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## NOW – is the Time

*"It only takes a spark to get a fire going,  
And soon all those around can warm up to its glowing.  
That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it.*

*You spread His love to ev'ryone; You want to  
pass it on."*



That is the first verse of the theme song of the 26<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention of the LWML Ohio District. We certainly experienced God's love during those three wonderful days of laughing, singing, praising, rejoicing, and sharing the love of God with over 275 of our fellow sisters and brothers in Christ.

During the Friday evening worship service, Pastor Whitby set our hearts on fire with his stirring sermon based on Luke 21:13-35, highlighting the story of the two men on the road to Emmaus. Pastor Whitby also provided laughter and delight throughout the Convention as our very talented humorist.

During his very animated Bible Study, Pastor Witte instructed us to light a spark in our study of God's Word by meditating out loud. He assured us that a noisy meditation was an inspired meditation. Pastor Witte explained that speaking out loud sparked all our senses to understand the Word of God.

We felt our hearts melt as the choir sang the emotional song "How Beautiful" as a power point presentation featured several recipients of our grants. It was hard to hold back the tears as we saw the actual results of our mites impacting lives.

The time passed quickly as we shared God's love with new friends as well as old. We felt that spark of love grow into a flame as we worshipped, sang, laughed, cried, and prayed together.

NOW – the Convention is over, and we have returned home. NOW – is the time to pass God's love on!

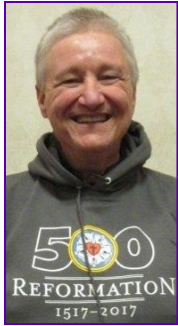
However, we do not get to choose whom we love. We are to love everyone. We need to pass that love to the crabby lady at the grocery store, the homeless man on the street, and the teenager with the smart mouth. We are to take that love and pass it on to the people in our homes, churches, communities, places of work, fitness centers and anywhere and everywhere we go. Let us pass on that spark of God's love and set the world on fire!

*Serving our Lord Together,*

*Jeanne Schimmelmann, President*

## BOARD NEWS

## It Only Takes a Spark!



Most people know comedian Jeff Foxworthy with the tag line "You might be a redneck if" then he gives a humorous example of "redneck" living; such as, "You might be a redneck if you had three different addresses yet lived in the same house." "You might be a redneck if at your congregation the pastor says 'Bubba please gather the offering' then four men get up to collect the offering."

To be honest, at first I didn't think Foxworthy was very funny because his sayings hit too close to home - I actually have an uncle that I call Uncle Bubba and as far as I can remember one set of my grandparents lived in a "mobile" home. His jokes actually did convey a truism about life down south. Later, I came to love his humor and laugh along with everyone else.

Years later someone thought to take that tagline and change the word "redneck" with "Lutheran."

I'm sure you've heard or read some "YMBALI" (You might be a Lutheran if) jokes. Jokes like YMBALI.. you sing "Stand up, Stand up for Jesus" while (go ahead finish the saying) while you remain seated. Or YMBALI.. you hear the phrase from Star Wars "May the force be with you" and you respond... (go ahead, you know the reply).. "and also with you." Well, the list is long, you can look up YMBALI jokes on the internet. One final "YMBALI".. your house is a mess because you know that you are saved by grace, not by works.

"Saved by grace, not by works." That is the spark that rekindled the fire. The fire that raged over 2000 years ago as the Apostles moved by the Holy Spirit spoke of God's grace to a world in darkness. The spark rekindled almost 500 years ago and proclaimed by Martin Luther at a time when the Law was king and Gospel was silent. It is a fire that still burns within the hearts of many today in our churches, communities, and around the globe as God's Word of grace is proclaimed to this generation.

It is a spark that God continues to ignite through you, the women (and men) of the LWML, one spark at a time. It is through the mighty mites that you collect and disperse that God funds many worthwhile missions, keeping His message of amazing grace burning and affecting the eternal destination of this and even future generations.

In the meantime, may your own hearts continue to burn within you as you "Walk With Jesus Daily."

