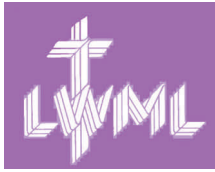


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2016 Convention Highlights!



The Little London Winds performed a rousing patriotic concert for us at the Saturday evening banquet. As part of the concert, the conductor's baton was auctioned off to the highest bidder, who then got the privilege to lead the orchestra. Almost \$600 was raised during vigorous bidding which went to mailing the boxes of items to military personnel that were gathered as part of our Gifts of the Heart. President Sylvia was given the honor to conduct the orchestra. She looked like a pro! Well done to all who participated in the auction!

***More photos of the convention are in this issue and also at
LWMLRMD.org.***

Postings
From
Sylvia



Psalm 91:2 *"I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."*

Courageous to Serve

Wow, the convention is over and we come off the mountain top and return to our everyday life "courageous to serve." What does this mean? We should fear and love God that we may: be in His Word daily, be in prayer, and use our gifts in ministry to the people of the world. How is this done? First is making the commitment to have a daily devotion whether that's privately or with your family. Second, select the kind of devotion you want to pursue – that could be reading a chapter a day through the Bible, *Portals of Prayer Devotions*, *Quarterly Bible study*, selecting a study from LWML or CPH, then daily armor yourself with the Word. Be committed to prayer each day and practice praying – that can be while you're doing the dishes, in the tub, weeding the garden, on a walk, while you wait at a traffic light, before bed at night, as you awake in the morning. Then, as we continue the thought and Word, the strength to step out of our comfort zone (in faith) will happen. The Lord will provide opportunities for us to serve Him – maybe in ways we never dreamed. But courageously, we can say, "Here I am, Lord, send me." There are many opportunities to serve our Lord in our church, society, zone, district, and even nationally. Right now in our district we need: an Archivist/Historian, Convention Coordinator "Shadow," District Committee Chairmen, Committee members. An important thought to remember is that no matter what the opportunity to serve, you are not alone, God will "fit" you for His

work and there are mentors on the district and national levels to nurture and assist you as you develop your ability in whatever area God has placed you. We also learned that Jesus is our "Refuge" throughout our lives and He will provide us "armor" to do His work and will.

THANK YOU to all who helped prepare for, participated in and attended our 48th Biennial LWML RMD Convention! Thank you for the many words of encouragement and appreciation, cards, and gifts I received before, during, and after the convention. Your affirmation and support helps for a better "fit" of my president's hat as "armored against evil, we step out courageously in faith to serve Him."

NOW is the TIME to volunteer your gifts in service to the Lord; contact me at frank.sylvia.bean@gmail.com.

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and LaVon Watson

Blessings,
Sylvia

Pray that They May Declare it Boldly

Pr. Mark Nierman
Senior Pastoral Counselor

How wonderful it was to gather this past June in Colorado Springs for the 2016 LWML RMD convention. It was a blessing to gather in worship and hear God's Word. It was a joy to be led in Bible study and reflect on God, our refuge and fortress. It was great to have a time of fellowship with one another, seeing familiar faces, and meeting new sisters in Christ. And, of course, it was great to focus on our Lord's mission.

One of the most important items of business at the convention was to select the mission grants that the LWML RMD will support with their mites throughout the 2016-2018 biennium. Some of the missions on the list may be ones with which you are very familiar. Others may be less familiar and hopefully you can take time to learn more about the things they are doing for the spread of the Gospel. All of them are wonderful opportunities to reach out with the love of Christ Jesus our Lord.

In Paul's letter to the Ephesians, Paul exhorts them to put on the whole armor of God so that we may be able to stand against the schemes of the Devil. He writes:

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and

supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak (Ephesians 6:12-20).

This is a fantastic text, one that you are likely familiar with and have studied a time or two. In it we are reminded of the spiritual warfare that Satan continues to wage against God's church, but we are told of the armor that God Himself fits us with that we may stand.

What I would like to draw your attention to is Paul's exhortation to make "supplication for all the saints." In other words, pray! He even asks them to pray for him. Paul wants those prayers. He knows he needs those prayers, for the devil is hard at work to trying to thwart the spread of the Gospel.

