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LWML Washington–Alaska District

PRESIDENT Marilee Ryan



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## District Convention

July 8-10, 2022

Wenatchee, Washington

## 2023 LWML Convention

June 22-25

Milwaukee, WI

## Happy Anniversary LWML!

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League was founded in 1942. For 80 years, Lutheran Women in Mission have joyfully proclaimed Christ, supported missions, and equipped women to honor God by serving others. As we continue to serve the Lord with gladness, let's celebrate the blessings that the Lord has bestowed on LWML — 80 years of serving Him and those around us!

In thanksgiving for 80 years, please join others in reflecting God's love by blessing others with 80 of something. Learn more about "What's Your 80?" at [www.lwml.org/80](http://www.lwml.org/80). You will find ideas and suggestions for sharing "your 80".



# WHAT'S YOUR 80?

1942–2022 — 80 Years of God's Grace

Along with celebrating What's Your 80? We will be celebrating our Washington-Alaska District's 33<sup>rd</sup> Biennial Convention July 8-10, 2022, in Wenatchee, WA. along the Columbia River.

After so many event cancellations in the last two years, I'm excited about this year's convention and seeing many of you in person! LWML President Debbie Larson is joining us, and Deb Burma is delivering the keynote address.

President Marilee



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We will have mission speakers to tell us how your mites have helped their ministries. Other special highlights are the servant events, mite walk, banquet with entertainment and special MCs, and our business of electing new officers and approving new mission grants. May you experience joy, inspiration, and God's peace.

A new registration form is included in this newsletter and is also on our website along with other convention information. Go to [wa-ak/lwml.org](http://wa-ak/lwml.org) and click on the side tab 2022 Convention. Register early for a discount.

Blessings during the Lenten season and may you experience immense joy, peace, and comfort in the resurrection of our Lord.

I'll see you in Wenatchee!

President Marilee



## District Counselor

Rev. Kevin Schubkegel  
Counselor – West (Junior)

Proverbs 4:25 Let your eyes look directly forward..., sets us directed toward the LORD, Yahweh, who is feared and loved. This is Gospel, part of the grace of God, not something that we have accomplished or can do by ourselves. The LORD has come to us in human flesh in Jesus of Nazareth. He has defeated all that holds us back from life for ourselves and joyful living in service to one another. He has picked us up off the ground, lifted our heads, and opened our eyes. Christ gives us His vision of life in Himself in His Word and His Sacraments. Always look directly to Him who is the author and perfecter of our faith (Hebrews 12:2).

Christ who is our life, is also the reward at the finish line. So, strive along in love, in thanksgiving for Him, and running toward Him. Focus. To make it clear we briefly summarize this in our creeds. We celebrate Him in hymns that we sing and that ring through our lungs and minds and hearts. We run to Him and run for Him. Looking directly forward, march ahead to serve because of Him who came to seek and to save. Even if it's one step, one phone call, one act of thanksgiving at a time, look forward. Look directly at Him, even while looking with His mercy on the people around us in need. Directly forward we look, and we go!



## Special Focus Ministries

Carolyn Holbrook, Vice President

Our National LWML Heart to Heart Committee has announced a new name and logo for the Heart-to-Heart program. It will now be called the Heart-to-Heart: Sisters of All Nations. There are revised resources for our LWML programs as we encourage and motivate women to serve the Lord with gladness. We recognize the gifted multicultural women in our churches and LWML. Check out the wonderful resources on the website: [lwml.org](http://lwml.org). The Heart to Heart: Sisters of All Nations is under the Fellowship link.

We encourage our LWML groups to encourage the multicultural women to attend the District Convention in July in Wenatchee, WA. We plan a special opportunity to meet and grow in our relationships with others.

Our young women will also have special opportunities at the District Convention. Encourage and support these young ladies as they grow in their relationship with the Lord, and in LWML.



### HEART TO HEART SISTERS

By Judy Norton

In the LWML – Heart to Heart helps, there is a description of this group's focus. One phrase that jumped off the page at me was "living out the diversity that is the body of Christ." All the other descriptions such as "encourage one another, support one another and work together" are evident in our societies.