*You know - "You might be an LWMLer if ... you serve the Lord with gladness."*

*Rev. Jimmy Riley, Senior Pastoral Counselor*



The webmaster has been busy updating the LWML Ohio District site with pictures from the convention and information for the new biennium. You will find important links, grant information, the ODE, zone updates and much more! So click that mouse on:

<http://lwmlohio.org> and find out what is happening in our district.

*Billie Lelle, Webmaster*



First Executive Board, 1942 taken in St. Louis, MO Concordia Publishing House

## A Step Back in Time

The date was set for July 7 and 8, 1942, for Chicago, Illinois to host the first national gathering of the LWML. "Lodging and breakfast for delegates were provided in private homes; other meals were funded by Synod. Delegate travel costs were borne by the districts. Visitors could eat with the delegates, but they had to

stay in hotels. The rates ran from \$2.00 to \$3.50 for single rooms, we also had a large selection of restaurants ranging from fair to excellent. Twenty-eight women were present as delegates, plus about 80 guests." -WINGS: Women In God's Service by Marlys Taeye 1991.

*Caroline Honeycutt, Archivist-Historian*

## BOARD NEWS

### Future Leaders — First Impressions

The Leader Development Committee had the honor of working with seven Young Women Representatives (YWR's) at the 2016 Convention. The YWRs included:

Jeana Cox, Napoleon	Catherine Driver, Miami Valley
Heather McKinley, Cincinnati	Madalyn Short, Napoleon
Zipporah Singh, Cleveland South	Candyce Smith, North East
Shawna Spanel, Central	



A few YWR's wanted to share their thoughts on the convention:

*I have read articles about how much money goes out for mission work from the LWML. I really didn't understand how it all worked or the impact it has on people and their lives. I was amazed at how much money is brought in from the little (but big impacting) mite boxes. It also brought me closer to the women from my church as we traveled, stayed, and laughed together. Jeana Cox, Napoleon Zone*

*I thought the convention was a great opportunity to connect with other young women who share a passion for Christ. It was also interesting to hear about missions of the LWML Ohio District. Catherine Driver, Miami Valley*

*I thought the convention was a great experience full of fun and learning about the LWML. I met a ton of new amazing people that I will be friends with for a long time. Madalyn Short, Napoleon Zone.*

I encourage you to pass on that spark to those around you. The young women are the future of the LWML. And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose (Romans 8:28 NIV).

*Stephanie Petee, Chairman, Leader Development Committee*

### Are You a Missionary?

Do you have the training? In Matthew 28, Jesus tells us to "Go and make disciples.." "He is not asking, requesting, or even just suggesting, Jesus is commanding. I know I feel unqualified to lead and to serve most of the time. Eden Keefe, Vice President of Christian Life, LWML, let the ladies at the LWML Ohio District Convention know that the website, [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org), is an excellent resource for tools in leadership and outreach for individuals and societies." Our District also has a website, [www.lwmlohio.org](http://www.lwmlohio.org), with many great resources, tools, and links for service and mission.



Eden Keefe

*Ruth Mowery, Chairman, Publicity*

### SAVE the DATE! November 5, 2016

Redeemer Lutheran Church, Austintown, Ohio, is hosting a workshop lead by Leslie Haines, Lutheran Military Veterans and Families Ministries (LMVFM). The workshop is intended for clergy, Stephens Ministers, counselors, therapists, social workers, and others who want to help veterans and their families make a healthy transition back home.

On completion, attendees will have a greater understanding of the root causes of traumatic military stress injuries; understand how military culture affects service members' thought processes, decision making and ability to return to civilian life; understand the unique challenges of military service as it relates to barriers between caregivers, our warriors and their families; and be able to identify the most common traumatic military stress injuries.

The workshop is from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. General Registration \$59.95; LMVFM Members \$35.00; Students with valid ID \$25.00. Coffee, snacks and lunch included. Reservation deadline is October 31, 2016.

