

Equip
Encourage
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.

APRIL-MAY-JUNE 2018

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

"Lift High the Name of Jesus"

LWML ND DISTRICT CONVENTION

June 22-24, 2018

Holiday Inn

Minot, ND

THEME: "Lift High the Name of Jesus"

Philippians 2:9—10

GOAL STATEMENT: Empowered by the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacrament, attendees will Proclaim Jesus Christ above all.

OBJECTIVES: Each convention attendee will be:

- † Encouraged through worship and Bible study.
- † Equipped to share His message of salvation.
- † Engage in celebrating God's faithfulness while serving the Lord with gladness.



North Dakota District
LWML Convention
June 22-24, 2018

LWML ND DISTRICT PRESIDENT



"IT'S ALMOST HERE!"

It's almost here! What's almost here? Why our convention, of course! Sorry, but the convention has been topic #1 on my mind for many months, as it has been on the minds of Sue Corwin, convention manager; Geneal Roth and Cheryl Hager, convention co-chairs and the many men and women of the NW Zone as they work and prepare to greet you all in June. It has also been on the minds of the members of the LWML ND Board of Directors as they perform the various duties of their offices to have things ready for you in Minot.

Why are we doing all this? Is it to give all of you that come a wonderful convention experience? Well, part of it is, of course. But we are working so hard and preparing so diligently because this convention is God's convention and we want to have everything the best we can for Him. We want to "Lift High the Name of Jesus" through worship, Bible study, singing, and through the decisions we make.

Remember, each LWML unit is entitled to send 2 delegates to the convention. Please take advantage of this. If you can't send 2, at least send one delegate. Make sure your unit is represented. Delegate forms have been sent to each unit president by Renee Johnson, Recording Secretary. Those forms need to be returned to her at least 30 days before the convention. Please make sure you have these filled out and sent to her.

THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- Everyone is strongly encouraged to stay at the Holiday Inn, the convention hotel.

- There is a meal package so be sure and sign up for that on the registration form. You will be on your own for breakfast, however. The Holiday Inn does offer a breakfast buffet which **is included in the price of your room!**

- There is no separate entertainment this year; it is included during the banquet.

There will be no scheduled zone pictures; you are free to do them on your own.

I WILL BE PRAYING THAT I WILL SEE ALL OF YOU IN MINOT JUNE 22-24, 2018 AS WE MEET IN CONVENTION TO "LIFT HIGH THE NAME OF JESUS"!

*How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
In a believer's ear!*

*It soothes our sorrows, heals our
wounds,
And drives away our fear.*

LSB 524, vs. 1

President Valerie

LWML ND DISTRICT PRAYER CHAIN

President Valerie sent out these prayer requests she received via email, for Jan 2018—March 2018:

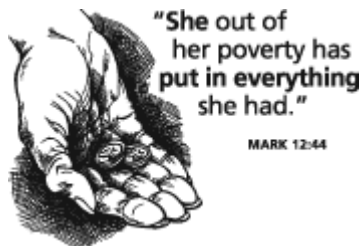
- † Prayers for the family of Myra Bitterman, who was called to her heavenly home.
- † Prayers for our Mite Goal to be met and all of our Mission Grants to be funded in this biennium.
- † Prayers for the new grandson of Paulette Huber's cousin, born 2 1/2 months early due to pregnancy complications.
- † Prayers for Lexi, daughter of Darci Wolff, who is 24 weeks pregnant with twin girls and dealing with premature labor.
- † Prayers for the family of Rev. Charlie Johnson, who called home by his Lord Jesus. He served a triple parish at Grace-Cooperstown, Trinity-Hope, and Zion-Binford.

If you would like to be on the District prayer chain email list, email President Valerie at president@ndlwml.org and ask her to add your email to the list.



ATTENTION THRIVENT MEMBERS

You can now designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars to go to the LWML ND District! A great way to send more money for Mites!



MITES



Financial Secretary.....AUDREY O'BRIEN

Sisters in Christ Serving Joyfully through the LWML.

The LWML is near and dear to my heart and God has blessed me with so many totally awesome mentors and friends through the LWML. I am concerned though. Not new concerns but concerns many others share within our beloved organization. There are also some points we, once again, need to clarify. I know you know these points but sometimes we need to bring them to the forefront and refresh ourselves. What I am getting at is Mites, Mission Grants Goals, Mite Goals.

Mites: dollars sent with joyful hearts to expand the kingdom of our Lord and Savior, here at home and throughout the world.

Mission Grants Goal: a dollar amount to fund specific projects selected by the voting delegates at the LWML ND District Convention.

A **Mite Goal** is not something we deal with but need to be aware of -- this is the amount of mites we need to gather to fund our mission grants goal, send mites to National and run the ND District operations. ND District operations are everyday costs to handle mailings, meetings, printing.....Dollars needed to make sure everything gets done.

So the financial formula is Mission Grants Goal plus National Mites plus Operating costs equals what we need to gather for mites: Mite Goal. FYI: National Mites are determined by the amount of mites we receive. National receives 25% of all mites we gather in our District.

This is not a gloom and doom / or hope you feel guilty message. Just a heads up as to what is slowly happening with in our own ND District. Bonnie Krenz, VP of Mission Grants, is valiantly trying to keep us all abreast of the Mission Grant payments or outflows. When she was elected the ND District was at a deficit point, meaning -- we were using mite dollars from the current biennium to fund Mission Grants from the previous biennium. (Sort of like Deficit spending.) This is something we cannot continue to do. I am unsure how to solve the situation and welcome your suggestions. We need to sit back and challenge ourselves and our units to become active in faithfully sending in our mites and, when possible, increase by any "mite" you can. We also need to look at the Mission Grants and utilize our mites the best way possible.

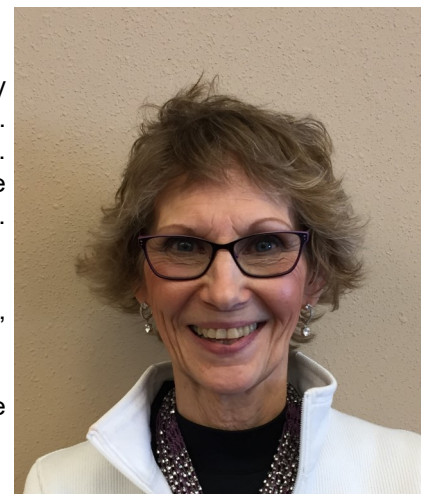
Lutheran Ladies -- yes we make lunch --- but it is our MITES that make a huge DIFFERENCE bringing the Good News of Salvation to the world.

