

Lutheran Women's Missionary League North Dakota District

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Share Jesus

The Messenger

The mission of LWML North Dakota is to equip and encourage all women to share the compassion and hope of Jesus Christ.

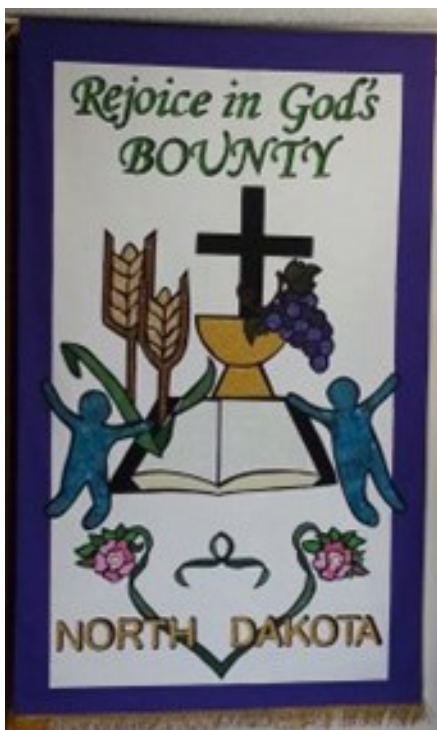
January—June 2016

"Serve the Lord with gladness." Psalm 100:2

"Rejoice in God's BOUNTY"

LWML ND DISTRICT CONVENTION
June 24-26, 2016
Jamestown Civic Auditorium
Jamestown, ND

This edition of *The Messenger* contains your **Official Call to Convention** "packet". Please pay special attention to this "packet" found on pages 4-20 of this newsletter. Delegates should be sure to become familiar with the mission grant proposals and nominated officers which will be voted on at convention.



THEME: "Rejoice in God's Bounty"
Jeremiah 31:12b-14 NIV

GOAL STATEMENT: God's love and goodness provides us with earthly and spiritual blessings in Jesus, therefore we rejoice in God's bounty with everyone around us.

OBJECTIVES: Convention attendees will be:

- ◆ Fed by God's Word and Sacrament.
- ◆ Joyful, thankful and certain of God's bountiful goodness.
- ◆ Excited to share the joy and blessings we have through Christ's redeeming love with God's people everywhere.

*LWML 37th Biennial
Convention
Albuquerque, NM
June 22-25, 2017*


Jesus Christ
above all
Philippians 2:9

Theme:

Jesus Christ Above All

based on

*Therefore God has highly exalted
Him and bestowed on Him the
name that is above every
name (Philippians 2:9)*

Convention Goal Statement:

Empowered by the Holy Spirit,
through Word and Sacrament, I will
proclaim Jesus Christ above all.

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PRESIDENT PAULETTE PONDERERS...MERCY



Mercy Me! It is already time for another pondering...

In pondering **mercy**, many special thoughts and feelings come to mind. "Good old

Webster's" defines **mercy** as "kind treatment". Synonyms include grace, consideration, kindness, clemency, mildness, forgiveness, pity, charity, sympathy, leniency, and compassion.

In reference to the Israelites' constant turning away from the Lord, here is what God's Word has to say about **mercy**. "And when they cried out to you again, you heard from heaven, and in your compassion (**mercy**) you delivered them time after time." "but in your great **mercy** you did not put an end to them or abandon them, for you are a gracious and **merciful** God." Neh. 9:28b, 31. And of course the great news of new birth in Christ as stated in 1 Peter 1:3, "...In his great **mercy** he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." A wonderful Easter message just

celebrated, "He is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!"

Since the Lord delights in showing **mercy** to us, we as Lutheran Women in Mission are moved to do the same. **Mercy** is a special form of love to someone suffering, even if it's the result of that person's own sinful actions. Knowing God's forgiveness, we hurry to share His **mercy** by praying for others and for our mission grants; sharing God's word and Mustard Seed devotions; giving our mites; giving our time, food, clothes to those in need; visiting with the lonely and helping in any way that we can.

Perhaps we may collaborate again with the ND District and present a **Mercy** Event with the goal of encouraging local congregations to "rethink **mercy**" and see themselves as a **mercy** outpost. The idea is to encourage and challenge everyone in the congregation to practical **mercy** actions and to commit to a **Mercy** Care Sunday. Even though difficult at times, we are blessed to be a blessing to many, including many people that have come into ND from other cultures. In a discussion with Pastor Suelzle in regard to the

practice of **mercy**, he shared with me that there are times we may have to say no, without guilt, and times we give and say yes without resentment. Saying no is sometimes the **merciful** way!

I've also come to realize that we are so blessed in our lives in America. We are blessed to have a church and LWML practicing **mercy** as President Harrison and President Baneck have so strongly encouraged. **Mercy** is what we are about as a mission organization! We are blessed to share the spiritual **mercy**, that is the grace of our Lord and Savior sent to save us from our sins and give us eternal life, along with physical **mercy**, including any material needs.

The most important prayer of a Christian might be, "God be **merciful** to me as a sinner!" We respond with "thank you very much" (or as my African French speaking friends might say, '**Merci** beaucoup') dear Lord Jesus for being **merciful** to each of us sinners, so that we can be **merciful** to all we meet in our daily walk with you!"

President Paulette



On behalf of "Christ the Way" LCMS Radio Ministry, I want to thank you for your generous donation of \$5,000 to our ministry.

"Christ the Way" is totally funded

by donation, and your gift will help us continue to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ over the radio for several months! "Christ the Way" is hosted by Concordia Lutheran in Jamestown, ND. However, several LCMS pastors throughout ND participate in proclaiming the Gospel through our program. The radio signal reaches people in North and South Dakota, Montana, Minnesota and sometimes Iowa! Many people have expressed their appreciation for this radio ministry, so thanks again for your support!

Pastor Tom Eckstein, Christ the Way Ministry



President Paulette presents District President Baneck with a \$7,000 check for the ND Church Worker Scholarship at the Mission Grants Selection

meeting in Mandan on January 15, 2016.

