



## Lutheran Woman's Quarterly

# Ohio District Edition — ODE



## M is for Miles, Mites and Means

One of the best aspects of this office is the privilege of attending Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) events like zone rallies, workshops and retreats. Last September and October, this president traveled many miles and visited quite a number of zone events. It is always a pleasure to share the district news with the ladies, but even more special is the opportunity to meet those in attendance.

One of the more memorable days was spent at Donation Day at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana. This annual event is hosted by the seminary and the women of the Seminary Guild. Everyone is invited to worship in the Chapel with the students, enjoy a delicious luncheon, and be inspired by a fashion show featuring students and family members wearing clothing donated to the Co-op. (Everyone is encouraged to bring donations for the Food and Clothing Co-op.) However, it is even more fun to meet the students individually. In the Chapel, the district presidents in attendance had the privilege of presenting a grant check or two to the seminary, share some district information, and read the names of the students from their district. It is a joyful day! After presenting a \$5,000 partial grant payment to the Food and Clothing Co-op, this president was taken to a student who wanted to meet with the LWML Ohio District President.

Justin Mason, a member of Faith, Kent, presented a Mite Box to her. It was pretty heavy. He conveyed that he does laundry in the dorms where

he often finds loose change left in the washer or dryer. He had collected the coins since the start of the school year and wanted them to go to the LWML Ohio District. This district president gladly accepted the donation by emptying the box into her bag and returning the Mite Box to him, stating that he could keep and refill it! Of course, he agreed. Justin, and other students from Ohio, personally expressed thanks and gratitude for the student grants they received. Isn't that a delightful witness?

It is true that our constant reminders to keep filling the Mite Boxes may seem to be a bother, but in the long run, can you see what power those mites contain? Our individual donations, multiplied with the donations of others, serve the Lord to accomplish great things. Seminarians and church worker students are assisted by receiving food, clothing, and grants to pay schooling costs. Other ministries receive much-needed funds for salaries, expenses, or equipment to continue their outreach. Districts retain 75% of mite offerings and send 25% to LWML, which funds over \$1 million in mission grants (nationally and internationally). Our district and the LWML have many mission grants left to pay, so let us never cease to pray and feed those Mite Boxes. Always remember that mites are freely given offerings for the purpose of reaching out to others with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Our mites are the means!

*Ann Marie Bollas*  
President

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## Pastoral Counselor's Corner

As I write this article, many of us are making New Year's resolutions. Yet, as you read this article, February will be upon us, and we will be making new resolutions as we begin the Lenten season. If you have managed to keep those New Year's resolutions, then I congratulate you and pray that your success continues. I would suspect though that many of our New Year's resolutions have fallen by the wayside, forgotten or unaccomplished. We have trouble keeping good resolutions because we don't always do the good things we want to do even when we pray for help. Two things we know that 2015 will bring are broken resolutions and sin. Wow! These are sad thoughts for a Happy New Year.

This brings us to the message and resolve that St. Paul speaks about in 1 Corinthians 2:2 (NIV) "*For I resolved to know nothing ... except Jesus Christ and him crucified.*" St. Paul knows that our human resolve to do righteous things will fail and that a person can only manage to begin again when one kneels before the cross of Calvary where Jesus atoned for our fail-

ures and sin. Our New Year's resolutions dissolve into our Lenten resolve to know nothing except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

What happens next is found for you and me in the message of Easter – the power of the resurrection where it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me (Galatians 2:20). This now becomes the resolve for each of us in the words of the LWML Pledge. "In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; ... our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, ... to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen." (© 1955 LWML authored by Rev. Harry Fricke)

*Rev. Larry J. Rodencal*

Senior Pastoral Counselor

### Ohio District Charter Bus **Cancelled!**

*Submitted by Grace Harris*



To my LWML Ohio District sisters, Due to the lack of reservations for the LWML Ohio District charter bus to the national convention in Des Moines, Iowa, the bus has been cancelled. It was my hope to receive at least 35 reservations by November 1<sup>st</sup>, but only one was received with five more who showed interest in riding. I pray that our Ohio District will be well represented at this convention, see you there!

God's blessings to all of you.

## News Tidbits from LWML:

*LWML President Kay Kreklau's recent trips:* On Saturday, November 15, 2014, LWML President Kay landed in Manila, in the Philippines, on the Island of Luzon. On Sunday, December 14, 2014, she joined a group from the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in Prague, Czech Republic, for a week-long conference.

