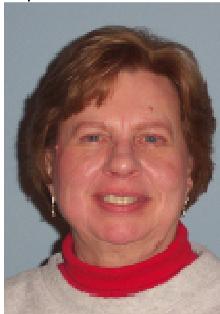


# Evergreen Echoes

Summer  
2008

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## DISTRICT PRESIDENT ELAINE NELSON



Convention time!! It is upon us and what a wonderful time it is. We will be gathering together in Everett at the Holiday Inn June 20 -22. We will be singing God's praises, we will be voting on new Mission Grants, we will be electing new officers, we will be handing out scholarships, we will be worshipping, we will be learning at Interest Sessions, we will hear Missionaries speak, we will have a special luncheon speaker from Kenya, we will receive a report from our LWML President, we will hear a keynote message that will encourage us, we will have a Heart to Heart Sisters program, we will give our Gifts of Love for Lutheran Community Services. Will you be there? Will you join us in all of these wonderful events? Will you be encouraged in your walk with the Lord? Will you take the time to grow together with women like yourself who love the Lord and want to serve Him? It is my prayer that you have made plans to be in Everett. Each society needs to send a delegate so that the voice of each society is heard. If at all possible, please send a Young Woman to represent your society and to encourage her to be a part of this wonderful organization. Help others to become excited about the Work of the Lord through LWML. May God bless your preparations for this special weekend. And when you are there, please say "Hi." It will be my joy to greet you.

Serving Christ with you through the LWML,  
Elaine

Mission Statement of the LWML  
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The mission of the Lutheran Women'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.

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This past week I received a nice letter from John Eldredge and Ransomed Heart Ministries. In this letter he comments on a book entitled, *On the Incarnation* written by Athanasius. Talking about the role Jesus played in our salvation, Athanasius writes, “We will begin, then, with the creation of the world and with God its Maker, for the first fact that you must grasp is this: *the renewal of creation has been wrought by the Self-same Word who made it in the beginning*”.

What stunned Eldredge from this book was Athanasius’ view of salvation as “*renewal, restoration, the recovery of creation, especially the originally magnificent creation man is*”.

I have to say that when I think about salvation the first word that comes to mind isn’t renewal. I think of “forgiveness”; “atonement of Jesus for our sins”; “heaven when I die.” And those things are all true of course. However, they are a very incomplete view of salvation, from Eldredge’s perspective, “*an impoverished view*”.

We understand salvation to be “forgiveness and entrance into heaven through the death and resurrection of Jesus.” And *it is*, to be sure. Thank God! Only, I think Athanasius and Eldredge are on to something – “*...there is more*. And that ‘more’ is so beautiful and so necessary it simply must be recovered.”

For me, the easiest way to understand “salvation as renewal or restoration” is being played right now before my very eyes and has been for weeks. The plants and trees outside my office looked completely and totally dead for 6 months. And then one day little green buds appeared, and then leaves come bursting forth. Now there are blossoms and the sweet smells of late spring/early summer. The world around me has been and continues to exude *renewal*.

Nature is also God’s word to us, is it not? Scripture makes that quite clear that God speaks to us through the world He created. And what is He speaking to us through the return of spring and summer? Better, let me ask you – what is the effect upon your soul when you see the flowers blooming, the trees a brilliant canopy of green, when you take your shoes off and run through the lush green grass?

It is the message of life, of restoration. The renewal of creation by the one who made it. Eldredge says that a perfectly legitimate synonym for salvation as used in the Bible is simply the word, “Life.”

So I’ll leave these thoughts with you as you enjoy the earth’s splendor this summer: “My salvation is my renewal.” God is restoring me, all of me. His life has become my life, and when His life has its way with me, I shall be fully alive.

Enjoying all of creation with you,  
Pastor Dudley Nolting



**I write this with a smile on my face ....because of your GENEROUS support for Mites in our Washington Alaska District.**

**We reached our \$76,000 Gospel Outreach goal of this past biennium. All grants are paid in full. Each of you shares your love for the Lord Jesus in a truly blessed and generous manner. Thank you, thank you!**

**I feel that next to growing in the Word, our mite grants are the heart and soul of LWML, both here in the WA-AK District and on the world wide stage of LWML. This office, Gospel Outreach, receives mission grant proposals for the district ballot; she also sends out the mission grant monies to recipients during the biennium and, of course, attends the district executive and board meetings. One gets a great sense of satisfaction in doing the leg work.**

