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Dates to Remember:

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District Convention

September 25, 2020

Virtual



39th Biennial

LWML Convention

June 24-27, 2021

Lexington, Kentucky

Greetings from LWML Washington-Alaska District PRESIDENT Marilee Ryan



By now you know that:

The Washington-Alaska District Convention at Great Wolf Lodge has been canceled

We have been busy planning a one-day recorded convention for Friday, September 25, 2020, at Peace Lutheran Church in Chehalis, Washington. The recording will be posted on our website soon after the event. Thank you, Susan Allen Abbe Convention Chairman, the convention host zones, and committees for the great work that you did planning our convention for Great Wolf Lodge.

Mail-in ballots, along with voter information, have been sent to all eligible voters. The results will be announced on the day of the convention.

Convention registration fees will be refunded.

Please keep in mind that there are still convention costs involved. Since we will not have the registration fees normally used for funding a convention, all donations to help cover these costs will be graciously accepted.

Also, there will not be offerings (usually collected Friday evening for mites and Sunday morning for the offering recipient selected by eligible voters). There will not be a mite walk nor will there be an ingathering collection. Individual mite walks, by society or by zone, are encouraged. Please record part of your mite walk and send it to us for inclusion in our virtual convention. * please refer to information below for the address to send videos.

Donations are needed for mites, offering contributions, ingathering, and convention expenses.

A convention remittance (contribution) form is included in our newsletter and on the district web page. Thank you!

Stay healthy, both physically and mentally, and praise God every day for His bounteous blessings.

Marilee Ryan

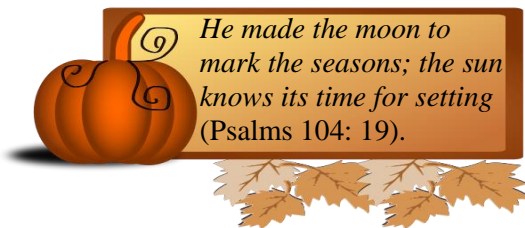
* Send videos to Brian Rafferty at pbrafferty@juno.com before September 8, 2020.

Convention Chairman

Susan Allen Abbe

2020 pandemic has definitely changed life for us all. Many have learned to “Zoom” and had one or more meetings using that platform. We have all learned to “social distance,” wash our hands even more, use hand sanitizer often, and wear masks when out-and-about. Some of us have been able to visit with family or close friends but others of us have had to learn how to maximize friendships on the phone, through email, or with social media — such challenges. However, “the show must go on” and our 2020 LWML WA-AK District Convention will be virtual and available to us all. A one-day condensed convention is being planned for Friday, September 25, 2020 at Peace Lutheran Church in Chehalis, Wash.

Depending upon the Washington State requirements related to COVID-19 at that time, a limited number of people will be in attendance — by invitation only. Everything will be videotaped, edited, and eventually posted on the district website for viewing at a time convenient for you. I am still looking forward to the 2020 LWML Washington-Alaska District Convention and I hope you are too!



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.



Heart to Heart Sisters Committee

Allison Akahoshi, Chairman

It will be two years before we will again welcome Heart to Heart sisters to our midst. Their culture, appearance and eagerness make our time together a joy and celebration. There will be another day and another time for us to connect.

With the background of all the social unrest that we are currently going through in America, I found I had some time for reflection on my approach and underlying attitudes toward people of other races and cultures. On the surface, I look at them all as God’s children, loved and redeemed by Christ Jesus. But I question whether I am ready to let them bring their unique gifts to the church or am I asking them to fit into the mold I have outlined for them. It’s so hard to listen and not judge what is best according to my own experience! It’s so hard to relinquish my feelings of “knowing best” and be open to other ways of doing things!

So where do I go? Of course, I find the answer in Jesus and His way of dealing with the “others”. I look at His patience in dealing with the Samaritan woman: how He approached her as a friend; how He listened as she declared what she considered to be correct concerning worship and did not respond with the “Jewish” answer but with the Spirit revealed answer, and how He accepted her — sins and all, allowing her to become a part of His kingdom.

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I have resolved that I will listen; strive to bring the Word of God to bear on all interactions, letting it lead me to the truth; and be ready to accept all people into the work of the kingdom along side of me. With Jesus as my inspiration and my guide, I pray that He will allow me to see the church as truly welcoming the “others” and recognizing us all as a collection of joyful, gifted, authentic people — worshipping and praising God together. The richness of the kingdom is awe inspiring!

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Organizational Resources News

President Marilee requested that we share what we've been doing. I have been spending this “Covid-19 time” building a house — I don't recommend it. It is stressful enough under normal circumstances, but currently has been nothing I could have imagined. We had several delays prior to the construction shutdown, then seven weeks of nothing during March, April, and the first part of May. From start to finish, the building took 13 months. We also had the difficult venture of selling our other home during this pandemic. Next, came packing and moving two households into one. At move-in we discovered things that needed to be addressed, so we are still in a bit of a construction zone. Through it all, the Lord walked with us and heard/answered many prayers: for the workers, for decision-making, and for patience. In the end, He gifted us with a lovely home in which we can now safely reside with our parents. We are so thankful.

Committee members have also had busy times. When Structure Committee member Ella Kunkel was asked how she has been spending her time during the shutdown, her response was, “we traveled only once, to Portland in June for the drive-by graduation ceremony for our granddaughter. Since we moved into our new home last summer, we've used the time to begin landscaping our property.” Structure Committee member Aletha Voges has been working on her book *Walking With God Through Life*. She has also visited family and made her yard look more beautiful than ever. Leadership Development Committee member Michele Misener said she is focusing on adjusting to the virus and still finding a way to worship and study.

For the upcoming virtual convention, please take time to watch the speakers, enjoy the committee “displays,” and support the district with your prayers and mites. Remember to reach out to young people in your church, especially those without family in the area, to support them in this time of isolating ourselves.

Your Structure Committee and Leadership Development Committee are here to support you with questions regarding bylaws and leadership.

Looking at this time through the lens of God's Word keeps all else in perspective.

Structure Committee: Ella Kunkel, Aletha Voges,
Pam Rafferty Chairman

Leadership Development Committee:
Michele Misener, Pam Rafferty Chairman



Gospel Outreach News

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

Hello ladies – we hope and pray that you’ve been able to enjoy your summer even during these times of uncertainty. A lot has happened during these last few months including the unfortunate circumstance of having to cancel our district convention due to the uncertainty of Covid-19. The health and well-being of everyone is of utmost importance and so our district president Marilee had to make the very tough decision to cancel our convention this year.

Since we won’t be meeting in person for our convention and instead have a virtual convention, we’ve decided to try something new in place of the traditional mite walk. We can still raise funding for our 2020-2022 Mission Grants that will be adopted in September. This summer, please plan a walk with your family or friends and either do a quick video of your walk, or take pictures of you walking and submit them to Brian Rafferty at pbrafferty@juno.com so they can be shared during the Virtual Convention. **The deadline to submit all videos/pictures to Brian is: September 8, 2020.**

Please use the “Pledge Sheet” found in this newsletter and on the district website to collect your mite donations. Please send all mite donations to our Financial Secretary Elizabeth Cook. The mites will be a “walking start” on money raised for the new grants being adopted for the 2020-2022 biennium.



BULLETIN BYTES



Two out of every three people do not know Jesus as their Savior. Lutheran Women in Mission is reaching out to a world in need of the Gospel through mission grants. You have the opportunity to help reach others with the saving Word of Jesus.