More information contact Doreen Inglis 330-799-2511 or [lwmlidoreen@yahoo.com](mailto:lwmlidoreen@yahoo.com).

Executive Director, Leslie Haines (MAJ) DM, MA; 3480 Stellhorn Rd., Fort Wayne 46815, [www.LMVFM.org](http://www.LMVFM.org)

*Karyl VanMeurs-Juergens, Vice President, Gospel Outreach*





## BOARD NEWS

### Are You Still Sparkling from the Convention?



The light of our penlight still glows in the dark. Our hearts still catch for a second during the first moment of remembering the convention. Our brains are flooded by the ideas, love, inspiration, songs and laughter from the sessions and activities. The convention has ended, but our souls are still burning with all we witnessed.

The them, "It Only Takes a Spark," was glowing through the events of the LWML Ohio District Convention weekend. The message sparkled in all the activities of the convention, from the opening processional of the Friday evening Worship Service (available to view at [lwmlloh.org](http://lwmlloh.org)), through business sessions; voting for new grants and officers; and the Saturday banquet. There were songs and a message from the keynote speaker, Tim Hetzner, founder of LCC Comfort Dogs Ministry; Bible studies led by Rev. Keith Witte; inspirations by Proclaimer, Rev. Kristopher Whitby; and words of national LWML Vice President of Christian Life, Eden Keefe; all filled with inspiration to share Jesus' love and teachings.

The servant events were well attended Friday afternoon as people were reacquainted. By Sunday, the Ingathering crates were overflowing with collected items: paint, prescription bottles, eye glasses, medical braces and thousands of stamps.

Are you now excited to share with everyone at church everything that happened? Can you hardly wait to share all the new ideas to try with your own LWML group? Do you remember those dog jokes and the crazy Sisters Feud? I wonder if Nick Dablonski made it back to his beloved *State of Chicago*. Are you reading aloud your Bible devotions? God's love is working through us to provide for the needs of God's people. Share the spark and live in its glow! We saw how quickly it was ignited, pray that the flame continues in our lives forever!!

*Peggy Kelm, Co-Chairman, 2016 Convention Host Committee*

### Is Your Gospel Light Still Lit?

"It Only Takes a Spark" is now reports, evaluations, reading new job responsibilities, and thank-yous. However, because of the inspirational messages, laughter, music, friendships and of course, meeting formality, "It Only Takes a Spark" is also a wonderful memory.

For the ladies of the Christian Life Committee, sparks were flying the entire weekend with participation in meetings, activities, skits, and the LWML store. There can be no denying it, Christian Life members were busy, busy, busy. Throughout the weekend, conversations, smiles, and hugs led to spark-filled rekindling of the Spirit. Thank God for conventions!

Is your spark still glowing? Is your gospel light still lit? Remember, it only takes a spark to start your fire glowing, but it has to be passed on so that spark can glow in the lives of others. In passing on, your spark will be rekindled so God's light can continue to shine through you.

*Diana Schnack, Vice President, Christian Life*



### It's in the Books!



The proposed amendments to the LWML Ohio District Bylaws, 2014-2016 were read at the convention. With the help of God, the amendments were adopted and are officially in the books!

The bylaws will be updated soon and the changes will be in use in the 2016-2018 biennium. Thank you for those who stopped by the Structure committee booth. We hope you had fun testing your knowledge on by-laws and found the handouts valuable and informative. After all, that is our purpose and our goal, to make sure your meetings are conducted smoothly (that's a pun based on chapsticks that we had at the booth)!

Thank you to the Structure Committee who worked diligently these past two years on the by-laws. Many thanks to Chairman, Janet Guda, and committee members, Carol Eigenbrod and Denice Horton, for serving God with gladness.

