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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT...

We Are A Great Cloud of Witnesses!

Hebrews 12: 1-2

The theme is set. The place is reserved at the Ramada Inn in Somerset. The date is May 2-3. The participant is **YOU!!!**

The scripture selected for this biennium's convention is subtitled "*The Race of Faith*," in John C. Maxwell's Leadership Bible. In order to fully comprehend the scripture we should read the preceding chapter 11. This chapter lists many of the "heroes of faith" throughout the bible including Abraham, Moses, Joshua, Samson, David and others who withstood great trial and risked great loss only to persevere because of their faith.

Then in chapter 12 we read these words. "Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

What is this race set before us? It is the race of faith, which is to be witnesses of our faith, to bring others to Christ and to do all this with **passion, persistence and perseverance**. How hard it seems and yet how simple it is to be a witness to our faith. It doesn't have to be scary, like when the evangelism committee calls on you to go out and knock on doors. It is as simple as saying "God bless you" or "You're in my prayers." With each encounter, you're letting others know that you are a Christian and you believe in Jesus Christ, your savior.

- Do you wear anything with an LWML logo on it? Here's a chance to be a witness, tell them about the Lutheran Women's Missionary League and our 65-year history of mission work.
- Do you love to wear the color **purple**? Tell someone why, how it's the color of the LWML and it holds a special place in your heart.

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- Next time you buy a phone card or a gift card for a servant event, tell the clerk where it's going. You're buying it for a Lutheran serving overseas in the military. Or you're buying it for a new immigrant family from Africa who has just arrived with the help of Lutheran Social Ministries.
- Next time you get your change at the grocery store, say that it added up to \$1,625,000 last June to send to mission workers all over the world. It may seem like such a little thing, but people notice little things. They say, "Wow, that's something."

So *COME*, come to the district convention in May. We have so much planned for you. There will be servant events, mission speakers, singing and wonderful friends you haven't met yet. You'll be uplifted and enthused and excited about being part of this great cloud.

Yes, as witnesses, we have a tough act to follow since so many heroes of faith have gone before us. Now it's our turn: *To run the race...To be the witness...To experience the joy!!!*

Jesus suffered, endured and overcame the cross for us. With the Holy Spirit guiding us, we can be a **THUNDER CLOUD OF WITNESSES!!!**

Looking forward to being a witness with you,

Susan Donnelly
New Jersey District President
Lutheran Women's Missionary League



Mark the Date... Zone Rallies

Lakeland Zone: April 27th, Oakridge

North Eastern: April 5th, Fairlawn

South Jersey: April 13th, Jacobstown

Mid-Eastern: April 6th, Verona

Raritan Zone: April 20th, Fords

YOUNG WOMEN **WANTED:**

A Young Woman's Representative, YWR, is needed for the New Jersey LWML Convention, May 2-3 2008.

If you know of any young women who would like to attend please contact Jennifer Russell. (609) 851-0797.

**A YWR APPLICATION IS ALSO POSTED
IN THE NEWS LETTER ON PAGE 7.**

**NJ District LWML 2008 Convention
Human Care Servant Events**

GET READY TO BE...



GIFTS OF HEART

The “Gift of Heart” that will be collected this year at the convention will be gift cards for LCMS Seminary students. They can be in any denomination and there is no limit on how many can be collected. BUT...

We can **only** accept cards from the following stores that are located near the seminary.

**Wal-Mart
K-Mart
Kohl’s**

**Marshall’s
Sears
Target**

**Walgreen’s
CVS**

Here is a great opportunity to get your whole congregation involved in this Gift of the Heart. If you start this outreach now, who knows how many cards we’ll have when convention time gets here?

So let’s make a difference for these men of faith who will eventually graduate and go out and fill church vacancies, mission fields and other church vocations.

GIFT OF THE HEART

GIFT CARDS FOR CONCORDIA SEMINARIANS

CONVENTION SERVANT EVENTS

Your opportunity to be a “Great Cloud of Witnesses” can happen at the servant events that have been planned for the convention.

On Friday morning there will be several servant events taking place before the convention starts.

There will be something for everyone who wants to participate and make a change in someone’s life. The following are events that can be done by anyone who has a willingness to serve.

Let’s get packing...

Concordia College Bronxville

Founded in 1881, Concordia College–New York is a four-year, coeducational institution offering a Christ-centered, value-oriented, liberal arts education for lives of service to church and community. Part of the Concordia University System, Concordia is affiliated with The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod.