Once again the formula is:



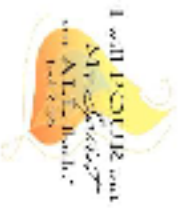

Mission Grants Goal
+ Mites sent to National (25% of mites submitted to the ND District)
+ Operating Expenses
= MITES NEEDED TO FUND THE BIENNIUM (Mite Goal)

Serving with humility and thanksgiving for all the blessings bestowed upon me.

Audrey O'Brien, Financial Secretary Pro-Tem -- filling the term of Myrna Baneck.
 PO Box 3
 Oakes, ND 58474



May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	When we count our blessings instead of our money we are all rich.	1 Deliver a May Basket to someone or add 50¢ to your mite box.	2 Prayer for the members of Redeemer, Dickinson	3 Hug your cat Day. If you have a cat add 50¢. If you don't have a cat add \$1.00	4 Renewal Day Renew yourself in the Lord today.	5 Cinco de Mayo Day Did you have Mexican food today. Yes contribute 10¢ No contribute 25¢.
6 National Nurses' Day. Hold them and their work up in your prayers.	7 Prayer for the members of St. Matthew, Napoleon.	8 No Sock Day Add 50¢ if it was warm enough for sandals 25¢ if not.	9 Lost Sock Day For each single sock in your home add 10¢ to your mite box.	10  Ascension Day	11 Prayer for the NW Zone Convention Committee as they work on the District Convention	12 Prayer for Mission Grant for Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch. Add \$1.00 for their work.
13 Thank the Lord for your mother. Give a special offering in her honor.	14 Prayer for the members of St. Peter, Devil Lake.	15 Chocolate Chip Day Bake a batch of cookies and take to someone who needs a friend.	16 Does your church have a youth group? Yes add 50¢ No add 25¢ to your mite box.	17 Pack Rat Day For each junk drawer add 50¢ and then cleans it out.	18 Add 50¢ if you have registered for District convention. If not pray about attending.	19 Pray for President Bertsch as he leads the North Dakota District
20  St. Peter's Church	21 Policeman Week Thank God for our policeman. Contribute 50¢ in their honor.	22 Pray for our District President Valerie Biberdorf as she plans the convention	23 Lucky Penny Day. Add your pennies to your mite box	24 Prayer for the members of Zion, Munich	25 Raise up a prayer of thanks for the youth in your church.	26 Prayer for district officers. If you have held an LWML office contribute 25¢.
27 Hold all graduates up to Lord today.	28  God Bless America	29 Prayer for the members of Trinity, Drayton	30 Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch is Mission Grant project that needs your prayers.	31 Prayer for the members of St. Paul and St. Marks Minot	The Mission Grant Committee hopes that you have enjoyed and used the mite calendars.	

*North Dakota District
Lutheran Women's Missionary League*

*District Convention June 22 to 23 in Minot
Register now!*

Human Care VP.....SUE HARTLEY



The LWML District Convention is almost here! I am excited to be attending in my new capacity as Vice President for Human Care. I look forward to meeting you as you drop off your ingathering items and take part in one of the servant events. I have found that when I take part in a servant event it puts me in the right frame of mind for the rest of the convention. It's a great way to

catch up with old friends or make new ones while participating in an activity that serves and benefits others!

Ingathering Event - There is still time to set up a collection point so your congregation can participate in bringing items for the ingathering collection. (For specific items see the following pages.) Let your imagination soar in creating a collection point for the ingathering items! **IDEAS:** For the **Baby Boutique** it can be as simple as a baby blanket draped over the side of a large box, to borrowing a baby's travel bed that only takes moments to assemble. For the **Domestic Violence Crisis Center** think spring and simply wrap a large collection box in colorful wrapping paper. For the **Dakota Boys**

and **Girl's Ranch** items get your youth on board for both decorating a collection point and shopping for items.

Servant Events – You can choose from putting together Mercy Meals, packing honey, folding newsletters at St. Mark's Lutheran Church or packing the ingathering items at the Holiday Inn. You can mix and match the events as well. It will be a fulfilling way to spend your Friday afternoon!

Finally, I am excited to hear from your units on whether you took the **Missions in Motion** challenge that I detailed in the last Messenger. This is replacing the regular Missions in Motion walk that is usually done during the convention. It is so easy to do, and you can involve your congregation too! Simply challenge 30 families/individuals (whatever number works for you) to give a \$1 a day for 30 days = a total gift of \$30. Have them deposit their gift within an envelope they can just drop into your large mite box!

I have given you a lot to think about – but there is still time to participate in whatever way your unit/congregation would like to. If you have questions or need more information you can always contact me at [blessingspreserved@yahoo.com](mailto: blessingspreserved@yahoo.com).



Convention Offerings

There are designated times that offerings will be collected at convention and the money has been earmarked to be given to the following ministries or people.

Convention Offering #1 – This offering will be taken on Friday night during the Opening Worship Service. All the money given will go to Mites to help fund our North Dakota District Mission Grants and the mission grants at the National LWML level.

Convention Offering #2 – This offering will be taken on Saturday afternoon. The funds collected will be given to Wittenburg Chapel, a ministry of our LCMS ND District located at UND in Grand Forks.

Convention Offering #3 – This offering will be taken during our Closing Worship Service on Sunday morning. All monies collected will be given to help support Nichelle Dykema as she serves our Lord through the LCMS in Lima, Peru. Nichelle is from Idaho and is an LWML'er! Please also pray for her and all missionaries wherever they serve.





The LWML units of the Northwest Zone are excited to host the 2018 Convention as we “Lift High the Name of Jesus.” Many prayers have been offered up and much planning has been underway to create a welcoming environment for you, our guests!

Minot is well-known for events such as the Norsk Hostfest and the North Dakota State Fair, but we have much more to offer visitors throughout the year. We hope you’ll have a chance to stop by the Scandinavian Heritage Park, the downtown area with all its boutiques and art, and maybe even a stop by the Dakota Square Mall for a little retail therapy!

We’ll kick off the weekend doing what Lutheran ladies do best—serving our Lord. There are 3 opportunities for servant events on Friday afternoon, but if you’d rather serve by lifting your voice in praise, you can participate in the convention choir which will also be rehearsing then. A Friday evening meal and opening worship will wrap up Friday’s activities.

The convention center at the Holiday Inn is a convenient venue for our event with all Saturday and Sunday convention activities taking place in one large room. We’ll have exhibits from various ministry organizations as well as the “LWML Store” and Melberg’s Christian Bookstore from Moorhead, MN.