*2015 LWML Prayer Service "God-Given Hats":* This 2015 Prayer Service, authored by Rev. Kris Whitby, is designed to give worshipers the opportunity to lift up before our Lord their confessions, their supplications and petitions, and their praises.

*Pinterest:* Follow LWML on Pinterest to easily access free printable resources for LWML. Pin wonderful pictures with Scripture verses, mission grant posters, and more at [Pinterest.com/TheLWML](http://Pinterest.com/TheLWML).

*More Mission Grants Funded:* In thankful response for all God has given His children, and as a result of faithful prayer and mite giving, the LWML is pleased to announce more Mission Grants for the 2013-2015 biennium have been funded.

*LCMS Highlights the Mission of LWML:* In January, the LCMS highlighted its role in the international mission field, and the LWML is pleased to be part of this emphasis.



## Take Heart

When winter comes and lingers on, and you wonder if you will ever see the sun and feel its warmth again, take heart! Even though darkness comes early and driving is sometimes not easy, we all can focus on the many blessings that God has bestowed upon us each and every day. We can talk to Him through prayer and read about His plan for us in the Bible. It is chocked full of spirit-brightening hope. These are two inspiring verses:

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight (Proverbs 3:5-6).*

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:6-7).*

For additional inspiration:

Romans 8:28, Psalms 27:14, Matthew 5:4,  
Philippians 4:19, Isaiah 40:31, 1 Peter 5:7

Our physical needs are also supplied by our gracious God; a roof over our heads, a furnace to keep us warm, food to eat, clothes to wear, family and friends with whom to share our joys and sorrows.

*Diane Wayner,*

Public Relations Committee

## MOST Ministries

*Submitted by Grace Harris*

During 2014, ladies of the LWML Toledo Zone made multiple trips to the Mission Opportunities Short Term (MOST) Ministries office in Ann Arbor, Michigan, a one hour drive. Spending several hours at MOST Ministries has given each of us a better vision of mission work in Christ's kingdom. During the trips, we sorted used eyeglasses and prepared them for mission teams to take throughout the world.

Thousands of donated eyeglasses are inspected to determine if they are useable as is, if so, they are washed with JOY dish detergent (doesn't smear the lenses). The prescription is checked and the glasses are packaged for the mission teams. Good frames with scratched or damaged lenses or with prescription bifocal lenses have the lenses removed and are fitted with new lenses made in the office. Some eyeglasses are recycled for their glass, plastic, or metal. Designer frames are sold on eBay. They often are purchased for outrageous prices! The money received from eBay purchases and recycled materials is used by MOST Ministries to purchase new lenses and other supplies.

How can you help? Collect used eyeglasses! Children's glasses are needed at all times. Put a collection box in the church narthex. Mention this project and MOST Ministries in your newsletters! As you collect eyeglasses, send them to MOST Ministries, 655 Phoenix Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48108.

Website: [www.mostministries.org](http://www.mostministries.org)

Email: [MOST@mostministries.org](mailto:MOST@mostministries.org)

## Christmas Mite Box Follow-up!

A Mite Box is nestled snugly among Christmas greetings. Thirty cards met the Christmas Mite Box challenge of 5 cents for each card decorating my stairway, equivalent to \$1.50. Perhaps not a great dollar amount but when multiplied by all who accepted the challenge, the final amount could be significant. Keep your Mite Box bulging with the spirit of giving throughout 2015. Blessings to all.

*Diana Schnack*

VP Christian Life





## Honors and Memorials

October 1, 2014 — December 31, 2014

### Memorials

- Alberta Barnes
- Mary Frances "Mom" Flowers
- Gladys Gilmore
- John Heindel
- Philip Keller
- Thelma Robinson
- Russell Schupp
- Betty Steinwedel
- The Rev. Ken Theile
- Lois Yunker

### Honors

- Ann Marie Bollas  
*for her work on the  
Miami Valley Zone Retreat*
- The Rev. John M. M. Holyer
- Kim Klein
- Laura McLean
- Elfrieda Spencer  
*on her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday*
- Juanita Theile  
*on her 89<sup>th</sup> birthday*
- The Rev. Keith Witte

## Mites, Memorials, Honors, and Contributions

Mite Remittance Forms are available on the district website or by contacting:

Vivian Nelson, Financial Secretary  
4805 Bowen Road  
Toledo, OH 43613  
Email: [vnelson4805@gmail.com](mailto:vnelson4805@gmail.com)

Make checks payable to "LWML Ohio District" and send with completed forms to Vivian.

