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LWML President Janice Wendorf Brings Greetings to Int'l LLL Convention

Welcomed on Friday, July 17 by the over 700 attendees at the 92nd Convention of the International Lutheran Laymen's League, Janice Wendorf, LWML President, brought greetings from the members of the other official auxiliary of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, the Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

Explaining the new LWML Mission Goal of \$1.825 million that was adopted for the 2009-2011 biennium, President Wendorf noted that 70% of the amount, plus a \$57,482 overage from the last biennium, will be given to 19 mission grant recipients for a total of \$1,334,982. "We have the opportunity to see God accomplish great things in support of mission grants at home and in foreign countries. To Him be the glory!"

Wendorf stated that Lutheran Women in Mission use their most recognizable tool, the Mite Box, to collect Mites in the 40 LWML districts, where 75% remains to fund the grants and work of each district. The remaining 25% is sent to LWML to fund the work of the national organization and the 19 mission grants selected in Portland last month.

The LWML President communicated information about three of the successful programs of the LWML: Young Woman Representatives that offers two young women from each LWML district an introduction to the LWML on the national level; Heart to Heart Sisters, which marked the 100th participant at the LWML Convention, that intentionally teams LWML with LCMS women of different cultures and ethnicity; and Friends Into Serving Him[®], that helps establish and nurture relationships with preteens and teens who have a heart for missions. Each of these programs offers encouragement to these specific groups of women and insight into the work of the LWML.

President Wendorf conveyed that one of the directives given to the president of the LWML is to set the vision for the organization. After much prayer and pondering, the Lord led this LWML President to a three part vision: Women who are in the Word – studying God's Word on a regular basis; Women who are nurtured by the Word – reading God's Word daily to find His direction and guidance for their lives; Women who are Walking with the Lord – allowing God's Word to work in them, to change them as it applies to their daily lives.

During the LLL Convention, the delegates voted to change to a biennial schedule for their conventions beginning with the 2010 in Omaha, Nebraska. The Int'l LLL will meet in even-numbered years — LWML Conventions are held in odd-numbered years.

Thanking the members of the LLL for the warm reception given to her, President Wendorf concluded "Together may we be strengthened for service and emboldened to 'Share His Story' – let me tell you what He has done for me!"

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.