We hope you are keeping the convention in your prayers—for the Board of Directors as they plan the agenda, for the host committee as they take care of physical arrangements, and most importantly, that the Lord uses this gathering to uplift our sisters in Christ and inspires all of us to continue to serve Him with gladness!

So, ladies of the North Dakota District....**WHY NOT, MINOT?** See you in June!

Who wouldn’t want to hang out with this bunch of ladies who love their Lord and love to have FUN!??

Your convention co-chairs,
Cheryl Hagar and Geneal Roth





REGISTRATION FORM

LWML North Dakota District 38th Biennial Convention

June 22~24, 2018 Holiday Inn Minot, ND

NAME (please print) _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____

YOUR LWML ZONE _____

YOUR CHURCH NAME _____ CHURCH CITY _____

****Please fill out ONE of the boxes below, whichever applies to you**

VOTING REGISTRATION \$60 <i>(does not include meals) check one</i>	
Voting Delegate	
Voting member of BOD	
Voting Past Dist President	

NON-VOTING REGISTRATION <i>(does not include meals) check one</i>	
Attending all 3 days of convention \$60	
Attending Saturday only \$50	
YWR \$45	
Clergy \$50	
Guest/Spouse with paid member \$50	
Convention Worker \$35	

MEAL PACKAGE: \$45.00

-Lunch: Turkey or Ham Wrap, Pasta Salad, Cookie, Beverage

-Anniversary Banquet: Chicken Mornay, Mixed Green Salad, Vegetable, Potato, Dinner Roll, Beverage

EXHIBITOR REGISTRATION: \$25.00 per 8' skirted table (if you have not done so, you must also contact Geneal Roth at 701-720-2794 (voice or text) or groth@srt.com for information)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Delegates ~ May 22nd ; All others ~ June 1st

Full Registration – Friday through Sunday, June 22-24, 2018	\$60.00	\$
Registration – Saturday, June 23 only	\$50.00	\$
Registration – Young Woman Representative (YWR)	\$45.00	\$
Registration – Clergy	\$50.00	\$
Registration – Guest/Spouse with paid member	\$50.00	\$
Registration – Convention Worker	\$35.00	\$
Registration - Exhibitor	\$25.00/table	\$
Meal Package (Saturday)	\$45.00	\$
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE		Ck # \$

Make Check payable to: LWML ND District and mail with this form to:
Deb Schultz, 415 25th St NW, Minot, ND 58703

Please send my registration confirmation by: ☐ Email ☐ Mail

PLEASE CHECK THE EVENTS YOU PLAN TO ATTEND:

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| Convention Choir Rehearsal, Friday 2:00-4:00 p.m., St. Mark's Lutheran | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Servant Events, Friday 2:30-4:00 p.m. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (Packing Mercy Meals; Sorting and Packing Ingathering Items; Folding newsletter) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Friday Supper, 5:00 p.m., St. Mark's Lutheran (no cost) | <input type="checkbox"/> # attending _____ |
| Delegate meeting, Friday 4:15-5:00 p.m., St. Mark's Lutheran | <input type="checkbox"/> |



HOUSING INFORMATION: Holiday Inn, 2200 Burdick Expressway East, Minot ND 701-852-2504
Room rate: \$89.00 Be sure to mention "LWM".

LWML Health and Emergency Information Form
This form needs to be completed for each person attending

Name _____

Address _____

Whom should we notify in case of an emergency?

Name _____ Relationship _____

Daytime phone _____ Nighttime phone _____

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

Medical Information

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

Please list any medication emergency personnel should be aware of: _____

Please list any **DIETARY NEEDS**: _____

Please list any **PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS**: _____

TENTATIVE AGENDA for 2018 Convention

FRIDAY, JUNE 22, 2018

12:00-3:00 pm **Board of Director's Meeting**
(*St. Mark's Lutheran*)

12:00-6:00 pm **Registration – Holiday Inn**

2:30-4:00 pm **Servant Events**
(*St. Mark's and Holiday Inn*)

2:00-4:00 pm **Choir Practice – St. Mark's**

4:15-5:00 pm **Delegate Meeting – St. Mark's**
(*This meeting is important for all delegates*)

5:00-6:30 pm Supper at St. Mark's

Opening Worship Service – St. Mark's Lutheran Church
7:00 pm

Call to Order – Session #1 – President Valerie Biberdorf;
Lighting of the Convention Candle; Convention Prayer
Welcome and Announcements
Offering #1 – Mites

SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 2018

7:00 am **Registration continues at Holiday Inn**

7:00-8:00 am Exhibits open

8:00 am Pre-convention singing
(Assemble for Processional)

8:15 am Processional—BOD, Special Guests, PDPs

Convention Session #2

Opening prayer, song, pledges
Intro of Convention Mgr, Convention Co-Chairs, Welcome
by NW Zone President
Mission Statement and Objectives
Introduction of Special Guests
Introduction of officers on stage
Greetings from LCMS President Harrison, LWML President
Patti Ross, LCMS ND President Arie Bertsch
Reading of Convention Rules Bonnie Krenz,
Parliamentarian
Presentation & approval of convention agenda by Renee
Johnson, Recording Secretary
Committee Appointments: Tellers for Election of Officers,
Mission Grants and Minutes Review Appointees
Greetings from LYF, LLL, and LCEF

9:00 am **Bible study #1**—Rev. Adam Moline

10:00 am Announcements & Break

10:15 am **Keynote Speaker**—Jan Wendorf

11:00 am Report of Credentials Committee
Report of Financial Officers – Sue Corwin, Treasurer &

Audrey O'Brien, Financial Secretary
Presentation of the Proposed Budget and Mission Goal
Adoption of the Budget and Mission Goal
Presentation of Proposed Bylaw Changes
Balloting to approve Bylaw Changes
Presentation of Mission Grant Proposals—Bonnie
Krenz, VP of Mission Grants
Voting Rules for Mission Grants & Prayer before voting
Balloting for Mission Grants
Report of the Nominating Committee—Bonnie Kittelson,
Chairman
Nominations from the floor
Introduction of candidates
Reading of voting rules & prayer before voting
Election of Officers

12:00-1:00 pm **Lunch**
Exhibits and stores open during lunch

1:00 pm Pre-convention singing

1:15 pm **Convention Session #2**
Dedication of Gifts from the Heart
Sue Hartley, VP of Human Care

1:30 pm **LWML National Report**—Marilyn Schroeder,
Treasurer

2:00 pm **Mites in Action Speakers**
Rev. Dan Suelzle, Hannah Krenz
Offering #2 – Wittenburg Chapel