## Mite Boxes

To order Mite Boxes, contact:  
Helen Schwartz  
6891 East 50 South  
Decatur, IN 46733  
Phone: 260-592-7542



## LWML Ohio District Mites Update

2014-2016 Mission Goal \$202,500  
April 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014

|                                      |              |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Mites Received .....                 | \$ 56,712.97 |
| Mites from Convention Offering ..... | \$ 2,986.83  |
| Stamps for Missions.....             | \$ 88.13     |
| Thrivent Choice Dollars .....        | \$ 3,481.00  |
| Quarterly and ODE Donations .....    | \$ 4,358.99  |
| Honors and Memorials.....            | \$ 4,068.45  |
| Donations — LWML Ohio District.....  | \$ 0.00      |
| Total Income .....                   | \$ 71,696.37 |

To reach this goal, we need to receive \$130,803.63 between now and March 31, 2016. This averages to \$8,720.24 per month for the remaining 15 months. There were generous mites donations this past quarter; we are at about 94% of where we should be after 9 months.

Remember to offer a prayer when you put money in your Mite Box. God blesses our gifts.

## Joyful Response®

If you would like to commit to having mites donated from your checking account each month, I will be happy to send you a Joyful Response® form; we can set it up quickly. Vivian Nelson, 4805 Bowen Rd., Toledo, OH 43613 or email your request to me at: [vnelson4805@gmail.com](mailto:vnelson4805@gmail.com).

## Central Zone Fall Fellowship

Submitted by Jane Stolzenburg, Central Zone President



Yearly Theme: "In Sunday School and in Life, Jesus is Always the Answer," was begun at our Zone Fall Fellowship on Oct. 25, 2014 at Emanuel Lutheran Church, Lancaster. "Faith Through a

Child's Eyes" was carried throughout the day as a Sunday school lesson with a Roll Call Skit and Room Mothers Opening Devotion (Zone Executive Board), Craft and Share (LWML Zone Members) and Show and Tell (Closing Devotions by Emanuel Pastor Mark Raddatz). Emanuel ladies served a light breakfast and lunch of soups and sandwiches to 60 LWML ladies. The ingathering supported Faithhaven Place in Lancaster with personal hygiene items and cleaning supplies.



## Mission Vision

Spectacles, eyeglasses, swim goggles, night vision glasses, bifocals, trifocals, binoculars, microscope, telescope, radar, sonar. All of these adaptive devices assist us in seeing things more clearly in our world. Now is the time to choose an adaptive device to help clarify God's command to go and tell the world of his love and salvation. A good device might be the "mission monocle." It will provide a singular sight for locating projects to be considered for the 2016-2018 biennium. Grant Project Applications will be available mid-February 2015 and can be downloaded from our web page. Happy hunting!

*Karyl H. VanMeurs-Juergens*  
VP of Gospel Outreach

## 2014 LWML Convention Experience

The 2014 Ohio District Convention will always be memorable for me because it was my first official LWML activity and because I was graciously adopted that day. You might say, "But, Regina, you can't be adopted! Your parents have been happily married for 40 years!" Well, at the convention, my family grew as I was "adopted" by Young Woman Representatives (YWR) members Stephanie Petee and Ruth Solomon. I didn't know about the YWR when I signed up for the convention but met Stephanie and Ruth at their booth. They quickly told me I could be an honorary YWR for the weekend, an adopted member! I spent the rest of the convention getting to know the other official YWR ladies learning exactly what happens at an LWML convention and being part of their skit the next day. Now I'm blessed to be serving on the Leader Development Committee with Stephanie. The convention was a weekend that sparked my interest in LWML and showed me how this group of women, this family, truly comes together to serve the Lord.

*And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near (Hebrews 10:24-25 ESV).*

*Photo from left to right  
Ruth Solomon  
Regina Kodzev  
Stephanie Petee*



*Regina Kodzev*  
Leader Development Committee

## Grateful and Happy Seminarians

Early in November, President Ann Marie mailed letters with grant checks to seminarians to provide some assistance to our students. They, in turn, are grateful and happy for the help. Let me introduce you to two of them.