This year, LWML is celebrating **GivingTuesday** on September 15. You may donate toward the 2019–2021 LWML Mission Goal by using LWML Facebook, lwml.org/givingtuesday. Your donation will be doubled on that day, thanks to the commitment of a generous donor. You can **HELP** by sharing on GivingTuesday.

(If you are unable to donate online, you may send your contributions to the LWML office at 801 Seminary Place Suite L010, St. Louis, MO 63105. Be sure to note GivingTuesday 2020 with your contribution.)

DISTRICT COUNSELOR

Rev. Richard Loppnow, Junior Pastoral

“God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform.” Not Biblical, but hymnic, written by William Cowper back in the 18th century. Some ascribe his motivation to Romans 11:33-34. *Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! ‘For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?’* But we have no way of knowing now what Cowper had in mind.

Jesus answered him, ‘What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand’ (John 13:7).

I write this article mere days after the cancellation of the in-person portion of our 2020 LWML district convention. Much effort went into its preparation, and much heartache into that cancellation, as necessary as it was deemed.

For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known (1 Corinthians 13:12).

We will see each other virtually this time around and much will be lost in this manner. There won’t be choir nor touching base with familiar faces. We are called to gather together and this time we cannot.

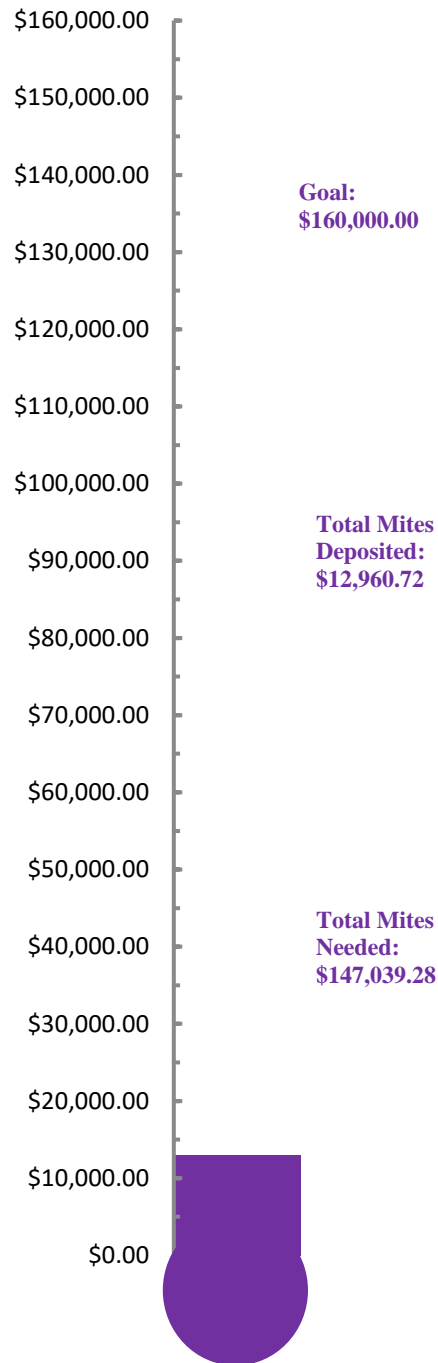
Yet God’s will is still worked out even in a fallen creation. He has lifted all up through the cross of Jesus Christ. He richly and daily lifts all believers up through His Holy Spirit. Forgiveness has been won for all who believe and we will again broadcast this Gospel message. We will again provide for the missionaries who bring that ‘Good News’ to the otherwise lost.

Through the grace of God we will again be fruitful — an eternal joy will come to some through this convention. This is wondrous! Thanks be to Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose (Romans 8:28).

2020-2022 Mites

as of July 31, 2020

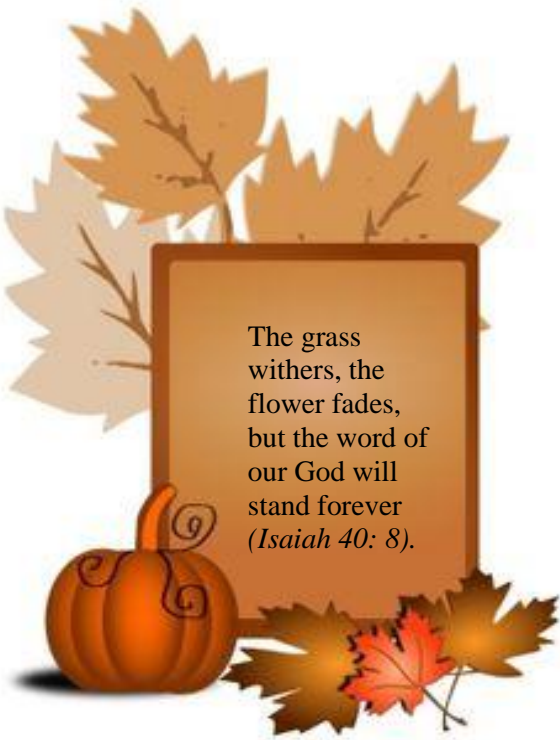


For distribution on the district prayer chain,
send prayer petitions to: lwml.wa.ak.prayer.requests@gmail.com.
Vice President of Christian Life Rhonda Ries is moderator of
the prayer chain.

September TO REMEMBER

GivingTuesday ... a day of giving, typically celebrated on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving. This year the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is celebrating this event on September 15, 2020, our **LWML September to Remember**.

We remember loved ones, a mentor, an LWML sister, or a pastoral counselor ... someone who kindled our love for doing the Lord's kingdom work. Write a note to someone who inspired you in your walk with our Lord and your support of LWML. We encourage you to share your LWML story of that person on Facebook, donate toward the LWML Mission Goal in honor of that someone special, and pray for our mission grants.



The grass
witheres,
the flower fades,
but the word of
our God will
stand forever
(Isaiah 40: 8).

BULLETIN BYTES

Share your thankfulness on LWML's **GivingTuesday**, September 15. You have the opportunity to share your blessings by contributing to the 2019–2021 LWML Mission Goal. Two out of every three people do not know Jesus as their Savior. Your donation can help reach them and will be matched by a generous donor's gift on GivingTuesday. Donate online at lwml.org/givingtuesday or through LWML Facebook.

(If you are unable to donate online, you may send your contributions to the LWML office at 801 Seminary Place Suite L010, St. Louis, MO 63105. Be sure to note GivingTuesday with your contribution.)

Rainier Zone

Elizabeth Cook President

Greetings from the Rainier Zone! As with so many zones, we canceled our spring joyshop due to Covid-19. We have also decided to hold our fall rally virtually. It may be a seriously condensed agenda, but we are working on it. Praying that all of you remember to send in your mites, and find ways to safely Serve the Lord with Gladness during this time!

Submitted by Elizabeth Cook



Mt. Baker Zone

Doris Hildenbrand, President

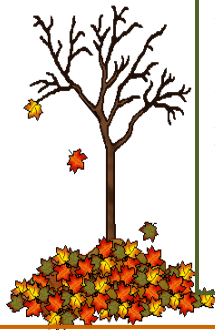
If there was a theme word for our zone, right now, it would be “adaption.” From cancelling our spring joyshop out of compliance with the “Covid-19 laws” to having our first ever zone meeting via Zoom, Mt. Baker Zone has tried to work within the “new normal.”