2016 LWML ND DISTRICT RETREAT

REMEMBER THESE DATES!! Friday, September 16 and Saturday, September 17, 2016 are the LWML ND District Retreat at the Chieftain Conference Center in Carrington, ND. This year we are trying something a bit different in that the retreat will last for two days rather than the usual three. The retreat will begin Friday evening and conclude Saturday afternoon about 4:30 p.m.

Our speaker will be Cynthia Khan who works with POBLO International. POBLO International works with

Muslim and other immigrants in the United States and is a Mission Society of the LCMS. POBLO's mission is to meet the physical, social, and spiritual needs of Muslim and other immigrants and refugees in the United States by sharing the love of Jesus in practical and culturally relevant ways.

The retreat will include Bible studies by our District counselors. We also hope to include any skits, readings, etc., you may wish to do at breaks during the day. Look for more information and registration forms coming soon!

RESOURCES...

The LWML ND District has purchased two retreat kit CD's for use by anyone in the district. They are "Beautiful Feet Retreat Kit" and "Treasured Retreat Kit". These are both authored by Deb Burma who was our speaker at the LWML retreat last year. These CD's have everything you need to put a retreat together for your church, your unit, etc. These two CD's will be kept by the Vice President of Christian Life for the LWML District, which is currently Valerie Biberdorf. Please contact her if you wish to use these and she will send them to you. Her contact information is elsewhere in this Messenger. Please take advantage of these tools made available to you to use!

LWML ND DISTRICT PRAYER CHAIN

President Paulette sent out these prayer requests she received via email, for Feb-April:

- † Prayers of comfort to the Jesse Brandner family, Bismarck, in their loss .
- † Prayers for Steve Ferise, suffering from melanoma cancer, Uncle to Paulette's niece's husband.
- † Prayers of comfort to Lillie Witt's family in her passing and thanksgiving for giving her 102 years of life!
- † Prayers for sister and husband of Paulette's African friend, Joelle, who were attacked in Africa and beaten and robbed. They also lost their unborn baby...in her 7th month.
- † Prayers for Pastor Mark Drews, undergoing treatment for cancer.
- † Prayers for our District Mite Goal to be met before our District Convention in June.
- † Prayers for Sylvia, daughter of Cole & Marie Johnson, undergoing tests for skeletal abnormalities.
- † Prayers for Women to prayerfully consider running for ND District Convention Candidate positions and Pastors for Junior Counselor.
- † Prayers for Hattie, Sue Corwin's granddaughter, suffering an infection in her foot.
- † Prayers for Polydor Kulu as he awaits for his family to join him soon in Dickinson....pray for financial concerns and for their flight schedules and safe travels.
- † Prayers for those experiencing the Belgium terrorist attacks and attacks on Pakistan Christians celebrating Easter.
- † Prayers for Sylvia, age 6, daughter to our Web Manager Marie Johnson, who is doctoring with concerns about an abnormality near hips and spine.
- † Prayers for Sue Corwin's sister Deb, who had double hernia surgery.
- † Prayers for Sue Corwin's aunt Angie, who had knee replacement surgery.
- † Prayers of thanks for Sue Corwin's niece, Lauren, who had a baby girl.
- † Prayers of thanksgiving for Paulette's new grandchild, Charles Jesse Paul Huber!
- † Prayers for Janet Bauer, Dickinson, being treated for brain cancer.
- † Prayers for Polydor Kulu and family in the sudden loss of Poly's 25-yr. old sister in the Congo, Africa.
- † Prayers of thanksgiving for Polydor's family reunion, after 4-yr. separation, in August in neighboring country to Congo. Continued prayers that the paperwork will soon be completed for family to come to be with Poly in Dickinson, permanently.

If you would like to be on the district prayer chain email list, email President Paulette at huber529@msn.com and ask her to add your email to the list.



Official Call to Convention

Members of the LWML North Dakota District, this is your official Call to Convention. We have been called to *"Rejoice in God's Bounty"*. Come to Jamestown, June 24-26, 2016 as we rejoice with our sister in Christ and thank God for all the earthly and spiritual blessings given to everyone around us. Be inspired through bible study and motivating speakers.

Delegates to the convention will have voice and vote. We will vote on mission grants and new officers.

I invite you to come and be energized as Lutheran Women in Mission. Please join me and the women of the Central Zone as we all give thanks for God's love and goodness to us.

Serving with Gladness,
Paulette Huber, LWML ND District President

Servant Events

On Friday, June 24th, you can participate in a variety of servant events beginning at 12:30 p.m. at the Jamestown Civic Center

- Packing Mercy Meals
- Sorting & Packing Ingathering Items
- Packing, Sorting, etc. at the ND Orphan Grain Train Warehouse in Jamestown

Convention Choir

Like to sing? Consider being a part of the Convention Choir. Rehearsal will be at Concordia Lutheran Church on Friday, June 24th, from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

2016 Convention Speaker Snapshots

Keynote Speaker, Past LWML President Kay Kreklau, knew she wanted to be a part of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) after attending her first Assembly of Leaders in 1992. The fellowship, seeing the "big picture," and the



Bible study on Moses stirred a curiosity to learn more and become more involved. Throughout her work with the LWML, Kay anchored her efforts in the words of St. Paul from Philippians 4:13, I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. These words bring Kay

comfort knowing that all tasks the Lord requests of her will be supported by His strength. Kay has held many LWML positions including all local offices, most zone offices, and many district offices including District President and Recording Secretary. On the national LWML level, she has served as Recording Secretary and on the Leader Development committee. In 2011 at the Peoria convention, she was elected LWML President. As a member of a small congregation in the North Dakota District, Kay has served in many roles including teaching Sunday school and helping with the Sunday school Christmas programs, to name a few. Kay was blessed to travel to three international missions while she was president of the LWML. Those missions were the Dominican Republic, Philippines, and Eurasia. Kay continues to work fulltime at KodaBank, Drayton and Minto, North Dakota. Kay is a widow with three children—a son, Chris and his children Lexi; Trevor; and Paxton; a daughter, Leah and her husband, Tim; and a daughter, Nicole. In her spare time, Kay enjoys reading, gardening, counted cross stitch, and attending her grandchildren's events.

