

WHAT IS A ZONE YOUNG WOMAN REPRESENTATIVE?

Any mature young woman who is preferably 21-35 years of age, a member of the LCMS, and has not previously attended a district convention as a YWR may become a Young Woman Representative.

A YWR has a deep love and devotion for her Lord Jesus Christ and is willing to participate in the full scope of the convention.

A YWR will fill out the application completely and honestly, and return it to her zone by the date it is due.

A YWR is willing to be away from home /work for the entire convention and the travel time involved to attend.

A YWR will attend all sessions of the convention, sitting with her zone delegation, though she will not be able to vote, and involved in other YWR convention activities.

A YWR will be asked to report on her convention experience either orally or in written form to the zone or society that nominated her.

A YWR will actively seek to be involved in her local LWML as well as encourage other young women to be active in the LWML.

Guidelines for Selecting an LWML Young Woman Representative

The YWR should:

Have a strong relationship with her Lord. Everything will flow from this. The significance of the LWML and the convention experience will hold great meaning for her. Her faith will encourage her as she carries out her YWR duties and responsibilities.

Have some knowledge of the LWML. She will gain much from her district convention experience if she understands the basics of the organization. **Each zone should make an effort to provide education and information for the YWR prior to the convention.**

Know what is expected of her on the zone level after the district convention, whether that is speaking engagements, attendance at zone events or YWR committee work.

Have experience or potential in at least two of the following areas: speaking, leading, recruiting, or encouraging. Since she will be expected to impact others with her convention experience, skills in these areas would be helpful.

Have a desire to make a difference. Enthusiasm to learn and being involved is a must! This YWR will be more willing to assume the responsibilities given her by the zone and serve in a sincere, dedicated manner.

These guidelines are suggestions to empower your Young Woman Representative program to have the greatest effect on the young women of your zone. May the Lord lead and guide you in your selection process!

Supporting Your Young Woman Representatives

Before the convention:

Distribute the YWR's photo and an article about her to the societies in your zone.

Give her some basic information about LWML and invite her to attend a meeting to see how LWML works on the zone level.

Find a travel liaison who offers to help with any travel arrangements that need to be made for the convention. This person would be available to travel with the YWR or pick her up on arrival at the convention, as well as also help with registration and hotel forms.

Pray that the YWR will come to the convention with an open mind and a willing heart, and that the Lord will bless her in this experience.

During the convention:

Encourage the YWR to connect with members of your zone at convention by telling her where the zone delegation is staying and giving her phone numbers. Perhaps different women from the zone could invite her to sit with them at meals.

Encourage her to participate in the YWR activities during convention.

Be ready for questions there is a lot happening at the convention, and it is kind of confusing, especially if this is the first time you attend.

Always have a smile and an encouraging word if you see the YWR around the convention center.

Pray that the Lord would strengthen the YWR so that she can fully participate in the convention and that the Lord will bless her.

After the convention:

Immediately send a follow-up note to the YWR.

Invite the YWR to a zone meeting and give her the opportunity to discuss her experiences and share her ideas.

Listen - Young women are creative and full of enthusiasm.

Ask the YWR to write an article for the Oregon District Leaguer or web site, www.orlwml.org.

Encourage your societies to extend personal invitations to the YWR to speak at their meetings.

Send or e-mail LWML newsletters and other information to her along with a personal note of encouragement to help maintain her interest.

Encourage her involvement in the planning process for YWR programming in the zone and district.

Pray for her.