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Concluding Seminary Students Receptions Hosted by LWML

The month of October included special occasions for Lutheran Women in Mission. Over 22 years ago the Executive Committee of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League established a policy of having one event each year at the LCMS Seminaries.

LWML President Janice Wendorf welcomed the seminary and deaconess students who are finishing their training at a reception on October 3, 2009, at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana. President Wendorf shared with the students and their spouses: "The LWML is about support for the church – support for you, we care about you, as you will ultimately care for us as pastors and deaconesses!" That support for the seminary is reflected through the LWML districts that awarded over \$117,000 for the Seminary Food Co-op during their 2008-2010 biennia.

Indiana District LWML President Ruth Thomas also brought greetings from Lutheran Women in Mission of Indiana.

On October 10, 2009, President Wendorf addressed concluding seminary students, and their wives at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri, at a reception in their honor, stating that the women of the LWML expressed their love of the seminaries in June at the LWML Convention in Portland, Oregon by selecting a grant of \$50,000 for the relocation of the St. Louis Seminary Food Bank.

Encouraging the future pastors to become involved with LWML in the parish, the LWML President said, "Whatever setting you will be serving in, be it rural, urban, inner-city or new mission work, you will find the women of the LWML who are ready and willing to support and serve with you."

Janice Rose, Missouri District LWML President, offered encouragement to the men and women attending the reception as she greeted them on behalf of the members of the Missouri District LWML.

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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