2:30 pm Announcements and Break

2:45 pm **Mission Speaker**—Rev. Bernie Seter
3:30 pm **YWR Report** Ali Arndt, Kim Kuhlman,
Miki Peterson

Invitation to 2019 National LWML Convention in Mobile, AL
Announcements and Closing Prayer
Adjournment

7:00 pm **Banquet and Celebration of LWML's 75th
Anniversary**

SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 2018

8:15 am Pre-Convention singing

Convention Session #4

8:30 am **Bible Study #2** - Rev. Adam Moline

9:30 am **LWML ND President Report**—Valerie Biberdorf
Invitation to 2020 Convention—Eastern Zone
Recognition of First Timers
Report of Mission Grants and Election of Officers
Recognition of all officers, including outgoing officers
Introduction of Host Committee
Introduction of New Officers
Adjournment

11:00 am **Closing Worship** and Installation of Officers
**Offering #3 – Nichelle Dykema, LCMS
Missionary to Peru**

SLATE OF CANDIDATES ~ 2018 DISTRICT CONVENTION

PASTORAL COUNSELOR

Rev. Aaron Hambleton

Rev. David Suelzle

VICE PRESIDENT OF CHRISTIAN LIFE

Mary Ann Anderson

Betty Marschner

VICE PRESIDENT OF SERVANT RESOURCES

Sara Eclipse

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Audrey O'Brien

RECORDING SECRETARY

Louise Tegtmeier

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Shirley Hall (NW Zone)

Paulette Huber (SW Zone)

Phyllis Lentz (SE Zone)

Carmen McBride (Central Zone)

Brenda Preuss (Eastern Zone)

_____ (NE Zone)



Rev. Aaron M Hambleton

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Reverend Aaron M Hambleton, new to North Dakota, grew up in Dallas Center, Iowa and in his biographical information states he has been an LCMS member since 1989. Then he laughs and says, " ... my baptism!

You do the math!" Young and energetic,

he is pastor at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Lisbon, ND in the SE Zone where he also serves as Counselor to that LWML Zone. Since being involved now he sees that, "LWML is a diverse gathering of women, who serve the Lord, His Church, their families and communities in their various God-given vocations."

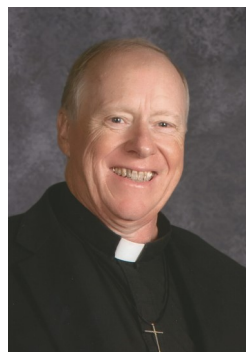
Pastor Hambleton began his education and graduating from Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa in 2011. From there he went to Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana graduating with a Master of Divinity in 2015. In addition to his duties at the parish he also serves as Chaplain at the North Dakota Veterans Home and on the North Dakota Cares Task Force in Lisbon.

Pastor Hambleton and his wife Katie have been married for seven years and thrive on the fun of family with their three children - Theresa (5yrs) John (3yrs) and Malachi (1 yr). With two little boys he says there is a lot of wrestling & running & rolling around kinds of fun with them, while Theresa is more inclined to some Daddy time on his lap listening to him read Little House on the Prairie to her! His personal hobbies are interesting as he likes to brew ale of differing kinds and even roasts his own coffee beans for his morning coffee. Together Katie and he really enjoy reading and going for walks in their small town.

Pastor's favorite Bible verse is **Hebrews 12:1-2**

"Therefore since we are surrounded by so great a cloud

of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God."



Rev. David Suelzle

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Reverend Dave Suelzle is the candidate for Junior Counselor and is presently parish pastor of Grace Lutheran in Fargo. He was ordained on June 13, 1982 at St Paul's in Minot and also served in Hay Springs, NE from '82 to '86 and then went to St Matthew in Hazen, ND from '86 to 2008

before coming to Fargo.

He has long been involved in LWML beginning as Zone advisor in Nebraska '8-85; & ND Southwest Zone in late '80's and 2005-2008; and served as Jr Counselor of ND District from 2010-2012 and as Sr Counselor from 2012 - 2014 as well as from 2015 -16 to fill the vacancy left by Rev. Tim Jenks.

Pastor Suelzle has a BA degree from Concordia Univ. in St Paul with a major in Psych and Master of Divinity from Concordia Seminary in St Louis, MO. He is married to Ronda and they have two adult sons: Mike, 35 who is a pastor serving Holy Cross Lutheran in Portland, Ore. He is married to Beth who teaches in elementary level at a parochial school there and they have two daughters and a son. Dan, 34, is pastor at Wittenberg Lutheran Chapel at UND in Grand Forks, ND and he and his wife Mary have 3 girls and 1 son.

Pastor Suelzle says "I have enjoyed my involvement with the LWML during the 35+ years of ministry in which the Lord has given me the privilege to serve. LWML is an excellent fellowship, bringing together women who have been gifted by the Holy Spirit in many ways to reach out with the love of Jesus locally, nationally and internationally. I praise God not only for their dedication to mission work but also for their service in so many ways to the saints in their local congregations!

Pastor Dave chose **Romans 8:38-39 "For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."** and **Ps. 46:10 "Be still and know that I am God..."** as his favorites but also adds "...and a ton more!"



Mary Ann Anderson

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Home: Mandan (SW Zone)

Home Cong.: Holy Cross, Bismarck

Offices: Sunday school teacher, Choir, Chair of Board of Mercy, Altar Guild (treasurer-Peoria), Altar Guild (Messiah, Mandan and Holy Cross, Bismarck)

LWML Unit Offices: Vice President, President (Holy Cross); Co-Pres, Treasurer (Mt. Calvary, Peoria, IL); Treasurer, Secretary, Christian Growth (Trinity, Foster, NE)

Community: 4-H, Club Leader, County 4-H Council Secretary, My Pink Scarf, LFL Bismarck/Mandan Chapter President & ND Vice President, Church liaison for First Choice Clinic (Bismarck), PATH foster parent for 8 years, Crochet winter hats for Head Start youth on Standing Rock Reservation, Community Action (Bismarck), Ministry on the Margins (Bismarck),

Vocation: Remedial teaching, tutoring, social skills.

Personal: Husband—Jonathan (47 years); sons—Paul, Dan, Dave; daughter—Anita; 9 grandchildren (7 of them live in the Bismarck/Mandan area)

Favorite Bible Verse: Philippians 4:4

What does LWML mean to me? It means supporting our women in the congregation however we are led (being a servant). As a larger group (zone/state), helping beyond—internationally with our prayers and mites. A warm, loving organization!



