

# Look to

Over 3,300 women and men from across the nation filled the Oregon Convention Center, Portland, Oregon, for the 33<sup>rd</sup> biennial convention of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, June 25–28, 2009. The following pages tell only part of the story of those who came to proclaim, "Look to the Hills ... God Reigns!" Read the rest of story at [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org).





*Attendees make their way to the convention center for servant activities, mission in motion events, and festivities.*

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The faces of the  
LWML in worship  
and friendship.*



# Who Said It?

- A. "I commend you, LWML." —  
"I love you, kindred soul."
- B. "Lutheran Women in Mission are the  
most mission-minded people *alove!*"
- C. "I am the triple-P person when it comes  
to missions: pew, pray, and pay!"
- D. This song leader doesn't  
mind sharing Ruby Begonia's  
chewing gum.
- E. "God ... calls workers to the  
harvest. It is our job to proclaim  
His Word."
- F. "If your [women's] group is  
frozen in perfection, you are  
still frozen."
- G. "Through human care projects,  
we open doors ... and the Gospel  
is spread."
- H. "I am grateful for the LCMS and its  
pure Gospel message."
- I. "Someone once said to me, 'I want  
to serve the Lord — but only in an  
advisory capacity.'"
- J. "This is me in the shower, talking to  
God: these are not my plans."
- K. "Turn your umbrella upside down  
... and open your hands to catch the  
blessings."
- L. "You speak up! You have something  
to say! Tell your story!"



*Rev. W. Schumacher*



*Rev. Carl Gnewuch*



*Danelle Putnam*



*Michelle Hoepfner*



*Pres. & Mrs. Kieschnick*



*Mary Hilgendorf*



*Dina Vendetti*



*Ruth Koch*



*Jan Struck*



*"Ruby Begonia"*



*Heidi Floyd*



*Vicar D. Sternbeck*

*Lauren Randall performs  
Christian music Friday  
evening.*



*Answers:* A. Pres. & Mrs. Kieschnick, B. Rev. Carl Gnewuch, C. Ruby Begonia, D. Dina Vendetti, E. Danelle Putnam, F. Ruth Koch, G. Michelle Hoepfner, H. Vicar David Sternbeck, I. Jan Struck, J. Heidi Floyd, K. Rev. Warren Schumacher, L. Mary Hilgendorf



*On Saturday evening, the Pride of Portland Chorus shares their energetic voices ... and their mites!*

# LWML Mission Grants

## 2009–2011 Biennium \$1.825 Million Goal

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| 1. Defray Cost of Shipping Quilts by Lutheran World Relief  | \$80,000  |
| 2. Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Food Bank Relocation  | \$50,000  |
| 3. The Carpenter's Hands — Youth Refurbish Homes – Florida  | \$26,000  |
| 4. Psalm 69:14 Project — Emergency Disaster Aid in Texas, Oklahoma, and Louisiana                         | \$50,000  |
| 5. Digitalized Classes for Specific Ministry Pastor Program – Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne  | \$36,000  |
| 6. 10 Chapels, Transportation and Pastoral Training in Tanzania   | \$88,000  |
| 7. Body and Soul Care for Children in India   | \$50,000  |
| 8. LCMS Prison Ministry Provides Devotional Materials   | \$50,000  |
| 9. Lutheran Braille Workers Provide English Braille Bibles – Africa                                       | \$100,000 |
| 10. Kyrgyzstan Locals Trained for Evangelism  | \$100,000 |
| 11. The Hope Center for Refugees and Immigrants – Ohio  | \$90,000  |
| 12. Human Care and Pastoral Ministries Developed in Latvia and Lithuania                                  | \$87,500  |
| 13. Mission Support to Dominican Disabled Children  | \$50,000  |
| 14. Native Leadership Scholarships for Students Enrolled in Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology (EIIT) | \$100,000 |
| 15. Human Care Outreach in Kazakhstan   | \$90,000  |
| 16. International Student Ministry Provides Bibles and Christ-Centered Resources                          | \$30,000  |
| 17. Earthquake Relief Aid and Church Plants in Peru   | \$100,000 |
| 18. Light of Christ Chinese Lutheran Mission – St. Louis  | \$75,000  |
| 19. Humanitarian Aid Opens Mission Field in North Korea   | \$82,482  |



*President Janice M. Wendorf is joined by her family as she presides, greets friends, prays, and shares her vision for the LWML.*



*Rev. Michael Mattil installs the newly-elected officers: Rev. Kristopher Whitby, Judy Carlson, Marilyn McClure, Linda Arnold, and Patti Ross.*



*More stories and photos at [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org)*