**Thank you for allowing me to serve you in the past four years.**

**Love in Jesus Christ,  
Betty Alm, VP of Gospel Outreach**

Well here we are another Spring and we are getting so close to our \$12,000 goal. I am sure we will surpass that goal. Ladies you have worked hard to earn \$10,543.14 recycling those ink cartridges and cell phones. This program has been so successful that Charli Hamaker has agreed to assist me with the recycling through yet another company. Come see the "Recycling Booth" at the convention in Everett and see what it is all about! (Look for the Magic Wand!) If you have cartridges and cell phones to send in, bring them with you and we will see that they are recycled for you. This is a one time offer! You can also pick up Labels for the

Funding Factory program for later use. We will have information to help you with your recycling efforts. Happy Summer days recyclers!

Your Recycling Queen & Princess,  
Sandi Hall and Charli Hamaker



**Vice President of Christian Life, Carol Drager**

Stella always checks to see if I'm wearing my "Stella bell." I received my little silver bell when Stella was born. The idea behind the bell is to have her suck on it and then I could have a little bit of her always with me. The idea worked. She did put it in her mouth when she was very tiny and each time I heard or felt the bell, I thought of her. We live thousands of miles apart and only see each every few months but she always looks for it when I do come to visit.

On our Easter visit this year Stella noticed that I had two bells. She was pleased that I had a bell for Iris. (Iris is her new baby sister.) This was our first visit since Iris was born. Stella wanted Iris to put it in her mouth. Iris will someday know that it is something special between Grandma and her just like the other bell is special between Stella and Grandma. The Bell reminds them of Grandma's love.

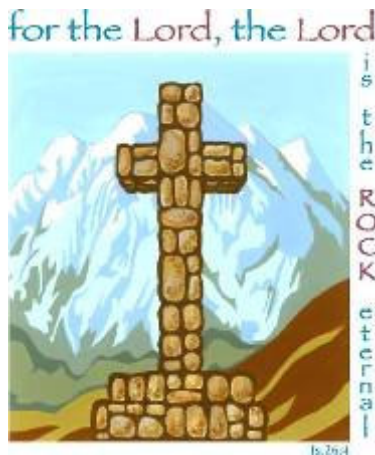
The cross is an even greater reminder of our connection to our Savior. It reminds us of the sacrifice our Lord made for us. Christ loved us so much that he gave his life for us. God wants us to know that He is always with us here on earth and that someday we will be with Him in heaven. "Nobody can separate us from the love of God."

Stella, Iris and the two boy twins that will be born in July reinforce my belief that we must use every opportunity to share the love of God with the little ones around us. Children that are taught about God and His love when they are young will hold these teachings in their hearts and remember them even after we are gone. May God bless you and all the children in your life.



**District Roster of Officers and Committees**

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| <p><b>WA-AK District LWML Officers and Committees</b><br/> <i>To contact any of the board members below please click on the "Contacts" button on our website. You may email messages from there and it will be forwarded to the appropriate person.</i></p> |  | <p><b><u>SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE</u></b><br/>                 Marianne Bell</p>  |
| <p><b><u>PRESIDENT</u></b><br/>                 Elaine Nelson</p>   | <p><b><u>COUNSELOR – WEST</u></b><br/>                 Rev. Mark Griesse</p>   | <p><b><u>TEEN LWML COMMITTEE</u></b><br/>                 Florence Jonen</p>   |
| <p><b><u>VP of SERVANT RESOURCES</u></b><br/>                 Debbie Good</p>   | <p><b><u>COUNSELOR – EAST</u></b><br/>                 Pastor Dudley Nolting</p>   | <p><b><u>YOUNG WOMEN COMMITTEE</u></b><br/>                 Sarah McKinley</p>   |
| <p><b><u>VP of CHRISTIAN LIFE</u></b><br/>                 Carol Drager</p>   | <p><b><u>CORRESPONDING SECRETARY</u></b><br/>                 *ORDER MITE BOXES*<br/>                 #SEND ROSTERS HERE#<br/>                 Judy Jeffries</p> | <p><b><u>DISTRICT EDITOR</u></b><br/>                 LeeAnn Tibbals</p>   |
| <p><b><u>VP of HUMAN CARE</u></b><br/>                 MaryLynn Huntwork</p>  | <p><b><u>MEETING MANAGER/ PLANNER</u></b><br/>                 Edie Norris</p>   | <p><b><u>QUARTERLY CHAIRMAN</u></b><br/>                 Sonja Frazier</p>   |
| <p><b><u>VP of GOSPEL OUTREACH</u></b><br/>                 Betty Alm</p>   | <p><b><u>PARLIAMENTARIAN</u></b><br/>                 Addie Stern</p>  |  |
| <p><b><u>RECORDING SECRETARY</u></b><br/>                 Marie Chow</p>  | <p><b><u>ARCHIVIST/HISTORIAN</u></b><br/>                 Nancy Wyckoff</p>  |  |
| <p><b><u>FINANCIAL SECRETARY</u></b><br/>                 \$\$*SEND MITES HERE*\$\$<br/>                 Bobbi Kindred*</p>   | <p><b><u>RECYCLING COORDINATOR</u></b><br/>                 Sandi Hall</p>   |  |
| <p><b><u>TREASURER</u></b><br/>                 Mavis Waarvik</p>   |  | <p><b>WA-AK DISTRICT MEMBERS-</b><br/><br/>                 If you would like a PDF version of this newsletter, with full addresses, emailed to you for printing in your society please email LeeAnn Tibbals, District Editor, at ltibbals@verizon.net</p> |