Betty Marschner

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Home: Voltaire (NW Zone)

Home Cong.: St. John, Voltaire

Offices: Sunday school teacher, Sunday school superintendent.

LWML Unit Offices: President, Vice President, Secretary, Christian Growth Chairperson.

Community: Past 4-H leader, ND Pork Producers council, ND Morgan Horse Association.

Personal: Mother of 3 children, grandmother of 1, wife of David (farmer/rancher). Have lived entire life on ND farms & ranches.

Favorite Bible Verse: 2 Corinthians 12:9; Philippians 4:6

What does LWML mean to me?: Women of many cultures serving in unique ways. We are all fed through the same Word and Sacrament to go and serve the Lord with gladness.



Sara Eclipse

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Candidate for VP of Servant Resources Sara Eclipse is a member of Zion Lutheran Church Ellendale, ND but her home address reads Frederick, SD (just shows you how far LWML does outreach!) Sara may be tucked away on the border of ND /SD but she is an active LWML

leader in that she has been a Unit Pres. and VP, Circle Sec and VP and a Zone President, served on Young Women's Co. Servant Resources Co. and was a ND YWR (Young Woman Representative) to National Convention in Sioux Falls in 2007.

Sara is married to Tim and they have 3 children: Heather & husband Matthew, Amber, and son Derek. Sara works for Sanford Health in the medical coding department as a Coding Denial Analyst Team Lead and she also teaches on-line medical billing and coding courses for Presentation College in Aberdeen, SD.

Sara's favorite Bible verse is Philippians 4:13: **"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."** This helps to remind me that I do not need to be afraid to step out of my comfort zone - all is done through God's grace and through His strength. And what does LWML mean to Sara? LWML is a group of sisters in Christ focusing on mission work around the world in service to our Lord - sharing God's word and love with others!



Audrey O'Brien

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Dedicated Service with a sweet smile is an inherent quality of Audrey O'Brien who has graciously filled in the Financial Secretary vacancy left this year when Mryna Banek moved to St Louis. She has

consented to have her name placed on the ballot again to continue in that role, with God's help.

Audrey is married to Rev. Patrick O'Brien, retired, and they live in Oakes, ND. and she is the mother of two adult children and is proud to claim "5 grands!" Audrey holds a BS in Secondary Education with majors in Psychology and Social Science. Her talents have been used in many positions as she served in her Unit as President, VP, Sec and Treasurer and at the District Level as Nominating Co Chair, Mission Grants, Christian Life, Bylaws, and Financial Sec. And what does LWML mean to her? Audrey says: "Love of Soul Sisters, Service to our Lord and Savior and to our neighbors and all humankind."

Her favorite verse is Joshua 24:15 **"...Choose this day whom you will serve...But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."**



Louise Tegtmeier

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Louise Tegtmeier is our candidate for the position of Recording Secretary. Louise is a member of Immanuel Lutheran Fargo, and is employed as its church secretary but actually lives on a farmstead in Hunter, North Dakota a hefty 40 mile

trip to commute everyday! A life long member of LCMS, this is a small measure of the commitment she lives in her faith life as she has served on the Unit level as President, VP, Networker, & Servant Resources while on the District level she has been Asst. News Editor, Convention Co-Chair and was delegate to National Convention in 1996, and attended the Assembly of Leaders then. Louise said "I feel LWML is a vital part of my life, keeping me spiritually fit and aware of the needs of others."

Louise attended Concordia College-St Paul for Assoc. in Arts; & then attended MSUM and NDSU where she received her BS in Dec 2015 in Human Development & Family Service. She has expertise in her field in that she has been married to her husband Tim for 36 years and is mother to 7 children ages 33 to 12 and is grandmother to six! Louise's go to Bible verse is 2 Timothy 1:7 **"God did not give a spirit of timidity but of power and self control."**



Shirley Hall

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Shirley Hall from our NW Zone is a familiar face to many of you as she has been a member of LWML since 1960. She lives near Newburg, ND where her home church is Bethlehem/St John Upham. She has served as President of her Unit & Zone and on Christian Life committee,

while serving the District as Financial Secretary and Corresponding Secretary in her past. For Shirley, LWML means serving my Lord an Savior Jesus Christ by sharing His love and blessings at home and around the world by acts of service and Mite offerings.

Shirley has a BS in Education from Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Ill and is an integral part of the volunteer corp with the Orphan Grain Train. She and her husband Merlyn have 4 children, 13 grandchildren, and 6 great grandchildren!

Shirley quotes Isaiah 43:2 as her favorite verse: **"...Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters I will be with you, and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you."**



Paulette Huber

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Paulette Huber, past ND District President, is a familiar face as our candidate from the SW Zone. Paulette is a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Dickinson and has a long list of service commitments from Pres, VP and Christian Life at the Unit and Zone levels and Pres, Nom. Co Chair, VP of Mission Grants, Servant Resources, and District Convention Chair at District level.

Retirement from teaching music in public elementary school did not slow her as she is past Pres. of SW Retired Teachers Assoc., was a Sunday School teacher, serves as her Church Choir director and organist, Bible study leader and VBS music leader and is pianist for church services at a local nursing home.

Paulette grew up in Halliday, ND as did her husband Paul. She says he didn't notice her because she was an eighth grader when he was a lofty high school senior, but he must have paid attention, because they are celebrating 43 years wedding anniversary this May! They have three children Allison, Jesse and Josh all of

whom live in Minneapolis area. Jesse is the son who has the 3 littles' - three children under age 3 1/2. That's a lot of 'grandparent loving' to be done! Paulette spends much time with her 95 year old mother who lives in assisted living, but when she has free time she likes to read and walk and engage in 'learning conversations'!

Her go to Bible verse is **Ps. 121:1-2 "I lift up my eyes to the hills-- where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth."**

To Paulette, "LWML means sharing the gospel through missions, mites and Bible study which enhances the wonderful bond of sisterhood that our beloved organization affords to all. It is so wonderful how the Lord "mightily multiplies our mites" to spread the gospel around our nation and the world!"



Phyllis Lentz

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Phyllis Lentz from rural Immanuel parish in Lidgerwood is the closest you will find to the 'Energizer Bunny of North Dakota LWML!' She just goes and goes and goes! Since getting married in 1958 and moving to the farm where she lives yet, she has only missed three national

LWML conventions! And those she had exceptionally good cause; like it was her 45th wedding Anniversary on one, 50th for another, and one which was her daughters wedding day!

