



“Serve the Lord with gladness.” Psalm 100:2

Oregon Leaguer

Fall 2014

2014 Oregon District LWML Post-Convention Thoughts

The 2014 Oregon District LWML Convention is now “history” as they say. On the way to the archives we could benefit from a bit of a re-cap – especially about our event-crowded Friday.

We give high praises to all of the Zones who did such a fantastic job of helping Gayle Wolfe’s committee get their Zones “booth” ready for a great MISSION FAIRE! Heavy sewing machines were brought in - lots of activity- new warm men’s socks were stuffed with goodies for the homeless - and off to the side were ladies busy with scissors carefully cutting out felt Bible-figures for the Bethesda Home’s new Flannel Board. Kudos to the Zone ladies who stuck it out at their posts from 10 – 4! This meant that they had to forego attending any Servant Events!



Karen Young and her Committee organized the INGATHERING – sorting, stacking and counting all of the items that the conventioners brought in with them! The Ingathering “totals” were: Bethesda Homes = 282 items; Orphan Grain Train = 772 dresses + 84 pants = 856 items (see picture left); Portland Rescue Mission = 351 items; Lutheran Latino Missions = 401 items. SUCH joy we have in sharing God’s blessings with lots of others – even on the other side of the globe!!

Young Women Representatives presented samples of these Items – and Zone representatives

brought forth examples of their Mission Faire items for Sunday morning’s dedication of them all.

On Friday there were 4 SERVANT EVENTS organized. Four ladies hopped on the MAX train with Mona Fuerstenau and went downtown to visit the Bethesda Office on 17th. Three ladies joined Terry Putnam in enjoying a Tea Party at one of the Bethesda Homes close to the airport (see picture right) and three hardy kitchen-cabinet-scrubbers went over to another nearby Bethesda Home to “brighten their corner”! 14 folks either “vanned” with Jim Presnell or drove in private cars over to Concordia University to learn about their neighborhood backpack lunch program AND to pack over 900 lunches. A tour of the campus followed – all were happily impressed with the new facilities that are shared and integrated with the neighborhood into which the University is settled.



We have noted that folks had many “required duties” that sadly prevented their participation in some of these fun activities. If you have any suggestions how we could “get around” this, please contact Char Kolzow at ckolzow@gmail.com. Your “input” is welcomed!

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Blessings Abounded at Servant Events

Four servant events brought joy and thanksgiving, to the hearts of many on Friday of convention.

Five LWMLers shared tea, scones, sandwiches and dessert with Dorothy, Suzy and their staff at Bethesda's 142nd Avenue home. Eileen Fligg said, "It was a great and blessed experience seeing the lovely home and the respect the staff had for these two ladies, giving them choices and valuing their thoughts. The singing time was amazing and made me think what a great ministry it would be to lead Bible study and singing in group homes." Coleen Gurske's favorite moment was when, "Dorothy walked over to me and we shared the song sheet, and Dorothy began to sing. When one song finished, Dorothy said, 'I gotta another' and sang a solo of Because He Lives! We were all amazed and blessed." Suzy loved having Julie Maas and Kathryn Platt share dessert with her. Geimy Vasquez, program manager, wrote, "Thank you on behalf of Dorothy and Suzy. The ladies had such a wonderful time. It was a beautiful blessing to have you all at their house. We hope to see you again soon."



Jesus' love and word were also shared with 20 people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Bethesda's vocational day program. Anita, Rhoda, and Nita accompanied by Mona Fuerstenau, Bethesda's Ministry Consultant, and her son, Ben, took the MAX to Bethesda's downtown Portland office, where they visited and sang praises to the Lord with the group. Anita presented the Bible story of the Wiseman who built his house on the rock, the group had fun Velcro-ing a little wooden house onto a rock, and then all enjoyed house-shaped sandwiches and fruit for lunch. Smiles were on many faces and hearts were filled with joy.

Human Care committee member, Lynne Beck (see picture above), your newly elected Jr. Pastoral Counselor, Rev. J. Wesley Beck, and Char Kroemer carried in boxes of pantry supplies to Bethesda's Simpson St. group home. Char said, "We enjoyed the privilege of helping clean out and organize the kitchen cupboards. We are thankful we could help a little. It was a blessing to meet the staff and a couple of the residents." What joy in a job well done and so appreciated by the staff. Thank you, faithful servants.

