



MINNESOTA NORTHERN LIGHT

Lutheran Women's Missionary League
Minnesota North District

Serve the Lord with Gladness! Psalm 100:2



SPRING 2014

Call to convention

The 26th Biennial Convention of the
Lutheran Women's Missionary League
Minnesota North District
will be held June 23-25, 2014
at St. Cloud River's Edge Convention Center,
St. Cloud, Minnesota



The convention theme is "God Alone Is Our Rock" based on Psalm 62:1,2 (ESV), *"For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken."*

The voting body of the convention is comprised of two delegates from each congregation, each zone president, voting members of the board of directors, and past district presidents. Each delegate shall have an alternate to the convention. The names of certified delegates and alternates shall be in the hands of the registrar at least four weeks before the convention (May 23).

Delegate credentials, registration forms and housing information will be available in April. Check the website for updated information at www.lwmlmnn.org.

Keynote Speaker

Rev. Paul Krueger, Senior Pastor at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Minot, N.D. and Director of Hope Village, Minot, N.D.

Bible Study Leader

Rev. Brady Finnern, Pastor at Messiah Lutheran Church, Sartell, Minn.

Convention entertainment:

The Looney Lutherans

After our convention banquet on Tuesday evening, we will be entertained by The Looney Lutherans, a trio of wacky gals using music, comedy, and some help from the audience to get us laughing. These talented ladies share some of their age old wisdom for living a long and healthy life...the Lutheran way!

The fun, interactive, family-friendly program includes a variety of segments on healthy living the Lutheran way, including a discussion of the Lutheran "food wheel" (all roads lead to hot dish).

They say laughter is the key to a long, healthy life. With their crazy antics, The Looney Lutherans are sure to help you extend yours.

Guests who are not attending the banquet or are not registered for the convention may see the performance for \$10. They may purchase their ticket at the door.



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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 world.

Visit the LWML websites:

www.lwml.org
www.lwmlmnn.org

Each Saturday morning, for 9 minutes at 9 a.m., join LWML President Kay Kreklau and other men and women in prayer.

God welcomes all prayer, but on Saturday mornings the LWML loves to pray for mission grants, LCMS missionaries, and for all those who are lost and hurting.



Greetings in the Name of our Lord!

As the LWML Minnesota North District Board of Directors and Nuclei Committee and teams are working hard to make our upcoming district convention a reality, I am reminded daily of our convention theme, "God Alone Is Our Rock." The theme comes from Psalm 62: 1-2 (ESV), "For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken."

Whether you go to convention or not, please remember those words as you go about your everyday tasks. God is our stronghold! We need not be afraid. What a comfort to us!

You will be receiving convention information in this newsletter plus your society will be receiving items in a Spring Packet, which will be handed out at Spring Zone Rallies. Please have your delegate(s) share with your society what they will be voting on at convention (officers, mission grants, bylaws). I'm hoping they ask your opinion. Remember—they are representing your society!

Below are some things that are new (or fairly new) to this district convention:

- Bring your own **convention bag** (one from a past convention). We did this at Breezy Point and it worked well. So you have extras? Please bring them along to share with those who may not have a convention bag.
- Will you be participating in the **Mite Walk**? Notice that we're trying a new time for the Mite Walk. It will be in the late afternoon on Tuesday, just as it was at the Pittsburgh Convention. Bring a t-shirt to wear from a previous convention or event, or design one of your own.
- We'll be celebrating the **50th Anniversary** of the LWML MN North! Take note that this is the last time we will offer the convention pin or charm.
- **The Looney Lutherans**—Do you know of people who will not be attending the banquet or be a convention registrant, but would like to see the performance on Tuesday evening? For \$10 they can join us for this great entertainment. (Pay at the door.)

There are lots more details to be shared. Please check our LWML district website, www.lwmlmnn.org, as convention gets closer.

Above all, continue to grow in God's Word, serve Him daily, and pray continually.



President
JoNette Brogaard

Ingathering for the District Convention

The 2014 District Convention Ingathering will consist of items needed by the St. Cloud Veterans Administration Health Care System (VA Center) and “clothing savers,” which are needed for use at private homes, nursing homes, and assisted living homes.

New Personal Comfort Items:

A tremendous amount of these items are needed at the VA Center. An “admission kit” is given to each new patient and contains many of these items. A supply of these are also provided to the wards for patient use. We cannot use anything that contains alcohol such as after-shave, some mouthwashes, etc.

- deodorant (roll-on, stick)
- toothpaste
- shaving cream
- 30 minute phone cards
- travel style toothbrush holders
- combs & hair brushes
- toothbrushes
- disposable razors
- shower shoes, large and X-large
- travel style soap dish



Ingathering items at
2012 District Convention

Sewing Projects:

- twin-size quilts and laundry bags
- They do NOT need small lap robes of any type right now.
- Please no crocheted or knitted afghans.
- The pattern for the sewing project, “clothing savers,” is found on our website. Please pack all the clothing savers separately as they will be distributed somewhere other than the VA Center.

NEW Clothes:

- jeans, sweatshirts, pocket t-shirts, socks and underwear
- We cannot accept used clothes of any type.

