
Proclaiming Jesus

Psalm 71:17



Illinois Lutheran Women's Missionary League Central Illinois
District

76th Annual Convention

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Gladness” Psalm 71:17

LUTHERAN WOMEN’S MISSIONARY LEAGUE CENTRAL ILLINOIS DISTRICT

76TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Saturday, May 1, 2021

“Proclaiming Jesus...75 Years of Serving the Lord with Gladness” Ps 71:17

Held virtually from Trinity Lutheran Church, Arenzville, IL

9:30 Opening Hymn - “Thy Strong Word” LSB #578

Lighting of the Convention Candle Rita Tendick, Zone President, Jacksonville Zone

Opening of the Convention..... Laura Stratman, President

Adoption of Convention Agenda..... Mary Denham, Structure/Bylaws Chairman

LWML Pledge..... Nancy Stremming, VP Christian Life

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; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior 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, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

Bible Study Rev. Michael Mohr and Rev. Gaylord Spilker, District Pastoral Counselors

Introduction of Mission Speakers Pat Heinecke, VP Gospel Outreach and Mission Grants

Mission Grants Speakers Rev. Rudy and Dorothy Schaser

Introduction of President Debbie Larson Nancy Stremming, VP Christian Life

Greetings from National LWML President Debbie Larson

Resolution (C2021-1): Stephanie Meats, YWR Chairman

..... WHEREAS the LWML CID is “Proclaiming Jesus...75 Years of Serving the Lord with Gladness” (Psalm 71:17); and

..... WHEREAS, God has blessed the LWML CID with the opportunity to welcome Rev. Rudy and Dorothy Schaser and LWML President Debbie Larson to our convention to encourage us with their stories of sharing the Gospel message nationally and internationally; therefore, be it

. RESOLVED, that we rise and join in grateful applause for their mission messages as we continue to “Serve the Lord with Gladness.”

LWML Song: Serve the Lord with Gladness

Financial Secretary’s Report Annie Guerrettaz, Financial Secretary

Treasurer’s Report..... Linda Soltwedel, Treasurer

**Introduction of Mission Grants/Goal Selected
..... Pat Heinecke, VP Gospel Outreach and Mission Grants**

Resolution (C2021-2) Nancy Stremming, VP Christian Life

.. WHEREAS, God in His Holy Word commissions all Christians to spread the Gospel throughout the world and admonishes us through His words to “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” (Matthew 28:19); and
..... WHEREAS, desirous of obeying God’s “Great Commission,” the members of the LWML CID contribute collected mites and other approved funds for the spreading of the saving Gospel to all people; therefore, be it
. RESOLVED, the LWML CID mite goal for fiscal year 2021-2022 be set at \$105,000 with \$78,750 (75%) to be designated for district mission grants as chosen by LWML CID convention delegates and \$26,250 (25%) to be designated for national LWML grants.

Introduction of Bylaws Change Mary Denham, Structure/Bylaws Chairman

Report of the Nominating CommitteeMary Denham, Chairman Nominating Committee

**2022 LWML CID Convention InvitationMary Denham, Debbie Rodenburg, and Pam Gross,
2022 Springfield Zone Convention Chairmen**

Resolution (C2021-3)Rita Tendick, Jacksonville Zone President

WHEREAS, the Peoria/Pekin Zone was never properly thanked for their two years of planning for the 75th Anniversary Celebration LWML CID convention that was not held in 2020 or 2021 due to COVID 19 restrictions; and
.. WHEREAS, the Jacksonville Zone and the staff of Trinity Lutheran Church, Arenzville, graciously allowed us to use their facilities to host the 2021 virtual district convention; and
..... WHEREAS, the Springfield Zone has invited us to Springfield for the 77th convention of the LWML CID in 2022; therefore, be it
.... RESOLVED, that we rise and sing the Doxology in praise to God for their many talents, willingness to serve, and dedication to LWML CID and to their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Are you going to Lexington?.....JoEllenTappendorf/Stephanie Meats

Closing Hymn- "Lift High the Cross" LSB #837

As we leave today, let us remember that it is the Lord who will send us out to Proclaim Jesus...to be His hands and feet...to be His voice every time we speak...to run to the ones in need...all in the name of Jesus... and as we continue to Serve the Lord with Gladness!

The ladies of the LWML CID would like to give sincere Thanks to the following persons:Logo

Artist – Melissa Deverman - Deverman Advertising, Pekin, IL

Cheryl Long- Corresponding Secretary, Ballot Teller, and our organist for today's convention.

Pat Heinecke, VP Gospel Outreach and Mission Grants and ballot teller.

Dawn Zerkel- Technology Chairman, who enabled us to have this virtual convention.

The ladies of the Jacksonville Zone who joined us to help with our singing.