I'm sure each of the recipients of our mission grants would request the same thing from you. The devil is hard at work to frustrate the work of God in this world. He strives to lead us into despair. He attempts to distract us from the main message of the Cross. He wants to sow seeds of confusion, and hatred, and doubt. But the Lord our God has won the victory through Christ. He has fitted us with his armor that we may be shielded from the attacks of the evil one. He has clothed us in His righteousness, and He has spoken to us the truth about our forgiveness and life in Christ.

As you give your mites, pray for each of these missions. Pray that the Lord would use our gifts to His glory. Pray that those involved with each mission would be strengthened for service. Pray that they would proclaim the Gospel boldly.



Mission Grant Recipients for the 2016–2018 Biennium

*Judy Delve
VP Gospel Outreach*

	<u>Granted</u>	<u>Paid</u>
University Chapel, Boulder, Colorado	\$ 8,000	
Concordia Theological Seminary Ft. Wayne Food Co-op	\$10,000	
Pastor Debt Assistance/LCMS RMD	\$10,000	
Operation Barnabas/Comfort Care Congregations	\$ 2,000	
Sewing Mission Society – India	\$ 2,500	
Casting Burdens for Burdened Campers/LVR	\$ 5,600	
The Table at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Lakewood, CO	\$ 5,000	
Biblical Orthodox Lutheran Mission	\$10,100	
Siberian Lutheran Mission Society	\$10,000	
Trinity/HOPE	\$ 5,000	
Project Pastoral Education, West Africa	\$10,000	
Lifting Up the Fallen/Mariachi San Pablo YSLETA (partial)	\$ 1,250	
Training Vicar Tim Norton/Navajo, NM (partial)	<u>\$ 1,250</u>	
TOTAL	\$80,700	

At the recent LWML RMD convention, our convention delegates voted to increase the Mission part of our Mite goal to \$80,700 for our 2016-2018 Biennium. Remembering that the Trinity is our “Fortress and Refuge” we look for mites to support mission grants once again. Those same delegates, with some direction from you and their society members, chose thirteen mission grants to support in the next two years. Several are ministries that are successful but with on-going needs, others are new with a one time or on-going need.

These ministries and our LWML RMD covet your prayers and your financial support in the coming months. We encourage societies to think of interesting ways to keep the Mites coming and in the spirit of our military theme at the June convention, “enlisting” women and men, young and old, to be involved.

LWML RMD 2016 Convention Offerings

First Offering: LWML-RMD Mite Goal - \$2,530.00

Second Offering: Ministry to the Armed Forces/Barnabas Program - \$1,698.25

Third Offering: Veterans Hospitals - \$1,775.30

In addition, \$1,296.05 was given at the convention for postage to mail the boxes to deployed service men and women.

Music to God's Ears

Darlene Markle,
VP Servant Resources

I recently read an article by Elmer L. Towns who wrote, "When you attend a symphony, you first hear the orchestra tuning up. This can be disconcerting, because it's not melodic- it sounds like a lot of discordant screeching because every instrument is doing its own thing. When the conductor raises his baton, however, the instruments come together in harmony."



At my Zone's spring workshop, our zone pastoral counselor, Pastor Schmidt, spoke about "the call", a day in which seminary students find out their first congregation where they will be the pastor and that all the LCMS churches will be praying for those new pastors. We sang, "God of the Prophets, Bless the Prophet's Sons" as part of his presentation. I couldn't help but wonder who that songwriter was and how was he so inspired by the Holy Spirit to write such beautiful poetry? So I did a little digging and googled the author. His name is Denis Wortman, born in 1835. He pastored a church in Brooklyn, N.Y.

I reread each verse to see if he used scripture and there in the very first line he talked about Elijah's mantle over Elisha. That is scripture! I looked it up in 1 Kings where his coat was thrown over Elisha the first time and continued to read in 2 Kings where Elisha asked to inherit a double portion of Elijah's spirit. Maybe it was a combination of both scriptures?

The continuing verses were, "their hearts aflame, and their eyes awake to every human need." Making pastors strong intercessors and anointing them with the spirit of God's son. Also, making them apostles, heralds of Your cross and to let them go and tell the world of grace.

We sang this poetic song in harmony on their special day and after all their studying and love for God they are now new pastors. Your pastor had that happen too! Your pastor has his eyes awake to every human need, and is a herald of the cross!