Through email, our Executive Committee approved our zone banner for the now virtual district convention, officers exchanged reports and minutes digitally, and we had a very well attended Zoom zone meeting with all officers present and eight out of ten societies represented. After the meeting, some of the officers joked about how that was the best attended meeting in years!

Our fall rally will be on Zoom, on October 15, from Concordia, Oak Harbor, Wash. The theme is “Fix Your Eyes on Jesus” based on Hebrews 12: 2. As a change, instead of one ingathering, it was decided that each society will choose their own local recipient, collect items for them, and we will share details and photos at the virtual rally.

Although this is a troubling time, our zone definitely is filled with hope and enthusiasm that God has given us this time to witness, help our neighbor, and lead others with faith-based serenity.

Submitted by Kelsie Ingham



Alaska Zone

Ruth Zellar, President

We will be gathering in person for our fall rally, but not as a two-day event like usual. It will be held at the Sterling Community Center in Sterling, Alaska. We will meet on September 12 from 10 AM – 4 PM.

The theme is “Peace Like a River” with a Biblical reference of Isaiah 66:10-12. We will take all precautions to protect everyone from the Coronavirus. There will be social distancing, provided face masks (of course they will be purple), and plenty of hand sanitizer.

Our ingathering will be making comfort kits for foster kids. There will be a duffle bag, stuffed animal and we will make fleece blankets for them.

Our lunch will be catered and we will only use bottled water for beverage.

We will close with Pastor Dennis Morner, our zone pastoral counselor, leading a worship service. Much prayer and many meetings went into the planning our fall rally.

Submitted by Ruth Zellar

Society Corner

Women of Grace

Grace Lutheran Church
Mt. Baker Zone



Society President Carol Davis and society treasurer and district President Marilee working on quilts for Lutheran World Relief at Grace Lutheran Church, Everett, Wash.

Submitted by Marilee Ryan



We remember our 2019 summer party. Who would have thought that things would be SO different this year? Some of the things that we CAN do at this time is to keep our ladies informed of continuing facets of LWML.

Keep everyone informed of the mite status, look at the LWML web pages; encourage the ladies to mail checks for mites; make sure the *Evergreen Echoes* and *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* are distributed; remind everyone to view the virtual district convention and so on.

God has a plan and we look forward to celebrating our love, friendship, and faith when we are once again all together.

Submitted by Wilma Gardner

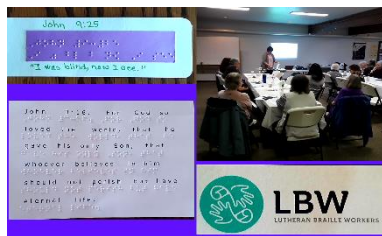
Bethlehem LWML

Blue Mountain Zone



Shepherd of the Hills Society

Mt. Baker Zone



Weather permitting, every February we host "Sonshine Saturday." After a light breakfast, devotion, and collecting "Gifts of Love" items, we host a guest speaker. Speakers have ranged from missionaries and pastors to people discussing a non-profit organization that we can help.

This year, we hosted Dan'l Markham from Everett Gospel Mission who taught us poverty awareness. We were delighted to have members of six church boards present and EGM became an immediate recipient of the stewardship board's "urgent mission giving" this May.

In 2018, we hosted LWML's own Rhonda Ries who spoke about Lutheran Braille Workers and explained the positive impact the organization has on her son Kaleb. Ladies of our congregation were so moved that Kaleb was asked to speak at our next VBS, LBW became a recipient of our church body's mission giving, and several members of our society help roll and bind books for LBW every other month.

Submitted by Kelsie Ingham

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 has 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 at the Eagles. She assists her husband Lee with hosting Veteran's 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 is benefited by her volunteering as a driver for people who need help.

Mary K. Miller

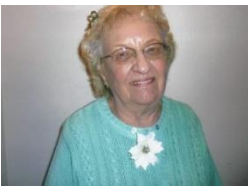


Mary Miller is fairly new to the LWML, but she jumped right in and was elected as treasure for her local society at All Saints Lutheran Church, Bellevue, Washington, in 2017. Her church activities include LWML officer, choir, quilting for Lutheran World Relief, pre-school reader, small group Bible study, 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.

Convention Shirts



Though our convention for 2020 is “virtual reality”, this item is “definite reality” and inspiration for the coming year.

The theme of the convention is “Walk in the Light”, which applies to every day ahead of us. The shirt with this logo is available on the WA-AK Convention website. Ten dollars of the price of each shirt that is purchased will go to help with the expenses incurred in this convention and to prepare for the convention in two years. Help for now and help for later — and an attractive item of clothing! Order yours today.



“Walking for the Mitey Light”

**LWML Washington-Alaska District Virtual Convention
Friday, September 25, 2020**



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

Ladies we'll be trying something new this year by submitting videos, or pictures of you and a few of your friends “Walking for Mites” around your areas. This can be a fun way to continue supporting the funding of our Mission Grants!

Please submit your pictures and/or videos to:
Brian Rafferty at pbrafferty@juno.com so they can be shared during the Virtual District Convention Presentation.

Pictures and/or videos MUST be sent prior to September 8, 2020!!

Please collect your Mites and submit all collected donations to our **Financial Secretary Elizabeth Cook** so we'll be able to fund the Mission Grants that get approved during the Virtual Convention in September!

A pledge sheet is available on the district website!

“Walking for the Mitey Light”



2020 Mites Pledge Sheet

Participant's Name (*Please Print*): _____

Pledge Information (*please copy this sheet if you need more space*):

Pledge Name (<i>Please Print All</i>)	Address, City, State, Zip, Phone	Pledge Amount	Donation Received
Total Pledges Received:		\$	\$

Participant Signature: _____ Church / Zone: _____

All donations will support the Mite Goal of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Washington-Alaska District for the 2020-2022 biennium.

Please make checks payable to **LWML Washington-Alaska District**.

Write "Mite Walk" on the memo line.

Send all donations to: Financial Secretary Elizabeth Cook!!! Thank you for your participation!

Cristina McAnulty, Vice President of Gospel Outreach, cmcanulty93@gmail.com, 907-355-3917

Washington-Alaska District Lutheran Women's Missionary League 2020 Convention Offering Proposal Descriptions/Information

Organization/Person	Organization Address Info.	Purpose for Use of Funds
Faith Lutheran Church Connie Isenhour	Faith Lutheran Church 1000 Soundview Avenue Homer, AK 99603	Transportation from Homer to Seldovia (twice per month-weather permitting) to conduct worship, Bible Study, and other spiritual care for Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Seldovia from Faith in Homer, AK
Family Promise of Skagit Valley	Family Promise of Skagit Valley P.O. Box 335 Sedro Woolley, WA 98284	Funds will be used to support our mission homeless families and their children by providing shelter, transitional housing, meals, clothing, financial literacy, vocational training, and eviction prevention to prevent further homelessness.
Lutheran Indian Ministries (L.I.M.) c/o Faith Lutheran LWML, Sequim, WA	Lutheran Indian Ministries 15400 W. Capitol Dr. Ste. 201 Brookfield, WI 53005-2661	Renovation of Makah Lutheran Church in Neah Bay. The bell tower needs to be shorn up, the siding needs replacing and the windows need replacing, and all need repainting. The funds will go to the Makah Lutheran Church renovation project.

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.

