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Women from Around U.S. Gather for Leadership Training

ST. LOUIS, MO — Around 200 Lutheran Women in Mission from all over the United States will discover that “To Everything There is a Season ... A Time To Lead” at a leadership training conference October 24-26, 2008, at the Crowne Plaza Airport Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri. At the Assembly of Leaders event, participants will hear inspirational and informative speakers address the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League’s current primary targets and goals: Christ-Centered Living, Telling the Good News, Partnering for Diversity and Building Up Our Sisters in Christ.

Each of the LWML’s 40 districts will send new leaders to be trained at the event, which will include fellowship, singing and activities that will help participants experience the diversity within the organization. Speakers include Christian author Jane Fryar, former LWML Presidents Ida Mall and Virginia Von Seggern, LCMS World Mission representative Kristy Grannis, and LWML Committee Chairmen Melissa Salomon and Katy Gifford.

In addition to the four main sessions, each of the five departments of the LWML, made up of committees and task forces, will give presentations with leadership tips and handouts related to their areas of expertise: Human Care, Gospel Outreach, Communication, Christian Life and Servant Resources. Assembly of Leaders participants will be asked to implement a plan to share what they learn with the women of their own districts, in an effort to further develop more leaders to “Serve the Lord with Gladness” all over the nation.

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.

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