

8 LWML Conventions Held June 17–20

Lutheran Women in Mission met across the nation from June 17-20, 2010. Eight Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) district conventions were held during these busy days!

Eastern District

Eastern District LWML President Darlene Byrns presided over the final meeting of her term in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, under the theme "I am the Vine; You Are the Branches" based on John 15:5. Convention activities were enjoyed by 193 enthusiastic attendees. Delegates elected Rebecca Besell as their new President. Eastern District

LCMS President Dr. Chris Wicher stated, "The church down the street is not our enemy. The post-church world we live in is."

Iowa District East

Iowa District East LWML President Mabel Schmidt presided at the second convention, held in Davenport, Iowa, where 323 attendees met under the beloved theme "God So Loved the World." Convention activities and events focused on John 3:16, the "Gospel in a nutshell." The delegates elected Janice Johnson to serve as their President for the next four years. Rev. Dien Ashley Taylor affirmed, "You can't have God without 'go.'"

Iowa District West

Camp Okoboji, Iowa, was the site of the Iowa District West LWML convention. Marilyn Schroeder, Iowa District West LWML President, presided over her final convention meeting with an attendance of 311. The theme of the convention encouraged participants as they focused on the "three R's": "Redeemed, Renewed, and Ready" (Ephesians 2:10). Delegates elected Adeline Gutz to serve as President for the next four years. Keynote Speaker Rev. Mark Gerken noted, "LWML women know how to get things done."

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CONVENTION CENTRAL :: LWML Plays in Peoria

• Make your 2011 summer vacation plans to include the 34th Biennial LWML Convention at the Peoria Civic Center, June 23-26, 2011. The convention, with the theme "Being with Jesus – Living on the Edge," will have lots of family-friendly events. Entertainment will include Sibling Harmony. Kim, Kurtis, and Kevin Bueltmann, all full time church workers, write songs for all ages and are passionate about bringing fun, energy, and depth to their concerts geared for the entire family.



• Pre-convention tours will offer opportunities to explore the area. During the convention, kids are sure to enjoy spending time at Camp BWJ, where the days will be filled with exciting, fun activities. The BWJ in the camp name is for "Being With Jesus" and comes from part of the convention theme.

• Visit www.lwml.org for the latest in Peoria convention news!

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is the official women's auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. For over 65 years, the LWML has focused on affirming each woman's relationship with Christ, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries and to support global missions.

Please remember LWML in your estate plan. Our legal name is: "Lutheran Women's Missionary League."

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District Conventions Continued

North Dakota District

“Reign in my Heart” was the theme of the North Dakota District LWML convention based on Deuteronomy 10:12: “And now, O Israel, what does the LORD your God ask of you but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.” President Sue Corwin presided over the first district convention of her term with 220 Lutheran Women in Mission attending in Bismarck, North Dakota. Rev. Dean Hartley, convention Bible study leader, admonished, “We can’t serve the Lord casually — we are on fire for the Lord and serve in love and faithfulness.”

South Wisconsin District

Jan Dankwardt, South Wisconsin District LWML President, lowered the gavel for her first convention based on the theme “From the Mountains Come Sounds of Joy.” Isaiah 55:12 was the convention theme verse. Joyful convention participants numbering 367 participated in convention activities. A new mission goal and mission grants were decided by the voting delegates. One convention attendee shared, “We should never be discouraged in our witness because we have the answer to bring the lost into true joy. It is the Gospel of our Savior, Jesus Christ!”

Texas District

The Texas District LWML met in convention in Austin, Texas, under the tuneful theme “Melody of God’s Love” based on Psalm 96:2-3. District President Kathy Lowman led the first meeting of her presidential term. Jubilant sounds could be heard as 683 Lutheran Women in Mission enjoyed



President Jan on the Radio

Listen to LWML President Janice Wendorf reflect on beautiful feet as she highlights one of the district conventions in her broadcast on KFUE’s Essence program. Just click on this link www.lwml.org/news/kfuo.htm and then select the archive audio for June 15, 2010. President Jan’s weekly presentation is available for live streaming every Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. (CST) at kfuoam.org



the convention events and activities. In the short-term mission report it was said, “Be willing. Be open. Be ready. God will use you with His purpose and plan to serve the Lord with gladness.”

Washington-Alaska District

“We Are God’s Tapestry” was the theme for the Washington-Alaska District LWML Convention held in Spokane, Washington, during this June weekend. The convention theme, based on 1 Peter 4:10 and 11b, was woven into all aspects of the weekend. 252 convention participants attended the convention. District President Elaine Nelson finished her term, and MaryLynn Huntwork was elected to serve for the next four years. It was stated at the convention that “God has brought the mission field to us.”

Wyoming District

“Grace, Faith, Peace, Joy, Hope” were the theme words explored at the Wyoming District LWML convention held in Ger-

ing, Nebraska. District LWML President Gerry Neeriemeer finished her presidential term with a convention attendance of 133. Convention activities centered on the theme Bible verse of Romans 5:1-2. Carrie Brumbaugh was elected to serve as President for the next four years. Mission speaker Janelle Krueger exclaimed, “If we don’t have a genuine fondness for our neighbor, how can we care if they are saved?”

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June 20 marked the end of 29 of the 40 LWML district conventions with 7,785 people attending.

Neither hail nor tornado warnings, nor lost luggage, nor flight delays nor unscheduled hotel stays have kept the members of Executive Committee from delivering the LWML Report to convention attendees across the country. During the month of June these dedicated LWML Representatives will attend 22 LWML conventions.