75 years of LWML history with a wonderful presentation, music, and lots of purple.

However, most important, was the harmony of shared spiritual purpose. The theme of the convention was "Jesus Christ Above All." Through Bible studies, worship, and prayer, I felt the presence of God in Albuquerque. I also was inspired by the Mites in Action speakers. I especially enjoyed learning about Rebecca's Garden of Hope, a ministry devoted to the education and spiritual edification of underprivileged children, as well as the work of Lutheran Hour Ministries to refugees in Lebanon. But my favorite part of the convention was learning about the mission grants that were chosen for the next biennium. These grants include: completing school buildings in Uganda; helping build a mercy house for homeless, pregnant, and abused women/children in Michigan; and sharing Jesus with individuals who have disabilities. It's awesome what those little mites can do with shared spiritual purpose!

I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as a YWR at the 2017 convention. My goal is to remember the beautiful harmonies from the convention and to serve "Jesus Christ Above All."



LWML Past President  
Ida Mall with Grace



Grace and Amy  
outside the  
convention center



### From Grace Macduff

What a privilege and blessing it was to attend the National LWML convention this year in Albuquerque as one of your Young Woman Representatives (YWR)! I was able to participate in a number of different activities, support our district president Marie Chow at convention meetings, connect with other YWRs, and, of course, worship.

Participating in servant activities and Gifts from the Heart were two of my favorite parts. Health kits, quilts, school supplies, braille books, and other items were made or donated. One activity that was especially meaningful to me was making cards for cancer patients. My aunt was battling cancer at the time, and it meant a lot to me to share the Lord with others battling the same illness.

Worship was the high point for me with top-notch music throughout the weekend. LCMS President Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison gave a powerful sermon and LWML Past President Ida Mall gave an inspirational keynote address.

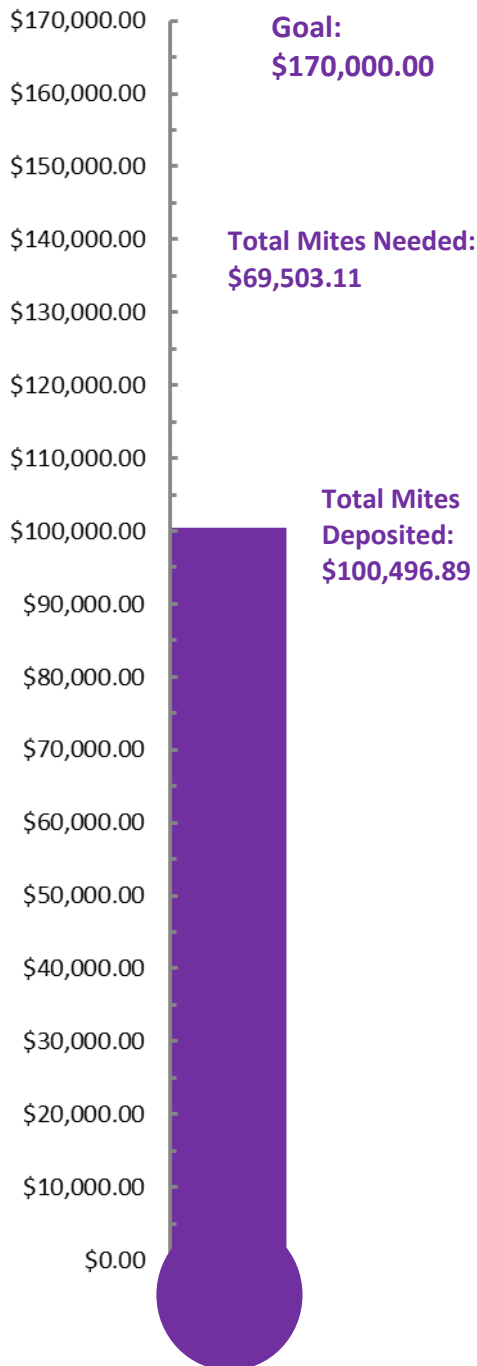
The LWML 2017 Convention weekend was full to the brim. I returned home with a renewed focus on Christ. In all of the hustle and bustle of life, we often forget Whom we are serving. With Christ at the center, we can actually be effective in doing His kingdom work. LWML has kept, and continues to keep, Christ at the center, increasing the faith of all those supporting LWML's work and giving the opportunity to many more who do not know Christ to grow in Him.



## FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Donna Chow

*2016-2018 Mites  
as of July 31, 2017*



## PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Janet Rust, Director

### LOOK!! A NEW LOOK!!

LWML has a new look—a new logo. The new logo was introduced at the LWML 2017 convention in Albuquerque. The logo includes a heart, the cross, and a drop of blood.