Mission Speaker, Rev. Paul A. Krueger, is a 1983 graduate of Concordia University, St. Paul, MN and a 1987 graduate of Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne, IN. He currently serves as the Senior pastor of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Minot, ND, where he has been



since 1993. He has been a featured speaker for many multi-state and national youth events, Rev. Krueger has served as the advisor for Lutheran Youth Fellowship, Lutheran Youth Encounter, and as a member of both the North and South Dakota Divisions of Youth Ministry. Since 1997, Rev. Krueger has also served as a lead trainer for Tentmaker's Leadership Training, a national training organization that equips church and para-church professionals for greater effectiveness in Christian ministry.



Mission Speaker, Rev. Dr. Matthew Richard, has been the pastor of Zion Lutheran Church of Gwinner, ND, since November 2013. He was previously a Senior Pastor in Sidney, MT, an Associate Pastor in Williston, ND, and an Associate Pastor in

Rancho Cucamonga, CA. He received his undergraduate degree in Finance and Economics from Minot State University in ND. After a short career working as an Investment Representative for a company of AIG, he moved to Minnesota to obtain his Master Divinity from Lutheran Brethren Seminary, MN. In 2005, a year after graduating from seminary, he was ordained into the ministry by the Church of the Lutheran Brethren of America. In 2013 he was certified for ministry in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Furthermore, in 2013 he obtained a Doctor of Ministry Degree from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO. His doctor of ministry thesis was on exploring the journey of American Evangelicals into Confessional Lutheran thought.



Mission Speaker, Vicar Daniel Mapur, Sudanese from West Fargo and his wife, Elizabeth, along with their children: (oldest to

youngest) Mayom, Kuai, Nyamuon and Akon.



Mission Speaker, Vicar Samuel Majak, Sudanese from West Fargo, and his wife, Mary, along with their children: (oldest to youngest) Ru-

ben, Ahoi, Aleer and Nyankiir.

LWML Representative, Debbie Larson, Vice President of Organizational Resources, always



seems to have a smile on her face. "As His forgiven child, I have a lot to be thankful for," she says, "and I can't help but smile!" Debbie's vision for the LWML is that each woman desires to share Christ and be Christ to everyone she meets and that she is given the love

and support to do just that. Debbie has held most offices on the local level of the LWML. On the district level she has served as the LWML North Dakota President, Convention Co-chairman, Vice President of Mission Grants, News Editor, and Recording Secretary. On the national level she has served on the Christian Life Committee and the Ablaze Task Force, and most recently as Public Relations Director. As she continues to serve God through the LWML she is most excited to encourage LCMS women to become involved in this incredible organization so they, too, can know the joy of *Serving the Lord with Gladness!* Married 38 years and counting, Debbie and Scott have two married children and three very active grandsons. Many favorite Bible verses come to mind for Debbie, but she refers often to Proverbs 3:5-6, which says, *Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.*

MISSION GRANT PROPOSALS 2016—2018

MG 101 ~ \$35,000 ND FULL-TIME CHURCH WORKER SCHOLARSHIP

The North Dakota Church Worker Scholarship is a program administered by the North Dakota District LCMS for youth and adults who desire to be educated and become full-time workers in God's kingdom in the LCMS. This scholarship helps defray the cost of higher education as it continues to escalate so as not to become a burden for those students. The students who will benefit from these scholarships are members (or were at the time of their initial scholarship application) of North Dakota LCMS congregations.

MG 102 ~ \$7,500 ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN — ND BRANCH

The Orphan Grain Train (OGT)-ND Branch provides food, clothing, medical supplies, and God's Word to those in need. OGT's ministry reaches out to help people who have suffered losses in floods, droughts, tornadoes, hurricanes, and fires in the United States. Additionally, they offer aid to the destitute people of Russia, Latvia, Liberia, China, Mexico, Kenya, and Nepal. The funds for this grant will be used for various expenses including: building updates, heat, electricity, and insurance for the Jamestown warehouse; gas, license, and insurance for the OGT van; and shipping costs for containers of donated goods.

MG 103 ~ \$7,250 DAKOTA BOYS AND GIRLS RANCH (DBGR) — CHAPEL ALTAR, BAPTISMAL FONT AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch programs focus on spiritual health and wellness to achieve successful treatment of children and their families. To meet the spiritual needs of a growing client base, a chapel is being constructed at the DBGR Fargo Campus. An altar and baptismal font are needed to provide for and enhance the spiritual activities of worship. Spiritual life and training are essential components of DBGR's ministry and require Christian education materials that meet the needs of spiritual life groups, one-on-one teaching, and overall life development. The funds for this grant will be used to purchase these Christian education materials as well as a baptismal font and altar for the DBGR chapel.

MG 104 ~ \$5,000 GRACE LUTHERAN SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Grace Lutheran School is an LCMS-supported school serving families in the Fargo-Moorhead community offering a preschool through grade 8 Christian education. The school plays an active role in evangelism in the community to draw new members to LCMS churches through outreach to families of children who attend Grace Lutheran School. The funds for this grant will be used to increase the scholarship fund availability to allow families in need and families with financial strain to receive tuition assistance.

MG 105 ~ \$5,000 CHRIST THE WAY RADIO MINISTRY

Christ the Way radio program has been on the air in North Dakota since 1929. The 15-minute program airs over KSJB 600 AM in Jamestown every Sunday and is heard by people in North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Montana, and Iowa. Christ the Way is directed by Pastor Tom Eckstein of Concordia Lutheran Church in Jamestown with the assistance of Philip Cherney, a member of Concordia. The messages are provided by LCMS pastors of the North Dakota District. The funds from this grant will be used to pay for production and broadcast costs of this radio ministry and provide stabilization of funds for future endeavors and potential rate increases.

MG 106 ~ \$8,000 PROVIDING SPIRITUAL AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT FOR PASTORS

Providing Spiritual and Emotional Care for our Pastors is a program administered through the North Dakota District LCMS to assist pastors and their families who are in need of specific spiritual and emotional care. Two programs used by the LCMS for offering this care for pastors are "Doxology" and "Shepherd's Canyon." Both of these programs are committed to the emotional and spiritual healing of clergy and other church workers. The funds from this grant will be used to help pastors in need of spiritual and emotional care attend one of these recommended programs.