Scripture tells us in Philippians 2:2 being like-minded and being in one spirit and purpose is what we are supposed to be like. Harmony reminds me also of being in one accord, praying the same thing to God the Father (Acts 4:24a).

The author of our LWML song is Reverend Elmer Wollaston. His first service was held on October 11, 1931 which is probably why we celebrate LWML in October!

On page 855 in our Lutheran Service Book you can sing, "For All the Faithful Women." Look at all those verses and just think of all the faithful women you see at conventions, workshops, and rallies. Try to attend everything that is offered so you too may tell others of Jesus' love. Keep our Young Women Representatives and Teens in your daily prayers.

Enjoy your favorite hymns this summer. Read the Word and maybe you too will open someone's heart to hear the Gospel like St. Paul did when he met Lydia!



2016 LWML RMD Convention Highlights





Young Women Reps 2016 LWML RMD Convention

It was 9 PM on a Saturday evening and I found myself in a hotel conference room among eleven women. We had just spent the day together attending meetings, worshiping, singing praise songs and packing care packages for active duty military members. I was exhausted. Although both my physical and mental energy seemed to have faded, I managed to focus on our group devotion. Kelsey, one of the YWR committee members, placed a small picture in front of us. The picture depicted a man standing before a tall white and blue wave. The man looked tiny and insignificant in the presence of the massive wave. Although the picture would be forever frozen in time, I imagined the actual outcome of this event. I was convinced that the wave must have swallowed the man. The man may have survived, but the wave was surely too big, too powerful, too strong to overcome. Kelsey's message was simple: even in the midst of what seems to be life's most inescapable challenges, God ensures that we prevail.

Ironically, my exhaustion seemed to temporarily lift as I considered this message. It was similar to many messages I had previously heard in countless church services and Sunday School classes. Yet I had to ashamedly admit to myself that I struggled to live this message. Although I believe this message to be true, I continually struggle to trust in God. There are many instances in life that seem impossible to overcome. Rather than trust in God, we often find ourselves scared, worrying and attempting to "control" situations that are simply beyond our control.

This devotion caused me to reflect on the time I had spent with these women. As YWRs (Young Women Representatives) we came together for the LWML Rocky Mountain District Convention in Colorado Springs, CO. Although each from different states, backgrounds and experiences, we gathered together for one common purpose: to serve the Lord and others. Our time together began on Friday as we shared lunch getting to know each other through conversation and fellowship. Our daily schedules were soon filled with meetings and activities. Despite only knowing each other for a few hours, we seamlessly worked together, as a team, to assist in the servant projects, worship services and daily devotions.

In the midst of our time together as YWRs, we were surrounded by a caring and dedicated community of LWML members. During our daily meetings, I was amazed to witness hundreds of Lutheran women selflessly donating to a variety of missions. I learned that LWML has raised millions of dollars to help people in need throughout the world. I felt privileged and honored to be part of a group that was changing the world. Not only were these women giving of their money and time, they were giving of themselves. Throughout the weekend I had several conversations with women who spoke of their experiences in LWML and their common passion: to bring the love of Christ to others.

To end the YWR evening devotion, Kelsey asked the YWRs to share our own life experiences that seemed impossible to overcome. Our time together was concluded with stories of tears, hardship, doubt, pain and ultimately of hope. We were different women, with different experiences, but we had overcome. We had survived life's obstacles with God's help and we will overcome death through Christ's sacrifice. Headed to my hotel room that night I was filled with peace and awe. Not only had God placed me in the midst of some incredible young women, He had also given me the opportunity to serve with hundreds of women who continually overcome life's challenges in order to serve God and others. The theme of the LWML Rocky Mountain District Convention, "God: Our Fortress and Refuge," suddenly seemed even more fitting: *"I will say of the Lord, 'He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust'"* (Psalm 91:2).

Emilee Nieman, Pecos Zone YWR

Young Women Reps 2016 LWML RMD Convention



Teen Reps 2016 LWML RMD Convention



Gifts of the Heart for the 2016 LWML RMD Convention

WOW! LWML-ers are SOOOO generous.

Zone Banners and Quilts - 605 (ALL were picked up – praise God!!)

Goodie Boxes for Our Military - 103 boxes, 4,750 items (see below)

Total Amount received for mailing - \$1,266.05 (this includes the donations put in the quilt pockets, and the auction) Enough to mail 76 boxes!!)

