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LWML GIVEN "PARTNERS' AWARD"

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) was presented the "Ablaze! Partners' Award" by LCMS World Mission on November 18, 2009, at their annual Mission Partners Banquet. The award is annually given to a national or international partner of LCMS World Mission that demonstrates a heart for reaching the lost with the Gospel by pursuing in an exemplary way the goals of Ablaze! in its daily ministry activities. LWML President Janice Wendorf accepted the award on behalf of the organization.

In his presentation of the award, Scott Snow, National Director of Outreach for LCMS World Mission, said the following: "This year's [2009] Ablaze! Partners' Award is given to a partner organization whose members throughout the years have worked and saved and set aside a 'little here and a little there,' contributing mightily and generously so that millions and millions of dollars could support the work of Gospel outreach in their own communities and neighborhoods, in this country and in countries all across the globe. Not only have these women of faith given financially – but they have given themselves individually to plant 'mustard seeds' of faith through their everyday witness in their everyday lives. The Lutheran Women's Missionary League is an organization whose very name is synonymous with Gospel outreach!"

LWML President Wendorf shares: "What an honor it was for me to represent LWML and to receive this prestigious award on behalf of all *Lutheran Women in Mission* who have been part of LWML over the years! This award is a powerful witness to the impact of the LWML throughout the church. It was a special privilege and joy to be joined in accepting this award by former LWML presidents Betty Duda, Gloria Edwards, Virginia Von Seggern and Linda Reiser. To God alone be the glory and praise!"

(Photo available upon request)

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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