MG 107 ~ \$5,000 CONCORDIA FORT WAYNE FOOD CO-OP

The Food and Clothing Co-op on the campus of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana,

plays a key role in helping students reduce the financial burden of seminarians and their families by providing access to food and clothing.. The funds from this grant will be used to purchase perishable items for the food bank (e.g., eggs, cheese, milk, fruit juice, ground beef, fresh fruits and vegetables, etc.) as well as additional grocery and paper products.

MG 108 ~ \$5,000

ASSISTING YOUTH TO “BE A FRIEND”/CAMP COUNSELOR INTERN AT BETHESDA SUMMER CAMP

The “Be a Friend”/Camp Counselor Intern Bethesda Auxiliary project seeks to enable life-changing relationships between campers with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and high school volunteers and Lutheran college interns who serve as camp counselors. This program’s goals are to instill leadership skills and a passion for ministry to people with IDD within congregations and the church-at-large. The funds for this grant will be used to financially assist Lutheran college students to serve as camp counselor interns. Funds will also be used to defray costs of volunteers who serve at one of Bethesda’s camps in Wisconsin, Indiana, and Texas.

MG 109 ~ \$5,000

CHURCHES TO CHILDREN OUTREACH PROJECT

The Churches to Children Outreach Project has been developed by Concordia Gospel Outreach with resource and material support from Concordia Publishing House. This project will equip at least 15 LCMS congregations in the North Dakota District with Gospel-based resources and training materials to share within their communities. The project will work in tandem with existing congregational outreach efforts and will help congregations identify new opportunities for outreach. The funds for this grant will be used to purchase outreach kits tailored to the specific ministry needs of identified congregations as well as the development of brochures with numerous topics to aid families and children.

MG 110 ~ \$2,000

ENGAGING YOUR COMMUNITY: NORTH DAKOTA

LCMS Rural and Small Town Mission (RSTM), based in Concordia, MO, provides training and resources to called and lay leaders throughout the LCMS. The primary focus of RSTM is to support congregations in

rural and small-town settings. RSTM partners with Districts to host an “Engaging Your Community” event that focuses on congregational issues specific to rural congregations (e.g., shrinking membership, fewer children and families in worship, etc.). The funds for this grant will be used to provide financial support to host an “Engaging Your Community” event in North Dakota that will be held at no charge to attendees.

MG 111 ~ \$4,320

CHRIST’S CARE FOR CHILDREN: KENYA

Christ’s Care for Children: Kenya, a joint child support program of LCMS and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya (ELCK), assists children at school boarding Project 24 facilities. The program provides the following boarding services: a safe environment, adequate lodging, meals, school fees and related school expenses, medical care, an appropriate play area, adult oversight, scholastic tutoring, emotional support, and spiritual care. The funds from this grant will be used to provide Kenyan children with one year of care including food as well as educational and spiritual support.

MG 112 ~ \$2,500

MARTIN LUTHER SCHOOL—KIDS SHARE CHRIST

Martin Luther School (MLS) is an LCMS-supported school serving families in the Bismarck-Mandan community offering kindergarten through grade 8 Christian education. The MLS Kids Share Christ is a program that allows children to participate in service projects that reach out to the community with a mission emphasis, sharing Christ. The funds for this grant will be used for service projects which could potentially include: building and maintaining a “Little Free Library” in the MLS neighborhood, materials to make and donate fleece blankets to area mission organizations, materials for care packages for the hurting and hungry, and portable speakers for music program outreach.

MG 113 ~ \$5,000

CONFESSIONAL LUTHERAN EDUCATION FOUNDATION E-READER PROJECT

The Confessional Lutheran Education Foundation (CLEF) partners with the LCMS Lutheran Church bodies and seminaries in Africa and Asia to supply seminary students, faculties, and pastors with theological libraries and course materials. The CLEF International Lutheran Electronic Reader Project (ILERP) will pro-

vide seminary students, pastors, and professors with periodicals and resources housed on an electronic reader. The funds for this grant will be used to purchase electronic readers (the Amazon Kindle White Paper) as well as provide funding for the initial introductory course for a qualified theological professor.

MG 114 ~ \$1,500

WAHPETON LCMS U

LCMS U is an initiative to connect and support Lutheran students attending college by involving, connecting, and encouraging parents, congregations and campus ministries as they seek to care for students. Immanuel Lutheran Church, Wahpeton, ND, is forming an LCMS U chapter to reach out to students at North Dakota State College of Science. The funds for this grant will be used for chapter start-up costs, Bible study materials, welcoming party supplies, national conferences, and/or mission opportunities.

MG 115 ~ \$4,800

WORSHIP SPACE—EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH, MADRID, SPAIN

Emmanuel Lutheran Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Spain located in Madrid is a developing congregation in need of a place of worship. Sites such as employer break rooms and member homes have been used in the past but are inconsistent in availability and are not large enough to accommodate the congregation. Rental space is expensive, but an affordable worship space has been located allowing for establishment of a consistent place of worship. The funds for this grant will be used to pay rent for worship space for Divine Service two times per month for two years.

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SLATE OF CANDIDATES ~ 2016 DISTRICT CONVENTION

PASTORAL COUNSELOR

Rev. Jacob Swenson
Rev. Christopher Waldvogel

PRESIDENT

Valerie Biberdorf

VICE PRESIDENT OF MISSION GRANTS

Bonnie Krenz

VICE PRESIDENT OF HUMAN CARE

Joan Beyer
Sue Hartley

VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATIONS

Ruth Walsh

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Sue Corwin
Audrey O'Brien

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Mary Ann Anderson (SW Zone)
Bonnie Kittelson (Eastern Zone)
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Mary Lueck (SE Zone)
Betty Marschner (NW Zone)
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Rev. Christopher Waldvogel
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Home: Fargo (Eastern Zone)
Home Cong.: Beautiful Savior,
Fargo

Offices: Stephen minister, Evangelism, Sunday School teacher,

Vicar, Associate Pastor.

LCMS District Offices: Shepherd's Hill board, Grace Lutheran School board, Committee on Constitution and bylaws.