Washington and Alaska are both areas of rich diversity, from native cultures to other ethnicities such as Indian, Hispanic, Sudanese, Chinese, Japanese, European. Let's let our LWML societies show the same richness. Let's walk together heart to heart and sister to sister.

A unique opportunity for this togetherness will be at the district convention in Wenatchee this summer. Enclosed in the convention registration will be a form for a heart-to-heart sister to sign and learn more about LWML. By participating she can walk with a fellow sister, sharing viewpoints and insights. Look around in your church and find someone who can join us in Wenatchee in a sisterly walk. Then begin your walk with her and encourage her to sign up.



## Structure Committee

Pam Rafferty, Vice President

What's Your "Why"? I was looking through online resources for LWML and came across this topic under the Growth and Development Tools. The question caught my attention because we can ask that of ourselves in many aspects of our lives. Why are we doing what we are doing?

For example, in LWML why do we care about keeping society and zone bylaws up to date? For most of us, bylaws are "just there" in the background of our lives as LWML ladies. We really couldn't tell you what they say.

Our US Constitution and Bill of Rights are the structure upon which our American society is based. Likewise, our LWML bylaws provide the structure for our societies and zones to function well. As the needs and values of US society changed, our constitution was amended and updated.

Over the past two years, LWML has changed some means of operation. Have you changed the timing or way you elect officers? Have you changed the duties of any officer? Have you skipped meetings or held them online? Check your bylaws. Do they still reflect the purpose of your society, "Why"?

Need help? Contact the Structure Committee. We can give guidance.



## Leader Development Committee

Pam Rafferty, Chairman

Calling all convention-goers! Plan to check out the Organizational Resources display at the upcoming district convention in Wenatchee, WA, July 8-10, 2022. The Leader Development Committee along with the Structure Committee plan to thrill attendees with games, prizes from the LWML store, and plenty of resources for your local group and zone. Look for the "Ring-Leader" in purple and mention this article for an extra entry into a drawing for a special gift.

Your Leadership Development Committee has resources for your local group and zone meetings. You may contact us through the LWML website contacts page or your zone president. We are looking forward to visiting with you in person at our display at the convention.



## Scholarship Committee

Judy Ikerd, Chairman

**Focus on Pastor Both:** The LWML Washington/Alaska District does not normally award scholarships to pastors. However, Pastor Both is an exception. In 2008 Pastor Both completed a course on creating and leading worship conducted by the Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology at St. Louis Seminary. His enthusiasm for sharing God's love and his obvious love for the people he is working with make his work with Ethiopian and Sudanese people in Renton, Ethiopia, and South Sudan joyfully productive. He teaches Sudanese students to proclaim the love of Christ. King of Kings Lutheran Church in Renton has generously supported his work.

Pastor Both is enrolled in the Mission Training Center in Irvine, California. He wants to improve his English and his knowledge of Lutheran theology so he can teach God's word clearly and correctly.

Pastor Both's wife, Rebecca Bol, currently works at a local hospital as a housekeeper and has supported him throughout his studies and ministry. They have eight children ranging in age from 9 to 30.

### **Other recipients of the LWML Washington/Alaska scholarships:**

Justin Chester: Fort Wayne Seminary

Kurt Hellwig: St. Louis Seminary

Grace MacDuff: St Louis Seminary

Benjamin Oesch: St. Louis Seminary

Casey Schweim: Concordia University, Irvine,

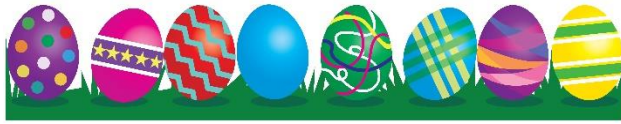
Applications for Scholarships for the 2022-2023 academic year are now available on the LWML Washington-Alaska website.

These scholarships are intended to support and encourage students who:

1. Have a home congregation within the district,
2. Will be attending a Missouri Synod university or seminary, and
3. Plan to become a full-time church worker.

Annual scholarships of up to \$1000 for undergraduate students and \$2000 for post-graduate students are awarded to qualifying students to help offset the cost of tuition. If you know qualified students, please encourage them to apply. Applications are due by April 15, 2022





## Gospel Outreach

Ruth Ann Shimoi, Vice President

Praise the Lord!