Char Kolzow, VP of Human Care, and Rev. Jim Pressnell of Concordia University transported 15 convention attendees, including LWML Pastoral Counselor Rev. John Heckmann and his family, to Concordia University's campus where they put together 909 lunches for the Northeast Portland Backpack Lunch program. Oregon has one of the highest hunger rates in the U.S. with 29% of our children living with food insecurity.

How awesome to be actively part of LCMS's "Witness, Mercy, and Life Together" through our LWML Servant Events. Thank you to Thrivent for the grant to fund the servant events.

Mission Faire and In Gathering

*"And whatever you do in word or deed, do in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to god the Father through Him."
Colossians 3:17*

The Human Care Committee thanks all of you who participated in the Mission Faire and brought items for the In Gathering to the 2014 LWML Convention held in Portland June 27-29.

Because of your generosity, 772 pillowcase dresses and 84 pillowcase pants were lovingly sewn by the women of the OR District LWML. These have been shipped to the Norfolk, NE location of Orphan Grain Train by Don Mertes, our guest speaker. He has asked for pictures when they reach their final destination in a yet unknown tropical area. We are so grateful to him for volunteering to speak with us as well as be responsible for delivering the pillowcase clothes. His intercession created a great interest in establishing an OGT location here in the Northwest.

Bethesda Lutheran communities in Portland received 282 needed items including towels, toiletries, paper products, cleaning supplies, and pots and pans.

The men at the Portland Rescue Mission received 82 new briefs, 351 snacks in a sock, in addition to 393 other items of clothing and 51 cans of chili.

The Lutheran Latino Ministries received 342 snacks for their youth conference and VBS as well as 59 other VBS supplies.

The projects for the Mission Faire were inspiring and fun. They included a great demonstration for making pillowcase clothes, sheets cut into strips to be made into rugs for Bethesda fund raisers, plastic mats, Life-Pak lunches and completed quilts for the needy, snack filled socks for the Rescue Mission, comfort bags for abused children, specially marked Bibles for the Latino community, and felt Biblical figure cut-outs for Bethesda Communities.

The gifts in ministry used by the OR District Lutheran Women in Mission have brought love and joy to many in need. God bless you.

Gayle Wolfe, Human Care Committee Chairman



From the President ... Water - please

“With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.” Isaiah 1:3

With the unusual frequency of hot days for Oregon, we are learning a new meaning of the word – “drought”. We knew it would be dry because our mountains did not have their usual snow pack. We pray for rain, but with the rain come lightning and fire. Oh, for water from a never ending well!!!

The “well of salvation” is such a well. Jesus is the only water that really quenches the thirsty soul and floods our desert lives with life giving and life living faith – our salvation.

So often we go to other “wells” to satisfy our dreary lives – only to find no lasting refreshment. Sometimes we end up even thirstier or in a worse situation than before – with “fires” to put out.

Jesus is the only answer. He is the only solution to life’s miseries. He draws us with His love, floods us with His grace, and refreshes us to new strength and new purpose. The quenching water brings new life. It cannot help but burst forth in joy.

This Joy we studied and shared in the 2014 Oregon District Convention on June 26-29. Joy was everywhere – from the servant Events off campus to the Mission Faire, hosted by all 9 zones, on campus. Joy was at the opening celebration service to the closing sending service with the blessing of the ingathering projects and the installation of new officers. With this Joy the Mission Grants were selected for the 2014-2016 biennium.

Our speakers shared with us what happens when the “water of salvation” is shared. We will never forget our keynote speaker, Danelle Putnam’s story of a man and the boards from his own house – nor Donna Pyle’s Bible study applications. There was Linda Gage and Don Mertes plus pictures and interrupters – all sharing Joy unceasing.

If we could just hold onto that JOY! We would love to have had more time to do more things at our convention. But that is not the purpose. The JOY is to be shared. It is to go home and be experienced where we live and where the drought is the greatest. The water of salvation is needed at home to quench the thirst. We are the cups bringing the water.

May you draw deep from the water of Salvation with JOY!

In Christ's service,

Carolyn Stucky, Oregon District LWML President

The Counselor's Chronicle

How many of you have your running shoes on? Those who attended the district LWML convention in June heard me ask that question during my message at the closing worship service. The theme of the convention was based on Isaiah 12: “With JOY you will draw water from the wells of salvation.” JOY overflowed from that convention hall. JOY literally ran around our worship area just after my message as we sang “If You’re Happy and You Know It, Clap Your Hands!”

