

Candidates for LWML National Offices

LWML Convention • June 25-28, 2009



Pat Funk

Candidates for Vice President of Christian Life

Pat Funk, Scott, Arkansas (Mid-South District), is LWML HOPE Committee Chairman, a Mission-Ministry Vision Consultant, district Media and Marketing Committee Chairman, zone Leader Development Chairman; was on the LWML Human Care Committee, zone Vice President and Member Development Chairman; Master's Degree in Family Life Ministry at Concordia, Seward; serves as church secretary.



Patti Ross

Patti Ross, Tulsa, Oklahoma (Oklahoma District), serves on LWML Leader Development Committee, is district Public Relations Director; was Oklahoma District President, member of the LWML Board of Directors, district Mission Service Chairman, zone President and Secretary/Treasurer; served on the Board of Directors for Camp Lutheroma; graduated from University of Oklahoma with a B.S. in Nursing.



Linda Arnold

Candidates for Vice President of Communication

Linda Arnold, Woodridge, Illinois (Northern Illinois District), is Chairman of the LWML Nominating Committee; was Northern Illinois District President and member of the LWML Board of Directors, district Christian Life Committee and Vice-President of Human Care; is Director of Care Ministries at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lisle, Illinois; was Parish Nurse; has organized over 20 short-term mission teams; is a certified Lay Minister and working on a Master's in Nursing Education at Northern Illinois University.



Carolyn Blum

Carolyn Blum, Hartford, Wisconsin (South Wisconsin District), is News Editor for *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*, Mission-Ministry Vision Consultant; was South Wisconsin District President and member of the LWML Board of Directors, district Renewal Committee Chairman, Planner, and convention and retreat Public Relations Chairman; MOST team member; is Parish Media Team Coordinator, choir member, Caring Friends Visitation Committee; earned a B.B.A. in Business Administration from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.



Anita Beyersdorf

Candidates for Vice President of Gospel Outreach

Anita Beyersdorf, Hemlock, Michigan (Michigan District), serves as Mission-Ministry Vision Con-

sultant, LWML Mission Advocacy & Grants committee member, and has served as Michigan District President and member of LWML Board of Directors; district Vice President of Organizational Resources, Chairman of Nominating Committee; holds an M.S., ABT, in Counseling from Central Michigan University; is a retired teacher and youth director, and has written Devotional and Curriculum Material for LCMS Board of Parish Services; has served on four short-term mission teams.

Marilyn McClure, Tucson, Arizona (English District), serves as Mission-Ministry Vision Consultant, member of LWML Nominating Committee, and edits Spanish LWML materials; has served as English District President and LWML Board of Directors member, LWML Gospel Outreach Committee member and Chairman, Heart to Heart Sisters Task Force Chairman; with her husband, served as an LCMS missionary/teacher among the people of Guatemala for 16 years; earned an M.A. in Bilingual Education from University of Arizona; served as bilingual teacher for 20 years before retiring.

Candidates for Secretary

Judy Carlson, Paola, Kansas (Kansas District), currently serves on LWML Structure Committee; was Kansas District President, member of LWML Board of Directors and served on Kansas City Convention Host Committee; was district Vice President of Caring Service, Mission Service Committee Chairman; taught elementary school for 28 years before retiring; serves as church organist.

Peggy Wunschel, Ida Grove, Iowa (Iowa District West), has served as Bible Study Editor for the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*, member of LWML Gospel Outreach Committee, district Treasurer, zone President, and was a visitor to Japan in Sister to Sister program; serves as a sales agent for insurance and real estate; with her husband, owns and runs car and motorcycle dealerships.

Candidates for Pastoral Counselor

The Reverend Earl Steffens, Tifton, Georgia (Florida-Georgia District), currently serves Peace Lutheran Church, Tifton; is a 1975 colloquy graduate of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis; district counselor for four years and zone counselor for six years; involved in community activities including Kiwanis, Lions Club, United Way, Big Brothers – Big Sisters,

Meals on Wheels, and hospice chaplain; adjunct professor at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College; earned a post Master's Certificate in Marriage and Family, Valdosta State University.

The Reverend Kristopher R. Whitby, Arlington Heights, Illinois (Northern Illinois District), is a 1996 graduate of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis; serves as an associate pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church and School, Mt. Prospect; district counselor for seven years, zone counselor for four years; Lions Club; annual short term mission trips to Mexico and gulf hurricane relief; past chaplain for a group of retired military officers and host of a weekly radio program "Faith Talks" aired in Jacksonville, Florida.

Candidates for Nominating Committee

JoAnn Bradley, Blythe, California (Pacific Southwest District), is past Pacific Southwest District President; serves congregation as Children's Talk presenter and VBS teacher/music leader; taught in Lutheran schools for 30 years and is now self employed at an alteration business.

Dianne Diekmann, Yankton, South Dakota (South Dakota District), past South Dakota District President; has served congregation as organist, secretary, Sunday school and VBS teacher; is employed as a human resources assistant for a local manufacturer.

Lois Ford, Eustis, Florida (Florida-Georgia District), past Florida-Georgia District President; has served her congregation in a variety of music ministries and as VBS director; is employed as a teacher at Faith Lutheran School.

Pamela Kercher, Billings, Montana (Montana District), past Montana District President; has served congregation in a variety of children's ministry roles; is owner/director/teacher of a preschool.

Janet Miller, McGregor, Minnesota (Minnesota North District), past LWML Treasurer; serves as church organist, church treasurer, and historian; has served on local school board and as city clerk treasurer; is a retired banker.

Elaine Nelson, Kent, Washington (Washington-Alaska District), is WA-AK District President and past LWML Meeting Manager; is congregational director of Women's Ministries; was church council member, Sunday school teacher, Bible study leader, organist; was a high school educator and is now a homemaker.

Melody Rosenwinkel, Irwin, Idaho (Utah-Idaho District), is Utah-Idaho District President and past Chairman of LWML Mission Advocacy and Grants Committee; serves as congregational Bible study leader, choir member, youth worker; owns a cabinet and millwork business.

Jessica Sauer, Bronx, New York (Atlantic District), is zone President and Friends Into Serving Him[®] supervisor; was a Young Women's Representative to Tampa; is a Sunday school teacher and volunteers for Thrivent; was Lutheran elementary school teacher and is now a homemaker.

Marcia Wittenburg, Baker, Louisiana (Louisiana-Mississippi District), is a MMV Consultant; was Louisiana-Mississippi District President; congregational youth leader, Connections Ministry, and Girl Scout leader; is an environmental scientist supervisor for the State of Louisiana.



Marilyn McClure



Judy Carlson



Peggy Wunschel



Rev. Earl Steffens



Rev. Kristopher Whitby



Nominating Committee



JoAnn Bradley



Dianne Diekmann



Lois Ford



Pam Kercher



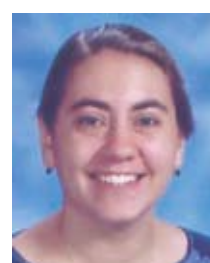
Janet Miller



Elaine Nelson



Melody Rosenwinkel



Jessica Sauer



Marcia Wittenburg