Recreation Needs:

- gift cards to local restaurants (St. Cloud area) for outings and pizza parties
- gift cards for McDonald’s for resident outings

Mental Health Needs:

- new reading glasses and dictionaries
- shower shoes
- covered coffee mugs
- pedometers for patients in weight loss, education & MOVE programs
- instruments for use with music therapy
- personal CD players and headphones



Deb Anderson
Human Care
Chairman

Because I know that you will all fulfill the above requests in an overwhelming way, I am requesting that your boxes of ingathering items have a copy of this notice attached with a total number of items written by each item above. *Thank you!*

Hugs every day

All right I will admit it, I am a LWML convention junkie. I have not missed a district or LWML convention since 1997. My husband knows if it says “convention” on the calendar that he and the dog are on their own for a few days. Those of you who have never been to a convention may ask, “What is the big deal?” While admittedly there can be some dry moments at a convention, like the great bylaws debate at the LWML convention in Peoria, most of the business is peppered with inspiring moments.

At convention, there are reports of how our mites have touched the lives of people throughout the world. There is singing and praising the Lord. There is the setting of mite goals and picking of mission projects. There is entertainment that the entire family can enjoy. But most of all, there is the fellowship of hundreds of other Christian sisters in Christ. Where else can you get a few hundred hugs per day?

When I started my addiction to conventions, I was on the upper end of the age limit for a Young Woman Representative (YWR). My LWML path has led me from YWR to society and zone level leadership, and now, district leadership. The Lord does lead you and put you where you need to be.

This convention I am again chair of the Young Woman Committee. We are working to enhance the convention experience for our younger members (ages 18 to 35 or so). There will be special activities for the younger women at the convention after the formal convention proceedings. These are opportu-



Lynnette Rochelle
YWR Chairman

nities to participate and meet other young women who are on fire for the Lord – and opportunities to give and receive more hugs!

If you are ages 18 to 35, please check the “young woman” box on the registration form so that you will get additional information on the events we have planned at convention. If you are an older woman, encourage a younger woman you know to come to the convention. Child care is provided.

Hope to see you all there at my 18th consecutive LWML convention!

Granite Country Mite Walk

Mite walkers won't have to get up so early to enjoy the mite walk this year. The walk will be held on Tuesday afternoon ~ a great time to stretch your legs after a day of sitting and to get ready for the evening banquet and entertainment.

We will again ask you to bring your own t-shirt from a previous convention, your church, church school, or LWML group; or you could design your own t-shirt around this year's theme of **“God Alone is Our Rock.”**



- **God's** beautiful creation will surround you on the Mite Walk.
- **Alone Is** fine, or you may want to share the experience with a friend.
- **Our** goal is to raise mites for the mission grants of the LWML.
- **Rocks**, gardens, trees, and the mighty Mississippi will be abundantly visible along the way.

Walk, jog, jaunt, or stroll at whatever pace you enjoy. Breathe some fresh air, get your body parts moving, and reflect on the day's activities.

The Mite Walk Pledge Donation form is found in the Spring Packets distributed to societies at zone rallies. Turn in your pledge donation sheets when you check in at the convention.

If you have any questions, contact Corky Rainer, 2014 LWML MN No. District Convention Nuclei Chairman at nucleichair@lwmlmnn.org; telephone: 320-743-2131.



YWR gathering at
2012 District Convention

Christian Life

Thanks to all who sent in their Christian Life Reports for 2013. Here are some of the things that you shared.

Ideas:

- Some societies have started an evening LWML meeting to encourage young women.
- Some have contacted and encouraged the young women to apply for the YWR scholarships to attend national conventions.
- Other societies have picked up women to bring them to meetings and rallies.
- Some societies have paid mileage to those who drive to out of town events.
- Societies have subscribed to the LWML Quarterly for members and non-members.
- Individual members have shared how they were inspired at LWML events.
- Personal contact and telephone calls have invited newcomers to attend a meeting to see what LWML is about.
- Societies have visited the shut-ins and sent cards or care packages to those in college.
- Church bulletins, posters and newsletter articles inform others of society and zone activities.



Mary Kuhnau
Christian Life
Chairman

Help wanted:

Q: How can we get new members and/or young women to join our societies?

A: This continues to remain a problem for all of us. If anyone has good ideas, please pass them on and I will share them.

Q: How can we get the *Minnesota Northern Light* to each society?

A: The district board is talking about this problem. We went to the digital format to save on printing and mailing costs, but realize that not every society has access to the internet. Hopefully we can find at least one person in each society that can download the newsletter and make copies for their society.

Q: Where can we get more information on how our

mites are used?

A: There is more information about our district mite projects on our website, www.lwmlmn.org. Look under "Committees," then "Mission Grants." For national mites information go to www.lwml.org. Under the "Missions" tab, go to "Mission Grants Resources."

2014 Convention

Look for the Christian Life table in the exhibits area at convention. We will be giving away some duplicate resources.

LWML Retreat

"Taste and See that the Lord is Good"

Chocolate will be part of the activities. The retreat will be held August 8-10 at Lutheran Island Camp. Look for the registration form in this issue. There will be discount coupons available at the Christian Life table at the convention.



