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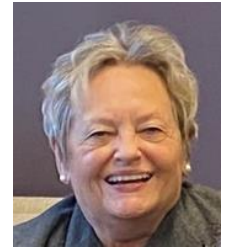
# Evergreen Echoes

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Greetings from

LWML Washington–Alaska District

PRESIDENT Marilee Ryan



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## Dates to Remember:

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## District Convention

July 8-10, 2022

Wenatchee, Washington

## 2023 LWML Convention

June 22-25

Milwaukee, WI

*It's almost convention time!*

Are you registered?

Peace Like a River on the bank of the Columbia River. July 8-10, 2022.

*For thus says the LORD: "Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream; (Isaiah 66:12a)*

You can find all the convention information on the district website at [wa-aklwml.org](http://wa-aklwml.org). Click on the side tab 2022 Convention. Voting information is also included in this newsletter.

Get excited to see and meet your LWML sisters and brothers, hear about the exciting work of missionaries, be inspired by the worship services, Bible study, and keynote speaker, enjoy the entertainment of Glad Song on Saturday evening, and enjoy the surrounding sites. Delegates will be voting on new mission grants, officers and nominating committee members, bylaw changes, and the Sunday offering recipient. There will be servant events to participate in, a mite walk and shopping at the LWML store. I'm excited!

I'm moving to Wisconsin soon after the convention, so it will also be a time for me to say, "see you later." It has been an honor to serve with you.

I am blessed.

I hope to be at your 2024 district convention and see many of you there.

Peace On a River --- in Wisconsin



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## District Counselor

Rev. Richard Loppnow

Counselor – East (Senior)

### Isaiah 66:12

***Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream.*** We have a fine Convention theme this Year of Our Lord 2022. Our LWML has taken on the task of streaming God's promise of peace to all nations.

A promise fulfilled in Christ. Our transgressions otherwise separate us from God, they drive us to war on one another. So, Jesus took on our humanity, Jesus took on our, not a single one of His own, but all our transgressions. Jesus took these to the cross, there paid them in full.

Faith in that sacrifice obtains God's grace and only faith. As we carry that message everywhere, we broadcast a peace that transcends mere human understanding.

### Galatians 6:9-10

***Let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have the opportunity, let us do good to everyone.*** Two tricky parts to that. Via our sinful nature, we see Good everyones and Bad everyones. We judge those Bad by the actions of the worst among them, then complain when they judge us in like manner. The message of 'The Good Samaritan' is that all are neighbors. We will live out the Gospel through our lives to the extent we act in accord.

As to due season, that is God's, not ours. We love and proclaim knowing God will accomplish as His Spirit wills.

### Luke 10:1-20

***Pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go your way.***

In God's eternal peace!



## Special Focus Ministries

Carolyn Holbrook, Vice President

Are you counting down the days until our District Convention? The excitement is building for our Young Women, Teen representatives, and our Heart to Heart Sisters. We are planning special opportunities for them to join for praise and service to our Lord. Please encourage members of your congregation to join us in Wenatchee for a spirit-filled experience. And, when you are there, be sure to stop by to see the displays. Along with special treats, the Heart to Heart Sisters will have a basket of food and recipes from around the world which will be presented to one special guest!



## Gospel Outreach

Ruth Ann Shimoi, Vice President

Thirteen Mission grant proposals were submitted to the Board at the District Board Meeting, on March 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. I had much help in finalizing how much will be granted to each request. I also presented three Proposals for the Sunday Morning offering. I was able to meet with the Committees which is part of Gospel Outreach. We finalized our Gifts from the Heart recipients, of which there will be two, and our Love in Action projects, of which there will be three projects. We talked about the Mite Walk and what each walker will be given. We also firmed up who is doing the display for their committee. Be sure to stop by: see short bios of our Scholarship recipients, learn about Short Term Missions and how to receive some financial aid, read more about our Mission grants, and how much WA-AK District LWML has collected in Mites to support missions in our District.



Blessings abound:

We are two months out from our WA-AK Convention. The list of Mission Grant Proposals, Gifts from the Heart Ingathering, and three Sunday offering proposals are listed on the WA-AK District website. Please look at these to prepare for the Convention. Please download copies of the Gifts from the Heart flyers to post at your church and prayerfully gather many donations!

