

**LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE
NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT
STANDING RULES**

CONVENTIONS

Convention Packets

LWML ND District (hereafter referred to as "District") Communications Committee shall prepare a Call to Convention packet which will appear in *The Messenger* 6-8 weeks prior to the District Convention date. (4-12-96; rev.3-14-09)

Convention Speakers

A minimum of \$200 is set as gratuity for the convention keynote speaker and a minimum of \$100 is set as gratuity for each mission speaker with exact amount to be determined at the March Board of Directors meeting. (4-12-96 rev 8-18-12 rev 11/7/15)

Societies

Charters for new societies will be presented at the biennial District Convention. (4-12-96)

Counselor's Pin

The newly elected counselor will receive a pin at the beginning of his term in office. The pin will be presented by the District President at the close of convention. The District President will purchase the pin at District expense. (6-19-94)

Convention Registration - One Day

There will be a one day registration set at a reduced rate for any District Convention. (11-14-09)

Mission Grant Speakers

Any speaker who is represented on the mission grant ballot may not speak to the convention until the mission grant voting is complete. (8-13-05)

Convention Exhibitors

Exhibitors who are not Recognized Service Organizations (RSO) of the LCMS must be pre-approved by District Counselors. (11-14-09)

A minimum of \$25/table or venue rate plus the registration and meals. (08-12-23)

Grants

Any booth or display on the mission grant ballot may be visible before mission grant voting is complete. (8-13-05)

Reimbursement

District Board Members will be reimbursed for travel, registration, meals and lodging according to District guidelines when attending district convention. (11/7/15)

CONVENTIONS (NATIONAL)

Delegate Fund

The District Board of Directors recommends a suggested target for unit contribution to the delegate fund be \$5.00 per member. (3-01 rev 3-13)

Delegate Orientation Meeting

A delegate orientation meeting should be held no later than one month prior to a convention. At the discretion of the president this meeting may be held person-to-person, by e-mail, or conference call. It is the responsibility of

the district president to give to each delegate a copy of the Delegate Guidelines found in the District Leader's Manual. (8-13-05)

Reimbursements

For each zone delegate, YWR, and Counselor to the LWML Convention, the District will pay major round trip travel expense, including transportation from airport to motel. Transportation by car shall be paid at thirty cents (30¢) per mile up to the cost of the least expensive airfare, bus fare, or other transportation of other participants. (11-2000; rev 11-12-05; rev 03-03-07.)

The District will also pay lodging for the delegates (2 to a room) and the counselor, for the days of the convention (Wednesday or Thursday, through Saturday night, at the discretion of the District Board of Directors); convention registration, convention meal package, special lunch tickets, and meals not covered by the meal package. The delegate will voucher those meals to the District. Delegates will be reimbursed up to \$6 for breakfasts, \$10 for lunches and \$12 for dinners. Snacks, alcoholic beverages, phone calls, souvenirs, etc. are the responsibility of the delegate (03-03-07 rev 11-14-08, rev 11/7/15)

In the interest of good stewardship, delegates have the opportunity to pay all or a portion of the convention expenses. (8-13-05)

District President Expenses

The District will pay expenses of the district president that are not covered by the national LWML. (8-13-05)

FINANCES

Bonding

All officers who are authorized to sign checks shall be bonded for \$25,000 each. This includes the Convention Treasurer as long as the Convention Treasurer is part of the District. (11-20-04)

Balance Checkbooks

The checkbooks will be balanced monthly by someone whose name is not listed on the bank's signature cards. This person will be appointed by the President. (3-04)

Expenses for meetings

Maximum reimbursement of \$6.00 for breakfast, \$10.00 lunch, and \$12.00 for dinner for officially called District meetings. (3-04; rev. 8-13-05 rev.11/7/15)

Expenses for committee member

Committee members will be reimbursed following the reimbursement guidelines of District Board when asked by a Board member to attend a District sponsored event in an official capacity. District sponsored events would include District board meeting, convention, retreat, rally, event, or a committee meeting

Disposal of records

Canceled checks and vouchers will be kept for five (5) years. Anything older may be destroyed. (4-12-96)

Credit Card

The District President may obtain a credit card choosing the company of her preference. (11-2000)

Reimbursement Eligibility

The District will not reimburse visitors to District meetings unless asked to make a presentation or participate in committee planning. (4-12-94)

Meal Reimbursement

The District will offer a unit \$8.00 per attendee when serving for an officially called District meeting. (4-12-96; rev. 11-1-14)

Other Reimbursements

Board of Directors and committee members are eligible for these reimbursements: Postage, phone calls when necessary, copying costs and other expenses incurred in the execution of their office, always being good stewards and using our mites to the fullest. (4-12-96 rev 11-1-14)

Mileage Reimbursement

The District will reimburse thirty cents (30¢) per mile for travel for officially called District meetings. Share a ride wherever possible. (11-2000; rev. 11-12-05)