Pastor Andrew Dierks and the staff of Trinity Lutheran Church for the use of their facilities.

LWML CID 2021 Convention

Bible Study on Psalm 71

Read verses 12-16

¹²O God, be not far from me;

O my God, make haste to help me!

¹³May my accusers be put to shame and consumed; with scorn and disgrace may they be covered who seek my hurt.

¹⁴But I will hope continually and will praise you yet more and more. ¹⁵My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation all the day, for their number is past my knowledge. ¹⁶With the mighty deeds of the Lord God I will come;

I will remind them of your righteousness, yours alone. (ESV)

Where does the narrator start?

What does he pray upon his accusers?

Why?

Where is hope?

What is the content of the message of the narrator?

Why?

Tell of God's righteous acts.

Read verses 17-21

¹⁷O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.

¹⁸So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come. ¹⁹Your righteousness, O God, reaches the high heavens. You who have done great things, O God, who is like you?

²⁰You who have made me see many troubles and calamities

will revive me again; from the depths of the earth
you will bring me up again. ²¹You will increase my
greatness and comfort me again. (ESV)

The narrator spoke of the work of God. How did the narrator know what God had done?

The narrator wants to live to a ripe old age. Why does he desire this long life?

What is it about God that prompts the narrator to desire to speak out and proclaim these wondrous works of the Lord?

What has the Lord done?

How is our greatness increased?

God's righteousness knows no bounds.

Read verses 22-24

²²I will also praise you with the harp for your faithfulness, O my God; I will sing praises to you with the lyre, O Holy One of Israel.

²³My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to you; my soul also, which you have redeemed.

²⁴And my tongue will talk of your righteous help all the day long, for they have been put to shame and disappointed who sought to do me hurt. (ESV)

In addition to the spoken word telling out the good and great works of God, how else does the psalmist respond?

Who, ultimately, has sought to do the psalmist, and you, hurt?

How have these who sought to hurt you been put to shame and disappointed?

Praise be to God!

LWML Central Illinois District

Mite Account

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements April 1, 2020 -

March 31, 2021

Balance on Hand - April 1, 2020 \$0.00

Receipts

Society Contributions	\$92,597.47
BOD Mite Challenge	\$148.74
Thrivent Choice Dollars	\$1,465.00
Reimbursement for check charge	\$91.36
Gifts & Memorials	\$20,097.38
Mileage Donation (BOD Meeting)	\$2,047.85

Total Receipts \$116,447.80

Total Funds Available \$116,447.80

Disbursements

Bank Check Charge	91.36
National LWML Mites	\$29,389.56
Mite Grant #1	\$30,000.00
CID Student Aid for church workers	
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Operation Mercy in Danville	
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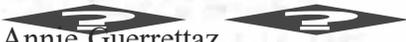
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LWML CID FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

APRIL 1, 2020-March 31, 2021

OPERATING REPORT

ZONE	AMOUNT
Altamont	\$ 2,105.00
Bloomington	\$ 1,254.00
Champaign	\$ 1,763.00
Danville	\$ 2,292.00
Decatur	\$ 815.00
Effingham/Shelby	\$ 1,870.00
Jacksonville	\$ 852.00
Lincoln	\$ 1,226.00
Peoria/Pekin	\$ 2,307.56
Quincy	\$ 1,079.00
Rock Island	\$ 1,891.00
Springfield	\$ 2,520.00
TOTAL ZONE CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 19,974.56
Other	
Interest - Lampe	\$ 527.71
Interest - Krueger	\$ 375.12
Interest - Peteroutka	\$ 392.42
Total Interest	\$ 1,295.25
Fall Rally Remit	\$ 3,162.39
Refund of 2020/21 Convention Startup	\$ 4,318.22
Total Other Operating Contributions	\$ 8,775.86
Total Operating Deposit	\$ 28,750.42


Annie Guerrettaz

LWML CID Financial Secretary

March 31, 2021

April 14, 2021

Laura Strattman, President
Lutheran Women's Missionary League
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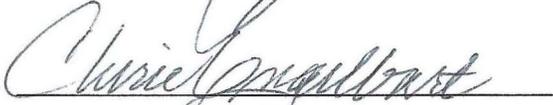
Dear President Strattman,

At the request of the LWML CID Board of Directors, we have reviewed the financial records and reports of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Central Illinois District.

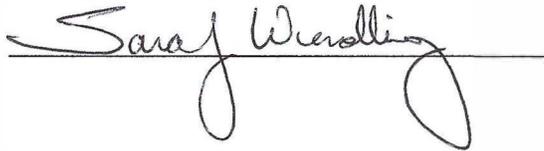
The review covered the period of April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021 and was performed in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of the League. During this review, we have found that the financial records and reports of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Central Illinois District are in good order.