Our convention will take place as students prepare to take their final exams for graduation. As part of their preparation, students often study long and hard and tend to skip regular meals.

This servant event will find you packing a number of food items going into snack packs for the senior class at Concordia Bronxville.

Stuff that is made from Love...

Breast Cancer effects and touches practically everyone we know in our lives. It could be a family member, a co-worker, or a church member.

The recovery can be long and uncomfortable and can make someone feel alone and helpless.

This servant event will find you stuffing and sewing colorful hug pillows for breast cancer patients who have gone through mastectomies. Words of encouragement will be placed in with the final packaging to assure them that they are not alone through this trying time.

Let’s get ready to Roll...

Global Health Ministries continues the healing ministry of Jesus Christ by enhancing health care programs of Lutheran churches in other countries. Commercial bandages are often expensive and in short supply, so rolled bandages are needed in many countries.

This servant event will find you cutting sheets into strips and rolling them to be packaged for shipment to go to the Minnesota for final distribution to the countries that need them the most.

MORE CONVENTION SERVANT EVENTS

Cards of THANKS...

Service men and woman come from all over the United States to serve here and abroad. It is difficult to watch these young men and woman leave our shores and enter into harms way but it is especially difficult when they come from our congregations. These are children who grew up in our churches and have now become active citizens of the world.



We will have greeting cards that will be giving them thanks for their service and to let them know that they are in our thoughts and prayers. This Human Care event will be continuous all through the convention.

We ask that you bring or submit the names and addresses of those serving from your home congregations.

PRAYER CHAPEL



The prayer chapel will open 1:00 PM on Friday and continue through the close of the convention on Saturday. You can submit your prayer requests here and place it on one of the clouds for display in the chapel. Please take advantage of this time to pray for those who need it and consider taking that prayer request home with you for further spiritual support.



What is Human Care?

Human Care is our reflection of God's love through prayer and actions for physical, mental, and emotional well being of others and ourselves.

Purpose Statement

The purpose of the Human Care Committee is to sensitize women toward those who are hurting or in need and to enable them to compassionately reach out with knowledgeable, Biblical, hands-on caring assistance and comfort.

Theme Verse

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience." Colossians 3:12 (NIV).

“WE ARE A GREAT CLOUD OF WITNESSES!”

LWML NEW JERSEY DISTRICT CONVENTION - MAY 2-3, 2008
SOMERSET RAMADA, SOMERSET, NJ
REGISTRATION FORM



Name:

Address:

Phone: Society & Church:

Attending as: Voting Delegate: ____ LWML Member: ____ Pastor: ____

PAYMENT DUE WITH REGISTRATION

Registration		\$35
Friday Banquet		\$30
Sat. Lunch, Breakfast, Snacks		\$50
HOTEL ROOM	1 Person	\$85
	2 People	\$42.50 each
	3 People	\$28.34 each
	4 People	<u>\$21.25 each</u>

Total Registration Amount

Please List Your Roommates

Banquet Choices – Sit Down Dinner – Circle One

- Chicken Francaise
- Roast Top Sirloin of Beef, Au Jus
- Shrimp & Scallops with Tomato Pesto & Pasta

Special Needs: Accessibility: Other:

Contact Person/Family Member In Case of Emergency:

Deadline for Registration: April 5, 2008

Please include check payable to: **LWML Northeastern Zone/Convention Fund**

Mail Registration Form and Payment to:

Vickie Walther, 71 Orchard Place, Maywood, NJ 07607
1-201-843-4575

Lutheran Women in Mission

OUR NEW JERSEY MISSION MITE GOAL!!!



1. Vocational Training Center in Pakistan	\$ 3,500	Paid
2. Duffel bags for MOST Ministries	\$ 500	Paid
3. Camp Ma-He-Tu at Bear Mtn. To fund camperships Marion Schumacher 6 Soundview Drive North Huntington, NY 11743	\$ 3,000	Paid
4. Today's Choice Equipment for counseling pregnant women Women of Redeemer Attention: Patricia Kelly (973) 579-2272 P.O. Box 873 Newton, NJ 07860	\$ 3,000	Paid
5. Concordia College, Bronxville To cover touring to 4 churches Rev/ William J. Meyer Concordia College-New York 171 White Plains Rd., Bronxville, NY 10708	\$ 3,000	
6. Outreach to French speaking African Immigrants In NJ District Janet R. Meyer LCMS World Mission 1333 South Kirkwood Rd., St. Louis, MO 63122-7295	\$ 3,000	
7. Czech Youth Training LCMS World Mission See above	\$ 2,750	
Total in district commitment	\$ 18,750	
National commitment	<u>6,250</u>	
Total commitment	<u>\$ 25,000</u>	

Goal of \$25,000.00 = National gets \$6,250.00 (25%) and NJ District has goal of \$18,750.00 (75%).