Missing Receipt Form

A missing receipt form must be completed for expenses over \$25 when a receipt is not available. (3-04)

Financial Analysis

The District shall gift one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150) to the person or entity performing the financial analysis each biennium. (3-06; revised 08-20)

Mites

All mite offerings will be split 75/25 between the District and National LWML unless otherwise designated before the collection. (11-4-06)

GIFTS AND BEQUESTS

The Gifts and Bequests Committee is responsible for Joy Cards. The District Financial Secretary will send a thank you and another Joy card to the donor. The Financial Secretary will report the amounts and number of cards sent to the Gifts and Bequests committee. (6-2002)

A minimum of 20 percent (20%) of the monies received from Joy cards will be put into the Special Gifts and Bequests Fund. (6-2002)

If the remaining 80 percent (80%) is not designated, those monies will be deposited in the general fund, and will be distributed at the discretion of the District Board of Directors. (6-2002)

MEETINGS

Standing Committees

Standing Committee members may be invited as non-voting members to officially called district meetings at the discretion of the president. (4-12-96)

LWML Minutes

Minutes of the District Board of Directors meetings and convention shall follow the guidelines found in the most current Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised. (11-2003)

Crisis Management

A Crisis Management Team shall be appointed by the President for any event sponsored by the District. (11-2003)

Minutes Review

A Minutes Review Committee shall be appointed for each District Board of Directors meeting and each biennial District Convention. This committee will be appointed by the President. (11-2003)

MEMORIALS

Present Board of Directors Member

The District will give a \$20 memorial gift to the District Gifts and Bequests Fund upon the death of a present

member of the Board of Directors or an immediate family member (spouse or child). The president shall determine official representation at the funeral or memorial service. (8-13-2005)

Past District President

The District will give a \$25 memorial gift to the District Gifts and Bequests Fund upon the death of a past District President. The president shall determine official representation at the funeral or memorial service. (8-13-05)

Past LCMS President

The District will give a \$25 memorial gift to the District Gifts and Bequests Fund upon the death of a past North Dakota LCMS President. The president shall determine official representation at the funeral or memorial service. (8-13-2005)

Past Board of Directors Member

The District will give a \$20 memorial gift to the District Gifts and Bequests Fund upon the death of a past member of the Board of Directors. (8-13-2005)

MISSION GRANTS

Surplus and/or Shortfall of Mission Grant Money

Surplus monies from mite collections, at the end of each biennium, must be used for funding grants in order of vote received from previous convention, or be sent to fund LWML grants. (5-5-80)

Should a shortfall of mission grant funding occur in a biennium, the following biennium's approved mission grants would be reduced in the dollar amount equal to the shortfall, in order to pay the previously approved Mission Grants. (11-2-19)

Biennium cutoff

Funding of a biennium's mission grants ends with the fiscal year. (03-07-20)

Mission Grants

The Vice President of Mission Grants will determine the voting procedure for grants. (4-16-94)

Grant Payments

The District President, Vice President of Mission Grants, Financial Secretary and Treasurer have authority to pay grants between Board of Director meetings as mites are received, with prior approval having been given by the Board of Directors. (4-12-96)

RETREATS

Retreat Activities

Money-making activities are discouraged at Retreats. (4-12-96)

SHEPHERD'S HILL

Shepherd's Hill Representative

The District approved that the LWML be represented on the Shepherd's Hill Board of Directors, that being a volunteer position. No expenses will be paid by the District. (6-2002)

ZONES

Fall Rally Theme

The theme for fall rallies is chosen by the District Board of Directors. The Bible study prepared by the District

Senior Counselor is to be used along with mission speakers as the main program. (The District is compiling a listing of available speakers. Please give any suggestions for speakers to the District President or Vice President of Servant Resources.) *(1-12-1995; 3-13-2010)*

Rally Month

The District recommends that October be fall rally month. *(4-12-96)*

Zone Structure *(3-13-2010)*

LWML members may attend rallies and other gatherings in any zone, if travel time and distance is advantageous. (You cannot vote, hold an office or be on a committee in any zone other than your own.)

Zones are encouraged to hold fall rallies in a central location to encourage greater attendance.

Units that are at the outer edges of a zone and would like to join another zone that is close in proximity and would involve less travel may apply to be transferred after completing the following requirements:

- a. The unit desiring to join a different zone should send a letter with the unit's pastor's signature requesting the transfer to the Zone President of the zone they wish to join before the Zone Executive Board Meeting.
- b. The unit requesting the change would attend the Fall Rally of the zone they wish to join and make the formal request. At the Fall Rally all members of the zone would vote on the request.
- c. Upon acceptance by the Zone the unit would send a letter with the unit's pastor's signature to the District Board of Directors and the Zone they are leaving stating the transfer.

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