WHEREAS Jesus has commanded the disciples to, *“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you”* Matthew 28:19-20a; **AND**

WHEREAS the Washington-Alaska District has many students who have obeyed God’s command and are currently enrolled in LCMS seminaries and universities; **AND**

WHEREAS financial assistance is needed to meet the cost of living expenses, books, food, and other living expenses while preparing for full-time ministry; **AND**

WHEREAS The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has a shortage of pastors and church workers, so it is in the best interest of all members of the Synod to encourage and provide as much assistance as possible to alleviate this shortage; **THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED that the LWML Washington-Alaska District assembled in convention at Grand Mound, Washington, September 25-27, 2020, adopt as a mission grant for the 2020-2022 biennium the amount of \$16,000 to add to the LWML Washington-Alaska District Scholarship Fund to be distributed by the Scholarship Committee to students from our district who are studying to be pastors, deaconesses, Directors of Christian Education, teachers, and other ministry positions in the LCMS.

2. Anchor Lutheran School, Anchorage, Alaska

\$20,000

The funds received would help provide safer, faster, and more reliable internet access through the purchase, planning, and installation of access points for internet at Anchor Lutheran School. The building was built before Wi-Fi was used in educational settings and is in great need of technological updates. Not only will we install new hardware, but also purchase the management software to ensure safety of everyone. We’re needing to add 18-20 access points for Wi-Fi capabilities in the building. With these access points our internet will be steady, quick enough for academic success, and safer for all our staff, students, and families. Internet use at Anchor Lutheran School is for online textbooks that reduce supply costs to allow Alaska Mission for Christ teams to check in to their flights, or send emails home. The teachers are storing their curriculum and files online and in the cloud, to ensure continued quality education and reducing environmental impact. Our students also take online standardized tests, and currently with unstable internet it can be very frustrating and difficult for students.

WHEREAS the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has been active in and through Anchor Lutheran School in Anchorage, Alaska, since 1979, and Anchor Lutheran School has humbly but boldly been fulfilling the Great Commission, as Jesus said, *“make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age”* (Matthew 28:19-20 NIV). Anchor Lutheran School meets Monday through Friday every week of the year, only closing for 17 weekdays a year, proclaiming Christ to those who enter our program; **AND**

WHEREAS the need to provide daily programs for the Anchorage community has been noted, the building also accommodates and serves Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church. Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church and Anchor Lutheran School together share the Gospel with approximately 200 children and their families six days a week. The technology and access points have safety and functional issues that could prevent daily ministry; **AND**

WHEREAS the access points and technology presently cannot sustain the academic needs efficiently or safely and needs immediate attention; besides the short term fixes that occur regularly; **AND**

WHEREAS Anchor Lutheran School needs technology upgrades and new access points that will keep the students, staff, and families safe online and able to utilize the technology that has been invested in. A grant of \$20,000 will provide a large portion of the materials and labor costs; **THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED that the LWML Washington-Alaska District assembled in convention at Grand Mound, Washington, September 25-27, 2020, adopt as a mission grant for the 2020-2022 biennium the amount of \$20,000 to provide Anchor Luther School the funding required for technology upgrades and access points.

3.The Apple of His Eye Mission Society
Training Leaders to BOLDLY Declare Y'shua as Messiah, In Israel
Recognized Service Organization of LCMS

\$5,000

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.

WHEREAS The Apple of His Eye Mission Society exists to *BOLDLY* declare Y'Shua as the Messiah and *URGENTLY* equip God's people to do the same, in keeping with Romans 1:16 NIV, *For I am not ashamed of the gospel because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes; first to the Jews, then to the gentiles;* **AND**

WHEREAS for nearly 25 years The Apple of His Eye Mission Society has shared with the lost the Good News of God's free gift of grace far and wide in the United States, and continues to take the Great Commission to heart by expanding into Israel as well; **AND**

WHEREAS the strategy *IN ISRAEL* includes not only the *BOLDLY* declaring of Y'shua as Messiah, but also *URGENTLY* equipping God's people to do the same through the Training of Leaders who will need resources like Hebrew Catechetical texts and Hebrew New Testaments;

THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED that the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Washington-Alaska District assembled in convention at Grand Mound, Washington, September 25-27, 2020, adopt as a mission grant for the 2020-2022 biennium the amount of \$5,000 to enable The Apple of His Eye Mission Society to equip Jewish men and women leaders to be trained so they may *BOLDLY* declare Y'shua as Messiah, *IN ISRAEL* and that the delegates pray for the peace of Israel and the salvation of the Jewish people, joining their hearts with the Apostle Paul in Romans 10:1 KJV, *my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.*"

4.Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Anchorage, Alaska
New Roofing and Siding for Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

\$10,000

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. Romans 10:17 NIV, *Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the Word about Christ.* The life span of the roofing and siding is 25 years and it is now in its 35th 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.

WHEREAS the LCMS has been active in and through Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Anchorage, Alaska, since 1984, and Beautiful Savior has humbly but boldly been fulfilling the great commission, as Jesus said, *make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age* (Matthew 28: 19-20 NIV). Beautiful Savior's congregation meets each week in the building and God's Word is proclaimed; **AND**

WHEREAS the need to provide a place for weekly church services, the building accommodates and serves Anchor Lutheran School, established in 1979. Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church and Anchor Lutheran School together share the Gospel with approximately 200 children and their families 6 days a week. The building has roofing and siding issues that could prevent occupation of the building, safety issues, and prevent the Good News of Jesus from being shared; **AND**

WHEREAS the current roof and siding cannot sustain the radical, winter extremes efficiently, or safely, and needs immediate permanent attention that addresses the needs that short term repairs can no longer meet; **AND**

WHEREAS Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church building needs new roofing and new siding that will keep the men, women, and children inside safe and dry. The building will also be more efficient and the funds will contribute to the materials and labor costs; **THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED that the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Washington-Alaska District assembled in convention at Grand Mound, Washington, September 25-27, 2020, adopt as a mission grant for the 2020-2022 biennium the amount of \$10,000 to be given to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church for new roofing, new siding materials, and labor costs.

5.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.

WHEREAS Christ in His Holy Word commands us to love our neighbors as ourselves, and, further, showed compassion to those with few personal resources; **AND**

WHEREAS children and adults in the Bellevue neighborhood of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, have little access to latrines, and all water used for drinking, cooking, bathing, laundry and irrigation are contaminated with waste and disease, and residents thus suffer continuous cycles of illness due to unclean water; **AND**

WHEREAS increased good health from clean water and privacy for all, especially girls and women, increases personal dignity and safety; **AND**

WHEREAS building latrines in homes can help keep the water supply clean, and provide personal privacy and safety for all, especially women and girls, and break the cycle of illness caused by water-borne diseases; **THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED that the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Washington-Alaska District assembled in convention at Grand Mound, Washington, September 25-27, 2020, adopt as a mission grant for the 2020-2022 biennium the amount of \$9,000 to enable the building of 16 latrines in homes in Bellevue, Haiti.

6. 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.