I preached on the text from Matthew who described the LWML ladies at the tomb on that first Easter Sunday. After they heard that Jesus had risen from the tomb, Matthew tells us that “the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with JOY, and RAN to tell His disciples” (Matthews 28:8). Those very first LWMLers were so excited at hearing that Jesus, their Savior, was alive that they could not contain themselves! They had their running shoes on and with JOY RAN to tell others about Jesus.

So I wonder when the wonder of salvation wanders away. When was the last time that you were so excited during a worship service that you RAN around your sanctuary? We wouldn’t be caught dead doing that, right? I mean, we are Lutherans, and Lutherans don’t get excited about their salvation! Welllll, Isaiah did, and he reminds us, “With JOY you will draw water from the wells of salvation.” Jesus is risen! Our salvation is alive! We are saved! We are on our way to Heaven! What other emotion could we possibly have than JOY? JOY! Overflowing JOY!

JOY even when we are not happy. JOY even when we have problems. JOY even when nothing seems to be going right. JOY because we know and believe that all unhappiness, sadness and sorrow will be overcome.

And with JOY in the soul of our very being and on the soles of our feet, we RUN with the Good News that fills our hearts! I propose a name change—from LWML to RLWML. RUNNING LWMLers!

I know that most of you who read this were not at the convention, but you have been at Jesus’ empty tomb with your feet of faith. JOY fills your hearts, because you have certainty, peace, and confidence! You know the rest of the story, and the end is filled with JOY! So what do you do with your JOY? You RUN with it to tell others that they, too, beginning today, can have eternal JOY!

Pastor Dennis Bohren, Senior Pastoral Counselor

The Most Asked Questions About Convention Mission Grant Voting

Did you leave the 2014 Oregon District LWML Convention still wondering about the grants, with questions about the voting, how they were numbered, what does that numbering mean, and who gets paid and when?

You voted on a Budget of \$180,000.00, \$90,000.00 for operating expenses and \$90,000.00 for MITES. Of that amount, 25% goes to the National LWML Mission Grants. That left Oregon District with \$67,500.00 to cover our Mission Grants.

This year we were blessed with 22 grant proposals that your societies requested. In order to facilitate your voting and make best use of the volunteer time for counting, you were asked to vote for 8 grants without ranking. That allowed us to fund 13 grants, the final two split due to a tie.

Grant recipients are notified by the Vice President for Mission Grants, that they would receive payment of their request for dollars needed when they had need of the funds and the request was made. The guidelines for funding grants is the order in which the requests are received from recipients. Placed in queue and as funds become available, a check is sent. If the funds are not requested a reminder is sent prior to the end of the biennium. If the funds are not used in the first biennium the amount rolls to the next biennium. If not used then, the EC recommends a use of funds and approved by the BOD. Because the money is allocated during that biennium, it can not go to the next in line. This means that the numbering of grants only lets you know how they fared in the voting, but has nothing to do with when they get paid.

We were blessed, as we are at every convention, with a marvelous group of volunteers who act as Tellers for both Grants and Election. They give of their time and talents during meal times and special meeting times to get the jobs done. In 2014, that list includes: Election: Teresa Fairow, Interstate Zone; Susan Doellinger, Willamette Zone; Barbara Miller, Juniper Zone; Lorraine Joker, Emerald Zone; Mission Grants: Karen Young, Southern Zone; Diane Grube, West Hills Zone; Caroma Hainy, Myrtlewood Zone; and Elizabeth Biers, Interstate Zone

As District Parliamentarian, I wish to thank them again for their service to us during the convention. God bless you all.

Nancy Ebsen, District Parliamentarian

Mission Grants for 2014-2016 Biennium-Oregon District

1. Disability and Diakonia in the Dominican Republic

Grant Amount: \$6,500.

To support God's work in the Dominican Republic by helping them adapt and furnish two host homes in their mercy ministry to adults with intellectual and development disabilities now living in a physically removed ward of the state psychiatric hospital.

2. Expanding Outreach to Native Americans on the Olympic Peninsula, Washington

Grant Amount: \$5,000

To build relationships to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with Native North American Peoples of the Olympic Peninsula through a Word and Sacrament Ministry, works of mercy, spiritual care and teaching of the Christian faith. This will support the expanding outreach ministry of Tom and Cathy Benzler to the Native Americans living on the Olympic Peninsula in Washington beginning in January 2015.