I have informed the Mission Grant writers of their proposals are on the Ballot. All of them thanked me and they are praying for our Convention.

The Mite Walk, "Walk on the Wild Side" will be a great start to the Mites for the 2022 -2024 biennium. If you are planning to walk, you will be starting at the Convention center, crossing a footbridge to a well-maintained trail along the Wenatchee River. You are welcome to walk the mile and a half or walk what you can.

Our Love in Action projects will be, Card Making, tying NO-Sew fleece pillows, and putting together Hygiene Smile Packs for children in Haiti.

Blessings,

Ruth Ann

LWML WA-AK District Vice-President Gospel Outreach

## President



Carolyn Holbrook, Faith Lutheran Church, Deer Park, Washington  
East Inland Empire Zone  
Active with LWML 50 years

### Positions Held - LWML

Society: President, Secretary

Zone:

District: VP Special Focus Ministries; Co-Chair District Convention;  
Heart-2-Heart Sisters

National:

Church Activities: Altar Guild; Preschool Board; Fellowship; Missions Board

Community Activities: Food Bank distributions; Charity quilts

Clerical/Computer Skills:



MaryLynn Huntwork, Our Savior's Lutheran Church Ephrata, Washington  
South Columbia Zone  
Active with LWML 35 years

### Positions Held – LWML

Society: President, Treasurer, Convention delegate, Bylaw committee,  
Convention banner committee, Funeral Luncheons

Zone: President, VP, Bylaw committee, Convention delegate,  
Convention banner committee

District: Membership Committee-Chair, VP Human Care, Executive  
the committee, LWML Convention Delegate, Meeting Manager, Three Short  
Term Mission Trips, President, attended Best Practices Ministry

National: Board of Directors, Helped at Human Care Exhibit Booth at the convention, Convention  
Decorations  
Committee

Church Activities: Church Council, Banner Committee, Worship, Bible Study, Altar Guild, Treasurer, VBS,  
Coffee Hour/monthly, Budget committee, Secretarial duties, NOW District Convention Delegate, LCMS  
Synod Convention Delegate

Community Activities: Substitute Librarian, City Beautification Project, Attend all functions/events for the  
city, past sports coach, City Council Member, Community Hall Member, PTA President, Fund Raisers for  
school events

Clerical/Computer Skills: Microsoft Office 365, Working knowledge of Excel, Word, and PowerPoint,  
Shepherd's Staff program/software

## Vice President of Organizational Resources



Kelsie Ingham, Shepherd of the Hills, Snohomish, Washington. Mt Baker Zone

Active with LWML 8 years

Positions Held LWML:

Society: Bylaws Committee, Christian Life Chairman, President

Zone: Bylaws Committee, Treasurer

District: Evergreen Echoes Editor, Leader Development Committee

National:

Church Activities: VBS, Sunday School teacher, Chair of Board of Education, Mission Giving Committee, Church Council

Community Activities: Mortar Board, Quilting Group Past: YWCA volunteer, Rape Crisis volunteer, 4-H Judge at County and State Fairs

Clerical/Computer Skills: Layout, Word, Spreadsheet



Marjorie O'Rourke, Trinity Lutheran Church, Olympia, Washington  
Rainier Zone

Active with LWML 18 years

Positions Held - LWML:

Society: Co-President, King of Kings Lutheran, Renton, WA 2010-2012

Treasurer, First Lutheran, Helena, MT 2019-2021

Zone: President – Divide Zone MT District 2016-2020; President – Rainier Zone 2022-present

District: Archivist/Historian MT District 2014-2020; VP Gospel Outreach MT District 2020-2021; YWR Chair WA-AK District, 2006-2010; Co-Chair,

District Convention WA-AK District 2010-2012

National: N/A

Church Activities: Church Council Secretary 2008-2012 King of Kings-LC, Renton, WA; Sunday School Teacher & Superintendent, First Lutheran, Helena, MT 2013-2021 also church council member 2019-2021