WHEREAS the Bible proclaims that *the gospel must first be preached to all nations* Mark 13:10, and the sharing of our Savior's love now is increasing in many parts of the world, and Lutheranism, in particular, is spreading in entire regions of different continents; **AND**

WHEREAS there is a significant shortage of well-formed Lutheran pastors with advanced theological education in most foreign countries, options outside the U.S. are few for the advanced theological study that is needed for those pastors, and few overseas Lutheran church bodies have the resources to send their most capable students to the U.S. for this advanced study; **AND**

WHEREAS Concordia Seminary's Graduate School continues to welcome and form highly qualified international students; **AND**

WHEREAS The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has named supporting and expanding theological education as one of its key mission priorities to ensure that there will be well-formed pastors to lead Lutheran congregations throughout the world; **THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED that the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Washington-Alaska District assembled in convention at Grand Mound, Washington, September 25-27, 2020, adopt as a mission grant for the 2020-2022 biennium the amount of \$4,500 to provide vital support for Concordia Seminary's International Graduate School students.

7. 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

WHEREAS individuals from around this country and the world come to Concordia Theological Seminary to prepare to serve God's people here in the United States as well as in mission work around the world; **AND**

WHEREAS when these students make the decision to leave their jobs and come to the seminary with their families, they no longer have the same financial flow of funds that they had before, but continue to have the same financial needs; **AND**

WHEREAS spouses in many student families do find employment in Fort Wayne, but most are marginalized because the employers know that they will only be here for a short time, throwing families into difficult financial positions; **AND**

WHEREAS the seminary seeks to reduce this financial burden by providing students access to a Food Co-op, which currently supplies between 80% and 90% of all families' food and household needs each month at no cost to the student, relying upon donations from individuals, congregations and organizations; **THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED that the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Washington-Alaska District assembled in convention at Grand Mound, Washington, September 25-27, 2020, adopt as a mission grant for the 2020-2022 biennium the amount of \$2,000 for the purchase of perishable items for the Food and Clothing Co-op of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

8. 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.

WHEREAS before Jesus ascended into Heaven, He spoke these words to the disciples, "*Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.*" Mark 16:15; **AND**

WHEREAS Paul spoke of the need for spreading the Gospel when he wrote: *For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How then will they call on him whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent?* Romans 10:13-15a; **AND**

WHEREAS Gambella, Ethiopia is a fast-growing center of the Lutheran Church where the need for educated local pastors is great, and churches built to hold about 250 persons hold services outdoors to accommodate the over 500 worshipers, nearly half of them children; **AND**

WHEREAS both men and women of the church unanimously request assistance with providing educated pastors and missionaries before providing buildings; **AND**

WHEREAS local churches and individuals are impoverished and unable to support advanced education, and a local seminary run by the Mekane Jesu church, affiliated with the Lutheran and Presbyterian churches as well as the largest church in Ethiopia with nearly 9 million members is available for training students; **AND**

WHEREAS there exists a reliable, established method for funding students to attend a local seminary, where the selection of prospective pastors is done by local congregations, and funding is needed for schooling, food and medical care while students attend classes;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Washington-Alaska District assembled in convention at Grand Mound, Washington,

adopt as a mission grant for the 2020-2022 biennium the amount of \$9,000 to enable two students to attend a three- year seminary course, enabling them to better serve God and his fast-growing church in Gambella, Ethiopia.

9.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.

WHEREAS God tells us how He equipped and used women in ministry throughout history, as they learned His Word and then shared the Good News of the Gospel message: The women ran from the empty tomb to tell the disciples (Matt.28:5-10), Priscilla learned from Paul's teachings and taught in her home (Acts 18:26), and in Romans 16 Paul commends Phoebe as a saint for her help; **AND**

WHEREAS since today our Lord still wants women to be equipped to share God's plan of salvation and serve with the merciful hands of Jesus, LCMS missionary deaconesses are carrying out the Great Commission and training women to do the same as deaconesses; **AND**

WHEREAS women in LCMS partner churches and missions in Latin America and the Caribbean are studying to be deaconesses and there is a need to help cover the expenses to train deaconesses; **AND**

WHEREAS Deaconesses are theologically, biblically and practically trained to help care for people in their body and soul and also compliment the office of the Pastor by helping to care for members of the congregation and reaching out in mercy to the community; **THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED that the delegates gathered at the 2020 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Washington-Alaska District Convention at Grand Mound, Washington, September 25-27, 2020, adopt as a mission grant for the 2020-2022 biennium, the amount of \$5,000 to help fund Deaconess Training in Latin America.

10.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.

WHEREAS the disciples were given power by the Holy Spirit to preach the gospel in languages of many people at Pentecost (Acts 2:1-41), and to be able to read God's Word in their own language bring much joy to the reader; **AND**

WHEREAS the people of Cameroon, West Africa, are hungry for the Word of God in their own native language. In 1975 missionaries worked five years to quickly translate the New Testament in the native language for the people of Cameroon, and it needs to be revised as it is not used often. They have not heard or read the words of the Old Testament which tells them that God created everything that exists and is ruler of all creation; humanity's tragic fall into sin and God's unfolding plan of redemption; the loving words and wisdom of our Lord Jesus Christ; and the prophesy of His coming; **AND**

WHEREAS the Lord has called Elliot and Serena Derricks of Lutheran Bible Translators to serve in Cameroon, West Africa, to revise the New Testament and translate the Old Testament in the people's native tongue. Many of the people of Cameroon live in darkness and do not know the loving words of Jesus and His plan of redemption for them as we read in Romans 10:14a, *How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard?*; **AND**

WHEREAS there are over 80,000 Fali people living in Cameroon who do not know Jesus because they have not heard or read about his loving works and His saving grace, and the Derricks will need a translation and literacy office and a livable home to assist in their mission work of bringing God's Word to the Fali people of Cameroon; **AND**

WHEREAS the cost of materials for the translation and literacy office is about \$10,000 and the renovations for their home to meet their everyday needs for life in central Africa is about \$33,000, for a total of \$43,000; **THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED that the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Washington-Alaska District assembled in Convention at Grand Mound, Washington, September 25-27, 2020, adopt as a mission grant for the 2020-2022 biennium the amount of \$10,000 to help fund this building project in support of the Derricks' missionary work in Cameroon, West Africa.

11. 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.

WHEREAS God tells us in Romans 10:17 *So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the Word of Christ*; **AND**

WHEREAS Martin Luther saw the importance of having God's Word in the heart language of his people; **AND**

WHEREAS Lutheran Bible Translators is dedicated to Bible translation and the ongoing engagement of Scripture within language communities around the world; **AND**

WHEREAS God's Word doesn't bear fruit among the Mual speakers of Togo if they cannot read it; **AND**

WHEREAS there are LCMS affiliated Lutheran Churches in West Africa equipped to promote both literacy and Scripture engagement; **THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED that the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Washington-Alaska District assembled at convention in Great Wolf Lodge; Grand Mound, Washington, September 25 -25 , 2020, adopt as a mission grant for the 2020-2022 biennium the amount of \$5,000 to Lutheran Bible Translators for Evangelical Lutheran Church of Togo Literacy.

**12.Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Office of National Mission
Soldiers of the Cross**

\$2,500

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.

WHEREAS in 1 Corinthians 12:26, *If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together*; **AND**

WHEREAS church workers dedicate their time and effort to instruction in the Word or to assisting the pastor so that the pastor is free to teach the whole counsel of God according to the Word; **AND**

WHEREAS together, as the Church, we seek to care for our faithful servants including pastors, teachers, deaconesses, military chaplains, church secretaries, custodians, daycare workers and other servants of the church who are suffering, **AND**

WHEREAS the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod maintains a program called “*Soldiers of the Cross*”, which depends solely on contributions through the Synod. With requests increasing each year, LCMS has approved this proposal; **THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED that the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League Washington-Alaska District in convention at Grand Mound, Washington, September 25-27, 2020, adopt as a mission grant for the 2020-2022 biennium the amount of \$2,500 to LCMS Office of National Mission “*Soldiers of the Cross*” in support of church workers in need to provide assistance when a crisis or unusual burden arises and used to help active pastors and teachers, as well as military chaplains, church secretaries, custodians, daycare workers and other servants of the church.