The eight grants voted in for the 2020 -2022 biennium are paid! \$82,350. Many of the recipients have sent a thank you and are very encouraged to carry on the Mission for which the grant was assisting. You are welcome to go on the WA-AK LWML District website and read about these grant recipients.

On to 2022 -2024. Twelve grant proposals have come in. The committee has reviewed them. They have been approved by the LCMS NW District for approval and will be presented and voted on at the district convention.

As of this writing, three requests have been submitted for the Sunday offering recipient.

Ruth Ann Shimoi  
LWML WA-AK District  
Vice-President Gospel Outreach



God  
Answers  
Prayers





## 2022 District Convention News

### Some highlights of the district convention July 8-10, 2022, in Wenatchee, Washington



Reverend Doctor Paul Linnemann, President of LCMS Northwest District, is our Proclaimer at the Friday evening communion worship service.



Deb Burma, renowned Christian author, and speaker is our Keynote Speaker



Debbie Larson, LWML President will join us with greetings and news from LWML



Carol Coerber, Parliamentarian and Past District President is leading us in a Bible study



We will hear from missionaries Serena and Elliot Derricks about their time in Cameroon, Africa, translating the Bible and Christian material into a common language for all “dialects”



Rev Robert Roegner and his wife Kristi, missionaries to Israel, will be speaking on their mission experience with Apple of His Eye

Saturday evening entertainment is Glad Song Choir, an inspirational local group.

***They are generously donating their fee in the form of a freewill offering to go towards our mite goal!***

The convention registration form is included in this issue of the *Evergreen Echoes*.

Please complete it soon to get the early bird discount.

More to come!

*I hope to see you in Wenatchee!!*



## LWML Washington-Alaska District Convention

July 8-10, 2022

Wenatchee Convention Center - Wenatchee, WA

### REGISTRATION FORM

Please **print** & submit **one** form per registrant.

Please make a copy of your completed form for your records.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Zone \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_

Early Bird Registration due by **April 1st**. The registration fee is non-refundable and must be paid in full. No refunds on meals after **June 1st**. No Mailing in Registration after **June 27th**.

**Early Bird Registration ..** (waived for clergy) \$115.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Registration fee after April 1, 2022 \$125.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Meals:** Saturday Lunch & Evening Banquet meal package - both meals \$62.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Lunch only \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Banquet only \$40.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Mite Walk** Friday, 4 P.M. \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Remittance** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Special medically required dietary restrictions or allergies \_\_\_\_\_

#### Check appropriate category (only one):

\_\_\_\_ General Registration (LWML Members)

\_\_\_\_ Voting Delegate\*

\_\_\_\_ Delegate's Alternate

\_\_\_\_ Young Woman (age 18-35)

\_\_\_\_ Teen (age 12-17)

\_\_\_\_ Heart to Heart Sister

\_\_\_\_ Voting Board Member\*

\_\_\_\_ Non-Voting Board Member

\_\_\_\_ District Committee Member

\_\_\_\_ Past District President\*

\_\_\_\_ Pastor

\_\_\_\_ Exhibitor

\_\_\_\_ Guest (non-LWML Members)

\*Voting Members

Is this your first Convention?

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Would you like to sing in the choir?

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: **LWML WA-AK DISTRICT CONVENTION FUND.**

Registrars: Donna Steiger  
208-697-4591  
[conventionregistrar.2022.waak@gmail.com](mailto:conventionregistrar.2022.waak@gmail.com)

Mail this form and your check

to: Donna Steiger

384 Tunk Creek Rd.

Riverside, WA 98849

Check One:

\_\_\_\_ I prefer an emailed receipt to the above email.

\_\_\_\_ I prefer a paper copy of the receipt and have enclosed a legal sized, self-addressed, stamped envelope.