You'll find it in the LWML Store

Coming to convention in St. Cloud in June? Be sure to look through the many items available to purchase from the LWML Store. There will be resources, devotions, jewelry and more.

Check out the cool LWML baseball caps or the LWML wind chimes. Something else that is new is the double-wall travel tumbler (purple of course).

Please remember – all purchases must be paid for with cash or check. We cannot accept credit cards as we have no way to process them.

Your purchase of LWML products and resources assists the national organization in paying for programs and administrative expenses.

See you in St. Cloud : June 23—25!



"Hark the Voice of Jesus Crying"



Our featured Scholarship recipients for this issue are those attending our seminaries in preparation for ordination into the Office of the Ministry. As you will see, not all of them are following the traditional path of study but have answered God's call to serve in the harvest fields at varying stages in their lives. And each of our three recipients is following different courses of study provided by our seminaries.



John Koopman is a traditional seminarian, having first completed pre-seminary course work at Concordia Uni-

versity Nebraska (Seward). John is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Ortonville, Minn. He is 24 and recently married. John is in the final months of his first year at Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne, Ind., where he has been active in the life of the campus and sings in the Kantorei choir. When asked what he knows about the LWML, John says "Now that I'm at seminary I have seen you involved with the co-op, as you have designated so many funds to help feed and clothe my family. The food at the co-op is such a blessing and has honestly provided 99% of our food. Without your help, I don't think we could afford seminary, and for me to become a pastor in the future."

John Bakou is enrolled in the EIIT program at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo. The Ethnic



Immigrant Institute of Theology (EIIT) is a program for immigrants to get a certification of ordination in the LCMS. John is 43, married and father of four young children. At the time of his application for scholarship funding this past May he had completed seven of the sixteen courses in the program. Once a month John preaches online to the Anyuak people around the world. John says he enjoys the online program at EIIT because he can still take care of the Anyuak Church in Sauk Rapids and also his family can stay in St. Cloud. He also appreciates the LWML's support of the Anyuak Ministry.



Jeffrey Manthe has a B.A. from Concordia Moorhead in Business Administration and Communications. He worked in that field for

close to 30 years when he felt called by our Lord to serve Him full-time. Jeffrey is 54, married, with four grown children. He is enrolled at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo., in the Specific Ministry Pastor (SMP) program which enables him to serve the church while learning. This he is doing under the supervision of an ordained minister, Rev. Brady Finnern of Sartell. Jeff is serving as Vicar of Son Rise Lutheran Church in Avon, Minn. Jeff says he has been active in church

throughout his life in various capacities.

As you can see, the financial assistance that we in the LWML Minn. No. District give to those preparing to serve the Lord of the Church is of great value and very appreciated. The words of the hymn "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying" speak to us; in particular verse three, "If you cannot be a watchman ... with your prayers and with your bounties you can do what God commands; You can be like faithful Aaron, holding up the prophet's hands" (LSB #826). Continue to pray for our students and to give generously to mites so that this important outreach can continue.

I hope to see many of you in St. Cloud at the district convention. Please stop by the scholarship booth. I am hoping some of our past scholarship recipients will be there as well.



Linda Jeske
Scholarships
Chairman



Lutheran Women's Missionary League is on Facebook! Click the "Like" button at the top of our page to become a fan, stay current on LWML news, and share in Christian fellowship right from your desk: www.facebook.com/TheLWML. Once you are a fan of the LWML page, click the 'Suggest to Friends' link to let all your friends know about the page.

A New Beginning—A New Biennium!

Here we are ... finishing our 2012 Mission Grant commitments. How we've been blessed! We thank God for giving us the desire and means to share in His work. As the love of God continues to flow, so does our privilege to continue in the sharing of mission work here and around the world.

We have the opportunity to choose new grants for the next biennium. Delegates from each society/unit will have a vote in this choice as grant requests will be presented and chosen at the convention in June.

Please pray that the Lord will guide us in our choices and stir the hearts of faithful LWML sisters to give generously as God has provided. Mighty are Mites!



Judy Uran
Mission Grants
Chairman

Heavenly Father, help me be ardent and fervent in mite giving. Help me take that extra moment to pray as each coin enters the box so that I might remember the real reason I'm giving. Father, you have done everything for me. I give You thanks for all my personal blessings and for your Son, Jesus, my Savior. As I dedicate my prayers and mites, let me offer myself first and then reach out to others. In Jesus' precious name - Amen

Mission Grants

#2. Scholarships for Full-time Church Work Students - \$50,000

#5. Scholarships for Men Preparing for Ordination - \$5,000

The last couple of grants to review are familiar to all of us and affect us all as the scholarships made available assist in preparing and training people to minister and serve in all areas of the world. These grants provide encouragement and financial assistance to students as they prepare for their church work vocations.

As God provides men and women to proclaim the Gospel to the far corners of the world, we also benefit as many pastors and full-time church workers teach and assist us as in the nurture and care of children, teens, and adults.