3. A Bridge to Jesus-The SSS Soccer Clinic and Beyond

Grant Amount: \$5,000

Ascension Lutheran Church in Portland began hosting a free community soccer clinic for the underprivileged kids in the Rockwood community. Proceeds would help cover the cost associated with the event. It is an opportunity to witness to over one thousand + people, serving them on the soccer field, through daily luncheons that feed the servants, guests from the rehab center, low-income soccer families, firefighters and anyone in line seeking a meal.

4. Children's Christian Rescue Center in Oriang, Kenya

Grant Amount: \$6,500

This is part of a yearlong celebration of Zion Lutheran church, Portland, Oregon 125th Anniversary and its mission outreach. Construction of Children's Home is currently underway. Funds will be continuously provided to Pastor David Chuchu - Director of Diakonia Compassionate Ministries, Kisumu, Kenya for the purpose of completion of the first model of a rescue center.

5. Mighty Fortress Mercy House in Lima, Peru

Grant Amount: \$6,000

The Mighty Fortress Mercy House reaches out to children and teens forced to live and work on the streets of Lima, Peru with the love of Christ through acts of mercy in body and soul. Based on a holistic approach to mercy outreach, every activity offered at the Mercy House will be either a health, education or life ministry.

6. Project "Go" Gospel Outreach Share Jesus

Grant Amount: \$5,000

To enable Oregon District LWML women to participate in mission trips associated with LCMS churches, international partner churches and LCMS Recognized Service Organizations (RSOs) to share Jesus' love in Word and action.

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Mission Grants for 2014-2016 Biennium-Oregon District, continued

7. LPFM Radio Station

Grant Amount: \$6,500

Faith Lutheran Church plans to start a new radio station in Rogue River, Oregon, which will broadcast Christian talk radio from a Lutheran perspective during the day, and sacred music during the night. Project construction to begin as funds are available and proceeds will be used for equipment for studio and transmitter.

8. New and Transforming Campus Ministries in Oregon

Grant Amount: \$3,600

Transforming Campus Ministries, a Recognized Service Organization of the LCMS, helps churches start campus ministries and transform existing ones. Its mission is to help others make Christ-followers-students, faculty, and staff whose lives are transformed by the Gospel-on college and university campuses. Pastor Greg Fairrow is seeking the Lord's blessing to equip several Oregon District LWML churches, through training and coaching to make Christ-followers on campus via this project.

9. Assisting Youth/College Students to "be a Friend"/Camp Counselor at Bethesda Communities Summer Camps

Grant Amount: 6,500

To assist Bethesda Auxiliary in giving financial assistance to youth/college students to "be a friend"/camp counselor at the summer camps attended by the people with intellectual and developmental disabilities supported by Bethesda Lutheran Communities, so that both campers and servants can develop friendships as they enjoy God's beautiful creation, and the youth/college students can develop leadership skills and use their God-given gifts to serve their Lord now and in the future.

10. Braille Portal of Prayer

Grant Amount: \$4,000

To assist with the material cost for the Braille "Portals of Prayer" devotional books. The funds would be used for the materials to produce 300+copies in Braille to give to people who are blind the comfort of funding peace and forgiveness in Jesus our Savior.

11. Trinity/HOPE

Grant Amount: \$5,000

To assist Lutheran churches in Haiti in spreading the Gospel to the hungry children who attend our schools by more adequately meeting their physical needs by providing a daily nutritious noon meal. Grant funds would be used to provide a meal for the children and their teachers in one specific school.

12. Graduate Studies for International Leaders at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

Grant Amount: \$3,950

To support the expenses of international Lutheran graduate students. This project is currently in operation and is ongoing. The annual cost of a graduate student is \$27,500-\$32,500. With the help of supporters, graduate school can make it possible for the hopes and the prayers of these international students to be answered and can provide the funding that is needed for those who are ready to begin their studies.

13. Isaiah's Promise in Memory of Isabelle Schutz

Grant Amount: \$3,950

To provide families, who decide to carry to term after receiving a severe or fatal prenatal diagnosis, support, information, friendship and hope. This is an ongoing mission and funds would be used entirely for publishing new materials and providing support for families.

Short Term Mission Trip to Trinidad

The following is Nita Hoops' recount of her mission trip to Trinidad.