LWML Offices: Currently Eastern Zone Counselor

Community: 40 Days for Life, Homeless and Hungry

Personal: Married for 14 years; Son Jacob (10-yrs old)

Favorite Bible Verse: Revelation 22:20; Psalm 139; John 16:33; Titus 3:4—7

What does LWML mean to me?: That the Lord works mightily in His forgiven people by His almighty power and love!

**Rev. Jacob Swenson**trinitystjohn@outlook.com*Home:* Hillsboro (Eastern Zone)*Home Cong.:* St. John, Hillsboro and Trinity, Hope*Personal:* Married to Faith*Favorite Bible Verse:* Romans 5:8*What does LWML mean to me?:*

Faithful Christians responding to the

grace of God in Christ by reaching out with His love to serve a world in need.

**Valerie Biberdorf**vbiberdorf@live.com*Home:* Carrington (Central Zone)*Home Cong.:* Grace, Carrington*Offices:* Sunday School & VBS teacher, choir member.*LWML Unit Offices:* President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Altar Committee*LWML District Offices:* Zone President, Vice President of Human Care,

Vice President of Christian Life

Vocation: Secretary*Personal:* Married to Richard (LCMS pastor) for 33 years; 2 sons Nathanael (25) and Philip (22)*Favorite Bible Verse:* There are many! Psalm 27:1.*What does LWML mean to me?:* For me it has been a wonderful blessing and opportunity to serve my Lord and spread His Gospel.**Bonnie Krenz**dakrenz@ictc.com*Home:* Binford (Central Zone)*Home Cong.:* Grace, Cooperstown*Offices:* Congregational Treasurer, Superintendent of Education, Funeral Committee Chairman, Anniversary Celebration Committee, Call Committee.*LWML Unit Offices:* Secretary, Vice President, Christian Growth Chairman, Historian.*LWML District Offices:* Zone President, Zone Vice President, Zone Historian, Bylaw Chairman, Parliamentarian, District Convention Treasurer, National Convention Delegate.*Community:* County Fair Board President, County Arts Council Secretary and Treasurer, Community Club Financial Committee, 4-H Leader and County 4-H Board President.*Vocation:* Currently County Library Director. I was a farm wife and Lutheran School teacher.*Personal:* Married to David for 43 years; son Paul and wife Cassie with 2 children; daughter Lisa and husband Ryan; daughter

Hannah; son Jon and wife Mirinda with 2 children.

Favorite Bible Verse: Proverbs 3:5-6; John 3:16; Luke 11:9; Romans 8:28*What does LWML mean to me?:* LWML provides me with an opportunity to use the talents that the Lord has blessed me with in service to Him to help share the message of his love. LWML provides me with an opportunity to grow in the Lord's Word.**Ruth Walsh**ruwalsh@juno.com*Home:* Fargo (Eastern Zone)*Home Cong.:* Grace, Fargo*Offices:* Financial Secretary, Board of Evangelism.*Community:* NDHSAA/MSHSL Gymnastic Official*LWML Unit Offices:* Circle Chair, Christian Life, Secretary, President*LWML District Offices:* Recording Secretary*Vocation:* Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Sister, Church Secretary*Personal:* Married to Gerald since 1985; Children: Sean

(Andrea), Carolyn, Jeffrey, Nathan; Grandsons: Declan and ?

(due in May to Sean and Andrea)

Favorite Bible Verse: Romans 1:16-17*What does LWML mean to me?:* LWML is an avenue to support missions and missionaries throughout the world which enables me to partner with those who are called to proclaim the Gospel to the lost and erring.**Sue Hartley**[blessingspreserved@yahoo.com](mailto: blessingspreserved@yahoo.com)*Home:* Mandan (SW Zone)*Home Cong.:* Shepherd of the Valley, Bismarck*Offices:* Chairperson of Board of Stewardship, Capital Campaign Committee, Interim Council Secretary; Altar Guild, Chairperson of 100th Anniversary Committee @ St. John's, Underwood.*LWML Unit Offices:* Bible Study Leader, Christian Life, President*LWML District Offices:* Vice President of Servant Resources.*Community:* History Committee Chair for Underwood 100th Anniversary, Secretary for Northern Lights Arts Council.*Vocation:* Judicial Assistant at ND Supreme Court.*Personal:* Son Ross and daughter-in-law Meghan*Favorite Bible Verse:* Joshua 1:9*What does LWML mean to me?:* I think LWML is a way for us to be missionaries where we are at, and how mightily God blesses our mites in bringing Christ's saving grace to the world.

**Joan Beyer**wbeyerj@702com.net*Home:* Wahpeton (SE Zone)*Home Cong.:* Immanuel, Wahpeton*Offices:* Banners Committee, Council Secretary*LWML Unit Offices:* President, Treasurer.*LWML District Offices:* Zone Secretary, Zone Treasurer*Vocation:* Head cook at elementary school*Personal:* Married to Wayne; daughters Kayla and Brittany*Favorite Bible Verse:* Matthew 28:19-20*What does LWML mean to me?:* Getting to study the Bible, mission projects, fellowship and friends.**Sue Corwin**scorwin@csicable.net*Home:* Jamestown (Central Zone)*Home Cong.:* Concordia, Jamestown*LWML Unit Offices:* President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Christian Growth Chairman.*LWML District Offices:* District President, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Gifts and

Bequests Chairman, Zone President.

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Young Women...

You are invited to have lunch with President Paulette on Saturday and will have the opportunity for some social time in the evenings during convention. Let's all encourage our District Young Women to attend!!

GIFTS FROM THE HEART...

The following ingathering items will be collected at convention.

Layette kits:

- Diaper(s)
- Baby wipes
- Pacifier—new
- Bottle—new
- Sleeper
- Onesie (1-piece underwear)
- Receiving Blanket
- Blanket

No baby powders or lotions can be in the layette kit.

Clothing & blankets can be new or gently used.

Hygiene kits:

- Bath towel
- Wash cloth
- Bath-size bar of soap
- Adult-size toothbrush
- Sturdy comb
- Deodorant
- Band-Aids (1/2" or 3/4")

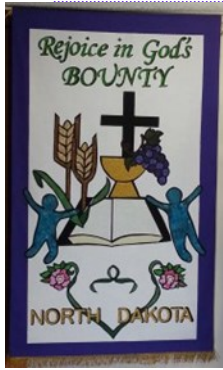
Linens should be in good condition and dark colors are recommended.