**2012-2014
Mission Goal
Status as of
March 31,
2014**

	Goal	Balance
#1 Orphan Grain Train	\$ 8,500	Paid in Full
#2 Scholarships for Full-Time Church Work Students	\$ 50,000	\$2,205.00
#3 Financial Support and Staff Training—Lutheran Island Camp	\$ 10,000	Paid in Full
#4 Food and Clothing Co-op, Ft. Wayne	\$ 10,000	Paid in Full
#5 Scholarships for Men Preparing for Ordination	\$ 5,000	Paid in Full
#6 Vehicles for Pastors and Vicars in Haiti	\$ 20,000	Paid in Full
#7 Christian Education at Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch RRV	\$ 5,000	Paid in Full
#8 Construct Classroom Building in Yambio, So. Sudan (LHF)	\$ 10,000	Paid in Full
#9 Christian Storybooks for SE Asia (LBT)	\$ 1,000	Paid in Full
#10 Anyuak Ministry, Sauk Rapids	\$ 5,000	Paid in Full
#11 Servant Events on the Fond du Lac Reservation	\$ 5,000	Paid in Full
#12 Mary Okeyo Student Scholarship Fund for Travel	\$ 5,500	Paid in Full
TOTAL	\$135,000	\$2,205.00

The ABC's of How to Get the Most Out of our LWML Convention

As we anticipate our 2014 District Convention, I would like to review with you a great article regarding your individual convention preparation from the Indiana District's Leader Development Committee. Please use the following ABC's as you prepare yourself for our convention, "God Alone Is Our Rock," June 23–25, 2014.



Lynn Lahd
Leader Development
Chairman

- A** - Attend, ask questions
- B** - Be on time, bring others
- C** - Celebrate with sisters in Christ
- D** - Decide to participate, deliver ingathering materials
- E** - Elect new officers
- F** - Find activities you can do in your church, forgive others
- G** - Give to missions
- H** - Hug each other
- I** - Invite others to come with you
- J** - Join into activities joyfully
- K** - Keep a good attitude
- L** - Learn, listen, laugh, love
- M** - Mingle, be mission minded, make mites a priority
- N** - Nurture, network
- O** - Organize a group to come with you, order resources
- P** - Pray for God's blessings on the convention
- Q** - Question others to learn more
- R** - Rejuvenate yourself, rejoice over God's blessings
- S** - Serve, sing in the choir, sing, attend servant events
- T** - Talk, teach, tell others about Jesus
- U** - Urge others to get involved, use what you've learned
- V** - Vote, volunteer, vow to take action
- W** - Witness, worship, work, walk
- X** - Expect to have a great time, expect to be uplifted
- Y** - Yearn to learn more about missions
- Z** - Zestfully report about the convention when you get home

*"For where two or three are gathered
together in my name,
there am I in the midst of them,"
(Matt. 18:20 KJV).*

Lutheran Women's Missionary League 36th Biennial Convention
Thursday, June 25 -- Sunday, June 28, 2015, Iowa Events Center, Des Moines, Iowa

Convention Logo Explanation

The brown line represents mankind as a newly plowed field open to receive God's bountiful blessings.

As God nourishes His people with His Word and Sacraments, the Holy Spirit nurtures faith in Christ Jesus who, by His death on the cross, gives salvation and forgiveness to all believers and empowers them to serve as His light (depicted by the sun) to the world.

The two green lines represent the abundant fruits produced through His grace by God's people.

The three lines together depict an open Bible.

In response to His grace, mercy, and bountiful blessings we thank, praise, and share our Father's love.

For up-to-date information, visit www.lwml.org/conventions.





LWML MINNESOTA NORTH DISTRICT
 26th Biennial Convention June 23 - 25, 2014
 St. Cloud River's Edge Convention Center, St. Cloud, MN

2014 CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM
PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY
FILL OUT BOTH SIDES OF FORM

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Address: _____

_____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Region: _____ **Zone:** _____

Society: _____

Congregation Name: _____

Church Address: _____

_____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Emergency Contact: _____ **Phone:** _____

CONVENTION PACKAGES		Cost Before May 23rd	Cost After May 23rd	Amount
Convention package includes registration and packet.				
Full Convention Registration		\$100	\$110	\$
Past District Presidents		\$85	\$95	\$
Clergy (Free Registration) Must pay for meals.				
Convention Workers and Nuclei Committee		\$50	\$60	\$
Part-Time (One day attendance, includes packet.)		\$35	\$45	\$
MEAL PACKAGES ARE SOLD SEPARATELY				
Full Meal Package (ages 12+) (Meal info is on back of form.) Monday: Evening Buffet • Tuesday: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner Banquet • Wednesday: Breakfast			\$ 100	\$
ADDITIONAL MEAL OPTIONS		QTY		
Child Full Meal Package (ages 5-11)			\$ 50	\$
Tuesday	Dinner Banquet Adult (ages 12+)		\$ 28	\$
	Dinner Banquet Child (ages 5-11) (Menu - Chicken Strips and Mashed Potatoes)		\$ 15	\$
CHILD CARE				
(Includes Snacks. Meals not included.)		# Children		
Child Care - Full Convention (\$25 per child)			\$ 25	\$
Child Care - Part Time - \$10 per child per day			\$ 10	\$
Total Amount of Check Enclosed				\$

