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LWML Women Exceed Biennial Mission Grant Goal

ST. LOUIS, MO — The Lutheran Women’s Missionary League has exceeded its \$1.7 million mission grant goal for 2007-09 by \$75,730.17, with the help of a recent anonymous memorial gift of \$100,000. The mite goal, which helps support missions all over the nation and the world, was reached through generous contributions from members of the organization’s 40 districts.

LWML President Janice Wendorf rejoiced at the women’s unwavering dedication to missions: “In the midst of these uncertain times, God’s people have responded and supported the mission goal of the LWML for the 2007-09 biennium. Thanks to all the districts and individuals who have sent special offerings and gifts.”

The 18 mission grants the LWML has supported for 2007-09 were chosen by delegates at the organization’s last biennial convention in 2007. Projects range from supporting a soup kitchen in Chicago to funding portable medical clinics in Sudan. Delegates at the next LWML convention, to be held June 25-28 in Portland, Oregon, will adopt a new mission goal for the 2009-11 biennium and choose new mission grants to receive funding.

The president of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, Dr. Gerald B. Kieschnick, congratulated the LWML on exceeding its mission goal: “What a blessing from the hand of the Lord, made possible, humanly speaking, by the generous hearts of some of His most precious children — the wonderful women of the LWML!”

In addition to contributing 25 percent of funds to national grants, all of the districts also support their own mission projects, which are estimated to total more than \$6.5 million for the 2007-09 biennium. To find out more about LWML mission grants, visit www.lwml.org.

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.