Community Activities: Project Linus appx. 2016-present

Clerical/Computer Skills: MS Office, Google Suite, Excel, and Word



## Vice President of Special Focus Ministries



Pamela Rafferty, Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Yakima, Washington  
Inter-Valley Zone  
Active with LWML 28 years

### Positions Held - LWML:

Society: President, VP, Treasurer

Zone: President, VP, Christian Life, Delegate-Tampa, Albuquerque and Lexington Conventions

District: Nominating Committee-member & Chairman, Financial Secretary, VP Organizational Resources, Meeting Manager, Host Committee Member  
Sioux Falls convention

National: N/A

Church Activities: VBS, Sunday school, Youth Group, Greeter, Fellowship & Evangelism committees, Trained for Stephen Ministries, AV Team

Community Activities: Bible Study Fellowship Leader

Clerical/Computer Skills: Microsoft Word, Publisher, Excel

## Financial Secretary



Aletha C.

Voges

King of Kings Lutheran Church, Renton, Washington,

Lake Washington Zone

Active with LWML 44 years

### Positions Held - LWML:

Society: Current – President, Circle Leader, Bylaw Committee, Giving Tree Leader, Past – Secretary, Christian Growth Chairman

Zone: Current – Treasurer, Bylaw Committee, Past – Secretary, President,

Christian Growth Chairman, Program Presenter

District: Current – Bylaw Committee, Past – Christian Growth Chairman,

Secretary (CNH District), Retreat Leader, Reviewed WA-AK Financial books for last 3-5 biennia

National: N/A

Church Activities: Current – Prayer Tent Committee, Bylaw Committee, Bible Study leader,  
Past – Finance Committee, Sunday school teacher – of all ages, Secretary, Mission Leadership group, Confirmation Instructor.

Community Activities: Current – Chairman Lutheran Ministries Northwest (past secretary, board member)

Clerical/Computer Skills: authored two books, Worked for H & R Block-22 years, Instructor, Gave Tax Speeches, Quality Control Supervisor, Tax-preparer

Financial Experience: Tax Professional – 25 years, Excel & Word comfortable, In charge of family finances.

## Pastoral Counselor - East



Brian Bowes, Dual ministry at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Okanogan, Washington, and Hope Lutheran, Tonasket, Washington  
North Columbia Zone

### LWML Experience:

Spring Joy Shop: 2022-Devotions, 2019-Devotion, 2016-Bible Study, 2013-Bible Study,  
Fall Rally: 2016-Bible Study, 2014-Presenter,  
Recently appointed Zone Counselor

### Education:

Washington State University 1991-1993  
District Program for Licensed Lay Deacons 2003-2005  
Synod's Colloquy Program General Ordination Dec 2015

### Other church and Synodical involvement:

Current: Circuit Visitor June 2018-Present  
District Reconciler since January 2020  
Past: Inland Empire Youth Board-Treasurer during the late 1980s to early 1990s.

### Service in the community:

Current: Pioneer Club-Treasurer (in support of the local library)  
Care Net – Board Member  
Youth Softball Umpire  
Past: from 2000-to 2014  
Juvenile Diversion Board – 14 years  
Rotary – 3 years  
Chamber of Commerce – Board Member – 4 years  
Okanogan County Fair Board President – 4 years



Shawn Neider, Dual Parish at Zion Lutheran Church, Grand Coulee Washington and Bethel Lutheran Church, Coulee City, Washington

2011- Present

### LWML Experience:

South Columbia Zone Counselor 2018-Present  
Zion Lutheran Church and Bethel Lutheran society Counselor 2011-Present

### Education:

Concordia Seminary, St Louis, Missouri, Master of Divinity 2011  
Michigan Technological University, Bachelor of Science in Forestry 1997

### Other church and Synodical involvement:

Northwest District Response and Preparedness Task Force

Service in the Community:

American Legion Post Adjunct 2012 – Present, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership, Service officer  
Grand Coulee dam is and Share Food Bank board president 2019-Present Vice President 2015-2019,  
Secretary 2013-2015, Board member 2011-2013

Twisp cove Food Bank volunteer 2009-2010, Fundraising Committee

National: Young Women's Rep to Pittsburgh Convention in 2013.