✓ **Check all titles that apply to you.**

- ☐ Delegate
- ☐ Guest
- ☐ Nominee
- ☐ Young Woman (21-35)
- ☐ District Board Member
- ☐ Zone President
- ☐ Past District President
- ☐ Speaker
- ☐ Exhibitor
- ☐ Clergy
- ☐ Nuclei Committee
- ☐ Convention Worker
- ☐ Other _____

Convention Activities

Will you be participating in the Choir? ☐ Yes

- ☐ Soprano I ☐ Alto I
- ☐ Soprano II ☐ Alto II

Will you participate in the Granite Country Mite Walk?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

IMPORTANT: If you are a delegate, please:

- ➔ 1) Give your **ALTERNATE'S** name, _____
- ➔ 2) Include your **2014 DELEGATE CREDENTIAL FORM**, signed by your society president, with this mailing.

ALL DELEGATES MUST REGISTER BEFORE MAY 23rd
 Only one registrant per form. Every adult is expected to register

CHILD CARE: Number of Children _____ (List names and ages below)

Do you have any special needs? (Disabilities, Food Allergies, Wheelchair, etc.)

BREAKOUT SESSIONS: The following Breakout Sessions will be offered on Monday, June 23th. Sessions begin at 1:00 p.m. and at 2:30 p.m. Each session is 75 minutes in length and will be presented twice. Please indicate your first choice (1); and second choice (2). Additional information about the sessions can be found on the District website: www.lwmlmnn.org.

- ☐ **Session 1 “Joy on the Journey”** presented by Kim Wagner
Join Kim, a Motivational Humorist, in a celebration of life as she shares stories that change hearts – and encourages fun and humor while doing so.
- ☐ **Session 2 “Rescuing Randy”** presented by Geneva Paulson
Geneva shares the disturbing and inspirational story of her son’s entrapment and manipulation by a religious cult and her family’s struggle to reclaim him.
- ☐ **Session 3 “Telling My Story”** presented by Debbie Larson, LWML Representative
Debbie will share insight in getting people to think about their lives and how God is working in and through them.
- ☐ **Session 4 “PING Video”** presented by Mary Kuhnau
This video by Linda Reiser, a past LWML President, will share leadership hints. This inspirational video is from the PING training that took place on the national level in the fall of 2012. (PING stands for Pursue-Inspire-Nourish-Go)
- ☐ **Session 5 “The CLEF”** Confessional Lutheran Education Foundation
Rev. James Anthony and Rev. John Fehrman will share experiences on “Working With Affiliated Lutheran Churches.” The CLEF translates, publishes, and introduces (teaches) into various countries in the world confessional Lutheran books.

MEAL INFO
(Full Meal Package)

Monday “Dinner Buffet”

Italian Pasta Buffet
Chicken Trotolles
Penne Alfredo with Fresh Vegetables
Deep Dish Lasagna
Caesar Salad & Bread

Tuesday Breakfast

Tuesday “Lunch Buffet”

Chef Salad Buffet
“Build Your Own” Salad
Bread & Baked Potato

Tuesday Dinner “Banquet”

Granite City Chicken
Garlic Mashed Potato
Fresh Vegetable
House Salad & Bread
White Chocolate Raspberry
Cream Cake

Wednesday Breakfast



HOUSING INFORMATION

ROOM COST \$82/night + tax

You are responsible for your own housing arrangements!

When making reservations, call **Best Western-Kelly Inn** directly. Call (320) 253-0606 and state you would like a room for the **“LWML MN NORTH DISTRICT CONVENTION”**.

Please make a copy of this form for your records before you mail it. Registration deadline is May 23rd
Refund deadline is June 11th (except delegates, no refund). Please enclose the total remittance.

Any questions? Call Marilyn Hiltel, Convention Registrar at: **(320) 387-2219**

Make Checks Payable To:

LWML MN North District (not to an individual)

Mail the Registration Form and check to:

Marilyn Hiltel, Convention Registrar
6850 Golden Spike Rd
Sauk Rapids, MN 56379-9175

For more convention info visit the District website: www.lwmlmnn.org

2014 Convention Registration Form



BYLAW AMENDMENTS

Proposed LWML District Bylaw

ARTICLE II OBJECT

Rationale: To clarify.

Proposed Amendment

Strike "corporation" and Insert "organization"

c. Strike "corporation" and Insert "organization"

If Adopted will Read

The object of this ~~corporation~~ organization shall be:

c. ...be vested in this ~~corporation~~ organization for any purpose.

Proposed LWML District Bylaw

ARTICLE IV DISTRICT ORGANIZATION, Section 3b

Rationale: To improve language.

Proposed Amendment

Strike ", etc." and Insert "and"

If Adopted will Read

...functions such as rallies and workshops, ~~etc.~~, shall be remitted to...

Proposed LWML District Bylaw

ARTICLE VII OFFICERS, Section 2

Rationale: To stay consistent. Move from Standing Rules.