## Washington-Alaska District Convention June 20-22, 2008 Holiday Inn—Everett, Washington

### LOOK FOR THESE SEVEN WOMEN!

Our WA-AK District graciously provided a grant for the beginnings of Heart to Heart Sisters, a program intentionally inviting ethnic women to be our guests at the convention in Everett this June. We have seven women coming as our guests, gathering in a pre-convention meeting to share their faith stories and learn about LWML, and then joining us for the convention itself.

Please welcome them as you do so wonderfully, embracing and sharing yourselves so they will experience the love of Christ that we share as Women in Mission.

*Convention Ingathering*

### **Gifts from the Heart**

#### **Children's Back Pack Kits:**

For children K-5

- Back Pack
- Notebook
- 24 crayon box
- Pencils
- Kid friendly scissors
- Glue Sticks

#### **Crime Prevention and Safety Program:**

For children age 6 and up  
Bicycle Helmets



#### **Family Resource Center South Everett Neighborhood Center**

6315 Fleming St. Everett, WA 98203  
425-355-6005

### *Lutheran Community Services Northwest*

OUR MISSION: Lutheran Community Services Northwest partners with individuals, families and communities for health, justice and hope.



### **2008 WA-AK Convention Offering Proposals**

#### **PROPOSAL A:**

#### **Sports equipment and storage for Faith Lutheran-Church, School, and Daycare in Lacey, Washington**

Faith Lutheran Church, School, and Daycare in Lacey, Washington, in completing a 14,500 square-foot multipurpose building in spring 2008. This building will be used by the school, church, daycare, and the local community. Funds for purchasing sports equipment and storage cabinets for such equipment were not available in the building budget. Money would be used for equipment of basketballs and hoops, volleyballs and nets, tetherballs and poles, dodge balls, and similar indoor sports equipment. If money is available, storage cabinets to store the equipment would be purchased.

The new facility, which includes a gymnasium and classrooms, was planned for and is anticipated to be a significant tool in mission outreach to local community through the church, school, and daycare. Approximately 80% of the children in the school and daycare are not members of the Faith Lutheran congregation and would benefit by being in a Christian environment.

#### **PROPOSAL B:**

#### **Scholarships for women preparing for service in LCMS schools and congregations**

Scholarships are available to women who are members of Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregations within the Washington-Alaska District LWML and who are preparing for a career in the churches or schools of the LCMS. A scholarship recipient must be enrolled in an LCMS college in preparation for a full-time career in the church.

In 2006-2008 biennium, ten scholarships were awarded for education expenses. The women received from \$900 to \$1380 from the \$12,000 received in donations from churches and individuals. In the 2004-2006 biennium, \$11,000 in scholarships were awarded to thirteen women.

With increasing costs for tuition, books and materials, housing, and other college expenses and with desire to encourage women to enter LCMS careers, the WA-AK District LWML Scholarship Committee wishes to be able to award as many scholarships as possible.