Host Committee for the Albuquerque Convention in 2017.

Church Activities: Youth group leader

Community Activities: Elementary School Aide, Church outreach, Montana Youth Church camp counselor  
grades 5-12 for 8 years.

Clerical/Computer Skills: Familiar with Microsoft & Google products

## Nominating Committee



Doris Hildenbrand, Messiah Lutheran Church, Marysville, Washington

Mt. Baker Zone

Active with LWML for 9.5 years

Positions Held - LWML:

Society: President 2014-present

Zone: President 2019-Nov. 2022

District: Teen Committee 2021-2022

National: N/A

Church Activities: LWML, Altar Guild, Bible Studies, Reception

Community Activities: Seattle Rodriques, North Cascade Region of VCCA, Active in  
car club activities and car shows; have a 1938 Oldsmobile Business Coup & 1983, El Camino

Clerical/Computer Skills: Excellent skills in Word, Excel, and PowerPoint



Donna Josephson, Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Anchorage, Alaska.

Alaska Zone

Active with LWML 35 years

Positions Held - LWML:

Society: President, Secretary, Treasurer

Zone: Vice President

National: Young Woman Representative in 1999 convention in Minneapolis, MN

Church Activities: teacher for second-grade Anchor Lutheran School; I play the  
piano and organ for church services at Beautiful Savior; Sunday School teacher;  
help to plan/host Fall Festival

Community Activities: Run in 5ks to raise money for different issues; work with children and families through  
school; Board member for Lutheran Services of Alaska; organized a group called SALT – Single Adult  
Lutherans Together

Clerical/Computer Skills:





Emmi Mihalcin, All Saints Lutheran Church, Bellevue, Washington  
 Lake Washington Zone  
 Active with LWML 10 years  
 Positions Held - LWML:  
 Society: Secretary, Archivist  
 Zone:  
 District: Registrar for Montana District Convection in 2020.



Michele Misener, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Hermiston, Oregon  
 Blue Mountain Zone  
 Active with LWML 17 years

Positions Held:  
 Society: Member  
 Zone: Vice president for four years; responsible for bylaws update  
 District: Leadership Development Committee for four years  
 National:

Church Activities: Evangelism director for five years. Assist with VBS. AV team for live stream broadcast.  
 Christmas Caroling organizer. Assist with housing for Lutheran Latino Ministries  
 Community Activities: Christmas chorale group. Support Pregnancy Services and Domestic Violence Services.  
 Clerical/Computer Skills: Average with use of laptop and smartphone.



Jacque Morner, Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Anchorage, Alaska  
 Alaska Zone  
 Active with LWML 20 years

Positions Held:  
 Society:  
 Zone: Christian Growth  
 District:  
 National:

Church Activities: Over the years - Pastor's Wife, Sunday School Teacher & Superintendent, Women's Bible Study, Mission & Ministry Council for over three years, Worship Team Member 20+ years, and Leader for a couple.

Community Activities: Over the years - Pet Partner, visited with University Students and helped kids in a Grief Program, volunteered at Hospice, volunteered at our Church School, and for the National Crisis Response Canines organization  
 Clerical/Computer Skills: I worked as a Receptionist and Administrative Assistant for ten years.



Nancy Wyckoff, Church Concordia Lutheran Church, Oak Harbor, Washington  
Mt. Baker Zone  
Active with LWML 37 years

Positions Held - LWML:  
Society: Christian Growth, President  
Zone: Archivist/Historian  
District: Archivist/Historian – 2004 - 2022  
National: none

Church Activities: Congregational Ministry Chairman, Altar Guild Chairman,  
Sunday School Overseer, quilter, Bible study attendee, Kitchen coordinator

Community Activities: Deliver Meals on Wheels Weekly; MOPS (mothers of preschoolers, ages birth -5 years)  
Two monthly meetings as mentor mom for the mothers, lead our Mentor Mom Team (6) and attend our monthly MOPS coordinating team.

Clerical/Computer Skills: limited.