Proposed Amendment

Add "f" from Standing Rules

If Adopted will Read

f. If any officer should move from the district, she shall resign her office.

Proposed LWML District Bylaw

ARTICLE IX NOMINATIONS

Rationale: To stay consistent. Move from Standing Rules.

Proposed Amendment

Add "Section 2a" from Standing Rules
Strike "Any person standing" and Insert "Nominees"

Add "Section 2b" from Standing Rules
Strike "Anyone standing" and Insert "Nominees"

If Adopted will Read

Section 2a. Any person standing Nominees for an office of the District Board, as well as being conversant...

Section 2b. Anyone standing Nominees for the offices of President and Executive Vice President must have...

LWML MINNESOTA NORTH DISTRICT BYLAW AMENDMENTS

Proposed LWML District Bylaw

ARTICLE X APPOINTED PERSONNEL, Section 4

Rationale: To be consistent.

Proposed Amendment

Add “e. be a member of a congregation in the LCMS Minnesota North District.”

If Adopted will Read

e. be a member of a congregation in the LCMS Minnesota North District.

Proposed LWML District Bylaw

ARTICLE XII BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Section 2c

Rationale: To clarify.

Proposed Amendment

Add “if and when necessary”

If Adopted will Read

Business may be conducted by mail or electronic messaging, if and when necessary.

Proposed LWML District Bylaw

ARTICLE XIV PASTORAL COUNSELOR

Rationale: To be consistent and define position.

Proposed Amendment

Section 1a
Strike “Region” and Insert “Conference”

If Adopted will Read

...(1) from each LCMS ~~Region~~ Conference of the Minnesota North District.

Add “f”

f. The next Pastoral Counselor position coming up for election is the Senior Pastoral Counselor.

Add “g”

g. An appointed Pastoral Counselor will assume the duties of the person whose position he is filling.

Proposed LWML District Bylaw

ARTICLE X APPOINTED PERSONNEL

Rationale: To be consistent.

Proposed Amendment

Section 1, line 2:
Insert “District”

If Adopted will Read

Section 1, line 2:
...appointed by the District Board of Directors and. . .

LWML MINNESOTA NORTH DISTRICT BYLAW AMENDMENTS

Proposed LWML District Bylaw

ARTICLE XV COMMITTEES

Rationale: To clarify.

Proposed Amendment

Section 1
Add “e”

Section 7a
Strike “and send” and Insert “. Submit”
Add “District” before Board of Directors

Section 7b
Strike “rules of procedure” and Insert “bylaws”

Section 7c
Strike “set” and “rules of procedure” and Insert
“establish” and “approved society bylaws”

Section 8
Strike “such”

If Adopted will Read

e. Each Committee Chairman shall provide proposed committee names to the District Board of Directors for approval at the October meeting following the District Convention.

Section 7a
...as it deems advisable ~~and send~~ . Submit the required number...
...District Board of Directors.

Section 7b
b. examine all zone and society ~~rules of procedure~~ bylaws and approve those...

Section 7c
... all societies to ~~set~~ establish and follow ~~rules of procedure~~ approved society bylaws.

Section 8
There may be ~~such~~ other committees as the District Board...

Proposed LWML District Bylaw

ARTICLE XVI MISSION GRANT PROPOSALS AND GRANTS

Rationale: To simplify and be consistent with National direction.

Proposed Amendment

Section 1
Rewrite 3rd sentence.

Section 5
Strike “World Mission” and Insert “International Missions”

If Adopted will Read

Such grants may be proposed by individual members, local societies, zones and regions of the LWML MN North District.

Section 5
...it shall be first cleared through the LCMS ~~World Mission~~ International Missions office.....
with the LCMS ~~World Mission~~ International Missions office.

LWML MINNESOTA NORTH DISTRICT BYLAW AMENDMENTS

Proposed LWML District Bylaw **ARTICLE XXII AMENDMENTS**

Rationale: To clarify.

Proposed Amendment

Second line
Strike “biennial” and Insert “District”

Fourth line
Strike “previous” and Insert “prior”

If Adopted will Read

...and voting at the ~~biennial~~ District
Convention, provided by the proposed...

...newsletter in an issue ~~previous~~ prior to the
convention.

Proposed LWML District Bylaw **STANDING RULES**

Rationale: To clarify.

Proposed Amendment

Omit I and II and Renumber Sections

If Adopted will Read

I. Pre-convention and Convention Offerings

II. Rotational Basis for Biennial District
Convention Hosts

LWML Minnesota North to celebrate 50 years!

In June, 2014, the LWML Minnesota North District will celebrate 50 years of service to God's work in Minnesota. In Exodus 24:4 we find, "Moses then wrote down everything the Lord had said." As you read the early history of the LWML Minnesota North District that follows, you should realize that history is still happening today and we must continue to preserve it for the future.



The Lutheran Women's Missionary League Minnesota District was organized in Minneapolis on May 19, 1942, and Mrs. Julius Deckman, Minneapolis, was elected president. Two delegates were sent to the organizational convention of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League held at St. Stephens Church, Chicago, Ill., July 7-8 1942. Those two delegates were Mrs. A. Rubbert from Minneapolis and Mrs. Al Bakke from Crookston.