Justin Mason is a first year seminarian who is pleased to serve Zion, Fort Wayne, as his fieldwork church. He holds a doctoral degree from the Eastman School of Music, has taught at his alma mater, The University of Akron, and has given many recitals on his trombone. He currently serves as an adjunct lecturer of music at Indiana Purdue University. He was recently married, and he and his wife, Stephanie, live in Fort Wayne. He assures us that they are sincerely thankful for the gift.



Mark Gearig was a high school science teacher before going to the seminary, and is very happy to be serving his vicarage at Holy Cross LC in North Canton, Ohio. He and his wife, Jennifer, are both Ohioans, so two sets of grandparents are close enough to visit them and their eight month old, Ezra Charles, often. He states, "The Ohio District has been such a blessing to our family through your monetary and prayer support. May God bless and guide you in your ministry."



*Shirley Wisner*  
Mission Grants Committee Chairman



## LWML Convention—June 25-28



Are you planning to attend the LWML convention this June? Registration forms are available in the Winter issue of the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* (see the lettered pages in the center of the

magazine) and also on the website [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org). Early discounted registration begins February 1, 2015, and must be postmarked by March 14, 2015, in order to receive the discount. The convention theme based on 2 Corinthians 9:8 is:

### "Bountiful! Sow – Nourish – Reap"

The Proclaimer at the Thursday opening worship service is Rev. Gregory Seltz, speaker of "The Lutheran Hour," and the Proclaimer for the Sunday worship service is Rev. Keith Piotter, Pastor of Our Savior LC, in Bettendorf, Iowa. The keynote speaker is Rev. Dr. James Lamb, Executive Director of National Lutherans for Life. Dr. Dina Vendetti will again be our song leader, and Jan Struck, the humorous inter-

rupter. There will be Bible Study, luncheon speakers, Mites in Action speakers, golf outing, on-site child care, mission pledge walk, blood drive, and block party in the exhibit hall.

*Servant events:* Braille Books of the Bible, Cards of Encouragement, Fleece Blankets, Package meals for Kids Against Hunger, Bible marking for Prison Ministry, making Lap Robes, Plastic Bag Mats, Pillow Case Dresses, Quilts, and Gospel Bracelets.

*Gifts from the Heart:* Numerous items will be gladly received such as: crayons, markers, colored pencils, glue or glue sticks, pony beads, laces, school kits, hygiene kits, handmade quilts, hot neck wraps (filled with rice for heating in microwave), shawls, undershirts (sleeveless), decorative pillows, and scarves.

All details are in the *Quarterly*. Plan to attend with some friends, share a room, enjoy all the convention events plus fellowship, inspiration, teaching, singing, learning and fun!

*Ann Marie Bollas*  
President

## Are You Ready?

Scripture encourages us regarding spiritual matters "to be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have." (1 Peter 3:15 NIV).

Regarding procedural matters that may arise we ask, "Is your LWML society or zone ready for action?" Parliamentary procedures can sometimes be confusing or difficult to understand. There are resources available to help.

The LWML website has answers to bylaws questions. A handy chart regarding motions from Roberts

Rules of Order Newly Revised is located at:

[www.robertsrules.org/motions.htm](http://www.robertsrules.org/motions.htm)

If you are working on amendments to your zone or society's bylaws, the Structure Committee can provide sample bylaws and assist by answering any questions. Remember that amended bylaws must be approved by the Structure Committee. You may send these to Janet Guda at [janet.guda@yahoo.com](mailto:janet.guda@yahoo.com) for approval.

Questions will arise - be ready, be prepared, be equipped.

*Janet Guda*  
Structure Committee Chairman



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## Sock Dolls to Haiti

*Submitted by Lisa Burns, Cincinnati Zone*

Ladies attending the 2014 LWML Ohio District Convention made over 150 sock dolls for orphans and children of Haiti. The hope was that these special dolls could be personally delivered to the orphanage and presented to the children as a gift of love and comfort. Jackie Rychel, LWML sister, founder and Director of Ministry in Mission, organized a trip to Jacmel, Haiti, in early December 2014. Nine volunteers set out for Port-au-Prince and over the mountains to Jacmel and the Center of Refuge orphanage, recipient of one of the LWML grants. This week-long mission trip included final construction work on the newly built orphanage (soon to be dedicated) and a chance to get to know and understand the many needs of the children who live there. The sock dolls were given to the children in Jacmel as well as the children at a school in the mountains of Osse. The pictures show the joy that these small dolls brought to the children.

