



## Ohio District President's Message – Spring 2025

### *Dear Lutheran Women in Mission,*

Greetings as we begin 2025 “Serving the Lord with Gladness” (Psalm 100:2). The zones are busy as they prepare for payer services, or winter retreats, spring rallies, servant events, and using other ways to spread the word of the LWML and the power of the “Mighty Mite!”

We are blessed as all the District positions are filled.

The nominating committee is seeking nominees for Junior Pastoral Counselor (must have served as a Zone counselor); Treasurer (knows financial software); VP, Christian Life; VP, Gospel Outreach; and, Recording Secretary. If you know someone to nominate, or would volunteer to be a nominee, contact one of the members of the nominating committee: Ann Presley (Central), Anne Boerboom (Cincinnati), Karen Robertson (Central), Julie Gresko (Cleveland South West) and, Chairman Nadine Dlugas (Toledo).

Under the chairmanship of Jackie Rychel, Leadership is developing processes to help understand the membership of the zones and how to encourage increasing growth in LWML Ohio District. More to come....

### CALENDAR ITEMS:

- **Jan 22-24, 2025: President's Assembly in Omaha**
- **Jan 25, 2025: District/Zone/Group list of activities to Ohio District President for LWML Report**
- **Feb 2, 2025: DEADLINE for LOGO Designs for 2026 LWML Ohio District Convention**
- **Feb 2, 2025: DEADLINE for BANNER Designs for 2025 LWML Omaha Convention**
- **Feb 7, 2025 (Fri): EC meeting, 7:30 p.m. to finish of business, Dublin, OH**
- **Feb 8, 2025 (Sat): BOD meeting, 10:00 am. – 2:30 p.m. (lunch provided), Dublin, OH**
- **Mar 1, 2025: Online reservations open for 2025 convention**
- **Jun 26-29, 2025: LWML 41<sup>ST</sup> Biennial Convention, Omaha, NE**
- **Jun 19-20, 2026: LWML Ohio District 31<sup>ST</sup> Biennial Convention, Westlake, OH**

**Zone Presidents:** who you will be your delegate and alternate for your zone to the 2025 convention? Who will be your 2025 convention YWR Application forms are at the Ohio District website, [www.lwmlohio.org](http://www.lwmlohio.org).

### CONVENTIONS



This 41st Biennial Convention will be an inspiring, faith-filled event featuring: Rev. Richard Snow, Opening Worship Proclaimer; Rev. Kris Whitby, Keynote Speaker; Rev. Cory Burma, Closing Worship Proclaimer; Christina Hergenrader, Bible Study Leader; Jan Struck & Abby Goehring, Comic Relief Duo; Mark Senechal, Song Leader; Jennie Williamson, Saturday Night Entertainment.

Three ministries were selected to receive Gifts From the Heart (GFTH) ingathering items for the Omaha convention: **Camp Luther of Nebraska; Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska; The University of Nebraska at Lincoln Campus Ministry.** (if you don't travel to Omaha, you can participate through online Gifts From the Heart giving.)

**"Joyful Always" based on 1 Thes 5:16-18:** The 2026 LWML Ohio District convention is a concise 2-day convention taking place at St. Paul Lutheran Church. It is hosted by Cleveland South-West, Lorain-Medina, and Northeast Zones. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend. Submit your design for the convention Logo based on "Joyful Always" theme (details below).

**Deadline for submitting the logo and banner designs is February 2, 2025, to President's Secretary, Melissa Bauer, (melissabauer123@gmail.com). At the February 8 BOD meeting, the Board of Directors vote on the designs to select the winners.**

**Logo Requirements:** Submit your design in color on 8½x11 paper. (1) Provide an explanation of your design; (2) your inspiration for the design; (3) the proposed colors; (4) your name and contact information.

**Banner Requirements:** The banner design (1) should be based on the convention theme "Growing in God's Grace;" (2) do not use the convention logo on the banner; (3) use any color including the convention colors; (4) finished banner size is to be 3'x 5', not including fringe if used; (5) district name must be on front of banner; (6) design creator is responsible for making the banner. Further details will be given to the person whose design is selected.

**For those who love God all things work together for good,  
for those who are called according to his purpose (*Romans 8:28 ESV*).**

***Your Servant in Christ,  
Karen Shanahan,  
LWML Ohio District President***