*Julie Gresko, Vice President, Servant Resources*



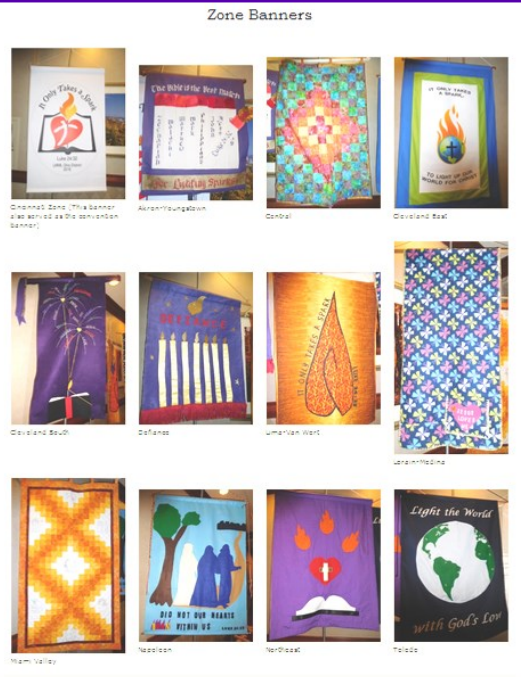
# CONVENTION CAPTURED!



The YWRs with Leader Development Chairman, Stephanie Petee: Shawna Spanel, Jeana Cox, Heather McKinley, Candyce Smith, Zipporah Singh, Catherine Driver, Madalyn Short



Eden Keefe, national Vice President of Christian Life, with Ann Marie



Zone Banners

Cincinnati Zone: This banner also served as the convention banner; Akron/Aurora/Edison; Central; Cleveland East; Cleveland South; Delaware; Human Care; Lancaster; Miami Valley; Napoleon; No. Dear; Toledo



Giving Mites to Ann Marie



Those crazy EC members



Four past presidents! Marie Moeller, Louise Showalter, Ida Luebke and Elfrieda Spencer



Of course-purple shoes



Rosie

Women of Bhutan in song and dance.



Pastor Whitby



Candidates for office.



Beautiful children letting their lights shine!



Outgoing officers (THANK YOU) Financial Secretary - Vivian Nelson; VP Servant Resources - Julie Gresko; Nominating Committee Chairman - Carol Marcis; VP Human Care - Barb Berner; President - Ann Marie Bollas and Pastoral Counselor - Rev. Larry Rodencal

## The Work Continues

Our Mission Grant Committee work is finished. Letters were written, calls made, emails sent, and prayers prayed. Thirty-two grant petitions received, discussed, and deliberated. Finally, 15 chosen to present on the ballot, praying we chose the ones God had in mind.

We presented the ballot, now it was up to the assembly to deliberate, pray and choose. We rejoiced with those who were chosen, and encouraged the

others to continue their quests. Our individual work is not finished. We will go our separate ways, doing our work to bring Jesus into the hearts of all people.

We pray for the members of the new Mission Grants Committee, remembering the difficult decisions we had to make. We ask God's blessings on them as they begin sorting and deliberating and praying. May God be with them and grant them His wisdom and guidance.