Thank you and the Oregon District LWML 'Go Share Jesus' for the \$500 grant toward my mission trip to Trinidad July 2014. The following is my report for the OREGON LEAGUER:

Trinity Lutheran Church, Oregon City sponsored fifteen of us (10 adults and 5 children) representing 4 different congregations as we spent 2 weeks on a Short Term Mission trip in Trinidad in July 11-26. Valerie Vanderford and her husband, Carter were invaluable leaders as we spent many hours team building, doing Bible studies, having an all day retreat, and running 4 fund raisers over the 2 years prior to the mission trip. We stayed at the Trinidad-Tobago Urban Ministries' Conference and Retreat Center in St. Helen, Piarcro, Trinidad. The facility was very comfortable and we even had air conditioning in the shared rooms.

The team ran 2 different Vacation Bible Schools. Las Lomas, the first group of about 28 children met under a tent in a park. The second group of about 42 children met in a small church in Red Hill. Both groups of children were very receptive to hearing the story of Jesus. In fact, 5 children came forward at the altar call at the end of the second VBS. There was a pastor available for follow up at this location.

The team also visited 2 orphanages, 2 elder care facilities, a drug and alcohol rehab. center, and a young men's prison. We did crafts, played games, and talked to the children. We read from the Bible, sang hymns, and visited with the elderly. We shared a Sunday

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Short Term Mission Trip to Trinidad, continued

worship service with the men at the rehab. center and sang together and gave testimonials. The prison was the hardest visit. There were 150 young men under lock and key and many have been there for many, many years without a trial. I was able to talk to 8 of the young men...many of whom have been accused of murder. The most receptive prisoner was a 20 year old Muslim who was very interested in talking about Jesus and His parables.

We had full days as missionaries, but also had time to visit the beautiful country of Trinidad including: the Asa Wright Nature Center, Pigeon Point Beach in Tobago, two Hindu temples, Port of Spain (capital city), Maracas Bay Beach, and the T-T Botanical Gardens.

Mission trips help the missionary as well as those being served. This was my fifth opportunity to serve on a short term mission and I highly recommend the experience to others. God is Good!

The following is Valerie Vanderford's recount of her mission trip to Trinidad.

When we arrived in Trinidad, we were given a cultural tour to overview the various religions that are practiced in Trinidad. It was fascinating! Almost 40% of the population of Trinidad practices Hinduism. The rest are a mix of Muslim, Spiritual Baptists (not at all like American Baptists) and other religions. It is estimated that less than 10% are true Christians.

The first week of the trip we held VBS at a local sports complex. We had an average of 40 children attend each day. By the second day, they had set up chairs and were anxiously awaiting our arrival. The theme of the VBS was "God Chooses You." It was a wonderful week and the children were very well behaved. They worked so hard on scripture memorization!

We also visited 2 orphanages and 2 nursing homes. In the orphanages, we would put on a puppet show, sing songs, and do crafts with the kids. In the nursing homes, we would sing songs (they loved the old hymns!) and sit and visit or pray with the residents. Many of them were lonely and felt forgotten, and we were so happy to remind them that God is with them always.

The second week of the trip we held VBS in a Wesleyan church in a different area of Trinidad. We also averaged about 40 kids per day at that VBS. The kids in this area were largely unchurched and they were eager to hear about God's love. We were also able to go into a boy's prison and speak to some of the boys who were awaiting trial. One young man we met has been waiting over 9 years for his trial on murder charges. Quite a different justice system than we have in the U.S. We visited another orphanage and toured a nature reserve.

This is my third trip to Trinidad, and it felt very special this time. We had many of the Trinidadians come to see us who remembered us from previous trips. One lady hosted dinner for 10 members of our team...with no running water in her house. They are very gracious people and give everything they have to visitors.

Thank you again to LWML and the Gospel Outreach Committee for this gift. And thanks be to God for His incredible gifts.

Message from Cynthia Behrens, Past Oregon District LWML President

As I look back at the past 25 years during which God has blessed me with opportunities to be serving in the Oregon District LWML, my heart swells with gratitude to Him and to my Christian sisters and brothers in ORLWML. How the hand of God has and is still guiding each of us in reaching out to the lost through very meaningful mission grants and numerous other avenues of service to Him through LWML.

Each day, year and place that God gives us is a wonderful treasure for us in which we are to share His saving love and redemption with others.

