



Lutheran Women in Mission – LWML Washington-Alaska District July Gospel Outreach Update

Where and to whom is God sending you today?

What a joy to be uplifted by the messages of our district's 34th Biennial Convention July 9-12th on the theme "***Here I am! Send Me***" (Isaiah 6:8)! As Bible Study Leader Deb Burma pointed out, Isaiah, like so many of us, initially felt unworthy before the Lord to carry His Word to the world. Through God's Grace and in the refining fire of the burning coal, Isaiah was cleansed of his sin, giving him the freedom to boldly proclaim "***Here I am! Send Me,***" trusting in the Lord to equip him for service.

For me, this brought to mind our district's 2024 convention verse "*Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might*" (Ephesians 6:10). Don't be afraid to be sent! God equips us with strong "Under Armour" (thank you, Reverend Von Behren!) – the strength of truth, salvation, peace, and guidance that is always with us, present wherever and whenever we're led by the Spirit to share the Gospel and Jesus' love with others (Ephesians 6:10-20).

Deb Burma gave us practical step-by-step encouragement in answer to the question, "Where and to whom is God sending you today?" Initiate relationships and invest time (Colossians 4:5-6) with those you see each day; by God's Grace, others will see Jesus through you (Matthew 5:16) as you listen and love them in the name of the risen Christ; the Spirit will prompt you to identify mission moments (1 Peter 3:15) and God will give you the words and peace you need to speak (to God be the glory!). He may prompt you to ask others to join you in Christian fellowship (Galatians 6:9 and Romans 10:14-15) – invite them to your next LWML gathering and Sunday worship!

At convention, sixteen district mission grants were accepted by the voting delegates, with a district mite goal of \$80,000 for the 2026-2028 biennium. A **new Mission Grant Prayer List** is available on **wa-aklwml.org** and in the Fall EE for posting on your LWML bulletin board! **Fall scholarships** are on their way to help fund the education of those dedicating their lives to church work within the LCMS.

Mites collected for missions through the mite walk and convention donations totaled \$6,227.88. Faith Lutheran Sequim's Showers of Blessings was selected for the **Sunday offering** of \$1,793.98. **Short Term Mission** opportunities were displayed at convention and **Gifts from the Heart** were blessed. Thank you for your generous donations of art items for Christ's Kitchen, glasses for MOST ministries, and crafted items to share God's love with others! Through your efforts and enthusiasm, the women of the Washington-Alaska District join together to serve the Lord with gladness!

Yours in Christ,
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