



LWML Washington-Alaska District Department/Committee Purpose Statements 2016-2018 Biennium

Executive Committee

The purpose of the Executive Committee is to focus the vision of the organization, energize its membership to carry out the mission statement, and conduct necessary business for the organization between conventions.

Department of Organizational Resources

The Department of Organizational Resources consists of two committees: Leader Development Committee and Structure Committee.

- **Leader Development Committee:** The purpose of the Leader Development Committee is to identify, equip, and encourage present and future leaders as well as assist societies and zones to develop their members.
- **Structure Committee:** The purpose of the Structure Committee is to keep the bylaws and related resources flexible, while maintaining the legal status of the organization.

Department of Christian Life

The Department of Christian Life consists of one committee: Christian Life Committee

- **Christian Life Committee:** The purpose of the Christian Life Committee is to encourage women to apply the Word of God to their lives through prayer and spiritual resources. This includes arranging a district retreat every odd-numbered year.

Department of Special Focus Ministries

The Department of Special Focus Ministries consists of three committees: Heart to Heart Sisters Committee, Teen Committee, and Young Women Committee.

- **Heart to Heart Sisters Committee:** The purpose of the Heart to Heart Sisters Committee is to develop and implement a program to educate and to encourage women of color to utilize their gifts in service to God through LWML.
- **Teen Committee:** The purpose of Teen Committee is to encourage mission vision in teens in our congregations, while introducing them to the service of God through LWML.
- **Young Women Committee:** The purpose of the Young Women Committee is to develop and implement a program to educate and to encourage Young Women to utilize their gifts in service to God through LWML.

Department of Gospel Outreach

The Department of Gospel Outreach consists of four committees: Mission Grants Committee, Mission Servants, Scholarship Committee and Short-Term Missions Committee.

- **Mission Grants Committee:** The purpose of the Mission Grants Committee is to review and publish mission grant requests, to oversee the distribution of approved mission grants money, and to encourage the giving of mites.
- **Mission Servants Committee:** The purpose of the Mission Servants Committee is to inform and encourage LWML members to participate in our district ingatherings and servant events which help service organizations with much needed supplies.
- **Scholarship Committee:** The purpose of the Scholarship Committee is to administer the application process for scholarships for men and women of the Washington-Alaska District who are going into full-time church work and to award funds received through the voluntary donation of monetary gifts or mission grants.

- **Short Term Missions Committee:** The purpose of the Short Term Missions Committee is to inform LWML district members of the opportunities and resources available for missions and to help coordinate mission trips in our district, the country, and the world.

Department of Public Relations

The Department of Public Relations consists of the Public Relations Committee, *Evergreen Echoes* Editor, Circulation Manager, *Quarterly* Manager, and Webmaster.

- **Public Relations Committee:** The purpose of the Public Relations Committee is to provide information to the membership of the LWML Washington-Alaska District, the church-at-large, and the general public, that affirms and enables individuals and groups to be in mission ministry to the people of the world.
- **Evergreen Echoes Editor:** The purpose of the *Evergreen Echoes* Editor is to be responsible for the district's newsletter, *Evergreen Echoes*.
- **Circulation Manager:** The purpose of the Circulation Manager is to be responsible for the distribution of the *Evergreen Echoes*.
- **Quarterly Manager:** The purpose of the *Quarterly* Manager is to be responsible for the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* subscriptions.
- **Webmaster:** The purpose of the Webmaster is to keep the website updated.

Nominating Committee

The purpose of the Nominating Committee is to seek out qualified, gifted members to be candidates for elected positions.

Budget Committee

The purpose of the Budget Committee is to propose the budget for the LWML Washington-Alaska District for the next biennium.