God has now repositioned my family and me in Chattaroy, Washington, just north of Spokane. The bit of His creation we now live in is beautiful in a different way than the majestic, snow covered Three Sisters Mountains. Our backyard view consists now of calm, peaceful hay fields dotted with baled hay at the moment. The rest of our acreage is abundant with apple trees which are filled with green apples right now and we are dreaming of apple pies. Both views certainly show the bountiful creation of our Almighty God.

No matter what backyard view God has granted us just now, we are to be serving Him. Recalling our LWML pledge:

We pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us...our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him.

(The LWML Pledge, Rev. Harry Fricke 1955)

Let's keep in contact and please come to visit us!!

In Christ's love,
Cynthia Behrens, ORLWML Past District President
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LWML District Retreat-Fall 2015

In a recent Bible Study, our Pastor asked us to do this –Take a look in the mirror and see if you look any more like Jesus than you did ten years ago. That thought caused to me take a good look and see if I have become more like Jesus and if not, why not.

The Christian Life Committee will be looking for ways to help and encourage the LWML members of our district to become more and more like Jesus. Participating in our District Retreat is a great way to continue that growth process. Retreat site selection and planning for the Fall 2015 Retreat will begin soon. We ask you to keep this retreat planning in your thoughts and prayers.

Gretchen Stelling, Debbie Weaver, Pat Wetzel and Anita Eller will be the committee working on the retreat.

Christian Life Committee Over the Past 4 Years

Greetings beloved of the LORD, Children of God, LWML sisters and brothers, blessings from the LORD have overflowed the past four years. Here is a recap:

With much prayer and supplication, the beginning, an election... "On Eagles Wings" Convention 2010 Eagle Crest Resort, Redmond, Oregon: *"but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles, they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not faint."* Isaiah 40:31 with hope and strength of the LORD this LWML Christian Life Committee will soar. Blessed with the continuation of Glenda Dougherty as Chair of Christian Life and the gift of the Christian Life Committee: Anita Eller, Donna Luinstra, Janet Schultz and Rachel Behrens.

We began running and walking with the Lord, not growing weary, blessings continue, Pastor's Bohren, Gerke and Blesi guided and directed us on the LORD's path with wisdom and the first retreat came into His light; "Above All" 2011 Aldersgate "Hilltop" Turner, Oregon. *"And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony."* Colossians 3:14 ESV with love and fellowship we, LWML sisters in Christ, were bound together by the grace of God in perfect harmony.

Our Foundation: Jesus Christ "The Rock" Convention 2012 Best Western Agate Beach, Oregon: *"The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold."*

Psalm 18:2 ESV Christian Life welcomes our new Chair, Janet Schultz, taking refuge in the stronghold of our salvation Jesus Christ. The Christian Life Committee continues to serve our Rock and Shield for the entire four years, the LORD is good all the time.

His Presence with us: "Be Still" Retreat 2013 Christian Renewal Center Silverton, Oregon: *"Be still and know that I AM GOD."* Psalm 46:10 It's about relationship. Building a relationship, we need to know them, to know their name, to be silent and listen. Caring, sharing and loving. We learn the Names of God and their meaning, to draw closer with Elohim (Almighty God, your Creator), El Elyon (God most High who has delivered). We take a closer look at the names of God and learn to be still and know Him more intimately. Oh how He loves us!

The result of His overflowing grace: "Joy" Convention 2014 Embassy Suites Portland, Oregon: *"With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation"* Isaiah 12:3. Indeed JOY! Yes, abundantly overflowing. We drank deeply and left ready to share His joy! Jesus loves us, this we know, for the B.I.B.L.E tells us so, this little Gospel light will shine all around the neighborhood all the time. Praising and singing a new song to our Savior all the day long it has been a joy to serve the LORD with gladness!

To God Be the glory forever. AMEN.
Rejoice and again I say rejoice!

In His love and by His grace,
Deborah Lannen, past VP of Christian Life

Recording Secretary News

Blessings to Oregon District Women and Men in mission. We are indeed on a mission this new biennium.

I am the new Oregon District Recording Secretary, Marianne Dolson. I am a member of Faith Lutheran Church in Rogue River and I am looking forward to serving our Lord in this new vocation. I will be recording and transcribing the process and procedures of the meetings of the Executive Committee, Executive Board, the Steering Committee, the Convention and any other tasks the President asks me to do.