# Nominees for Office, 2008

## Vice President of Christian Life

### Marilee Ryan

Alaska Zone; 10 years active with LWML  
Society: President; Delegate to five District Conventions  
Zone: President; Christian Growth – event coordinator; Secretary; Delegate to two LWML Conventions  
District: Christian Life/Retreat Committee; PowerPoint presentation for mission grants at two District Conventions.  
National: Attended Leadership for Tomorrow training in St. Louis; presented seminars at District and Alaska Zone meetings  
Church: Preschool committee chair; Altar Guild; Fellowship; quilting for LWR; Easter Baskets and Christmas Stockings for LSS; Meal prep for homeless; Council Secretary; Assistant Treasurer  
Community: Volunteer at Alaska Literacy Program as a tutor trainer  
Clerical/Computer Skills: Microsoft; Word; Excel; Publisher; PowerPoint; Printmaster; Quickbooks

### Aletha Voges

Lake Washington Zone; 38 years active with LWML  
Society: Secretary; Treasurer; Christian Growth; Bible study leader  
Zone: Circle Leader; Christian Growth; Secretary; Treasurer; President  
District: Recording Secretary; Retreat Leader (chairman)  
Church: Choir; Sunday School – Bible Study – Confirmation teacher; Small Group Leader - Committee Chairman and member; Convention Delegate – (District); Church Council Member  
Community: Board of Directors – LMS and serve as Secretary; PTA President; Military Sub Community Mayor  
Clerical/Computer Skills: Type – computer skills are ok, but could learn more; file; organize

## Vice President of Gospel Outreach

### LeeAnn Tibbals

East Inland Empire Zone; 22 years active with LWML  
Society: President; Vice President; Secretary; Treasurer  
Zone: President; Secretary  
District: Recording Secretary; Vice President of Servant Resources; District Editor  
National: 2009 Host Committee – Staff Services Chairman

*(LeeAnn Tibbals, continued)*

Church: Attend weekly Bible study; Fellowship board member and chair; member of Parish Planning Counsel; former Sunday school teacher; Thrivent coordinator

Community: Girl Scouts – Leader and cookie mom

Clerical/Computer Skills: Most office equipment; Microsoft Word; Excel; Access; PowerPoint; Publisher; Outlook

## Treasurer

### LaDonna Schrank

Mt. Baker Zone; 28 years active with LWML  
Society: President; Secretary; Treasurer  
Zone: Secretary; Treasurer; Vice President  
District: Member - Christian Growth Committee  
Church: Treasurer; Chairman – Board of Education; Chairman – Stewardship; Sunday School Teacher; Preschool Administration Committee; Member – Stewardship Committee; Member – Board of Education Committee  
Community: Soccer coach; Cub Scout Leader; Girl Scout Leader; PTA President  
Clerical/Computer Skills: Have experience with Word; Excel; Outlook; Quickbooks  
Financial Experience: Bookkeeper by profession.

## Recording Secretary

### Pat Greenwalt

Hood Canal Zone; 32 years active with LWML  
Society: President; Vice President; Secretary; Convention Delegate  
Zone: President; Vice President; Treasurer; Convention Delegate – Cleveland and Oklahoma City  
District: Nominating Committee; Organizing Committee of District Convention hosted by three zones.  
Church: Director/Teach at Evergreen Lutheran Preschool; Adult and Children's Choir Director; Church Organist; Church Growth Committee; Altar Guild; Sunday School; Pro-tem Church Council Secretary  
Community: Involved with Youth Sports; School Music Parents' Association; Senior Parents Committee  
Clerical/Computer Skills: Receptionist/Office Manager in dental field; working knowledge of Microsoft Word; Publisher and email

# Nominees for Office, 2008

## Nominating Committee:

### Betty Alm

East Inland Empire Zone; 20 years active with LWMP  
Society: Evening Circle President; Evening Circle Secretary

Zone: Christian Life

District: V.P. Gospel Outreach

Church: Congregational Secretary; Sunday School teacher; Sunday School Superintendent; Choir; Alter Guild

Community: Chairman of Syringa Hospital Board; Member Grangeville Country Club Golf; Republican Central Committee; Community Choir; American Cancer Society; Chamber of Commerce – Grangeville; Extension Homemakers Club and Council – President - Secretary

Community: Food Bank; Habitat for Humanity; 4-H Leader

Clerical/Computer Skills: Yes

### Marianne Bell

Rainier Zone; 16 years active with LWML

Society: President; Vice President; Reception Chairman; Missions Chairman

Zone: President; Vice President; Nominating Committee; Retreat Committee; Bylaws Committee