*for God so loved the world ... (John 3:16).*

**The heart of God is behind all that we are and do ... He has loved us so ... seen in His only begotten Son ... His cross and sacrifice ... His cherished blood for us ... shed for the forgiveness of sins**

*without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins ... (Hebrews 9:22).*

**Therefore we lift high the cross of Christ ... guiding our thanks and praise and service**

*for as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes ... (1 Corinthians 11:26).*

**So that His heart is impressed upon our own ... and by the Spirit we are blessed with joy and peace ...**

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

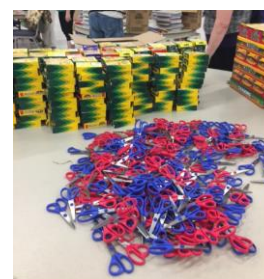
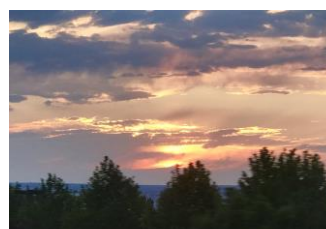
**Therefore, the LWML lifts high the cross of Christ, guiding our thanks and praise and service.**

[Note: Information on getting the new logo can be found by using this URL: [www.lwml.org/logos-style-sheet](http://www.lwml.org/logos-style-sheet).]

### Societies and Zones:

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

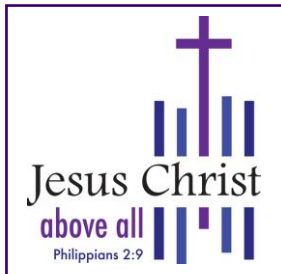
## Photos from the 37<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention of the LWML





## More Photos from the Convention

Some additional photos can be seen on the district website.



**SEE YOU ALL  
IN MOBILE, ALABAMA, FOR  
THE LWML 38<sup>TH</sup> BIENNIAL  
CONVENTION, JUNE 20-23, 2019**



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## **LWML Convention Delegates Vote to Fund 22 Mission Grants**

The following information about the LWML mission goal and the 22 mission grants for 2017–2019 biennium is from LWML News Release #68 dated June 26, 2017. News releases in their entirety can be downloaded at [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org).

Delegates to the 37<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention of the LWML adopted a \$2,075,000 mission goal for the 2017–2019 biennium. This goal, by the grace of God, will fund 22 mission grants as men and women respond in prayer and offerings during the next two years. LWML chose to support the following mission grants, pledging their support with prayers and mites (offerings) given over the next biennium:

1. Providing Food and the Gospel to Starving Children – Mercy Meals of Siouxland, \$40,000
2. Mercy House for Women and Children – Franklin Avenue Mission, Flint, Michigan, \$100,000
3. Christ for Veterans and Their Families – LCMS Ministry of the Armed Forces, \$27,750
4. Tanzanian Sewing Center – Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (ELCT), \$25,000
5. Current Missionary Need – LCMS International Mission, \$100,000
6. Lutheran Children's Books for Families Worldwide – Lutheran Heritage Foundation, \$100,000
7. Christian Hope Through Mass Media in Egypt – Lutheran Hour Ministries, \$100,000
8. NOLA 4H: Hearts for the Hungry, Homeless, and Hurting – Christian Families United for Progress, \$100,000
9. Lutheran World Relief Quilt and Kit Shipping Fund, \$80,000
10. Christian Eldercare Home in Haiti – Ministry in Mission, \$100,000
11. Training Lutheran Middle Eastern Missionaries – Biblical Orthodox Lutheran Mission, \$93,000
12. Completion of Lukonda Lutheran School Buildings, Uganda – Lutheran Church Uganda, \$48,000
13. Equipping Youth to Witness for Life - Y4Life – Lutherans for Life, \$25,000
14. Laborers of Love - Lutheran Braille Workers, \$100,000
15. Sharing Jesus with People with Disabilities – Bethesda Lutheran Communities, \$100,000
16. Education Loan Repayment Assistance Grants – Ministry Focus, \$100,000
17. Nursing Students Serving with Mercy Medical Team – LCMS Office of International Mission, \$25,000
18. Restoration Programs for Native Hawaiians – Lutheran Indian Ministries, \$75,000
19. RECONNECT to the Body of Christ, Circuit 28 – Texas District, \$50,000
20. Prison and Jail Ministry Synod-wide Conference in 2018, \$36,500
21. Family Scholarships for Short Term Mission Trips – MOST Ministries, \$60,000
22. Raising Pastors and Deaconesses – Evangelical Lutheran Church of Liberia, \$97,000



### **Mission Statement**

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 people of the world.

## LWML Washington-Alaska District 2017 Fall Rallies

Zone(s)	Date	Location	City, State
Alaska	October 6-7	Funny River Community Lutheran Church	Soldotna, Alaska
Blue Mountain & Inter-Valley	October 7	Messiah Lutheran Church	Prosser, Washington
East Inland Empire	October 21	Holy Cross Lutheran Church	Spokane, Washington
Hood Canal	October 7	Faith Lutheran Church	Kingston, Washington
Lake Washington	TBD		
Mount Baker	October 21	Messiah Lutheran Church	Marysville, Washington
North Columbia & South Columbia 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration	September 16	Our Savior Lutheran Church	Okanogan, Washington
Olympic	October 14	Messiah Lutheran Church	Seattle, Washington
Rainier	October 14	Prince of Peace Lutheran Church	Lakewood, Washington
South Columbia	October 21	Our Savior Lutheran Church	Ephrata, Washington