Phyllis lives her faith serving her local church and LWML & SE Zone where she has been Pres, VP, & Secretary at varying times. Never treasurer though, she says they knew better than to trust her with that! As if being a farm wife was not enough, she did Homemakers, Township board and works as an Election judge. She attended Concordia College in Moorhead earning her two year teaching standard elementary certificate and taught in Appleton, MN in 1956 until she was married. She and her husband were blessed with four children: two boys and twin girls; and now has 9 grands and 3 great grands!

When asked what her favorite Bible verse would be she said, "Oh I have always loved **John 3:16! For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life.**" And next would be **1 Peter 5:7 "Cast all your cares on Him for He careth for you."**

Her answer to what does LWML mean to you - Phyllis quickly replied, "MISSIONS! It never ceases to amaze me what our LWML missions do! In San Jose at Convention my niece was amazed with the Ceremony of the Parade of Flags of all the countries where the LWML has mission out-

reach projects going on -- and it is just astounding!" God works mightily in LWML!



Carmen McBride

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Carmen McBride is our candidate for the Nominating Committee from the Central Zone. She happily reports she is recently remarried to the 'love of her life' whom she found in her own church! Together, she and Mark have four children all grown. Carmen grew up in Courtenay, ND (near Spiritwood Lake) and now lives in Jamestown where she works as a Elementary School Aide after completing 25 years as an elementary school teacher in many of the grades.

Carmen has past LWML experience as Circle President and serving on the Christian Life committee. She is an active volunteer in Jamestown with the Orphan Grain Train mission. Thank God for her service there! She enjoys hobbies of playing piano (especially at church) reading Christian books, walking and hiking for pleasure and exercise. She has three adult children, two daughters and a son who live in California, Texas and Wyoming - all good places to visit for warm weather and hiking!

Hard to choose but her pick for favorite Bible verse is: **"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." Ephesians 2:10.**



Brenda Preuss

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Brenda Preuss, Nom Co. Candidate from the Eastern Zone, lives in Moorhead, MN and is a member of Immanuel Church in Fargo. Brenda was baptized and confirmed at Our Saviors Lutheran in Crookston, MN where she grew up on a farm.

She attended Concordia Lutheran Seward, NE where she earned a BS in Education and a minor in Physical Education with a concentration in Special Education. She and her husband Tim were married July 23, 1983 and in these 35 happy years together they have been blessed with family - their daughter Lanae who lives in Grand Forks with her husband TJ, and a son Joel who is single and lives in Moorhead.

Brenda has long been active in her church serving as a VBS and Sunday School teacher, and on the Board of Evangelism and Board of Education, Nomination Co. and Long Range Planning Committee.

On the Zone level, she has served as Eastern Zone Sec/Treas. Within her Unit LWML she has been active serving as President, Christian Growth Chair, Chancel Circle Chair, and on behalf of the congregation Brenda is the joyful, welcoming face who visits families with newborns delivering meals, a quilt, and her encouragement!

Her favorite Bible verses come from two sources : Eph. 2:4-9 **" But God being rich in mercy because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ, by grace you have been saved and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works so that no one may boast."** and Job 19:25**"For I know that my Redeemer lives and at the last he will stand upon the earth."**

Brenda says: "LWML continues to be Christian women looking for opportunities to be God's hands and feet in local, state and global missions. Our organization provides us a wealth of Bible studies and other Christ-centered resources. In these opportunities, God provides us with friendships to nurture and cherish!

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

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.



PROPOSED LWML ND DISTRICT BYLAW CHANGES

TITLE

RATIONALE: To conform to current National practices

CURRENT	PROPOSED CHANGE
Lutheran Women's Missionary League The North Dakota District Bylaws	Lutheran Women's Missionary League North Dakota District Bylaws The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

ARTICLE I Section 1

RATIONALE: To conform to current National practices

CURRENT	PROPOSED CHANGE
The name of the organization shall be the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (hereinafter referred to as LWML) North Dakota District (hereinafter referred to as District) of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (hereinafter referred to as LCMS).	The name of this organization shall be the Lutheran Women's Missionary League North Dakota District (hereinafter referred to as LWML ND District), a subordinate organization of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (hereinafter referred to as LWML), which is an integrated auxiliary of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

ARTICLE II OBJECT

RATIONALE: To conform to current National practices

CURRENT	PROPOSED CHANGE
<p>Section 1</p> <p>The object of the District shall be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> to develop and to help maintain a mission consciousness among the women of the District, LCMS, through mission education, mission inspiration, and mission service; to gather funds for mission grants either directly sponsored or approved by LCMS boards or LCMS district presidents, especially those for which no adequate provision has been made in LCMS or LCMS district budgets. <p>Section 2</p> <p>The policies of this District shall be</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> to foster and support the program and object of the LWML; to encourage participation at society, unit, zone, 	<p>The object of the LWML ND District shall be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> to develop and to help maintain a mission consciousness among the women of the LWML ND District, LCMS, through mission education, mission inspiration, and mission service; to gather funds for mission grants either directly sponsored or approved by LCMS boards or LCMS district presidents, especially those for which no adequate provision has been made in LCMS or LCMS district budgets. to foster and support the program of LWML to take charge of, hold, and manage all property, personal and real, that may at any time or in any manner come to or vest in this organization.

ARTICLE II Members

RATIONALE: ARTICLE IV Zone Organization will show structure of district before who is a member

CURRENT	PROPOSED CHANGE
	ARTICLE III will become ARTICLE IV

ARTICLE III Section 1a

RATIONALE: To conform to current National practices

CURRENT	PROPOSED CHANGE
<p>Section 1</p> <p>a. Women who are communicant members of an LCMS congregation are eligible for membership. to gather funds for mission grants either directly sponsored or approved by LCMS boards or LCMS district presidents, especially those for which no adequate provision has been made in LCMS or LCMS district budgets.</p>	<p>Section 1</p> <p>a. A woman who is a communicant member of an LCMS congregation is eligible for membership as an individual or in a society.</p>

ARTICLE II Section 1c

RATIONALE: Clarification of determining representation at conventions

CURRENT	PROPOSED CHANGE
<p>Section 1</p> <p>c. One (1) or more societies affiliated with the District LWML within a congregation, on a campus, in a resident home, or other single setting shall be considered one (1) unit.</p>	<p>Section 1</p> <p>c. One (1) or more societies affiliated with the district from the same congregation, campus, resident home, or other single setting shall be considered one (1) unit for the purpose of representation at LWML conventions.</p>

ARTICLE III Section 2

RATIONALE: Delete Section 2 and replace with current wording and become part of Section 1