How much more money can we raise?

NEW JERSEY DISTRICT LWML CONVENTION LWML YOUNG WOMAN REPRESENTATIVE APPLICATION

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone (_____) _____

Occupation _____ Church name and
Location _____

1. The LWML motto is *Serve the Lord with Gladness* (Psalm 100:2). How do you see this accomplished in your own life?

2. In what church groups, activities or programs have you been involved in the past?

3. What is your knowledge and level of participation in LWML?

4. Why do you desire the privilege of being a Young Woman Representative for your district?

5. What are your strengths?

6. The convention is an interesting and spiritually inspiring event. It is, however, also a decision making time for the LWML. With sessions that are long and days and evenings that are packed with activities, there is very little free time. Understanding this, are you willing to participate in the full scope of the convention?

7. Would you ask someone with whom you are well acquainted (perhaps the person who encouraged you to apply) to list their name and relationship to you (friend, society president, etc.), explaining why they feel you would make a good Young Woman Representative?

A Last Message from our Pastoral Counselor

There's an old saying that goes something like, "Time flies when you're having a good time." Well, that's certainly the case for me and the past four years I have spent as your New Jersey District Pastoral Counselor. It has been a joy and a privilege to serve in this position, but soon I will have to pass the "mantle" on to my successor, whoever that may be.

I have enjoyed every minute I have spent with the ladies of the LWML, at zone rallies, retreats, district and national conventions. Leading you dear women in worship and Bible studies has never been "work" to me. Rather, it has been a rewarding experience and a blessing for me. As I often say, the LWML is the best thing in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. What a shame that more women in our churches do not participate in the activities of the LWML!

Although my term as your Pastoral Counselor is coming to an end, you have not seen the last of me. I hope to continue to attend rallies and other events as my time permits. I thank you for allowing me to share your experiences with me.

Easter is just around the corner. Soon we will stand with the women at the empty tomb and hear the angel utter those words which changed the world, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He's not here. He has risen!" The good news of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the message the LWML has pledged itself to carry to people around the corner and around the world, and I am confident that in the years to come this flame will not be put out in spite of whatever society, the world and Satan himself might do try to extinguish it.

A Good Lent and Happy Easter to all my dear ladies of the New Jersey District LWML!

Pastor Eric Ziegler



New Jersey District LWML

Treasurer's Report

February 26, 2008

Opening Balances January 10, 2008

Administration	\$ 917.58	
LWML Store	(110.32)	
Mites	4,389.74	
Quarterlies	(872.99)	
E. Kerr Education Fund	<u>2,375.40</u>	<u>\$6,699.41</u>

Income:

Mites	1,346.46	
Administration donation	25.00	
Quarterlies	<u>509.00</u>	<u>1,880.46</u>

Expenses:

NJ District LC-MS Ablaze	CK 1247	\$ 50.00	
J. Ziegler-Archives trip	CK 1248	826.48	
LWML-Store for convention	CK 1249	<u>210.50</u>	<u>1,086.98</u>

\$7,492.89

February 27, 2008 Account balances

Administration	\$ 892.58	
LWML Store	(320.82)	
Mites	5,736.20	
Quarterlies	(363.99)	
E. Kerr Education Fund	<u>1,548.92</u>	<u>\$7,492.89</u>

AROUND THE DISTRICT ...



The Women's Guild from Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Hackettstown celebrated their 50th Anniversary on February 3rd. Chartered back in 1958 they first met in the basement of Pastor Ertmann's home. Their main focus at that time was to help their church. That is still holds true today but has also evolved into reaching out to mission fields around the world.



MITES:

Don't forget to send in your mite monies.

All mites go to help support our District and National mite goals. Please remember to send mites to:

Susan Harnos
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Lanoka Harbor, NJ 08734

LWML National Info...

LWML Conventions

2011	Peoria, Illinois	June 23-26
2013	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	TBD
2015	Des Moines, Iowa	TBD



2009
33rd Biennial
LWML Convention

June 25-28
Portland Oregon

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Executive Committee and Board of Directors 12

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