The **First Minnesota District Convention** was held at Concordia College, St. Paul, October 18-19, 1944, with a membership of 4,528 and 130 societies. The first project was a grant of \$5,000 for the building of a portable chapel.



The **Eleventh Minnesota District Convention** was held at Lutheran Memorial Center, Concordia College, St. Paul, June 2-3, 1964. Mrs. William Buege, president (until April 1, 1964). Lydia (Mrs. Edgar) Bode, Wood Lake presided. Membership was 19,058; 418 societies. Minnesota North resolutions adopted: Articles of Incorporation, Constitution and Bylaws.

After the resolutions were adopted forming Minnesota North District, our **First Minnesota North District** commenced. Lydia (Mrs. Edgar) Bode, Wood Lake Minn., presided and was elected president of Lutheran Women's Missionary League Minnesota North District. Minnesota North projects adopted: \$22,000.

For a more detailed history of LWML Minnesota North District, go to our website, www.lwmlmnn.org, "About Us," then "History of the District."



LWML is excited to share with you a new initiative called "2-Minute Tuesdays." Beginning April 1, 2014, you will have the opportunity to receive, every other Tuesday, an email that will give you quick ideas and ways to share the LWML in your personal circles at church and in your community. It will also give ideas to share the heart and spirit of the LWML mission with every woman in your congregation, even if she is unable to be active with LWML at this season in her life.

At the LWML homepage toward the center, you will see a logo button with "The Time is NOW." Click that logo. You will simply be asked to take a pledge that this year you will invite the women in your life to consider learning more about LWML with you.

Then share your email address with us, even if you have already done so before, and subscribe to this email newsletter, written by current and former members of the Executive Committee, Past LWML Presidents, and many more!

You will then receive a confirmation email and should start seeing your email soon after. The Time is NOW!

Mission Grant Proposals for 2014-2016



Lutheran Braille Workers - \$5,000

The Lutheran Braille Workers Library for the Blind has a new location in Florida. This grant would help with their rent and utilities thus enabling them to better serve the blind and visually impaired.

Life in Christ Lutheran Church, Grand Marais, Minn. - \$15,000

The church has been able to purchase property for a church home. This grant would be used to help Life In Christ build a place to worship.

Scholarships for Full-time Church Worker Students - \$50,000

The education of trained workers is essential for our church to grow. These scholarships will be awarded to Minnesota North District students enrolled at LCMS affiliated colleges, universities or seminaries.

Scholarships for Men Preparing for Ordination - \$15,000

This grant provides funds to eligible men from Minnesota North District congregations who are studying to be pastors.

Orphan Grain Train - \$8,500

Transporting a great variety of items to care for God's people who are in a crisis all over the world is costly. This grant would help with those costs and provide for the spiritual and physical needs of God's people.

Salaries for Teaching Staff - Yambio Lutheran School - \$10,000

Pastors and teachers at this school have not received salaries for three years. This grant would provide one year's salary for six teachers.

Hispanic Resources: Spanish Bibles with Catechism - Lutheran Heritage - \$7,500

Funds will be used to publish and distribute the Spanish Bible with Catechism.

Family Shield Radio Expansion - \$4,000

Shield Radio offers programs that share the love of Christ. These funds would be used to add radio stations and follow up services.

Lutheran Island Camp Summer Staff Training - \$10,000

This grant would provide professional training for summer staffers by nourishing their spiritual growth and, in turn, nourish the spiritual growth of those who attend summer camp.

School Building for Gloria Dei in Cap Haitian , Haiti - \$20,000

This grant would provide funds for a school building to educate children and reach out with the Gospel of Christ.

Reverend James Kollie Education Fund, Liberia - \$5,000

To assist Rev. Kollie further his education and be better equipped to serve his congregation in Liberia.

Parish Nurse Education, LCMS Minnesota North District - \$2,500

Many nurses are wanting to become Parish nurses. This grant would help with the cost of obtaining this training.

LWML Minnesota North District Nominees for Board Offices

After many prayers, phone calls, emails and personal visits, the following people have consented, as of March 14, 2014, to be candidates for district offices:

Vice President/Christian Life

Janet Hasbargen, Wheaton
Lori Salvhus, Ada

Recording Secretary

Karena Lapolice, Big Lake
Ruby Prochnow, Alexandria

Financial Secretary

Corles Rainer, Clear Lake

Regional Vice President Arrowhead II

Carla Patton, St. Cloud

Regional Vice President Lakeland II

Elizabeth McTighe, Appleton

Regional Vice President Park II

Carol Mensing, Ottertail

Lakeland Region Pastoral Counselor

Rev. Dennis Angland, Alexandria
Rev. Donald Klatt, Holloway

Nominees are still being sought. If you are interested in a position or have questions, please contact Linda Jeske, Nominating Committee BOD Advisor, at scholarships@lwmlmnn.org.