We thank God for this opportunity to serve Him and pray that any recommendations are received as constructive information in order that we might better serve Him.

The Financial Review Committee:







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Total Receipts		<u>\$28,750.42</u>
Total Funds Available		\$59,068.59
Disbursements		
Bank Service Charges	\$228.62	
Board meeting Expenses	\$210.00	
Clarion	\$425.00	
CID Scholarships - Peroutka Interest	\$392.42	
Fall Rally Expenses	\$324.80	
Gifts & Memorials	\$2,871.52	
Insurance	\$417.00	
Mileage	\$1,830.35	
Mite donations	\$10,132.41	
National Convention Expenses	\$11,200.00	
Quarterlies	\$10,017.00	
Supplies	\$308.19	
Website	\$232.96	
Total Disbursements		<u>\$38,590.27</u>
Balance on Hand March 31, 2021		\$20,478.32

Linda L. Soltwedel

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Rudy and Dorothy Schaser

Ever since they were married in Kansas City on a Sunday in 1965 and attended Mission School in St. Louis the next day, Rudy and Dorothy have done things pretty much together.

While in the Philippines (1965-77), they lived and worked in all three districts of the Philippine Lutheran Church. Rudy functioned as missionary, pastor, and seminary instructor. Dorothy served as wife, mother (all three Schaser kids were born there) and helpmate as needed. While Rudy served as pastor in Hattiesburg, MS (1978-91) and Metairie, LA (1991-93), Dorothy earned her M.S. and taught business at the University of Southern Mississippi and corporate software in New Orleans.

As Manager of Intl. Volunteer Services at Lutheran Hour Ministries, St. Louis, MO (1993-2004), Rudy helped form and implement projects serving children, teachers, and women in 16 different countries. He also helped set up volunteer service projects in 17 different countries.

In December 2004, Rudy retired from LHM at the age of 65. With God's Little Ones was up and running in January 2005. Since then, we've worked to ensure the safety and health of vulnerable people in Ghana (2005-6), Nicaragua (2005-11), Uganda (2005-14), Philippines (2014-18), Cambodia (2006-present), and Madagascar (2008-present). It seems Dorothy always found sewing projects for women abroad and women in US to support these projects. From 2008-15, we worked with churches and schools, packaging and shipping hundreds of thousands of emergency meals to Africa and Central America.

Rudy functions as Executive Director (using the term loosely) of WGLO and Dorothy serves as Secretary-Treasurer. And, oh yes, Dorothy and Rudy are founding partners of "Dor-Rud Travel & Life-Long Commitment Co."



Debbie Larson, President

Lutheran Women's Missionary League

LWML President Debbie Larson is pretty sure she has the best job in the world. "Representing the women of the LWML is a privilege beyond measure," she says, "am honored to serve beside these women and call myself their sister in Christ."



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Debbie enjoys LWML events because she says it's like coming home. She feels welcomed, and like at any family gathering, she can just pitch in! Her sisters and brothers in Christ give her advice, encouragement, support, and love. With a smile on her face she says, "I feel like I'm the one who benefits. I get much more out of it than I put into it."

Debbie's vision for the LWML is that each woman is **Held** by His Word, **Inspired** to share Christ with others, and knows she is **Surrounded** by His grace. We are **HIS** and Debbie prays each woman recognizes and takes each opportunity God gives to serve others and share **HIS** love.



Many people have mentored Debbie through the LWML: former LWML and district presidents, many pastors, LWML sisters nation-wide, and those in her own church family. In fact, as Debbie introduced her daughter-in-law to LWML sisters at a past annual fall retreat, she realized she said each woman was her favorite person — and they were, all of them!

Debbie has held most offices on the local level of LWML. On the district level, she has served as the LWML North Dakota president, convention co-chairman, vice president of mission grants, news editor, and recording secretary. On the national level, she has served on the Christian Life Committee and the Ablaze Task Force; Debbie also held the positions of Director of Marketing, Public Relations Director, and Vice President of Organizational Resources. As she continues to serve God through the LWML, she is most excited when encouraging LCMS women to become involved in this incredible organization so they, too, can know the joy of serving the Lord with gladness!

Married 42 years and counting, Debbie and Scott have two children and three very active grandsons who are growing up way too fast. Scott and Debbie moved from North Dakota to Colorado in 2017 and find that they never lose past friends; their circle of friends just keeps growing. In North Dakota, she played in the bell choir, was chairman of the board of education, director of the annual Living Last Supper drama, coordinator for the annual chili cook-off, a member of the funeral committee, and served on the Lutheran school board. She continues to serve as outreach chairman and thanks her new LWML family for filling in as she attends LWML events around the country.

In her spare time, Debbie loves to cook, watercolor, read, play Sudoku, and hike.