District: Scholarship Committee; Scholarship Chairman; Delegate

National: Delegate

Church: Capital Funds Campaign Steering Committee; 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Committee; Altar Guild; Offering Counters; New Member Connections Committee

Community: Hospital Volunteer

Clerical/Computer Skills: WordPerfect; Microsoft Word and Excel; basic working knowledge

### Carol Coerber

Mt. Baker Zone; 28 years active with LWML

Society: Circle Chairman; Christian Growth Chairman; Secretary; Vice President Mission Inspira-

tion; Bible study presenter

Zone: President; Bylaws Committee Chairman; Convention Co-Chairman; Joyshop Leader

District: Public Relations Committee; Recording Secretary; Vice President Mission Projects; Archivist-Historian; Vice President Mission Education; President

(Carol Coerber, continued)

Church: NOW District Mission Advocate; LCMS synodical convention delegate;

Lutheran day school teacher; organist; choir member and director; VBS

Teacher; Altar Guild; Bible class teacher; Director of Music; Executive Secretary of congregation  
Community: Hospice volunteer; substitute teacher; presenter for Lutheran Marriage Encounter; PTA; Friends of the Library; Parliamentary workshop graduate

Clerical/Computer Skills: Secretarial work in a real estate

office; insurance adjuster's office; teacher; familiar with Microsoft Office XP; Vista; Word; Excel; Publisher; Outlook

### Margaret Ebert

Olympic Zone; 30 years active with LWML

Society: St. James Guild – LWML President

Zone: President; Vice President;

District: Mission Service/YAM Committee; Nominating Committee

National: Mission Service Rep for Assembly of Leaders

Church: Sunday School Teacher; VBS Teacher; Organist; Cake Baker

Community: RN - working at age 70+

Clerical/Computer Skills: Minimal

### Phyllis Larsen

Blue Mountain Zone; 49 years active with LWML

Society: President; Vice President; Secretary; Treasurer; Altar Guild; Christian Growth; Delegate to District Convention

Zone: President; Vice President; Treasurer; National Convention Delegate; District Convention Registration Chair – when Zone hosted 2000 Pasco Convention

District: Christian Service/YAM Committee; Treasurer; Convention Treasurer

Church: Sunday School Teacher; Altar; VBS

Community: Food Bank; Habitat for Humanity; 4-H Leader

Clerical/Computer Skills: Word; Excel – office experience; WordPerfect; Microsoft Office 2007