13.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.

WHEREAS the Holy Spirit encourages us to reach out to all people with Christ’s saving gospel in a language they can understand, as at Pentecost *and how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language?* Acts2:8; **AND**

WHEREAS the Ethiopian Evangelical Church of Mekane Yesus (EECMY) is one of the fastest-growing Lutheran church bodies in the world with over 9 million members, and the LCMS has pledged to assist them with Lutheran education; **AND**

WHEREAS many EECMY churches have little or no Lutheran books – such as the *Small Catechism*, children’s Bible storybooks, and devotions – printed in the languages of their people, to use for Gospel outreach or teaching religion classes and Sunday school; **AND**
WHEREAS these same books are also needed for our Christian brothers and sisters at dozens of Ethiopian Lutheran churches right here in the United States, including Oromo Evangelical and Mekane Yesus Lutheran Churches in Seattle; **THEREFORE BE IT**
RESOLVED that the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League Washington-Alaska District assembled in convention in Grand Mound, Washington, September 25-27, 2020, adopt as a mission grant for the 2020-2022 biennium the amount of \$6,500 for the Lutheran Heritage Foundation to translate and publish good Lutheran books for the Ethiopian people.

14. 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.

WHEREAS in Revelation 12:10, the apostle John wrote, *And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God”*; **AND**

WHEREAS Lutheran Indian Ministries (LIM) staff, working with Alaska Native partners, desires to provide a weeklong biblically-based, cultural camp experience for high schoolers and middle schoolers, in a remote place where there is no technology to distract, and where everything must be brought in - including generators, tents for lodging and cooking, food and all necessary equipment; **AND**

WHEREAS the purpose of Kattivik Bible Cultural Camp in northern Alaska is: 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; **AND**

WHEREAS LIM staff have seen Native youth, who have endured guilt and shame from abuse, begin their personal healing journey, experience freedom and victory by the Word of the testimony of others, recognizing the spiritual battle they face, knowing that the accuser has been defeated, and confident that God will use them as a positive influence in their communities; **THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED that the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League Washington-Alaska District assembled in convention at Grand Mound, Washington, September 25-27, 2020, adopt as a mission grant for the 2020-2022 biennium the amount of \$8,500 to cover expenses including transportation, food, and ancillary expenses for ten Alaskan Native youth to attend a biblically-based, cultural camp.

15. 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.

WHEREAS Matthew 25:36 NLT states, “*I was naked, and you gave me clothing, was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me*”; **AND**

WHEREAS Christ commands us to give love, forgiveness and support to families with a loved one in prison;

AND

WHEREAS there is the need for a Prison Hospitality House where families can get food, clothes, a place to stay and visit the prison; and get their spiritual and natural needs met; **AND**

WHEREAS there is no funding for prison families or support for children and families with a loved one incarcerated in the Washington State Prisons; **AND**

WHEREAS we want to minister and serve the families with love, support and excellence in our care and Hospitality House; **THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED that the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League Washington-Alaska District assembled in convention at Grand Mound, Washington, September 25-27, 2020, adopt as a mission grant for the 2020-2022 biennium the amount of \$10,000 to update and redo the Family Apartments and Children's Play Area at Matthew House Hospitality House, Monroe, WA 98272.

16. 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.

WHEREAS the Bible calls Christians to care for our elders in Leviticus 19:32 (NASB), “*You shall rise up before the grayheaded and honor the aged, and you shall revere your God; I am the Lord*”; **AND**

WHEREAS the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) is in pulpit fellowship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Haiti; **AND**

WHEREAS God has established the Jacmel Lutheran Home to freely provide carefully screened residents their basic needs along with medical and daily spiritual care in their last earthly days; **AND**

WHEREAS Ministry in Mission, a 501c3 based in Chesterland, Ohio, a strong Recognized Service Organization, of the LCMS, will continue to be a conduit to staff workers to safely operate the elder care home; **THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED that the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League Washington-Alaska District assembled in convention in Grand Mound, Washington, September 25-27, 2020, adopt as a mission grant for the 2020-2022 biennium the amount of \$8,000 for three months’ operating costs to help staff support the elders at the Jacmel Lutheran Home.

**17.Opportunity Mission Outreach, Washington-Alaska District
Short Term Missions Committee**

\$6,000

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.

WHEREAS the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Washington-Alaska District has created the Short Term Missions Committee; **AND**

WHEREAS the Short Term Missions Committee desires to fulfill the directives of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Washington-Alaska District; **AND**

WHEREAS the Short Term Missions Committee realizes that short term mission opportunity trips are often spontaneous; **AND**

WHEREAS financial assistance may be needed for these mission outreach trips; **AND**

WHEREAS these opportunities for mission trips, unless seized, may be lost; **THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED that the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Washington-Alaska District assembled in convention at Grand Mound, Washington, September 25-27, 2020, adopt as a mission grant for the 2020-2022 biennium the amount of \$6,000 so financial assistance may be given for unexpected mission opportunities that occur between conventions.

18.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.

WHEREAS we believe Pregnancy Choices is an extension of the hands and feet of Christ; **AND**

WHEREAS Pregnancy Choices is reaching out to those touched by unplanned pregnancy by providing options and resources that promote life; **AND**

WHEREAS offering services and equipment to our patients and clients are shown to be a valuable resource and an extension of our love; **AND**

WHEREAS all patients and clients who walk through our door are offered these services free of charge, no matter their race, creed, color, national origin, age, or marital status; **THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED that the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Washington-Alaska District assembled in convention in Grand Mound, Washington, September 25-27, 2020, adopt as a mission grant for the 2020-2022 biennium the amount of \$7,500 for clients who seek to earn infant equipment by completing BrightCourse credits as well as to supply qualifying patients free STD testing.

19. Shepherd's Canyon Retreat - Client Scholarship

\$3,500

Recognized Service Organization of the LCMS

Participant scholarships are provided to "in crisis" professional church workers to attend healing retreats conducted by Shepherd's Canyon Retreat (SCR), an RSO of the LCMS. These scholarships enhance the 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.

WHEREAS Shepherd's Canyon Retreat is the creative outcome of the personal journeys of Christian leaders - both clergy and lay people - who have experienced God's healing through the caring of others and desire other shepherds to know that healing as described in Proverbs 18:14 (NLT) *The human spirit can endure a sick body, but who can bear a crushed spirit?*; **AND**

WHEREAS Shepherd's Canyon Retreat is a seven-day experience of healing and restoration for Lutheran church workers - clergy, teachers, Directors of Christian Education, music ministers and others; **AND**

WHEREAS those who need this help are not turned away when the fee is a financial challenge or even when congregational or district funds are not available, SCR clients are routinely told to "contribute what you can, we have friends who want to help; **THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED that the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Washington-Alaska District assembled at convention in Grand Mound, Washington, September 25-27, 2020, adopt as a mission grant for the 2020-2022 biennium the amount of \$3,500 to adopt one Shepherd's Canyon Retreat participant scholarship

20. 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.

