

5 LWML Districts Host Conventions

California-Nevada-Hawaii District

California-Nevada-Hawaii District LWML President Sandra Haugner officiated at her second convention in San Jose, California. 314 attendees met under the theme, "Know the Hope — Jesus Christ." The delegates elected Marcia Houseworth to serve as their next district president. One DCE intern attending the convention said, "Thank you for translated Bible studies in the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*. We use them, and our women love them."

Louisiana-Mississippi District

Emily Oliver, Louisiana-Mississippi District LWML President, led the first convention gathering of her term under the theme "Look to the Hills, God Reigns" based on Psalm 121:1-2 and Isaiah 52:7. The 117 joyful participants took advantage of the convention activities and events in Jackson, Mississippi. Rev. Bob Martinek, LWML Senior Counselor noted, "LWML is about feeding His sheep and lambs, and our motivation is His love that loved us first and loves us best."

New England District

There were 138 exuberant women who rallied around the theme "Listen, Learn, Lift" at the New England District LWML conven-

tion held in Plymouth, Massachusetts. District LWML President Lynn Batchelder presided over her first convention as the speakers and activities focused on the convention theme based on Proverbs 1:5a. Lynn said, "I challenge each of you to be a 'Woman in the Word, of the Word and Walking with your Lord.' As you listen to Jesus and He guides you, I would then urge you to do whatever He tells you."

Utah-Idaho District

In Pocatello, Idaho, 151 attendees met under the theme "Journey of Hope" based on 1 Peter 3:15 at the Utah-Idaho District LWML convention. Betty Reimann was elected as the new district president. Outgoing district LWML President Melody Rosenwinkel, a former Mormon shared, "One man said one thing to me that planted doubt in my mind. Don't be afraid to share your story!"

SELC District

One additional LWML district convention was held in May. The SELC District LWML met in River Forest, Illinois, on May 14-16, 2010. District LWML President Sharon Roegge led her first convention with 40 participating in activities based on the theme "As for Me and My House, We Will Serve the Lord."

Convention View from President Wendorf

While attending the Atlantic District LWML Convention in Suffern, New York, I met a long-time LWML member, Enid. She is 85 years old and attends most of the district retreats and events.

Why, she even traveled to this convention all by herself...except for her Seeing Eye dog.



Enid has been blind since birth, but she hasn't let that stop her from much at all. She worked in a job for over 40 years, participates in her church services, and is quite independent.

Did I tell you that she rode a train, and then took a bus, and when she got off the bus, someone helped her get a taxi that brought her to the hotel where the convention was located? Pretty amazing, isn't it? Somehow, all of my excuses for missing a meeting or event seem pretty lame.

*Excerpted from President Jan's blog.
Read more entries at www.lwml.org*

CONVENTION CENTRAL :: Quilters Start Your Engines — Oops, I Mean Sewing Machines!

Participants attending the 34th Biennial LWML Convention at the Peoria Civic Center in Peoria, Illinois, June 23-26, 2011, will be able to reach out with care and compassion with opportunities to bring *Gifts from the Heart*. The challenge is to fill a semi truck from Orphan Grain Train with quilts and comforters! The quilts may be of any size and are to be packed in large 30- to 33-gallon heavy duty plastic bags. **How many will your society, zone, or district bring?** Watch for more details at www.lwml.org.



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