## Proposed Mission Grants for the WA-AK District for 2008-2010

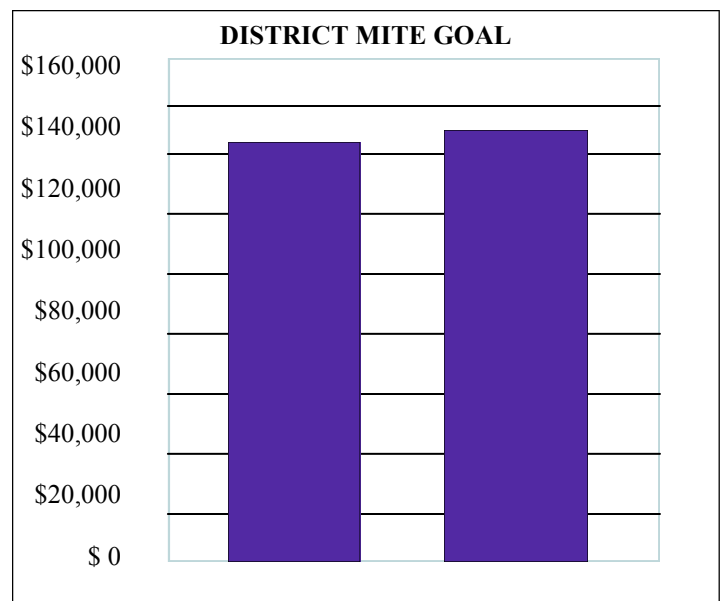
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| 1.  | Aid to Seminary Students (\$4,000 each)   | \$ 8,000         |
| 2.  | Scholarship Fund for Future Servants<br>Lutheran Deaconess Association, Valparaiso, Indiana                                   | \$ 5,250         |
| 3.  | Financial Assistance for the Concordia Theological Seminary Food and Clothing Co-op   | \$ 5,000         |
| 4.  | Puppet Ministry in Myanmar for Children and Families  | \$15,400         |
| 5.  | Catechism for Mexico from Cristo Para Todas Las Naciones, Tijuana, Mexico   | \$ 5,000         |
| 6.  | The Morning Star Girls Club and Mentoring Program<br>Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots U.S.                     | \$ 5,500         |
| 7.  | African Immigrant Outreach Ministry in Seattle  | \$10,000         |
| 8.  | Immigrant Tuition Assistance at Sioux Falls Lutheran School   | \$ 6,000         |
| 9.  | Equipping the Priesthood for Personal Witness   | \$ 3,000         |
| 10.   | Production of <i>Portals of Prayer</i> in Braille<br>Lutheran Blind Mission at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Spokane, Washington  | \$ 4,000         |
| 11.   | Kitchen/Food Bank Renovation<br>Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Lakewood, Washington   | \$ 5,000         |
| 12.   | The Lutheran Church = The Teaching Church:<br>Translating <i>Luther's Small Catechism</i> for Kenya                           | \$ 4,500         |
| 13.   | Recovery Assistance Camps in Mississippi  | \$ 5,000         |
| 14.   | Missionary Spiritual Retreat Project, Lutheran Bible Translators  | \$ 5,000         |
| 15.   | Scholarships for the Themba Trust–Siyathemba Girls' High School of Dirkieisdorp, South Africa<br>LCMS World Relief/Human Care | \$ 7,450         |
| 16.   | Center for U.S. Missions - LCMS World Mission   | \$ 3,600         |
| 17.   | Ghana Seminary, Ghana, West Africa - LCMS World Mission   | \$ 7,000         |
| 18.   | India Schools Project - LCMS World Mission  | \$ 5,000         |
| 19.   | Church Roofs in Republic of Guinea - LCMS World Mission   | <u>\$ 6,000</u>  |
| <b>TOTAL PROPOSED MISSION GRANTS FOR WA-AK DISTRICT FOR 2008-2010</b> |   | <b>\$115,700</b> |
| <b>AMOUNT TO BE FUNDED FOR 2008-2010</b>                              |   | <b>\$ 80,000</b> |

### DISPERSION OF 2006-2008 GRANT MONIES

For the biennium ending 3/31/08

|                                     | Grant    |
|-------------------------------------|----------|
| Seminary Students (3)               | \$10,500 |
| Back to Basics—LAMP                 | \$1,000  |
| Lutheran Blind Mission, Colville    | \$5,000  |
| Puppet Ministry of Cambodia         | \$10,000 |
| Cross Country Mission Society       | \$10,000 |
| Lutheran Ministries Northwest       | \$10,000 |
| LCMS World Relief and Human Care    | \$7,500  |
| Ministry to Armed Forces            | \$5,000  |
| Gospel Proclamation in Haiti        | \$5,000  |
| Library Books for L.S. in Guatemala | \$5,000  |
| WA-AK Hmong Gospel Outreach         | \$7,000  |
| Total                               | \$76,000 |

**Our WA-AK District came just shy of making our Mite Goal for the 2006-2008 biennium which ended March 31, 2008. All of our Mission Grants were paid in full. The Mite Goal for the 2006-2008 biennium was \$149,250. Our total Mites received totaled \$148,302.**





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June 25 – 28, 2009  
Portland, Oregon

Are you excited about the WA-AK district convention coming up in June? The plans have been set and you're ready to go. Keep that excitement going as you prepare to be a part of the **chance of a lifetime** – being involved with the 2009 LWML Convention in Portland!

Will you be an usher, a hostess, or a greeter? Perhaps you will work with child care, help assemble packet materials, or assist with set-up and clean-up. There are many other areas where your help will be needed. Your willing hands and feet will join with your sisters and brothers in Christ as together we host the 2009 LWML convention in Portland.

Plan ahead:

Pray for the convention.

Set aside some funds for your expenses to make it easier next year.

Get your wardrobe ready; purchase your 2009 convention shirt at the WA-AK district convention.

Talk to your friends and family so you will be sure to fill a car and a room.

At our convention you will be given a copy of the 2009 LWML Convention "Call for Workers" form. Be sure to complete the form and return it so you will be part of the Host Committee team and join in the fun of working on a LWML convention! There are no meetings to attend before the convention! You do not want to miss the **chance of a lifetime!**