Submitted by the Nominating Committee:

*Elizabeth McTighe, Chairman
Linda Jeske, BOD Advisor
Carol Ann Sander, Carla Patton,
LaVonne Schimmelpfennig,
Sharon Gieseke, Karen Brasel*



LWML Minnesota North District Past District President Helen Beck received her Crown of Glory on March 14, 2014, at the age of 87 years. Helen was active in LWML on the society, zone and district levels for 55 years. She was on the LWML District Board of Directors for 20 years and was President for four years (1992 - 1996). Helen was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Hinckley, Minn.



Mite Box donations

You may help fund the remaining mission grants of this 2013-2015 biennium and meet our LWML national goal of \$1.83 million. By God's grace, your mite offerings, along with the contributions of other LWML supporters, will help meet these mission goals.

In addition to filling your Mite Box, you may also donate through your local LWML. A portion of this donation is sent to national to support national mission grants. You may also donate online at www.lwml.org/donate. Checks or money orders may be designated as "missions."



- Immanuel, Parkers Prairie, for Ernie Junker
- St. Paul's, Loon Lake, for Melvin Rosentreter
- Doris Weispfennig for Lucille Lidbeck
- Irene Hoffman for Ione Forner
- Zion, Alexandria, for Lorraine Beckmann
- Immanuel, Parkers Prairie, for Jeanette Hardekopf
- Trinity, Sauk Rapids, for Marian Truenow
- Our Saviors Evening Guild, Crookston, for Alice Dale
- Trinity, Staples, for Phyllis Neisess
- Zion Evening Guild, Alexandria, for Allyn Kuhnau
- Carol Benson, JoNette Brogaard, and Cheryl Hamil for Helen Beck

Memorial and honor gifts should be sent to:
LWML MN North District,
c/o Financial Secretary
Marilyn Hiltel
6850 Golden Spike Road, Sauk Rapids, MN 56379-9715

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2014 LWML RETREAT

"Taste and See that the Lord is Good!" Psalm 34:8



Are you craving something sweet?

*Savor the Rich Indulgence of
God's Grace at the
LWML Sweet Retreat*

**August 8-10, 2014
at Lutheran Island Camp**

Dark chocolate, white chocolate, milk chocolate —no matter what variety, it's always delicious! As life brings us sweet morsels of joy and bitter nuggets of pain, God sustains us through it all. Go ahead, indulge in His love and forgiveness.

A Chocolate Life brings lighthearted, yet compelling Scriptural connections to provide comfort and strength for everyday living. We invite you to savor the abundance of sweet, satisfying grace of God in Christ Jesus at the LWML Retreat.

The retreat will feature a Bible Study led by Pastor Don Stauty to tickle your taste buds for God's Word. Pastor Mark Peske will be our featured speaker. Entertainment will be provided by Pastor Dane Compton on his clarinet.

Attention – Mothers Of 3-8 Year-old Children:

Lutheran Island Camp offers *Discovery Camps*; the *Little Lambs* and *Sheep Camp*. They run simultaneously with the LWML Retreat. For more details about these programs and to register your child, go to: **www.islandcamp.org**

Special: Bring a "Retreat" first timer and you both will receive 25% off the registration price.

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**2014 LWML Sweet Retreat
August 8-10, 2014
at Lutheran Island Camp**

Name : _____

Address : _____

Phone : _____

Email : _____

Special Needs : _____

Roommates : _____

4:00-6:00 pm
6:00 pm
7:00-8:30 pm
8:30 pm
9:30 pm

FRIDAY EVENING

Registration
Evening meal provided by LIC
"Wetting Your Appetite"
Campfire
Snacks in the Fireside room

7:00-8:00 am
8:00 am
8:30 am
8:45 am
10:00-11:45 am
12 noon
1:00 pm

SATURDAY

Registration
Breakfast
Devotions and Announcements
Bible study - *Rev. Don Stauty*
Speaker - *Rev. Mark Peske*
Lunch
LWML MN North District President
JoNette Brogaard
Speaker - *Rev. Mark Peske*
Free Time - (*Crafts, pontoon rides, swimming, etc.*)
Dinner
Entertainment: *Rev. Dane Compton*
Campfire



1:15-3:00 pm
3:30 pm

5:00 pm
6:30 pm
8:30 pm

SUNDAY

8:00 am Continental Breakfast
10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Brunch and Farewell

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mary Kuhnau at:
christianlife@lwmlmnn.org
or call **(320) 834-2135**
Updates about the retreat and a map to LIC can be found on the District website:
www.lwmlmnn.org

ITEMS TO BRING:

- Bible • Flashlight
- Clothes for Sun or Rain
- Insect Repellent
- Towel & Washcloth
- Toiletries
- Pillow, Bedding or Sleeping Bag
- **Snacks for Chocolate Fountain**

Registration Deadline: August 1, 2014

(There will be an additional \$10 fee for late registration. No refunds after August 7. Young women ages 12-17 receive a 25% discount.)

✓ Check	Before Aug. 1 st	After Aug. 1 st
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday-Sunday	\$120	\$130
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday-Saturday	\$70	\$80
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Only	\$50	\$60

Choose your housing preference:

☐ Cabin ☐ Retreat Center

Make Check Payable To: **LWML MN North District**

Send Registration To: **Mary Kuhnau
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