A little information about myself: Born and grew up in New Jersey. After going to nursing school, I worked in three different hospitals, as my husband, Tom, was in the Navy, and we moved frequently. We have four daughters, and when we retired on Whidbey Island, I worked with the local Domestic Violence Agency for eight years, retiring from that agency in 1993.



Convention Mites Walk

### Mite Walk 2022

“Walk on the Wild Side” Do you like to walk, would you like to help raise money for the LWML WA-AK District Mite Goal for 2022 -2024. Here is your opportunity. Join your sisters and maybe a few brothers, walking across the bridge to the beautiful walking path along the Wenatchee River. You are welcome to walk the two-mile (round trip) or walk as far or long as you are able. Enjoy the beauty of the path along the river. Pray, visit, you call the shots. Registration for the Mite Walk is \$10. This is on the Convention registration form. Once you have registered a donation form will be sent to you. Praying for all of you who join in this walk. You will have Peace Like a River.

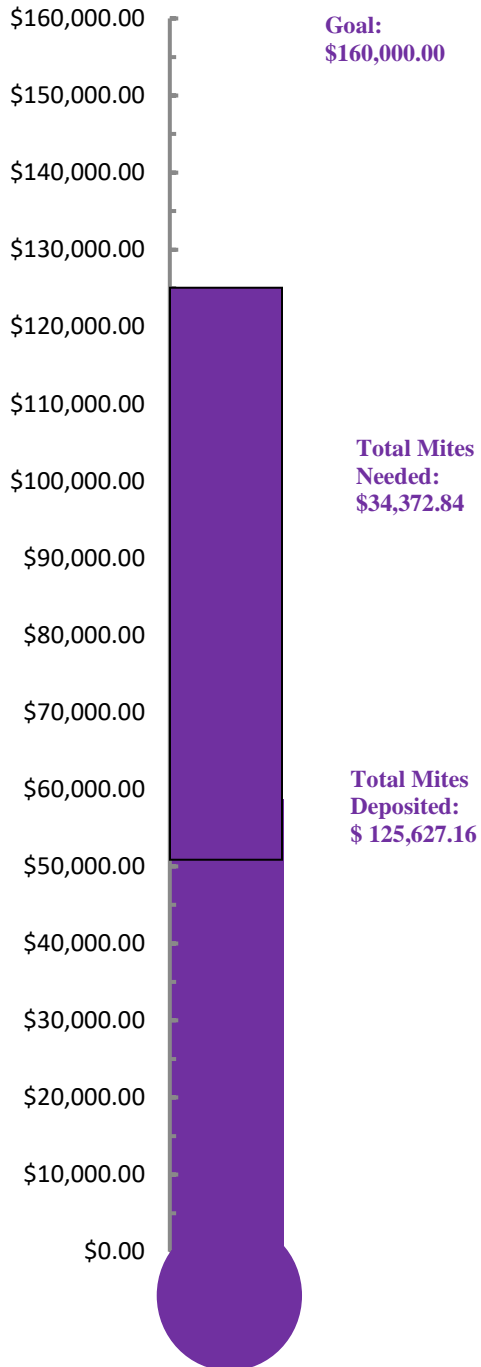
## Financial Secretary

Elizabeth Cook



**Mission  
Giving**

### 2020-2022 Mites as of March 31, 2022



# FINANCE REPORT



## Society News

### Zion Snohomish

Rosemary Randall

LWML ladies at Zion and others have been busy making hats for chemo patients. Over 750 hats have been delivered to hospitals and clinics *in the last 60 days*. We are very thankful that we can deliver them after close to 2 years of not being accepted because of COVID *restrictions*.

We want to highlight one of our ladies, Judy Bosse, who is setting a hat-making record. Judy has been a quiet inspiration in her dedication to making hats. We are so thankful for all of her continued work and caring kindness for others. Judy gave us the report below on April 10, which means the number will be higher when you read this article.

***"I just finished number 6,633, for Zion projects.  
I have fun making the hats. And it's something to keep me busy and out of trouble."***

We are so thankful for Judy's gift and commitment to serving others. The hats are made out of very soft yarn and are greatly appreciated by all who receive them. They bring comfort, warmth, and blessings to both children and adults. All of the hats are given away.