Content items must be new and can be any brand.

School kits:

- Spiral notebooks, any size
- Pencils
- Pens
- Construction paper
- Crayons
- Ruler
- Glue Sticks
- Blunt scissors
- Washable markers
- Protractor

We will also be collecting kids shoes, any size, but in good condition.



"They will rejoice in the bounty of the Lord—the grain, the new wine and the oil, the young of the flocks and the herds. They will be like a well-watered garden, and they will sorrow no more. Then maidens will dance and be glad, young men and old as well. I will turn their mourning into gladness; I will give them comfort and joy instead of sorrow. I will satisfy the priests with abundance, and my people will be filled with my bounty, declares the Lord." Jer. 31:12b-14 NIV

REGISTRATION FORM
Lutheran Women's Missionary League
North Dakota District 37th Biennial Convention
June 24-26, 2016
Jamestown Civic Auditorium
Jamestown, ND



NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY, STATE _____ ZIP _____
 PHONE _____
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ZONE: ☐ CENTRAL ☐ EASTERN
☐ NORTHEAST ☐ SOUTHWEST
☐ NORTHWEST ☐ SOUTHEAST

CHURCH NAME _____
 CHURCH CITY _____

Please fill out each section below AND enter the fee that corresponds with it on the back of this form



PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO YOU:

- ☐ Member ☐ Delegate ☐ Alternate Delegate ☐ Past District President ☐ First Time Attendee
☐ Guest ☐ Teen (ages 12-17) ☐ Exhibitor (see additional instructions in fee section on page 2)
☐ Young Woman (ages 18-35) ☐ Worker – list committee: _____
☐ Pastoral Counselor (__ District __ Zone __ Unit) ☐ District Board Member (__ Voting __ Non-Voting)



PLEASE CHECK ALL THE EVENTS YOU WILL ATTEND:

- ☐ Convention Choir ~ Rehearsal: 2:00-4:00pm, Friday, June 24th @ Concordia Lutheran
☐ Servant Events ~ Friday, June 24th, 12:30-4:00pm @ Jamestown Civic Center
 (Packing Mercy Meals; Sorting & Packing Ingathering Items; Working at OGT Warehouse)
☐ Friday Dinner ~ 5:00pm @ Concordia Lutheran Church (**no cost**) ____ # attending, yourself & guests
☐ Delegate Meeting ~ 4:15 pm, Friday, June 24th @ Concordia Lutheran Church
☐ Mite Pledge Walk ~ 4:45 pm, Saturday, June 25th @ Civic Center north door



CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS PHOTOS

Photos from the convention will be available on the ndlwml.org website for you to download. A CD will no longer be available to purchase.

KIM WAGNER SATURDAY EVENING

Your Saturday night entertainment is included in the price of your dinner ticket, but if you would like to purchase additional tickets, you can do so on the next page.

HOUSING INFORMATION: Each registrant is responsible for booking their own housing accommodations. Hotel rooms are being held at the following locations: Gladstone Inn 701-252-0700; Comfort Inn 701-252-7125; Holiday Inn Express 701-251-2131; Quality Inn 701-252-3611; Super 8 Motel 701-252-4715; Please mention LWML when you call.

Make checks payable to : **LWML ND District** and mail with this form to:
Audrey O'Brien, PO Box 3, Oakes, ND 58474 Audrey's email: aobrien@drtel.net

Registration Deadline: Delegates ~ May 25th; All others ~ June 1st

Full Registration—Friday through Sunday, June 24-26, 2016	\$60.00	\$
Registration—Saturday, June 25 only	\$45.00	\$
Registration – Convention Workers (Friday through Sunday)	\$35.00	\$
Registration for Spouse Name: _____	\$35.00	\$
Registration – Young Women (ages 18-35)	\$35.00	\$
Registration – Teen (ages 12-17)	\$ 0.00	\$
Registration – “Young at Heart” (70 & over)	\$35.00	\$
Registration – Pastors	\$35.00	\$
Exhibitor Registration (if you have not done so, you must also contact Carol Kosel at 701-349-2615 or cikosel@drtel.net for information)	\$25.00 (cost per 8' skirted table)	\$
Saturday Lunch (<i>NO refunds can be given for meals after June 10th</i>)	\$16.00	\$
Saturday Dinner & Entertainment (<i>NO refunds can be given after June 10th</i>)	\$25.00	\$
EXTRA Saturday night entertainment ticket # _____	\$5.00 each	\$
Mite Pledge Walk T-Shirt <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> XXL (<i>If ordered by June 1st</i>)	\$8.00 each	\$
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	Check #	\$

I have **PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS** (*please explain*):

I have **DIETARY NEEDS** (*please explain*):

Please send my registration confirmation by: ☐ E-mail _____ ☐ Mail

LWML Health and Emergency Information Form

This form needs to be completed along with the Registration Form for **each person** attending

Name _____

Address (if different from registration form) _____

Whom should we notify in case of an emergency?

Name _____ Relationship _____

Daytime phone _____ Nighttime phone _____

I am traveling or rooming with _____ at convention and their cell phone # is _____.

Medical Information

Please list any health conditions that should be known before any emergency treatment:

Please list any medications emergency personnel should be aware of:

QUESTIONS? Contact Convention Manager Rhonda Hoge at 701-306-5380 or email hogegolf@cableone.net

Delegate Recording Form

LWML ND District Convention
Jamestown, ND
June 24-26

Congregation: _____

City: _____

Please return this form by May 23rd to:

Renee Johnson
430 12th St NW
Minot, ND 58703

or email reneej75@srt.com

DELEGATES:

Name – 1 st delegate:	Email	Phone
Street Address	City	Zip code

Name – 2 nd delegate:	Email	Phone
Street Address	City	Zip code

ALTERNATE DELEGATES:

Name – 1 st delegate:	Email	Phone
Street Address	City	Zip code

Name – 2 nd delegate:	Email	Phone
Street Address	City	Zip code

The Bylaws of the LWML ND District state:

The voting assembly of the convention shall be two accredited delegates from each unit. (Article V, Section 3a)

The names of the accredited delegates and alternates shall be in the hands of the District Recording Secretary thirty (30) days prior to the convention. (Article V, Section 5)

Name	Address	Phone No.	Donation Amount
		TOTAL COLLECTED	\$



MOTEL INFORMATION FOR 2015 LWML ND DISTRICT CONVENTION

When you call for your reservations,
please mention the Lutheran Women's
Missionary League and the nights of
June 24th & 25th, 2016.

