

3,300+ Attend Portland Convention

More than 3,300 men, women, and children learned to “Look to the Hills” to see that “God Reigns” at the 33rd Biennial LWML Convention in Portland, Oregon. Want to know all the details? Check out news and photos from the convention on the Web at www.lwml.org. You can also download issues of the daily convention newspaper, *The Hilltop Proclaimer*, for your society or zone.



The LWML has adopted a \$1.825 million mission goal for the 2009-11 biennium, the largest mite goal in the LWML's 67-year history. This is an increase of \$125,00 over the previous goal. Praise God for blessing the LWML with such mission-minded women! We will fund a record of 19 mission grants:

1. Defray Costs of Shipping Quilts by Lutheran World Relief.....	\$80,000
2. Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Food Bank Relocation.....	\$50,000
3. The Carpenter’s Hands – Youth Refurbish Homes in Florida.....	\$26,000
4. Psalm 69:14 Project – Emergency Disaster Aid in Texas, Oklahoma & Louisiana.....	\$50,000
5. Digitize Classes for Specific Ministry Pastor Program, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana.....	\$36,000
6. 10 Chapels, Transportation, and Pastoral Training in Tanzania.....	\$88,000
7. Body and Soul Care for Children in India.....	\$50,000
8. LCMS Prison Ministry Provides Devotional Material.....	\$50,000
9. Lutheran Braille Workers Provide English Braille Bibles – Africa.....	\$100,000
10. Kyrgyzstan Locals Trained for Evangelism.....	\$100,000
11. The Hope Center for Refugees and Immigrants – Ohio.....	\$90,000
12. Human Care & Pastoral Ministries Developed in Latvia & Lithuania.....	\$87,500
13. Mission Support to Disabled Children – Dominican Republic.....	\$50,000
14. Native Leadership Scholarships for Students Enrolled in Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology.....	\$100,000
15. Humanitarian Care Outreach in Kazakhstan.....	\$90,000
16. International Student Ministry Provides Bibles & Christ-Oriented Resource.....	\$30,000
17. Earthquake Relief Aid & Church Plants in Peru.....	\$100,000
18. Light of Christ Chinese Lutheran Mission – St. Louis.....	\$75,000
19. Humanitarian Aid Opens Mission Field in North Korea.....	\$82,482*

* partially funded

Go to www.lwml.org/conventions to check out photos and news from the Portland convention!

New Officers Elected

New officers have been elected to serve the LWML for the next four years:

- **Patti Ross** of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Vice President of Christian Life
- **Linda Arnold** of Woodridge, Illinois, Vice President of Communication
- **Marilyn McClure** of Tuscon, Arizona, Vice President of Gospel Outreach
- **Judy Carlson** of Paola, Kansas, Recording Secretary
- **Rev. Kristopher Whitby** of Arlington Heights, Illinois, Pastoral Counselor

Newly elected to the Nominating Committee, serving for the next two years, are:

- **Dianne Diekmann** of Yankton, South Dakota, who will serve as chairman
- **Lois Ford** of Eustis, Florida
- **Pam Kercher** of Billings, Montana
- **Melody Rosenwinkel** of Irwin, Idaho
- **Marcia Wittenburg** of Baker, Louisiana

Salt Lake City in 2017

Salt Lake City, Utah, will be the site of the 37th Biennial LWML Convention in 2017. Host districts are Utah-Idaho, Rocky Mountain, and Wyoming.


Gifts from the Heart

- 308** Health Kits
- 194** Art Kits
- 697** Packages of Socks (5-10 pair per pkg)
- 308** Teddy Bears
- 421** Packages of T-shirts (1-5 per pkg)
- 1,776** Miscellaneous Items

The Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) is the official women’s auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. For over 65 years, the LWML has focused on affirming each woman’s relationship with Christ, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries and to support global missions.

Prior issues of LWML e-News are available at <http://www.lwml.org/news/lutheran-women-in-mission-e-news.htm>. To change your subscription settings, visit http://lwml.org/mailman/listinfo/e-news_news.lwml.org. Questions or comments about e-News? E-mail depcom@lwml.org

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 Lutheran Women in Mission *BLOG*

President's Blog

Have you checked out President Jan's Blog, a new feature on the LWML Web site? Just go to www.lwml.org/blog/ or go to www.lwml.org and click on "blog" under News in the left-hand navigation bar on the home page. Here is a sample:

A Quiet Place?

July 6, 2009

The 4th of July weekend is over; were you bombarded with noise? The noise of fireworks ... people gathering for picnics and parties...bands playing in community parades. As I sit at my desk, I am enjoying the peace and quiet. The other day I was entering a department store and realized that the music was playing outside of the store, even before I stepped foot inside! Once inside, the music continued, and to make it even noisier, some departments had their own music playing. Yikes! Is there no peace and quiet anywhere?

Psalm 46:10 reminds me, "Be still and know that I am God." Lord, remind me to listen to You in a quiet place, to hear Your direction. Your still, small voice. Crowd out the noise of everyday life; fill me with Your Word; help me to internalize that word, to be "of the Word," and see the life-changing power of Your Word in me.

Have a great week, walking with the Lord. Remember to be together in prayer at noon on Mondays, and to pray regularly for the LWML.

Together in Prayer

May we gather in prayer each Monday at noon to celebrate the freedoms given us by our Lord in our land.

May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth. May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you. Then the land will yield its harvest, and God, our God, will bless us. God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth will fear him (Psalm 67:4-7 NIV).

Dear Lord God of the nations, I praise and give You thanks for the freedoms You have granted us in this land. Thank You for the freedom to worship You as we desire, for the freedom of speech we enjoy, and for allowing me to give of the gifts You have provided me to help spread the Gospel through the LWML. I ask that You motivate each of us to give our mites joyfully to meet our new mission goal. May I continue to be a beacon for others and share that we are only truly free in Christ. In His name I pray. Amen.

New LWML Turban

Beautiful purple with an LWML tag on the inside, the LWML three-seam turban was constructed in the most popular style for the comfort of chemotherapy patients. It comes with a "Praying for You" card and a gift bag with tissue paper for \$20 or in sets of five for \$80. Shop the new LWML Catalog (1-800-252-5965) or the LWML online store (<http://shop.lwml.org>) to purchase LWML turban today.



LWML Sunday

LWML Sunday 2009 features this year's convention theme and logo "Look to the Hills ... God Reigns." The Rev. Dr. Warren Schumacher is the author.

The first Sunday in October is the Celebration Sunday for LWML, which is October 4 this year. However, the materials can be used at your church on any Sunday.

LWML Sunday packets have been mailed to congregations and societies.

Order your LWML Sunday worship service and supplies at 1-800-252-LWML.

New PowerPak

Watch the LWML Web site for the 2009-2011 edition of the LWML PowerPak. It will be available as a free download to encourage prayer for the mission grants and our giving toward the new mission goal.

There are wonderful mission stories afoot! Where in the world will our mites walk with Jesus? Look to the hills! God reigns!