

# 4 LWML Conventions Held June 10–13

## Oregon District

Redmond, Oregon, was the location of the Oregon District LWML Convention. Cynthia Behrens, Oregon District LWML President, led the meeting with 250 participants attending. The uplifting theme of the convention was “On Eagles Wings” based on Isaiah 40:31: “... but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.” A speaker remarked, “We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, witnessing to one another as sisters in the LWML.”

## Missouri District

Janice Rose, Missouri District LWML President, lowered the gavel for the last conven-

tion of her presidential term based on the theme “Beautiful Feet ... Led by God.” Convention attendees numbering 742 journeyed to the site of the convention in Springfield, Missouri. Delegates elected Karen Drury to serve as their district president for the next four years. Keynote speaker Dr. Ken Klaus said, “A few people committed to a cause can bring about a change. This is our time to take the Gospel out, to share the wonder and power of Jesus’ name.”

## Pacific Southwest District

“Sing to the Lord!” was the jubilant theme of the Pacific Southwest District LWML Convention held in Tempe, Arizona, during this June weekend. Joyful songs were heard from 427 attendees rallied around the theme based on Isaiah 42:10a, 11a, and 12a. District President Linda Koch led the

first convention of her term and presided over all convention voting and activities. Terry Kieschnick, wife of LCMS President Gerald Kieschnick, shared, “God gives each of us a new song every day, and He steps back to hear how we’re going to sing.”

## Rocky Mountain District

Rocky Mountain District LWML President Susan Weimer presided over the last convention of her term where 252 Lutheran Women in Mission explored the theme “Made Holy” based on Galatians 3:27. Convention delegates elected Carol von Soosten to serve the Rocky Mountain District LWML as president for the next four years. Rev. Gary Rahe proclaimed, “You are alive in Jesus Christ. You are marked and redeemed. You have a Father who says, ‘I love you the most.’”

## CONVENTION CENTRAL :: LWML Plays in Peoria

• Have you ordered your convention shirt? Get geared up to join all your LWML friends in Peoria, Illinois, for the 34th Biennial LWML Convention to be held at the Peoria Civic Center, June 23–26, 2011. You will find the shirt order form at [www.lwml.org/conventions/2011-peoria/shirt-order-form2011.pdf](http://www.lwml.org/conventions/2011-peoria/shirt-order-form2011.pdf) (or by selecting “2011 LWML Convention” under favorites at [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org)). Exciting convention activities are being designed specifically for you, whether you are a young woman or a seasoned LWML veteran. Invite your friends to join you as thousands meet in Peoria for this unique and joy-filled experience centered on the theme “Being with Jesus – Living on the Edge.”



- Miss America 2009 Katie Stam is scheduled to be the Friday evening inspirational speaker at the convention. Did you know that you can vote on which photo of Katie you would like to be on the cover of the fall issue of the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*? Just go to [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org), and you will find the link to vote under the favorites. Hurry — voting ends July 1!
- Watch for news coming soon about the LWML Golf Tournament that will be held on Wednesday, June 22, to raise funds for mites.

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