KEY:
DB = Double Bed
Q = Queen Bed
K = King Bed
P = Pool
HT = Hot Tub
CONT. = Continental Breakfast

MOTEL	ROOMS	COST	BKFST	POOL	HOT TUB	BOOK BY
GLADSTONE INN 111—2nd St NE (near Civic Center) 701-252-0700	(24) 2 DB (6) 1 K Poolside	\$94 + tax \$94 + tax \$108 + tax	In house restaurant	P	HT	June 10, 2016
COMFORT INN 811—20th St SW 701-252-7125	(10) 2 Q (4) 1 King	\$109 + tax \$109 + tax	Cont.	P		May 24, 2016
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS 803—20th St SW 701-251-2131	(10) 2 DB	\$118.71 + tax	Cont.	P	HT	May 24, 2016
QUALITY INN 507—25th St SW 701-252-3611	(15) 2 Q	\$91.99 + tax	Cont.	P	HT	June 1, 2016
SUPER 8 MOTEL 2623 Hwy 281 S 701-252-4715	(15) 2 Q	\$68.99 + tax	Cont.			June 1, 2016

Thank you for being joy filled servants at our convention, strengthening
and preparing to serve our Lord and all His people.

Central Zone Convention Hosts
Lodging Information Chairman:
Marlene Brandenburg
701-493-2914

TENTATIVE AGENDA for 2016 Convention

FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 2016

12:00-3:00 pm **Board of Director's Meeting**—Concordia Lutheran

12:00-6:00 pm **Registration**—Civic Center

12:30-4:00 pm **Servant Events**—Civic Center

2:00-4:00 pm **Choir Practice**—Concordia Lutheran,
Kathie Hay, Director

4:15-5:00 pm **Delegate Meeting**—Concordia Lutheran
(This orientation is important for all delegates)

Opening Worship Service (Choir)—Concordia Lutheran Church

7:00 pm Opening processional—Conv. Banner/Clergy

Call to Order—Session #1—President Paulette Huber

Lighting of the Convention candle; Convention prayer

Welcome and announcements—President Paulette

Choir Director and Organist, Kathie Hay

Offering #1—Mites

SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2016

Breakfast on your own

7:00 am Registration continues at Civic Center

6:30-7:45 am Exhibits, LWML Store and CPH stores open @ Civic Center

7:45 am Pre-convention singing—Pastor Suelzle

Assemble for Processional

8:00 am Processional BOD, Special Guests, PDP's

Convention Session #2—Civic Center

Opening Prayer, song, and pledges

Intro. Of Convention Manager and Chairman

Welcome—Sara Eclipse—Central ZP

Mission Statement & Objectives

Introduction of Special Guests

Introduction of officers on stage

Greetings from LCMS President Harrison

Greetings from LWML President Patti Ross

Greetings from ND LCMS President Baneck

Reading of convention rules—Bonnie Krenz,
Parliamentarian

Presentation & approval of convention agenda by
Renee Johnson, Recording Secretary

Committee Appointments, Tellers for the Election of Officers, Tellers for the Election of Mission Grants, Minutes Review Appointees

Greetings from LLL Representative

Greetings from LYF Representative

Greetings from Gift Planning Advocate

9:00 am **Bible Study #1**—Rev. David Suelzle

9:45 am Announcements & Break

10:00 am Keynote Speaker—Kay Kreklau

10:45 am Report of Credentials Committee, Convention Registrar

Report of Financial Officers—Avonne Gessner, Treasurer & Myrna Baneck, Financial Secretary

Presentation of the Proposed Budget and Mission Goal

Adoption of the Budget and Mission Goal

Presentation of Mission Grant Proposals—Nikki Tyrrell, VP of Mission Grants

Voting Rules for Mission Grants—Bonnie Krenz

Prayer before Voting—Committee member

Balloting for Mission Grants

Presentation of Proposed Bylaws—Connie Smalarz, Bylaws Chairman; Prayer before voting

11:40 am Report of the Nominating Committee, Karen Loughheed, Chairman

Entertain nominations from the floor—Pres. Paulette

Introduction of candidates—Karen Loughheed

Reading of Voting Rules—Bonnie Krenz

Prayer before Voting—Committee member

Election of Officers

12:00-1:00 pm **Lunch** (lunch served for those who purchased the lunch ticket)

Exhibits and Stores open during lunch break

1:00 pm Pre-convention singing—Pastor Suelzle

1:15 pm **Convention Session #3**—Civic Center

Devotions/Gifts From the Heart—Human Care, Joan Beyer, VP of Human Care pro tem

Gifts From the Heart Processional by Young Women

Mission Speakers: West Fargo Sudanese Group, Rev. Dr. Matthew Richard, and Rev. Paul A. Krueger.

Offering #2—ND Church Starts

Announcements/Break

3:30 pm **Bible Study #2**—Rev. David Suelzle

4:00 pm **LWML (National) Report**—Debbie Larson, Vice President of Organizational Resources

Announcements, prayer, adjournment

4:45 pm **Mission Pledge Walk** (Mites)

6:00-7:00 pm **Dinner**

7:30 pm **Entertainment** Kim Wagner (Invitation to 2017 LWML Salt Lake City Convention during evening entertainment)

SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2016

Breakfast on your own

7:00-8:00 am Exhibits and Stores open

8:15 am Pre-convention singing

Convention Session #4—Civic Center

8:30 am Opening Prayer-Servant Resource Committee

◆ YWR Report—Elizabeth Moline & Samantha Werner

◆ ND LWML President Report-President Paulette Huber

Invitation to 2018 Convention in Minot—Skit

Introduction of Young Women (pinning)

Recognition of First Timers

Report of Mission Grants & Election of Officers

Greetings—Thrivent and Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch

Recognition of All Officers, including Outgoing Officers

Approval of 2020 Convention to be hosted by Eastern Zone.