*Shirley Wiser, Chairman, Mission Grants*

### LWML Ohio District Mission Grants. Approved 2016-2018

#1	<b>Military Veterans &amp; Family Member Counseling, Care Programs &amp; Services</b> -- Lutheran Military Veterans and Families Ministries, Fort Wayne, Indiana: To provide funding to expand training programs and direct care services of our military veterans throughout the Ohio District.	\$10,000
#2	<b>Support for Seminarians</b> -- OH District Student Aid and Recruitment Committee: To assist the Ohio District Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod LCMS Seminary students who are training for pastoral ministry in the LCMS with tuition, books and other educational costs.	\$15,000
#3	<b>Concordia Theological Seminary Food Co-Op</b> -- Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana: To provide financial assistance for the purchase of perishable items for their Food Cooperative.	\$10,000
#4	<b>Support for Church Work Full Time Students</b> -- OH District Student Aid and Recruitment Committee: To assist the Ohio District Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) full time students preparing for ministries in LCMS church work, with tuition books and other costs of their education.	\$15,000
#5	<b>Veterans of the Cross</b> -- Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Office of National Ministry/ Veterans of the Cross: To assist impoverished, aged pastors, teachers and their families, helping to pay for necessities like utilities, food and medical expenses by providing small, periodic stipends.	\$2,500
#6	<b>Project Hope for the Homeless</b> -- Zion Lutheran, Painesville, OH working with Ecumenical Shelter Network of Lake County, OH: To assist Project Hope in responding to the human hurts and hopes of homeless persons in Lake County Ohio by providing emergency shelter, care and guidance in the name of Jesus Christ.	\$10,000
#7	<b>Ohio Branch Orphan Grain Train</b> -- Orphan Grain Train Ohio Division, Napoleon, OH: To assist with costs of fuel for transportation of clothing, household items, school supplies, blankets and religious materials for humanitarian aid.	\$7,500
#8	<b>Sharing the Love of Christ with Detained Immigrants</b> -- Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services (LIRS): To purchase 1500 Spanish language Bibles for distribution to immigrants being held in five detention centers in Ohio and northern Kentucky during their legal proceedings.	\$7,500
#9	<b>The Bridge Ministry</b> -- Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Cincinnati, OH : To partially pay the salary of the Bridge Ministry Coordinator to enable continued outreach to the homeless in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood.	\$10,000
#10	<b>Comfort Dog Ministry at Atonement Lutheran "Rosie"</b> -- Atonement Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH: To provide financial support for costs associated with training of handlers and for deployments locally and nationally, in order to further the care and compassion provided by Comfort dog "Rosie"	\$5,000
	<b>TOTAL GRANTS GOAL</b>	<b>\$92,500</b>



# ZONES UNZIPPED!

## Event Calendar

- Aug 13 Toledo**  
Service day  
Trinity LC Toledo, OH
- Aug 27 Cincinnati**  
Executive Board  
St. Paul LC Cincinnati, OH
- Aug 27 Ohio District**  
Executive Board  
Concordia LC Columbus, OH
- Sep 17 Napoleon/Defiance**  
Fall Retreat  
St. John Stryker, OH
- Sep 17 NorthEast**  
Fall Get Away  
Perry YMCA Painesville, OH
- Sep 23-24 Cincinnati**  
Fall Retreat  
Potter's Ranch Union, KY
- Oct 1 Toledo**  
Fall Rally  
Concordia LC Toledo
- Oct 8 Lorain-Medina**  
Fall Retreat  
Lutheran Home Westlake, OH
- Oct 15 Central**  
Fall Fellowship  
TBA TBA
- Oct 15 Cleveland East**  
Fall Rally  
St. John LC S. Euclid, OH
- Oct 16 Defiance**  
Fall Workshop  
St. John LC Sherwood, OH
- Nov 5 Redeemer LC**  
LMVFM Workshop  
Redeemer LC Austintown, OH
- Nov 12 Lorain-Medina**  
Business Meeting  
St. Paul Valley City, OH

## TOLEDO ZONE

Submitted by Lillian Keller

The LWML Toledo Zone Spring Rally, with the theme, "Love One Another," was hosted by the LWML ladies of Concordia Lutheran Church, Findlay, Ohio. A short business meeting was held at which Janice Breitner was elected president and Dorcel Dowdell was re-elected recording secretary.

Our program speakers were Mary Domke and the Rev. Matthew Shive, Concordia's Pastor. Mary has been involved with the International Friends of Christ, a ministry at Concordia Lutheran Church, Findlay, since 1998. At that time a Japanese woman, new to the United States asked her neighbor, a member of Concordia, questions about where to find a doctor, where to shop, etc. The pastor and members of Concordia decided to open their church to an English as a Second Language (ESL) program for the Japanese women and to witness about Jesus. Since the first class, at least 720 Japanese women have learned English through Bible story lessons, written by Rev. Gerry Mohr. Through a grant from the LWML Ohio District, bilingual Bibles have also helped in this ministry

Rev. Matthew Shive also serves as chaplain with the local county's Sheriff's Department. Ride-alongs with a Deputy Sheriff can be a very quiet ride or a ride to a location of a suicide, domestic abuse, an accident, etc. Pastor Shive also ministers to the auxiliary staff of the Sheriff's Department, as they encounter the stresses and challenges of their jobs. Pastor told us that treats, such as cookies, brownies, and prayers are welcomed by the First Responders

Both speakers are examples of showing love to others. The women attending the rally showed their love by bringing health and hygiene

items for the pantry at Findlay's Lutheran Social Services. We are thankful for Thrivent Action Team funds that helped purchase additional items for the pantry.



