

5 LWML Districts Gather in Convention

Three LWML district conventions were held during the weekend of June 24-27:

Ohio District

Perrysburg, Ohio, was the site of the Ohio District LWML Convention. Joy Dougherty, Ohio District LWML President, presided over her first convention with an attendance of 287. The theme of the convention encouraged participants to “Proclaim His Name” (Is. 12:4). Delegates voted a new mission goal and mission grants. Rev. Hosea Ekong, outgoing LWML Pastoral Counselor, shared in the closing worship, “My life has been changed by the LWML. They are an infectious group. Sooner or later, their passion becomes your passion; their vision your vision, their joy of serving Christ becomes your joy as well.”

Indiana District

Lutheran Women in Mission, numbering 376, traveled to Indianapolis, Indiana, to find themselves “Standing at the Crossroads.” District LWML President Ruth Thomas lowered the gavel at the final meeting of her presidential term. Margie Wickert was elected to serve as for the next four years. Katie Stam, Miss America

2009, said, “Miss America was a calling in my life to live a life centered on Christ as an example for millions of people that I came in contact with. It was an amazing experience to be able to share Christ through not just my words but also my actions as Miss America. Listen to His call and heed His call to live by faith — and faith alone!”

Minnesota South District

Minnesota South District LWML President Nancy Kohrs guided the final meeting of her term in Mankato, Minnesota, under the theme “God’s GPS — Turn Right at the Light” based on Psalm 119:105. Convention activities centered on this theme were enjoyed by 408 convention attendees. Delegates elected Darleen Harens as their new President. Worship Proclaimer Rev. Dr. Lane Seitz exclaimed, “You know the basics of God’s GPS — you are equipped to share God’s Plan for Salvation with the others.”

Additional summer conventions included:

Minnesota North District

“Come to the Living Water” was the inviting theme of the Minnesota North District LWML

Convention based on Revelation 22:17b.

Participants were led by LWML District President Cheryl Petersen at the first convention of her term. Held on June 28–30, 2010, 322 women came to Alexandria, Minnesota, for refreshment and renewal. Rev. Terry Finner tied into the theme by comparing our systems to cisterns — “They hold water for a time and have to be maintained. One day they wear out. God’s continuous stream of living water goes on.”

Michigan District

The Michigan District LWML convention was held on July 9-11, 2010. Cheri Fish, Michigan District LWML President, lowered the gavel for her first convention based on the theme “Beautiful Feet...” Isaiah 52:7 was the theme verse for the convention, held in Dearborn, Michigan, with 646 participants. Ida Mall said, “If you’re going to put the cross on your neck, be ready with the words in your mouth.” In the convention manual, worship proclaimer Rev. Carl Gnewuch wrote that he “envisions the LWML as a place for his daughter to participate as easily and eagerly as her mother and grandmother.”

CONVENTION CENTRAL :: LWML Plays in Peoria

The 34th Biennial LWML Convention to be held at the Peoria Civic Center, June 23–26, 2011, will be the place to be next summer. Exciting convention activities are being designed around the convention theme “Being with Jesus – Living on the Edge.” Convention attendees will be able to reach out with care and compassion with Gifts from the Heart. A complete list of items that may be brought to the convention in unlimited quantities is available for download at www.lwml.org/human-care/gfth-info.htm. You will find information about Gifts from the Heart in a full-size poster, a bulletin insert, and a size to share with a friend. The list includes items for men, women, and children, in addition to quilts of any size. Now is a great time to begin sewing and shopping!



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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.

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