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New Archivist-Historian Takes Helm for LWML

Barbara Huggins, of Glendale, Missouri, has been appointed the Archivist-Historian of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. Barbara, who has worked for many years at the Concordia Historical Institute (CHI), takes the preservation of church history seriously. Having served for several years beside Gladys Grovender, LWML Archivist-Historian Emeritus, Barbara shared, "There are times when working on the preservation of LWML materials that Gladys and I almost finish each other's sentences."

Being involved in the work of the LWML since 1967, Barbara looks forward to continuing the important task of preserving the materials sent to CHI, where the official archives of Lutheran Women in Mission are housed.

October 1-3, 2009, the newly appointed Mrs. Huggins will be busy at the 30th Biennial Conference on Archives and History to be held on the campus of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri. The conference provides training and support for the district archivists of both The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, as well as for others interested in the work of archives and church history. A tour of the new CHI Museum housed at the LCMS International Center will be a part of the conference program.

Married to Rev. Marvin Huggins, CHI interim director, Barbara said, "Appreciation for preserving church history and artifacts just naturally became a part of my life as we worked together over the years on preservation projects."

LWML President Janice Wendorf expressed gratitude for the many years of faithful service given by retiring Archivist-Historian, Peggi Lawrence of Eureka, California. Peggi served the LWML as Archivist-Historian from 1993-2009.

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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