Introduction of Host Committee

Introduction of New Officers (Pin Junior Counselor)

11:00 am **Closing Worship (Choir)** and Installation of Officers

Offering #3—Orphan Grain Train

Convention Entertainment

Diagnosed in 2011 with stage 3 breast cancer, Kim Wagner defines herself as an authentic celebrator of life! She engages individuals and organizations with powerful, hilarious messages. A storyteller extraordinaire, she encourages her audiences to unwrap the gift of today, finding joy, hope and reason to celebrate every day we are given. Kim Wagner has been speaking and writing professionally for 16 years. Her book, "No Lumps, Thank You" was named the winner of the 2013 Best Book Awards in Anthologies: Non-Fiction Winner. In 2015, her second book "Saying Goodbye to the Girls" was published. She speaks of "heart stuff" pertaining to the big picture once a life-changing diagnosis is given, sharing her personal experiences with the health care system. She presents to women's groups and health/medical organizations



across the nation. Wagner holds degrees in Speech, Theatre, and Business Administration. She lives with her Lutheran pastor husband and two dogs in Fargo, North Dakota. They have four adult children and two grandsons.



Convention Meals

SATURDAY LUNCH: Sandwich buffet with salads, chips, bars and cookies

SATURDAY DINNER: Roasted chicken Florentine with rice, salad, carrots and chocolate cake



Convention Offerings

There are designated times that offerings will be taken at convention and the money has been earmarked to be given to certain causes.

Convention Offering #1—This offering will be collected on Friday night, during the Opening Worship Service. All of the money given will go to Mites to help fund our North Dakota District Projects and the mission projects at the national LWML level.

Convention Offering #2—This offering will be collected on Saturday afternoon, right after hearing Mission Speakers. All of the money given will be donated to the ND Church Starts.

Convention Offering #3—This offering will be collected on Sunday morning, during our Closing Worship. All of the money given at this offering will be donated to Orphan Grain Train, ND Branch.

Do I Have to Be an LWML Member to Attend District Convention and Zone Events?

As spring rallies and servant events approach, many of us worry about how many less members we have in LWML or attending Zone and District events. We worry about the direction of the LWML and where we will be 5 or 10 years from now. Will we even have an LWML? When we worry about the numbers, we forget to think and pray about the work and the mission that God has for us to do.

What is LWML about? LWML is more than just coffee pots and church lunches.

- * IT'S ABOUT being with Jesus.
- * IT'S ABOUT supporting missions with our mites however great or small.
- * IT'S ABOUT inviting others to join us in studying God's Word and not just asking for help with church cleaning or washing dishes.
- * IT'S ABOUT praying for our leaders: in the LWML, in our church, in our nation, and in our world.
- * IT'S ABOUT being IN the WORD and OF the WORD.
- * IT'S ABOUT letting the love that God has for us overflow to all those around us. Trusting that HE will be there supporting us and giving us the words to speak and the courage to do when we are doing it for HIM.

Have you asked someone who isn't a member of the LWML to join you for Bible Study or Zone and District events? Do you know women at other LCMS churches that no longer have an active LWML unit? Have you thought of asking them to join you at Zone and District events? Maybe now is a good time for them to reconnect with the LWML. You never know when or how God will plant a seed. Are you ready to help water and nurture that seed?

Do you need to be an active LWML member to attend an LWML event? NO! The Bible Studies and speakers at LWML conventions aren't just for the leadership and the delegates, they're for everyone. Fall Retreat, with its Bible Studies, speakers, and fellowship aren't just good for active LWML members, they're for everyone.

God has work for us to do. We need to be ready when God has a new step for us to take. Invite a friend to attend your next Zone event or to attend the upcoming District Convention in Jamestown. Invite others to share in the joy that HE has given us so we can rejoice in His bounty of material and spiritual gifts.



Do you know of someone who might be in need of a pink scarf?

The Pink Scarf Ministry is giving women who are in cancer treatment or have recovered from cancer, a soft, pink scarf, free of charge. Those who make the scarves are in prayer as they are being knit or crocheted, something like the prayer shawls.

Mary Ann Anderson will not be having a Pink Scarf table at convention this year, but she would like to bring scarves along for anyone that needs them. If you would like a scarf for yourself, or to give to someone else, please email Mary Ann at jdanderson44@yahoo.com, prior to convention, so that she can bring enough scarves with her.

If you won't be at convention, let her know that as well, and she'll work something out with how to get the scarf to you.



JOY CARDS

Memorials & Honorariums January—March 2016

THANK YOU to everyone who has sent in money for memorials or honorariums. The following is a list of those received from January through March 2016.



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MITES

should be sent to:
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DISTRICT DATES

- ◆ LWML ND District Convention @ Jamestown ~ June 24-26, 2016
- ◆ BOD Transition Meeting ~ August 12-13, 2016
- ◆ Fall Retreat @ Carrington ~ September 16-17, 2016
- ◆ LWML Convention @ Albuquerque, NM ~ June 22-25, 2017
- ◆ LWML ND District Convention @ Minot ~ June 22-24, 2018



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LWML ND District Mission Grants 2014-2016 Biennium

MISSION GRANT	AMOUNT BUDGETED	AMOUNT PAID	BALANCE
ND District Full-Time Church Worker Scholarships	\$35,000.00	\$28,000.00	\$7,000
Providing Spiritual & Emotional Care for Pastors	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	—0—
Financial Assistance for Food & Clothing Co-op ~ Fort Wayne, IN	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	—0—
Christ the Way Radio Ministry	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	—0—
Kenya Africa Rescue Centers	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	—0—
New Playground at Shepherd's Hill Retreat	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	—0—
Martin Luther School Tuition Assistance	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	—0—
Bibles for Peace Officers Ministries	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	—0—
All Faiths Chapel Music Ministry ~ Grafton, ND	\$1,500.00	-0-	\$1,500
Sudanese Lay Pastor Training	\$1,500.00	-0-	\$1,500
TOTALS	\$76,000.00	\$66,000.00	\$10,000.00

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