### **Mount Baker Zone** Sorena Brusseau, President

The April 29 Joyshop was held at Concordia Lutheran Church in Gig Harbor, Washington. The theme was “Plant, Water, & Grow” based on Psalm 1:3, Isaiah 59:11, and Matthew 13:8-12. As members walked through the doors of the church, each attendee was given a packet of flower seeds. We went to a table and, of course, sat with friends for eating breakfast and visiting. Concordia LWML President Nancy Wyckoff and Mount Baker Zone President Sorena Brusseau welcomed us. District Vice President of Special Focus Ministries Elizabeth Cook presented President Marie Chow’s report.

Nancy brought out a plant that really needed help, and Sorena gave her some idea about how Nancy could get this plant to grow. To begin the Bible study, we each needed to check our seed pack for a number inside the pack. That number led us to new tables to sit with sisters in Christ we did not yet know.

The Bible study had the ladies build on the words of the theme. For the word “Plant” we learned that God planted the seed in us, but we need to keep the seed fresh and green. Sharing times of “spiritual drought” is important. For “Water” we talked about the importance of caring about others, building relationships that encourage friendships, and studying God’s Word.

For lunch we all stayed with our new friends, talked, and got to know each other better. The last part of the Bible study was on the word “Grow.” All of the answers for the question of “How do we grow?” are, of course, in the Bible. Important concepts from the day’s study were that each of us needs to know that Jesus called us his friends and, as friends, we need to share Jesus’ love with everyone. Plant the seed, Water the seed, and watch it Grow!

For the ingathering, items for the Pregnancy Care Clinic in Gig Harbor were collected. Women brought baby formula and food, clothing, hygiene items, and monetary gifts. The value of the ingathering items was about \$851. The joyshop closed with a prayer titled “Cultivation Joy: A Gardener’s Prayer.”

Reported by Betty Rich, Mount Baker Zone Secretary



## Inter-Valley Zone

Pam Rafferty, President

Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Yakima, Washington, raised over \$5000 for Mites and local missions at its annual Rummage Sale on June 9-10. The ladies and gentlemen at Mt. Olive have consistently held this June event for several years, making this a popular community event. Pictured are Pastor Williamson with society officers and members.

Other zone news includes the upcoming annual apple pie sale hosted by Calvary Lutheran Ladies in Sunnyside beginning mid-October. In the past this has been a successful fund-raiser for Mites and local missions. Orders can be placed by contacting Calvary in Sunnyside. Arrangements for delivery can be made for delivery to Yakima and the Tri-Cities.

A joint rally is planned with Blue Mountain Zone for October 14 at Messiah Lutheran Church in Prosser, Washington. The program will include Albuquerque convention reports from delegates Pam Rafferty and Wilma Gardner as well as YWR Grace Macduff. President Marie Chow will share exciting information about the upcoming district convention in Spokane in June 2018. The fun begins at 11:30 a.m.

## SOCIETY CORNER

### Priscillas Society

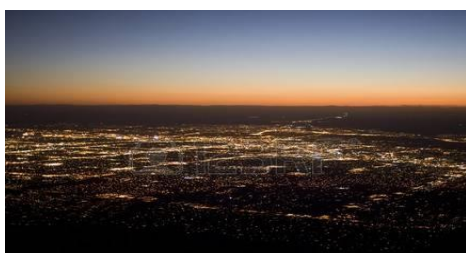
Trinity Lutheran Church, Bellingham, Washington  
*Mount Baker Zone*



The Priscillas LWML Society at Trinity Lutheran Church in Bellingham, Washington, welcomed **Trinity's** new pastor Rev. David Wagner and his wife Kim to the June 8 meeting. He installed the Priscillas officers for 2017-2018: Co-Presidents Terry Peterson and Jeanne Arntzen, Treasurer Lois Matty, Secretary Mary Miller, and Christian Growth Judy Reiber.

Pastor Wagner's installation service was held at Trinity on June 4, 2017. Previously Pastor Dave had served the congregation of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Fargo, North Dakota.

October 15 will be LWML Sunday at Trinity with quilts adorning our pews for the Blessing of the Quilts. Busy Hands Quilters and Ladies Aid meet regularly throughout the year to tie quilts and lap robes which will be given to local charities to serve the needs of the community and birth centers.





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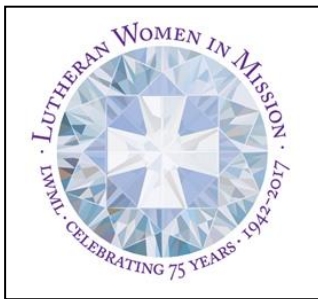
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God uses us and the gifts He has given us  
to serve and share  
His love with others  
to His glory.  
*As each has received a gift,  
use it to serve one another,  
as good stewards of God's varied grace ...  
in order that in everything  
God may be glorified through Jesus Christ  
(1 Peter 4:10, 11b).*

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