## Lorain-Medina Zone

Submitted by Ethel Schiemann, President

Women's Fall Retreat Save the date: **October 8, 2016**, 9:30 a.m.



The retreat hosted by Lorain-Medina Zone at the Lutheran Home, Concord Reserve, 2116 Dover Center Road, Westlake, Ohio. Our guest speaker is Deaconess Carolyn Brinkley, author of, "Bearing the Cross: Devotions on Albrecht Dürer's Small Passion"

There will be a session on Concordia Theological Seminary's "Military Project" through which she directs devotional and worship materials, cards, and care packages to Chaplains and their units. A session on "Luther's Germany" will look ahead to the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Lunch will be provided along with crafts, singing, and interaction with the residents.

For more information contact: Ethel Schiemann: [emschiemann@windstrem.net](mailto:emschiemann@windstrem.net); Phone: 440-236-5448

Or Websites: [LWML.org](http://LWML.org) under Lorain/Medina Zone; St Paul Lutheran, Valley City at [spvc.org](http://spvc.org).

## Defiance Zone

Submitted by Janet Vollmer, President

On a snowy Saturday, April 10, 2016, the Defiance Zone gathered for a Spring Rally. A snowstorm prevented Ann Marie Bollas, LWML Ohio District President, from attending. However, the hardy LWML ladies from the Defiance area arrived bright and early to Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Antwerp.

The Rally theme was "The Flowers of God's Garden," based on (Isaiah 58:11 NIV), *The Lord will guide you always; He will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden like a spring whose waters never fail.*

The speaker and Bible study leader, Carole Terkula, arrived safely. Carole is a first year deaconess student at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne. Formerly, she was a high school Japanese language teacher in Louisville, KY. At her congregation in Louisville, she was active in LWML, Stephen Ministry, and the LCC Comfort Dog Ministry. Prior to leading Bible study based on Isaiah 58:11, she spoke about the Deaconess program at the seminary and her journey to the program.



Mt. Calvary, Defiance Zone, Hostesses



Defiance Zone President,, Janet Vollmer with Deaconess student, Carole Terkula

## Northeast Zone





2016 – 2018 Mission Goal – \$205,000

Description	Jun 2016	Apr 1-Jun 30
Mites Received	\$ 3,468.67	\$ 11,266.98
Convention Offering #1	\$ 3,283.23	\$ 3,283.23
Stamps for Missions		
Thrivent Choice Dollars		\$ 1,403.00
Quarterly's & ODEs	\$ 160.00	\$ 919.00
Honors/Memorials	\$ 75.00	\$ 530.00
Total Mission Income	\$ 6,986.90	\$ 17,402.21

Did you have a wonderful time at the convention! Did you take home a spark to re-ignite your sharing of God's love? I did, and hope that you did, too.

The offerings for June are listed here. Convention Offering #1 is listed separately this time. In July, I'll add it to the mites total, and then Judy Sonnenberg will be taking over in August. (An additional check for offering #1 was received after the original convention update. The final number is listed here.

*Vivian Nelson, Financial Secretary*

Convention Offerings Report

#1	for Mites:	\$3,283.23
#2	for Dressing Room:	\$1,838.79
#3	for Reaping the Harvest Ministries:	\$2,494.44

These numbers include extra checks given directly to the Financial Secretary after the convention offerings were taken.