WHEREAS Christ instructed us in Matthew 28:19a to *Go therefore and make disciples of all nations* and God will tell His sheep who have fed the hungry *"For I was hungry and you gave me food ... Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me"* Matthew 25:35-40; **AND**

WHEREAS Trinity HOPE has demonstrated that providing a noon meal for the hungry children in our Lutheran schools in Haiti is a powerful witness used by the Holy Spirit to discredit the Voodoo teaching that God is unapproachable and non-responsive to Haitians; **AND**

WHEREAS children in our Lutheran schools in Haiti are coming to faith in response to the Word and its witness faster than any other population segment and often later are instruments in bringing their whole families to the knowledge of Christ; **AND**

WHEREAS convicted to reach the children in our Lutheran schools with the Word of the Lord by filling their empty tummies with a hot lunch enables them to be better nourished, increases their attention span and enhances their ability to learn and see the food as a powerful witness of Christ's love provided at a cost of \$0.25 per meal, the Church Worker Grants unit of the National Mission office of the LCMS is the mercy arm of the LCMS and wishes to extend that mercy care to those in our Synod who have been faithful to the Lord;

THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED that the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Washington-Alaska District, assembled in convention at Grand Mound, Washington, September 25-27, 2020, adopt as a mission grant for the 2020-2022 biennium the amount of \$7,500 to enable a partnership with Trinity HOPE, the local Lutheran Churches in Haiti, and the people of Haiti to feed physically and FEED spiritually the children each day.

21. 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.

WHEREAS our Gifts to the needy is based on 1 Corinthians 12:4-6 *Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in all everyone.*; **AND**

WHEREAS there is a need for warm quilts among our community; **AND**

WHEREAS one charity cannot provide for all the community, it takes many workers to help those who are in need; **AND**

WHEREAS we strive to fill a need with eleven agencies in town to help those who are in need of a warm, loving quilt; **THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED that the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Washington-Alaska District assembled in convention in Grand Mound, Washington, September 25-27, 2020, adopt as a mission grant for the 2020-2022 biennium the amount of \$2,500 to continue blessing our community with quilts made to pass God's love to those in need.

22. WORDrus Mission Society - LWML Global Bible Studies by Donna Snow

\$6,000

Recognized Service Organization of the LCMS

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.

WHEREAS Christ in His Holy Word has charged us to go and “*make disciples of all nations, baptizing them..., teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you*” Matthew 28:19-20a; **AND**

WHEREAS there is a great need for lay Bible study materials in the languages of Eurasia, especially Russian, where there is an opportunity to reach 166 million Russian speakers (including 30 million outside of Russia), as well as German, Hebrew, Ukrainian, Latvian, Polish, Finnish, and Norwegian languages; **AND**

WHEREAS the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League has freely shared the Donna (Pyle) Snow Bible Study Series with WORDrus for translation into Russian and initial distribution amongst Russian speakers in Eurasia and worldwide because educating laypersons in biblical truths and Lutheran doctrine and theology are a means of propagating His Word throughout international communities; **AND**

WHEREAS WORDrus, an LCMS RSO, is uniquely situated to provide such Bible studies through its past experience with cost-effective translation of biblical, Lutheran resources in both print and electronic formats, who has committed partial funding but is unable to entirely fund translation and outreach costs for this expanded project; **THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED that the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Washington-Alaska District assembled in convention in Grand Mound, Washington, September 25-27, 2020, adopt as a mission grant for the 2020-2022 biennium the amount of \$6,000 to translate the LWML Donna (Pyle) Snow Bible Study Series into Finnish through WORDrus Mission Society with targeted outreach in Eurasia to enable laypersons to study Scripture in their native languages.



**LWML Washington-Alaska District
Proposed Bylaw Amendments 2020**

If a specific proposed amendment is adopted, the Structure Committee has permission to re-letter or re-number sections to account for deletions and insertions.

All “Now Reads” are based on the June 2018 district bylaws. If a section has been approved, there is no need to incorporate the changes into the subsequent “Now Reads.” The changes will be reflected in the amended bylaws.

HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS

ARTICLE I – NAME (page 4)

Rationale : Conform to LWML sample bylaws for districts

Now Reads:

The name of this organization shall be the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Washington-Alaska District (hereinafter referred to as the district), a subordinate organization of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (hereinafter referred to as LWML) is an integrated auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (hereinafter referred to as the LCMS).

If Adopted, Will Read:

The name of this organization shall be the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Washington-Alaska District (hereinafter referred to as the district), a subordinate organization of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (hereinafter referred to as LWML), which is an integrated auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (hereinafter referred to as the LCMS).

ARTICLE II – OBJECT (page 4)

Rationale : Conform to LWML sample bylaws for districts

Now Reads:

The object of the organization shall be
A. to develop and maintain a greater mission consciousness among the women of the LCMS through mission education, mission inspiration, and mission service;
B. to gather funds for the mission grants directly sponsored or approved by the LCMS districts or boards, especially those for which no adequate provision has been made in the LCMS budget;

If Adopted, Will Read:

The object of the organization shall be
A. to develop and maintain a greater mission consciousness among the women of the district through mission education, mission inspiration, and mission service;
B. to gather funds for the mission grants directly sponsored or approved by LCMS boards or LCMS district presidents, especially those for which no adequate provision has been made in the LCMS budget;

ARTICLE III – MEMBERS (page 4)

Rationale : Updated for current technology

Section 1 - SOCIETY

Now Reads:

E. 2) submitting the requested number of copies of proposed society bylaws to the Vice President of Organizational Resources for approval;

If Adopted, Will Read:

E. 2. emailing a copy of proposed society bylaws to the district Vice President of Organizational Resources for approval;

ARTICLE IV – ORGANIZATION (page 5)

Rationale : Clarify wording

Section 2 – ZONE

Now Reads:

A. 3)serving as rally centers.

If Adopted, Will Read:

A. 3. securing a location for zone events.

ARTICLE VIII – ELECTED OFFICERS

Rationale: Conform to LWML Bylaws

Section 1 – PRESIDENT

Now Reads:

G. attend LWML Board of Directors’ meetings and LWML conventions in accordance with Article IV, Section 2b and Article X, Section 1 of the LWML Bylaws;

If Adopted, Will Read:

G. attend LWML Presidents Assembly meetings and LWML conventions in accordance with Article IV, Section 2c and Article XI, Section 1a and 2a of the LWML Bylaws;

ARTICLE VIII – ELECTED OFFICERS (page 10)

Rationale : Wording consistent with current practice and agreement with Article VIII, Section 7. Financial Secretary F. which uses the term “review”

Section 8 - TREASURER

Now Reads:

J. submit records for audit at least thirty (30) days prior to the district convention;

If Adopted, Will Read:

J. submit records for review at least thirty (30) days prior to the district convention;

ARTICLE IX – SPECIAL APPOINTED PERSONNEL

Rationale : Add Special Appointed Personnel Evergreen Echoes Editor with duties and LWML District Store Administrator with duties

Section 1 – PERSONNEL LISTED

Now Reads:

The Special Appointed Personnel shall be Archivist-Historian, Convention Chairman, Corresponding Secretary, Meeting Manager, Parliamentarian, Planner, Public Relations Director, *Quarterly* Manager, and Webmaster.