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this, all will know that you are my disciples if you have a love for one another. John 13:34,35

As reported by Rosemary Randall, Zion LWML







## Bethlehem Kennewick

Wilma Gardner, President

### 80 IS THE NUMBER!

The LWML Ladies of Bethlehem, Kennewick, WA (Blue Mountain Zone) decided to send Valentines to the new Veteran's Home in Walla Walla, WA, as a special treat for Valentine's Day. THEN we found out that there are **80** beds at the home and remembered the **80<sup>th</sup>** Anniversary of LWML this year – and the request from national LWML to plan a special event for that celebration.

We gathered **80** Valentine cards (Yay, Dollar Store!) and spent one evening personalizing them with Bible verses and special greetings. They were hand delivered to the home in Walla Walla and were very much appreciated by the staff and residents there.



## Lake Washington Zone

Ruth Ann Shimoi, President

Many Societies in the Zone are meeting for the last time this month (May) they are praying for leadership and continuing to gather Mites. I have forwarded messages from our District President and reached out to encourage their continuing to meet. We welcome the merger of Christ the King and Pilgrim as the new Society named Joy. Again, our numbers for "active" Societies are down but the remaining Societies are strong.

## Greetings from South Columbia Zone!

April 23, 2022, Faith Lutheran, East Wenatchee hosted the Spring Joyshop with 28 women and men rejoicing over *Peace With Holiness* Pastor Shawn Neider led us in opening devotion, and Pastor Pierce Chadburn, Odessa, closed. Carol Nordine shared with those attending, the ingathering at the *Grand Coulee Food Bank for Care Net*. Many diapers of all sizes, baby wipes, and monetary funds were collected. As a Servant Event attendees made cards for nursing homes, incarcerated individuals, shut-ins, etc. to remind those recipients how much Jesus loves them.

Pastor Neider led us in a lively Bible study. Hebrews 12:3-17, What is (inner peace?) What is Holiness? He summed it up with we are peacemakers through Christ with the Holy Spirit. Holiness is a gift from God when we follow God's Word, for His use. Pastor Chadburn continued the closing with a focus on *Strive for Peace with Holiness*. Be at peace with men, so they can be at peace with us. Think holy and thoughtful thoughts, with God's peace to share with others.

District President Marilee Ryan presented her report to the Zone.

We closed our Spring Joyshop singing a beautiful version of the Lord's Prayer.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve with you,

MaryLynn Huntwork,  
Zone President



# 2020-2022 LWML Washington-Alaska District Roster

## Dist

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## Recording Secretary

Carla Church

## Treasurer

Gigi Lutz

## Financial Secretary

Elizabeth Cook

## Counselor – East (Senior)

Rev. Richard Loppnow

## Counselor – West (Junior)

Rev. Kevin Schubkegel

## Vice President of Gospel Outreach

Ruth Ann Shimoi

## Mission Servants Committee Chairman

Linda Davelaar

## Scholarship Committee Chairman

Judy Ikerd

## Short Term Missions Committee Chairman

Patrice Cornelious

## Vice President of Organizational Resources

Pam Rafferty

## Leader Development Committee Chairman

Pam Rafferty (see above)

## Vice President of Special Focus Ministries

Carolyn Holbrook

## Heart to Heart Sisters Committee Chairman

## Teen Committee Chairman

Doris Hildenbrand

## Young Women Committee Chairman

Marjorie O'Rourke

## Public Relations Director

TBD

## Evergreen Echoes Editor (and Circulation)

Ruth Zellar

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## Archivist-Historian

Nancy Wyckoff

## Convention Committee Chairman 2020-2022

Linda Miller

## Corresponding Secretary

LeeAnn Tibbals

## Meeting Manager

MaryLynn Huntwork

## Nominating Committee Chairman

Jayne Bowes

## Parliamentarian

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### **2020 - 2022 Theme**

#### **Go Forth in Peace**

*Let your eyes look directly forward,  
and your gaze be straight before you  
(Proverbs 4:25).*

*Brethren, I count not myself to have  
apprehended: but this one thing I do,  
forgetting those things which are behind,  
and reaching forth unto those things  
which are before (Philippians 3:13 KJV).*