The Center of Refuge orphanage in Jacmel was a learning center prior to the earthquake of 2010. Children spontaneously gathered there as humanitarian supplies were delivered by first responders.



LCMS Pastor Joseph and his wife Roussemie began feeding and caring for the children.

Children from displaced families and the homeless continued to bring their friends to the orphanage. Twenty eight children currently reside at the newly constructed orphanage. Sponsorship programs through Ministry in Mission start at \$250 per year for a child to receive education, nourishment, clothing, housing, medical care, and the love of a family. For more information and the opportunity to sponsor a child, please go to the website. [www.ministryinmission.org](http://www.ministryinmission.org)

Children from the tent city in Jacmel, Haiti, waiting to receive a meal provided by Ministry in Mission. These children, who are not part of the orphanage, receive only three meals per week as part of this feeding program. It is a sobering site to witness the desperate needs of the children.



## WWJD

So, what was your resolution for 2015?

I intended to use the word "was," because by the time that you read this, I figure that you may have already broken any New Year resolutions you may have made or don't feel that there is anything that you have in your life to resolve.

But what if God thought that way? What if He did not keep His promises, turned His back on us, or just didn't care about us one way or the other. He never forgets His promises to us or hangs us out to dry. All that He asks of us is that we be faithful.

In thinking about what resolutions we might make, think about what God does (did) for us. Share the Good News with others, listen to those around us and hear their needs and concerns, and most definitely be there for them. In all that we say and do, echo the Word of God.

Need a resolution for 2015? Get all direction from the Bible – resolve to read Scripture daily.

*"Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children"* (Ephesians 5:1, NIV).

*Laura E. I. McLean*

Christian Life Committee Chairman



## Calendar of Zone & District Events

- Feb 1      **LWML National Convention**  
*Early Registration Begins*
- Feb 13    **Executive Committee Meeting**  
*St. John LC, Dublin*
- Feb 14    **Board of Directors Meeting**  
*St. John LC, Dublin*
- Feb 28    **Northeast Zone Prayer Service**  
*Holy Cross LC, Madison*
- Mar 1      **Deadline to adjust quantities of ODE**  
*Refer to article on page 6*
- Mar 14    **Toledo Zone Retreat**  
*Trinity LC, Toledo*
- Mar 14    **LWML National Convention**  
*Early Registration Ends*
- Mar 29    **Defiance Zone Spring Rally**  
*St. Peter LC, Florida*
- Apr 11    **Cleveland East Zone Spring Rally**  
*St. Philip LC, Cleveland*
- Apr 11    **Miami Valley Zone Spring Rally**  
*St. Timothy LC, Huber Heights*
- Apr 18    **Central Zone Spring Rally**  
*St. John LC, Dublin*
- Apr 18    **Napoleon Zone Spring Rally**  
*St. Luke LC, Wauseon*
- Apr 18    **Northeast Zone Spring Rally**  
*Faith LC, Mentor*
- Apr 25    **Lima-Van Wert Spring Rally**  
*Redeemer LC, Convoy*
- May 2     **Toledo Zone Spring Rally**  
*Prince of Peace LC, Oregon*
- May 3     **Cincinnati Zone Spring Rally**  
*Peace LC, Cincinnati*
- Jun 25-28 **LWML National Convention**  
*Des Moines, Iowa*

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With a copy to:

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**Please include "LWML" in the subject line.**

## Check Out the LWML Ohio District Website

**[www.lutheransonline.com/lwmlohiodistrict](http://www.lutheransonline.com/lwmlohiodistrict)**

For up-to-date information from our district and zones, check the calendar for upcoming events, view/print the *ODE* and follow our progress toward reaching our mission goal. You can also learn about the work of our committees and view pictures from events. If you have an item of district wide interest to be included on the site, contact Billie Lelle at [bllele@roadrunner.com](mailto:bllele@roadrunner.com). Be sure to bookmark the site for easy access.

*Billie Lelle*  
Webmaster