

Counselor's corner

September is a month of transitions. Young children are attending school for the first time. Older children are making the transition from grade school to middle school to high school. And our young adults are beginning employment or higher education; many are moving miles away.

For our young people leaving home, the transition to a different environment can be challenging. New friends, new influences in their lives, freedom from parental supervision and, particularly in our secular universities, a worldview that in many instances clashes with Scripture and our Lutheran Confessions. It is not surprising that many of our young adults fall away from the LCMS during these years.

St. Paul wrote, "Continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus" (2 Tim. 3:14-15).

Our young Christian friends need our prayers that the Holy Spirit leads them to the Lord's house regularly. If possible, reach out to the students arriving in your community and invite them to worship with you. Your help and support of the campus ministries in our district can help our children to "continue in what [they] have learned."

*The Rev. Don Stauty
Arrowhead Region Counselor*



Fourteen Young Woman Representatives attended convention.



Convention Keynote Speaker Cynthia Khan of POBLO shared her personal story, "The Roads I Traveled."

\$135,000 mission goal adopted!

Convention delegates selected the following mission grants to be given for the 2012-14 biennium:

1. Orphan Grain Train - \$8,500
2. Scholarships for Full-Time Church Work Students - \$50,000
3. Financial Support and Staff Training for Lutheran Island Camp - \$10,000
4. Food and Clothing Co-op, Fort Wayne - \$10,000
5. Scholarships for Men Preparing for Ordination - \$5,000
6. Vehicles for Pastors and Vicars in Haiti - \$20,000
7. Christian Education at Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch - \$5,000
8. Construct Classroom Building in Yambio, South Sudan (LHF) - \$10,000
9. Christian Storybooks for Southeast Asia (LBT) - \$1,000
10. Anyuak Ministry, Sauk Rapids - \$5,000
11. Servant Events on the Fond du Lac Reservation - \$5,000
12. Mary Okeyo Student Scholarship Fund (partial) - \$5,500



The 2012-14 LWML Minnesota North District Board of Directors is, from left, (back row) Linda Jeske, the Rev. Don Sauty, the Rev. Ron Hobbie, James Wagner, the Rev. Anthony Cloose and Lynnette Roshell; (middle row) Janet Hasbargen, Mary Kuhnau, Kathleen Brehmer, Lynn Lahd, Deb Anderson and Kristin Olsen; (front row) Judy Uran, Doris Weispfennig, JoNette Brogaard, Jenny Biorn, Marilyn Hiltel and Tessa Giru.