CURRENT	PROPOSED CHANGE
<p>Section 2</p> <p>Women's organizations within congregations of the LCMS who desire membership in the LWML shall:</p> <p>a. request approval of the voting assembly of the local congregation;</p> <p>b. present written application signed by the chairman of the local congregation to the District Recording Secretary for ratification.</p>	<p>d. Societies formed in a setting other than a congregation, a campus, or a resident home by women who hold membership in an LCMS congregation shall make application to the district for recognition as societies.</p> <p>e. Request for recognition of membership shall be processed by the district President with approval of the district Board of Directors.</p>

ARTICLE III Section 3**RATIONALE: Delete section 3 and replace with current wording and become part of Section 1**

CURRENT	PROPOSED CHANGE
<p>Section 3</p> <p>a. Individual membership is available to a woman who is a member of an LCMS congregation, with or without a society affiliated with the District LWML.</p> <p>b. Application for individual membership should be made to the District LWML President.</p> <p>c. Individual membership is not considered a society or a unit, nor does it confer voting privileges at conventions.</p> <p>d. Individual members shall have voice and vote at zone events.</p>	<p>f. Individual membership is available to a woman in an LCMS congregation with or without a society affiliated with LWML. Individual membership is not considered a society or a unit, nor does it confer voting privileges at the district or LWML level</p>

ARTICLE III Section 4**RATIONALE: Delete Section 4 and replace with current wording and become part of Section 1**

a CURRENT	b PROPOSED CHANGE
<p>Section 4</p> <p>A society desiring to sever its connection with the LWML shall submit a written resignation to the District President, stating the reason for such action.</p>	<p>g. A society desiring to sever its connection with the LWML shall submit a written resignation to the District President, stating the reason for such action</p>

ARTICLE IV Name and renumber**RATIONALE: To conform to current National practices—This will become ARTICLE III**

CURRENT	PROPOSED CHANGE
Zone Organization	Structure

ARTICLE IV Section 1**RATIONALE: Replace with current wording to conform to current National practices**

CURRENT	PROPOSED CHANGE
<p>Section 1</p> <p>Societies within a convenient geographical area shall be grouped into a zone under the supervision of the Board of Directors. The zones shall conform to the North Dakota District LCMS circuit boundaries as nearly as possible</p>	<p>Section 1</p> <p>The district is composed of individual women and women's societies within congregations of the LCMS North Dakota District, on campuses, in resident homes, or in other settings</p>

ARTICLE IV Section 2**RATIONALE: Replace wording to conform with National practices**

CURRENT	PROPOSED CHANGE
<p>Section 2</p> <p>The purpose of the zone organization shall be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> to provide the opportunity for Christian fellowship; to promote the object of the District and LWML; to provide representation at LWML conventions. 	<p>Section 2</p> <p>The district is organized into zones which consist of individual women and women's societies from LCMS congregations in their geographical areas. Zones shall conform to LCMS circuit lines where possible.</p>

ARTICLE IV Section 3**RATIONALE: To conform to current National practices**

CURRENT	PROPOSED CHANGE
<p>Section 3</p> <p>Each zone shall write its own bylaws provided there is no conflict with the bylaws of the District LWML. Three (3) copies of the bylaws and any subsequent proposed amendments shall be submitted to the District Bylaws Committee Chairman for approval by the District Bylaws Committee before being presented to the zone</p>	<p>Section 3</p> <p>Each zone shall write its own bylaws provided there is no conflict with the bylaws of the District LWML. An electronic copy of the bylaws and any subsequent proposed amendments shall be submitted to the District Bylaws Committee Chairman for approval by the District Bylaws Committee before being presented to the zone</p>

ARTICLE V Section 1 and 2**RATIONALE: Combine, bring to current practices, and replace with current wording**

CURRENT	PROPOSED CHANGE
<p>Section 1</p> <p>A convention shall be held biennially in the even-numbered calendar years at a site determined by the Board of Directors and approved by the convention body four (4) years in advance.</p> <p>Section 2</p> <p>The Board of Directors shall determine the dates of the convention and approve the facilities selected by the hosting society/zone.</p>	<p>Section 1:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A convention for the purpose of transacting the business of the LWML ND District shall be held biennially in the even-numbered years at a place located in each zone on a rotational basis. The host Zone shall work with the Convention Manager to select the convention site. The official call to convention shall be mailed or emailed to each Unit of the district and individual members six months prior to the convention

ARTICLE V Section 3, 4, 5 and 6**RATIONALE: Combine, bring to current practices, and replace with current wording**

CURRENT	PROPOSED CHANGE
<p>Section 3</p> <p>The voting assembly of the convention shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> two (2) accredited delegates from each unit; voting members of the Board of Directors; past District Presidents who are currently members of the District. 	<p>Section 2</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The voting assembly of the convention shall be: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> two (2) accredited delegates from each unit; voting members of the Board of Directors; past District Presidents who are currently members of the District

CURRENT	PROPOSED CHANGE
<p>Section 4 A member of the voting assembly shall vote in one (1) capacity only. Proxy votes are prohibited</p> <p>Section 5 A member of the voting assembly shall vote in one (1) capacity only. Proxy votes are prohibited.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Each delegate shall have an elected/certified alternate; The names of the accredited delegates and alternates shall be in the hands of the District Recording Secretary thirty (30) days prior to convention; In the event neither the delegate nor the alternate is able to serve, a member of the same unit may serve as a delegate upon certification in writing by the Zone President and presentation to the District Recording Secretary; Zone Presidents shall not serve as unit delegates. <p>Section 6 A member of the registered voting assembly in attendance shall constitute a quorum.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> A member of the voting assembly shall vote in one (1) capacity only. Proxy votes are prohibited. A majority of the registered voting assembly in attendance shall constitute a quorum. <p>Section 3 The procedure for units shall be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> to elect/certify each delegate and alternate; the names of the accredited delegates and alternates shall be in the hands of the District Recording Secretary thirty (30) days prior to convention; in the event neither the delegate nor the alternate is able to serve, a member of the same unit may serve as a delegate upon certification in writing by the Zone President and presented to the District Recording Secretary; Zone Presidents shall not serve as Unit delegates.