Honors - Memorials  
Gifts Received

April – June, 2016

**In HONOR of:**

Janice Breitner  
Andrea Gernheuser  
Corrinne Sattler  
For their devotion in caring for their mother,  
Lura Jaeger

**In MEMORY of:**

Alma Dachenhaus  
Pat Fein  
Doris Heilman  
Ruth Max  
Lois Neff  
Karen Wagstaff  
Evelyn Wentling  
Rhea Zarn

**NOTE: More than \$100 was donated to mites for the misspelled LWML M&Ms. Unsold LWML store items will be sold at LWML events throughout the next two years. Get ready for sale pricing.**



Seed Money

Thrivent Action Team \$250 in seed money can help defray the cost of your rally or workshop or other activity. It defrayed the cost of the ODE last quarter. Take advantage of this opportunity to extend your mission projects. Information is available at [thrivent.com](http://thrivent.com).



Mite Boxes

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

## Special Thanks

Many people worked diligently and conscientiously for the LWML Ohio District during the 2014 - 2016 biennium. They generously gave their time and talents whenever and wherever they were needed. Some of those people will continue to serve throughout the 2016 - 2018 biennium. Their expertise and experience will be invaluable as we continue to do the Lord's work in the mission field.

Special thanks and heartfelt gratitude goes to those people who have fulfilled their terms of office and will continue to serve the Lord in other ways in the future.

Those elected officers include: Ann Marie Bollas (President), Barbara Berner (Vice President of Human Care), Vivian Nelson (Financial Secretary), and Rev. Larry Rodencal (Pastoral Counselor) Other servants of the Lord who have completed their terms of office include committee chairmen Laura McLean, Shirley Wiser, Cyndi Lako, Janet Guda, Stephanie Petee, Carol Marcis. Liz Underwood and Peggy Kelm. Appreciation should also be given to all members of the committees for their tireless work and joyful contributions of ideas, resources and talents.

May all these people continue in their efforts to *serve the Lord with gladness.*



### New Officers:

President, Jeanne Schimmelmann; Pastoral Counselor, Rev. Daniel Herb; VP Human Care, Julie Gresko; VP Servant Resources, Beth Christopherson; Nominating Committee (NC), Vivian Nelson, Chairman; Eileen Stough; Financial Secretary, Judy Sonnenberg; NC: Jean Moffit, Gloria Schumm, Not shown, Barb Berner

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## LWML 37th Biennial Convention



Date: June 22-25, 2017

Location: Albuquerque, New Mexico

Theme: "Jesus Christ Above All"

Scripture Verse: *Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name (Philippians 2:9).*

President: Patti Ross

**Convention Goal Statement:** Empowered by the Holy Spirit, through Word and Sacrament, I will proclaim Jesus Christ above all.

**Convention Objectives:** Each convention attendee will be:

- \* Encouraged through worship and Bible study.
- \* Equipped to share His message of salvation.
- \* Engaged in celebrating God's faithfulness while serving the Lord with gladness.

- 1943 **1st Biennial - Ft Wayne, Indiana, Aug 31-Sept 1**  
"Serve the Lord with Gladness," Clara Schmitt, President
- 1945 **cancelled due to the war**
- 1947 **2nd Biennial - Chicago, Illinois, July 18-19**  
"Serve the Lord with Gladness," Clara Schmitt, President
- 1949 **3rd Biennial - Cleveland, Ohio, July 27-28**  
"Thy Kingdom Come," Sadie Fulk Roehrs, President
- 1951 **4th Biennial - New York, New York, July 25-26**  
"For Such a Time as This," Sadie Fulk Roehrs, President
- 1953 **5th Biennial - Portland, Oregon, July 28-29**  
"Saved to Serve," Sadie Fulk Roehrs, President
- 1955 **cancelled due to segregation policies in New Orleans, LA**
- 1956 **6th Biennial - Denver, Colorado, April 20-21**  
"Occupy 'til I Come," Lillian Preisinger, President
- 1957 **7th Biennial - Minneapolis, Minnesota, July 31-Aug 1**  
"Talk Ye of All His Wondrous Works," Lillian Preisinger, President
- 1959 **8th Biennial - Toronto, Ontario, CA, July 22-23**  
"Labour With More Love," Lillian Preisinger, President
- 1961 **9th Biennial - Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, July 26-27**  
"Living with My Lord," Emma Hoppe, President
- 1963 **10th Biennial - Kansas City, Missouri, July 17-18**  
"The Harvest is Great," Emma Hoppe, President
- 1965 **11th Biennial - San Diego, California, July 20-21**  
"The Lord is My Light," Eula Hankel, President
- 1967 **12th Biennial - Washington, D.C., July 18-20**  
"Beautiful Savior, Lord of the Nations," Eula Hankel, President

