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### NEW LWML CONTRACTS ADMINISTRATOR IS APPOINTED

*Let all things be done decently and in order*, St. Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 14:40 (NKJV). To this end, the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) established the appointed position of Contracts Administrator in 2001. The LWML Contracts Administrator reviews and negotiates all contracts as requested by the LWML President, seeks legal counsel as necessary for contract negotiations, serves as LWML contact person for legal counsel, and is a non-voting member of the LWML Board of Directors. The position is ever expanding and adjusting to seek and represent the best interests of the LWML. It requires a discretionary, detailed person who can keep sensitive information confidential.

The first appointed Contracts Administrator was Ruth Ann Johnson. Ruth Ann's previous national LWML experience included being a member of the Caring Ministry Task Force for two years and LWML Meeting Manager for six years until her appointment as the first Contracts Administrator in 2001. She has faithfully and capably served in this position and will continue to do so until her retirement following the LWML Convention at Peoria, Illinois, in June 2011. LWML President Janice Wendorf says of Ruth Ann: "Ruth Ann Johnson has been a blessing to the LWML! She has used her many gifts and abilities to make the position of Contracts Administrator a reality. She truly has a servant heart and a love for God and the LWML."



Lori May has been appointed by LWML President Janice Wendorf to serve as the next LWML Contracts Administrator following Ruth Ann. Lori is a retired Air Force Officer and Judge Advocate, currently living in the greater St. Louis, Missouri, area while her husband Mike is studying at the seminary. They have three school-aged daughters: Kylie, Jill and Delanie. She is an attorney and received her law degree at the University of Colorado in Boulder, Colorado. During her career, Lori has worked as a prosecutor, a contracts lawyer in civil and environmental law, a legal education course director, and an event planner. Lori's LWML experience has included being a Young Woman Representative to a Chesapeake LWML District convention. She also served in the Chesapeake LWML District as a zone president and as co-chairman for a district convention. Lori's hobbies include scrapbooking and she is a Creative Memories scrapbooking consultant. She just returned from a mission trip experience at Groundwork Guatemala.

Lori's transition for this position will begin immediately as she works closely with Ruth Ann Johnson throughout the next year. Lori will have the opportunity to learn the intricacies of this position as she is mentored by Ruth Ann. Lori shares: "I am really honored to be appointed and I look forward to serving LWML in this new way."

Current Contracts Administrator Ruth Ann Johnson welcomes Lori with the following words: "I join all LWML sisters in welcoming you [Lori] to service in LWML. I am thankful that you were in this place at this time and my prayer is for God's blessings and guidance in your new work." The LWML gives all praise to the God of details, who continues to bless the LWML with faithful Lutheran Women in Mission across the nation and into the world!

*Please remember LWML in your estate plan. Our legal name is: "Lutheran Women's Missionary League."*

*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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