If Adopted, Will Read:

The Special Appointed Personnel shall be Archivist-Historian, Convention Chairman, Corresponding Secretary, Meeting Manager, Parliamentarian, Planner, Public Relations Director, *Quarterly* Manager, Webmaster, Evergreen Echoes Editor, and LWML District Store Administrator.

Add:

Section 11 – EVERGREEN ECHOES Editor

The Evergreen Echoes Editor shall:

- A. be responsible to the Public Relations Director and the District President;
- B. solicit LWML news;
- C. be responsible for the publication and distribution of the *Evergreen Echoes* with editorial privilege;
- D. keep a complete subscription list for the district;
- E. report at all Board of Directors meetings and submit a report for the convention manual.

Add:

Section 12 – LWML DISTRICT STORE ADMINISTRATOR

The LWML District Store Administrator shall:

- A. be directly responsible to the Public Relations Director;
- B. manage the LWML store at all district functions;
- C. maintain the store inventory;
- D. order additional items from LWML;
- E. report at all Board of Directors meetings and submit a report for the convention manual.

ARTICLE XIII – COMMITTEES (page 19)

Rationale : Under Article XIII - COMMITTEES, combine K. PUBLICATIONS and L. PUBLIC RELATIONS. Committees are supervised by a committee chairman; the Publications Committee does not operate under a chairman. The Public Relations Director oversees the Public Relations Committee.

Remove Circulation Manager since the duties are performed by the Evergreen Echoes Editor. Correct format.

Section 4 – DUTIES OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Now Reads:

K. PUBLICATIONS

The Publication Committee, composed of the *Evergreen Echoes* Editor, a Circulation Manager, and a Pastoral Counselor, shall:

- 1. be directly responsible to the District President;
- 2. solicit LWML news for the *Evergreen Echoes*;
- 3. have editorial privilege;
- 4. be responsible for the publication and distribution of the *Evergreen Echoes*;
- 5. keep a complete subscription list for the district;
- 6. have the editor report at all Board of Directors meetings;
- 7. have the editor submit a report for the convention manual.

L. PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Public Relations Committee, composed of the Public Relations Director as chairman, the *Evergreen Echoes* Editor, the Webmaster, and the *Quarterly* Manager and other members as appointed (plus the Convention Host Public Relations Chairman during convention planning) shall:

1. be directly responsible to the District President;
2. serve as a link between society, zone, and LWML Public Relations Committees, sharing LWML news and events;
3. have editorial privilege;
4. send news releases, both advance and follow-up stories of district conventions, retreats, and other events to all appropriate LCMS and secular publications;
5. have the chairman report at all Board of Directors meetings;
6. have the chairman submit a report for the convention manual;
7. distribute bulk mailings for the Board of Directors, and may:
 - a. monitor the district website, with the approval of the Executive Committee;
 - b. monitor the district logo, with the approval of the Executive Committee;
 - c. assist the President with publicity to be distributed at zone rallies;
 - d. assist the President with publicity and booth at LCMS functions.arrange to have the President's banner made for the LWML convention.

If Adopted, Will Read:

K. PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Public Relations Committee, composed of the Public Relations Director as chairman, the *Evergreen Echoes* Editor, the Webmaster, the *Quarterly* Manager, the LWML District Store Administrator, a Pastoral Counselor, and other members as appointed (plus the Convention

Host Public Relations Chairman during convention planning) shall:

1. be directly responsible to the District President;
2. share LWML news and events with societies and zones;
3. have editorial privilege;
4. send news releases, both advance and follow-up stories of district conventions, retreats, and other events to all appropriate LCMS and secular publications;
5. have the chairman report at all Board of Directors' meetings;
6. have the chairman submit a report for the convention manual;
7. distribute bulk mailings for the Board of Directors, and may:
 - a. monitor the district website and district logo, with the approval of the Executive Committee;
 - b. assist the President with publicity to be distributed at zone rallies;
 - c. assist the President with publicity and booth at LCMS functions;
 - d. arrange to have the President's banner made for the LWML convention.

ARTICLE XIV – OFFICIAL PUBLICATION (page 20)

Rationale: Clarify wording

Now Reads:

Section 1 – PERSONNEL

The official publication of the district shall be the *Evergreen Echoes*. It shall be published quarterly with the assistance of the editor and be under the general supervision of the District President and the Executive Committee.

If Adopted, Will Read:

Section 1 – EVERGREEN ECHOES

The official publication of the district shall be the *Evergreen Echoes*. It shall be published quarterly with the assistance of the editor and be under the general supervision of the Public Relations Director, the District President, and the Executive Committee.

Now Reads:

Section 2 – DUTIES

The *Evergreen Echoes* shall:

If Adopted, Will Read:

Section 2 – PURPOSE

The *Evergreen Echoes* shall:

ARTICLE XV – MISSION GRANTS, DIRECT GRANTS, AND CONVENTION OFFERINGS (page 20)

Rationale : Conform to Roberts Rules of Order, Current Edition regarding specified dates

Section 1 – MISSION GRANT PROPOSALS

Now Reads:

B. Prior to October 31 preceding each district convention,

If Adopted, Will Read:

B. By the date determined by the Mission Grants Committee chairman,

Remittance Form
Lutheran Women's Missionary League
Washington-Alaska District
2020 Convention

Instructions: Mail one copy to the District Financial Secretary
Elizabeth Cook
4530 South J Street
Tacoma, WA 98418

Make checks payable to: LWML WA-AK District

Date: _____ Check #: _____

Zone: _____

Society: _____

Church (with city): _____

Type of Remittance Amount

Mites (Friday night offering) \$ _____

Mite Walk \$ _____

Mites (other) \$ _____

Sunday Morning Offering (recipient by vote) \$ _____

Ingathering (Health & Hope Outreach Centralia) \$ _____

Scholarship Fund \$ _____

Other (please explain) \$ _____

Total \$ _____

2018-2020 LWML Washington-Alaska District Roster

President

Marilee Ryan

Recording Secretary

Heather Selsat
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Treasurer

Doris Wurl

Financial Secretary

Elizabeth Cook

Counselor – East (Junior)

Rev. Richard Lopnow
Our Savior Lutheran Church

Counselor – West (Senior)

Rev. Daniel Freeman
Peace Lutheran Church

Vice President of Christian Life

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Nancy Wyckoff

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Susan Abbe

Corresponding Secretary

LeeAnn Tibbals

Meeting Manager

MaryLynn Huntwork

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Sandi Schauer

Parliamentarian

Carol Coerber

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Carolyn Holbrook

Heart to Heart Sisters Committee Chairman

Allison Akahoshi

Teen Committee Chairman

Sharon Westman

Young Women Committee Chairman

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Mission Servants Committee Chairman

Linda Davelaar

Scholarship Committee Chairman

Judy Ikerd

Short Term Missions Committee Chairman

Ruth Zellar

Public Relations Director

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(and Circulation)**

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Quarterly Manager

Judy Jeffery

Webmaster

Joyce Berger

LWML District Store Administrator

Sandi Hall

Key



Christian Life Department



District Counselors



Gospel Outreach Department



Organizational Resources
Department



Public Relations Committee



Special Focus Department

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

Evergreen Echoes

Lutheran Women's Missionary League
Washington-Alaska District

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The red winged blackbird is found throughout our district. Blackbirds and ravens are perfect for autumn, but this bird has wings bejeweled with colors that flash in the sun. An avian reminder of how we all shine in the Light.



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.