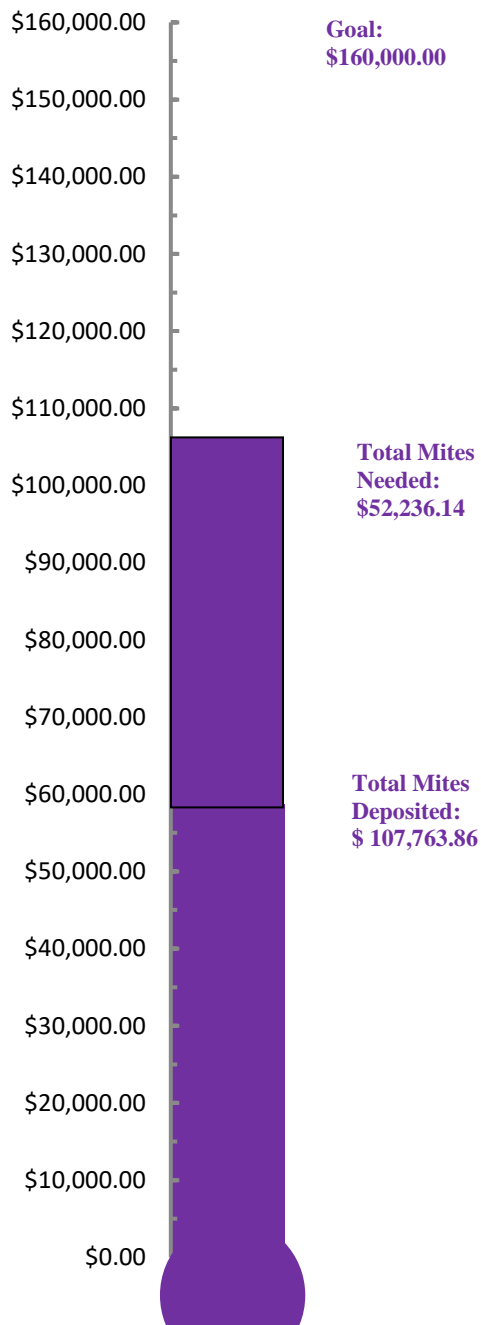
#### PLEASE REGISTER EARLY!

Please make your own hotel reservations at Coast Wenatchee Center Hotel by phoning 509-662-1234. Room rates are \$134 + taxes and fees per night for single/double occupancy. Reservations must be made by June 10, 2022.

Refer to: Lutheran Women's Missionary League-LWML.



**2020-2022 Mites  
as of January 31, 2022**



# FINANCE REPORT



# Reports



## Trinity Olympia Society

Judy Ikerd, President

The Trinity LWML finished 2021 with three major projects each demonstrating its mission of spreading the good news and showing God's love.

The Mission Fair, an annual craft and baked goods sale with proceeds going to missions, brought in over \$6400 to be split between the Olympia Union Gospel Mission and the City Gates. Both of these local organizations assist local people in the Olympia area.

With donations from members of LWML and the congregation and \$250 from Thrivent, the LWML filled and wrapped 41 boxes for the Seafarers' Center to distribute to men and women working on ships in the Port of Tacoma. The boxes contain socks, toothpaste, hats, and other items. They also contain the message of God's love in several different languages. These boxes help spread the word of God all over the world.

Rather than exchanging gifts, the women of Trinity and members of the congregation donated gift cards for the needy. Fifty-one cards totaling \$775 went to local schools to be given to needy families. Each gift card was accompanied by a Christmas card with a personalized message containing the Gospel message.



## Lake Washington Zone

Ruth Ann Shimoi,

I have been doing my best to stay in touch with the Societies through emails.

Our Spring Joyshop will be Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> of March via Zoom. We will be using the 2022 National Prayer Service, "Lord Teach Us to Pray", Luke 11:1.

Two of the churches in the Zone and some individuals assisted me in my campaign for 1,000 Valentines. The Valentines cards were distributed to Care Centers in the greater Seattle area. We prayed that the card brought a smiles and maybe a bit of light during this time.

# 2020-2022 LWML Washington-Alaska District Roster

**District President**

Marilee Ryan

**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**

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**Young Women Committee Chairman**

Marjorie O'Rourke

**Public Relations Director**

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**Corresponding Secretary**

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**Meeting Manager**

MaryLynn Huntwork

**Nominating Committee Chairman**

Jayne Bowes

**Parliamentarian**

Carol Coerber

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

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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).*