ARTICLE V Section 7

RATIONALE: To conform with current National practices and replace with current wording

CURRENT	PROPOSED CHANGE
<p>Section 7 Representation to the LWML Convention shall be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> one (1) certified delegate from each zone having ten (10) or fewer units and one (1) additional delegate for each additional ten (10) units or major fraction thereof ; delegates and their alternates shall be selected at the fall zone rallies prior to an LWML convention . 	<p>Section 4 A convention for the purpose of transacting the business of the national LWML shall be held biennially in the odd-numbered years at a place determined in a prior convention. District representation shall be as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Districts may authorize one (1) certified delegate from each zone having ten (10) or fewer units and one (1) certified delegate for each additional ten (10) units or major fraction thereof as of January 1 preceding the convention; Delegates may vote in only one (1) capacity and proxy votes are prohibited; Each certified delegate shall have a certified alternate when possible; The District President shall send the names of the certified delegates and alternates to the LWML Recording Secretary by the requested date in odd-numbered years; In the event neither the delegate nor the alternate is able to serve, a member of the same zone may serve as delegate upon certification in writing by the District President and presentation to the LWML Recording Secretary; delegates and their alternates shall be selected at the fall zone rallies prior to an LWML convention.

ARTICLE VI Elected Officers/Elections**RATIONALE: To list officers in alphabetical order**

CURRENT	PROPOSED CHANGE
	Officers will be listed in alphabetical order according to the national handbook, except in Section 4 where the officers are listed in order of precedence in the absence of the District President.

ARTICLE VI Section 3**RATIONALE: For clarification purposes**

CURRENT	PROPOSED CHANGE
Section 3 All officers and appointed personnel must be active LWML members.	Section 3 All officers and appointed personnel must be active LWML members of a society or individual member.

ARTICLE VII Duties of Officers**RATIONALE: Where officers are listed they will be relisted in alphabetical order according to the national handbook**

CURRENT	PROPOSED CHANGE
	Officers will be listed in alphabetical order according to the national handbook.

ARTICLE VII Section 3e Duties of Officers**RATIONALE: To conform with the current practice of the District**

CURRENT	PROPOSED CHANGE
Section 3 a. Plan and lead the District Retreat with the help of the Junior Pastoral Counselor	Section 3 a. Plan and lead the District Retreat with the help of the Senior Pastoral Counselor

ARTICLE VII Section 6 Duties of Officers**RATIONALE: To conform with the current practice of the District**

CURRENT	PROPOSED CHANGE
	Section 6 b. Perform the duties of this office with the help of the Junior Pastoral Counselor

ARTICLE IX Appointed Officers/Positions**RATIONALE: To conform with the current practice of the District**

CURRENT	PROPOSED CHANGE
	The meeting manager will be moved to Standing Rules as some Presidents prefer not using a meeting manager.

ARTICLE X Section 1b Board of Directors**RATIONALE:** Change wording to conform with the wording of Article IX

CURRENT	PROPOSED CHANGE
Section 1 b. The Pastoral Counselors and appointed officers shall be advisory members.	Section 1 b. The Pastoral Counselors and special appointed personnel shall be advisory members.

ARTICLE X Section 2c Board of Directors**RATIONALE:** For the purpose of clarification

CURRENT	PROPOSED CHANGE
Section 2 c. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum of the Board of Directors	Section 2 c. A majority of the voting members shall constitute a quorum of the Board of Directors

ARTICLE XIV Section 8b Standing Committees**RATIONALE:** addition to conform with District practice and renumber as needed

CURRENT	PROPOSED CHANGE
Section 8 b. 4) submit all work to the President and the Senior Pastoral Counselor for approval prior to printing and distribution;	Section 8 b. 4) submit all work to the President and the Junior Pastoral Counselor for approval prior to printing and distribution;

Throughout the bylaws, *District Leaders Manual* will be changed to *LWML ND District Leaders Manual* and LWML ND to conform to the name as set by National.



GIFTS FROM THE HEART...

Welcome to 2018 and the year of the ND LWML District Convention. Although it is still several months until the convention in June, it is the perfect time to begin collecting for our **Ingathering** projects! There is plenty of time to involve your entire congregation in gathering the items. We have three organizations we will be gathering for, and they are:

Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch:

- *Bibles (NIV preferred)*
- *Christian music*
- *Art supplies*
- *Gift cards*
- *Equipment for summer activities (balls, games, fishing items, noncompetitive items)*

Domestic Violence Crisis Center: (all new items)

- *Women's undergarments*
- *Bath towels*
- *Pillow cases/twin sheets and bedding*
- *Personal and feminine care products*

Dakota Hope Clinic : (baby boutique—all new items)

- *Diaper(s) size 3, 4, 5*
- *Sleep sacks with zipper*
- *Most any baby items*

Servant Events

All events will take place on Friday, June 22, 2018, from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Servant Event options:

- 1) **Mercy's Meals**—putting together meal packets—at St. Mark's
- 2) **Dakota Hope Clinic/Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch**—folding newsletters and possible other tasks as needed—at St. Mark's.
- 3) **Pack ingathering items** – at Holiday Inn.

Missions in Motion – A new approach!

Our district convention is held at the beginning of summer, and the weather can be unpredictable – hot, cool, rainy – one never knows if the weather will be conducive to walking for our regular Missions in Motion walk. What if we try Missions in Motion a different way! I call it a 20 x \$30 Challenge. We tried this at Shepherd of the Valley in Bismarck, presenting the Challenge after services on LWML Sunday in October. We asked for 20 families to give \$30 within the next 30 days. We made it fun by giving people envelopes with feet stickers on them and asked that they place the envelope in the mite box. At the end of October we had collected \$420 in mites, over 60% of what we distributed. You can make this Challenge your own, determining the number that would work with your congregation. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me, Sue Hartley, at [blessingspreserved@yahoo.com](mailto: blessingspreserved@yahoo.com).

JOY CARDS

Memorials & Honorariums March 2017—February 2018



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Arlene Cline
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DISTRICT DATES

- ◆ LWML North Dakota District Convention:
Minot ~ June 22-24, 2018
- ◆ LWML North Dakota District Retreat:
Carrington ~ September 14-16, 2018



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LWML ND District Mission Grants 2016-2018 Biennium

MISSION GRANT	AMOUNT BUDGETED	AMOUNT PAID	BALANCE
ND District Full-Time Church Worker Scholarships	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	-0-
Orphan Grain Train—ND Branch	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	-0-
Wahpeton LCMS U	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	-0-
Christ the Way Radio Ministry	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	-0-
Providing Spiritual & Emotional Care for Pastors	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	-0-
Concordia Fort Wayne Food Coop	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	-0-
Christ's Care for Children: Kenya	\$4,320.00	\$4,320.00	-0-
Grace Lutheran School Scholarship Fund	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	-0-
Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch (partial funding)	\$4,680.00	-0-	\$4,680.00
TOTALS	\$76,000.00	\$71,320.00	\$4,680.00