May He who is our light and our path guide our way to greater mission outreach in this new biennium. Blessings to all as we serve in our vocations through the body of Christ the church.

Marianne Dolson, Recording Secretary

Gospel Outreach News

The first JOY of being the new VP of Gospel Outreach has been the opportunity to mail a letter to all the grant recipients. The responses I have received say "thank you for your prayer, friendship, talents and treasure." The second JOY is sharing this wonderful heartfelt gratitude with all our LWML sisters. Your mites are truly touching the lives of many around the world. We are truly an outreach to many. Equally important in my new title is the word GOSPEL. By spending time with our Lord in prayer and reading His Word we can know the true JOY of serving Him.

Please check out www.orlwm.org and read the information on each grant that was adopted at the convention. Take note of the graph as your mites and prayers help to fund the grants. Take JOY in this opportunity.

Your faithful servant and VP of Gospel Outreach. I take JOY in adding these words to the list of my other "titles". Child of God, wife, mother, grandma, retired teacher and friend. Thank you for this opportunity.

Janet Schultz,
Vice President of Gospel Outreach



Young Woman Representative Application

June 25-28, 2015

Des Moines, Iowa

“And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work” (2 Corinthians 9:8 NIV)



Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Occupation _____

Home Congregation _____

Phone _____ email _____

Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper or type in a Word Document:

- 1) The LWML motto is “Serve the Lord with gladness” (Psalm 100:2). How do you do this in your life?
- 2) What groups and activities are you involved in or have you been involved in at your church?
- 3) What do you know about the LWML? Have you been involved at any level?
- 4) Why do you desire to be a Young Woman Representative for the district?
- 5) What do you feel your special interests, talents, and gifts are?
- 6) Will you commit to serve in some capacity in your district after the convention?
- 7) Your district is making a financial commitment to send you to the LWML convention. It will be an exciting and spiritually inspiring event with very little free time. Do you intend to participate in the full scope of the convention?

Please have someone who knows you well, perhaps the person who encouraged you to apply, answer the following question, “Why do you feel this woman would make a good Young Woman Representative?” Have them attach this answer on a separate sheet of paper along with their name and relationship to you.

Please send completed form to Stephanie Rakos at srakos@live.com

CLIP-N-SAVE

FALL SPRING RALLY DATES

Southern Zone Rally...September 27, 2014
Emerald Zone Rally...October 4, 2014
Interstate Zone Rally...October 4, 2014
Myrtlewood Zone Rally...October 4, 2014
Mt. Hood Zone Rally...October 11, 2014
Willamette Zone Rally...October 11, 2014
Juniper Zone Rally...October 11, 2014
Pacific Zone Rally...October 18, 2014
West Hills Zone Rally...October 25, 2014

IMPORTANT DATES IN 2014-2016

Lutheran Latino Missionary Convocations & Youth Event, Trinity, Oregon City...September 27, 2014
Lutheran Latino Mission's Fundraiser Banquet & Auction, Trinity, Portland...November 1, 2014
Northwest District Advancement, Trinity, Oregon City...November 8, 2014
LWML Board Meeting, Des Moines, IA...January 29-February 2, 2015
LWML Convention, Des Moines, IA...June 25-28, 2015
Oregon District Retreat...September 2015
EC/BOD Meeting...June 2, 2016
Oregon District LWML Convention, Hilton Hotel, Eugene...June 3-5, 2016

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PRAYER SUPPORT AVAILABLE

Would you like to have additional prayer support during difficult times and sharing praise for answered prayer? There is a district Prayer Chain available for your use. To have your name added to the Prayer Chain, email Jacquie Ingalls at ingalls.rose@yahoo.com. Please include your name and email address. Prayer requests can be emailed to Jacquie and she will forward the request.



and helping them use their gifts to serve the Lord. Be glad to be a part of LWML, and this year invite the women in your life to consider learning more about LWML with you.

Go to www.lwml.org/now and sign up to receive an email every other Tuesday that contains helpful ideas for sharing your passion and experience about the LWML with others in your personal circles at church and in your community. Be prepared to inform others about the heart and spirit of the LWML mission with every woman in your congregation, whether or not she may be active with LWML in this season of her life. You may unsubscribe at any time.

Become committed to helping LWML make an impact on the next generation! Become dedicated to sharing your heart for Jesus Christ, caring for your sisters in your community and congregation,