Here’s a breakdown, thanks to Renee Lamb, Marie McQuarrie, and the 6 teens!!!

Fruit snacks - 286	Playing cards - 305	Games/toys - 249
Books - 385	Crackers - 519	Drink mixes - 149
Popcorn - 555	Sunflower seeds/nuts - 440	Candy - 551
Chips - 280	Deodorant - 188	Powders - 60
Lotion - 179	Shampoo - 116	Misc. toiletries - 273
Misc. items - 145		
TOTAL ITEMS	4,750	

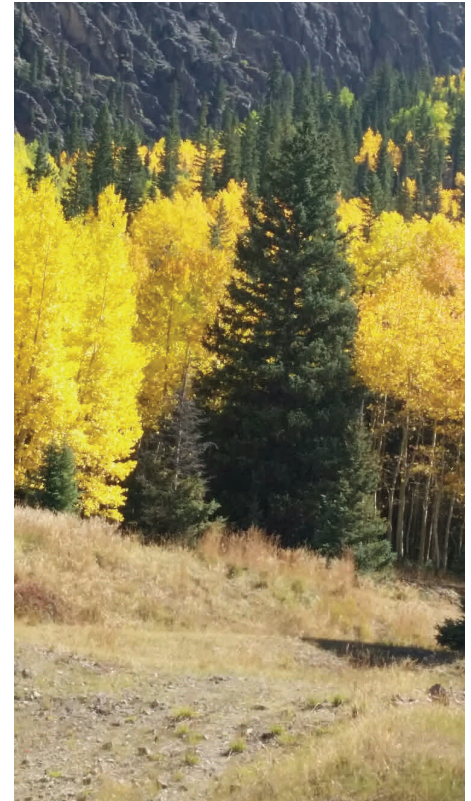
District YWR and H2H Sister Application for 2017

Now is the time to search and fill out the application to attend the 2017 Convention in Albuquerque, NM as one of two RMD YWRs (due to our LWML RMD COYW Chairman by January 15, 2017) and as H2H Sister Trainer (due to LWML RMD President by August 1, 2016). They will be on our website under “forms.” Stay tuned – we’re working on this.



Fall Rallies

- August 27 – Pecos Zone, Immanuel, Clovis, NM
- September 10 - Northern Zone- Mt Olive, Loveland, CO
- September 17– South Central, Christ Lutheran, Denver
- September 24 – Four Corners Zone, St. Paul, Durango, CO
- Southern Zone, Holy Cross, Colorado Springs, CO
- October 8 – Northeastern Zone, Trinity, Sterling, CO
- Western Zone, Grace Lutheran Fellowship, Gypsum, CO
- Rio Grande Zone, Zion, El Paso
- October 15 – NNM Zone, Christ, Albuquerque, NM
- October 22 – North Central Zone, Summit of Peace, Thornton, CO



2017 LWML Convention: June 22-25, Albuquerque Convention Center:

Host Committee Positions that are available and need to be filled from those in the Albuquerque area.

Please give this once in a lifetime opportunity prayerful consideration.

GOLF OUTING DIRECTOR: Ladies in the Albuquerque area, the need for a Golf Outing Director is of GREAT IMPORTANCE. We need to have this position filled right away.

- Teens (13-17) Director
- City tours/Tour Information Director
- Airport Greeters Director
- Shuttle Busses
- VIP Drivers
- Wheelchairs & Assisted Seated
- Worker Scheduling

More information and the application forms can be found on our website—www.lwmlrmd.org/2017
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SHORT TERM MISSION OPPORTUNITY

At the RMD LWML Convention, information was given by Charles and Ann Jedele to accompany them on a short term mission team to Brazil to assist at an orphanage/seniors home. More information is now available. The projects with which we can assist are painting in the children's dormitory and seniors bedrooms, renovating the office furniture, making a toy room for the children and working on the playground repairing equipment and maybe adding a new toy or two. There are always opportunities to interact with the children and seniors - teaching English, singing with them, playing games, etc. The trip is being planned for October and into November with exact dates to be determined soon. An entertainment opportunity would be the Oktoberfest which takes place from October 14 to 24 in a nearby town. Anyone interested in accompanying us on the mission trip can contact us at 620-440-1126 or 1136 or by e-mail: annchuck2000@yahoo.com. We pray for the success of this opportunity and the willing hands to do His work!