- 1969 **13th Biennial - Houston, Texas, July 20-22**  
"Thrust with Trust," Evelyn Hartman, President
- 1971 **14th Biennial - Louisville, Kentucky, June 22-24**  
"Declare His Glory," Evelyn Hartman, President
- 1973 **15th Biennial - Mobile, Alabama, June 25-28**  
"Together in Christ," Florence Montz, President
- 1975 **16th Biennial - St Paul, Minnesota, July 21-24**  
"Saints Arise!," Florence Montz, President
- 1977 **17th Biennial - Laramie, Wyoming, August 8-11**  
"Lift Thine Eyes," Helen Morris, President
- 1979 **18th Biennial - Omaha, Nebraska, July 16-19**  
"Sow the Seed," Helen Morris, President
- 1981 **19th Biennial - Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 22-25**  
"Come to the Living Waters," Helen Gienapp, President
- 1983 **20th Biennial - Detroit, Michigan, June 20-23**  
"Reach Out With Christ," Helen Gienapp, President
- 1985 **21st Biennial - Ames, Iowa, July 22-25**  
"Give God Glory - Praise His Name!," Alberta Barnes, President
- 1987 **22nd Biennial - Ft Worth, Texas, June 22-25**  
"Radiant with God's Love," Alberta Barnes, President
- 1989 **23rd Biennial - Rapid City, South Dakota, June 26-29**  
"Seek His Face Always," Betty Duda, President
- 1991 **24th Biennial - Cleveland, Ohio, June 27-30**  
"Celebrate the Jubilee - Glorify His Name," Betty Duda, President
- 1993 **25th Biennial - Edmonton, Alberta, CA June 17-20**  
"One in Spirit - One in Purpose," Ida Mall, President
- 1995 **26th Biennial - Kansas City, Missouri June 22-25**  
"Live By God's Design," Ida Mall, President
- 1997 **27th Biennial - Charlotte, North Carolina, June 26-29**  
"Hold Up the Light," Gloria Edwards, President
- 1999 **28th Biennial - Minneapolis, Minnesota, July 1-4**  
"Let Freedom Ring," Gloria Edwards, President
- 2001 **29th Biennial - San Jose, California, July 5-8**  
"Because He First Loved Me," Virginia Von Seggern, President
- 2003 **30th Biennial - Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, June 19-22**  
"Lord of my Heart ... Our Hope," Virginia Von Seggern, President
- 2005 **31st Biennial - Tampa, Florida, June 16-19**  
"Live Joyfully as Salt and Light," Linda Reiser, President
- 2007 **32nd Biennial - Sioux Falls, South Dakota, June 21-24**  
"ROCK! Rest On Christ the King," Linda Reiser, President
- 2009 **33rd Biennial - Portland, Oregon, June 25-28**  
"Look to the Hills ... God Reigns!," Janice Wendorf, President
- 2011 **34th Biennial - Peoria, Illinois, June 23-26**  
"Being with Jesus—Living on the Edge," Janice Wendorf, President
- 2013 **35th Biennial - Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, June 27-30**  
"Quenched! By the Water," Kay Kreklau, President
- 2015 **36th Biennial - Des Moines, Iowa, June 25-28**  
"Bountiful! Sow • Nourish • Reap," Kay Kreklau, President
- 2017 **37th Biennial - Albuquerque, New Mexico, June 22-25**  
"Jesus Christ Above All," Patti Ross, President