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## How Will You Serve the Lord?

*Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!* (Psalm 100:2)

God's Word tells us to serve the Lord with gladness. How will you serve your Lord throughout this 2018 – 2020 biennium? What is your passion for service? Who or what excites and encourages you to step up and help others? How will you answer God's call to be a servant for Him?

Will you be coming to the 2018 LWML Ohio District Convention in Dublin, June 22 – June 24? Being a part of this faith-filled celebration is a wonderful opportunity to serve. Bringing items for the ingathering such as gift cards for those impacted by the hurricanes and personal hygiene articles for the homeless women serves our Lord as you serve those struggling to have the basic needs to live. Singing in the choir serves the Lord as you join your voice with others in adoration and thanks for all He has done for you. Accepting the responsibilities of a delegate serves the Lord as you vote to select the Mission Grants that will be funded and the officers that will support the LWML Ohio District. Praising and glorifying the Lord during worship services honors and serves Jesus as He has served you. Attending the 2018 LWML Ohio District Convention offers you a special and unique time to serve the Lord joyfully with your sisters and brothers in Christ.

Donating mites is a generous way to serve the Lord. Knowing the Lord loves you, encourages you to share your earthly treasures with those who need to experience and learn how much God loves them. It is a joy to share your blessings as God has blessed you. Filling your Mite Box is a delightful and rewarding way to serve the Lord.

Serving on a standing committee at the district level is an important way to serve the Lord. Assuming the responsibilities as a member of a committee is a privilege and an honor. Using your unique gifts and talents, you will offer new ideas as you serve on one of the five committees. Serving on the Christian Life Committee, you will be able to provide materials that will encourage women of the church to grow spiritually as well as be aware of Christian Life resources available online and in the LWML catalog. Being a member of the Mission Grants Committee, you will be responsible for evaluating all mission grant proposals and then selecting those grants for the LWML Ohio District Convention ballot. As a member of the Human Care Committee, you will be alerting members to opportunities and challenges for mission service in your church, community and the world. Serving on the Leader Development Committee, you will be encouraging women to reach out in love to invite other women to be a part of LWML as well as promote the Young Women Representative Program. As a member of the Structure Committee, you will be reviewing, studying and, when appropriate, amending the LWML Ohio District bylaws as well as examining all zone bylaws. Following Jesus means serving in ways that support and encourage the growth, health and extension of His kingdom.

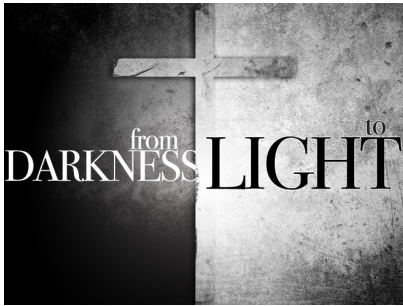
Holding an office in your zone is a responsible way to serve the Lord. As you lead your zone, you will be providing opportunities for Christian fellowship as well as promoting the mission and focus of LWML. You will be fostering the love of missions among the women in your zone. You will be serving the Lord as you use and apply your gifts of patience, encouragement, guidance, and support as a leader in your zone.

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## Coming Into The Light

Our 2018 District Convention is a time to celebrate God's abundant mercy and grace. We are grateful and praise our Lord that we are able to "Walk in the Light" of Christ (1 John 1:7). In the Spring 2018 issue of the *ODE*, Pastor Riley wrote about what it means to "Walk in the Light;" but how did we come into the Light? Where were we before we were in the Light?



The fact that you as a Christian now "Walk in the Light" implies that there was a time when you were not in the Light; a time of being in the darkness of death from sin and the accompanying guilt and condemnation that results.

Thanks be to God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that we have had a change in status: *But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession... who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light* (1 Peter 2:9, NIV).

Through His life, suffering, death, and resurrection, Jesus has made an eternal change in your life. It is by His work alone, on the cross for you, that... *has rescued [you] from the dominion of darkness and brought [you] into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom [you] have redemption, the forgiveness of sins* (Colossian 1:13-14, NIV). This transference is recorded and noted for you in your Baptism, so that you can be sure and confident of His calling, forgiveness and salvation.

As you are enabled by the Holy Spirit through faith to "Walk in the Light" of Christ now in this life, you can be certain that your future is bright. *Jesus has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people [saints] in the kingdom of light* (Colossians 1:12). You walk in the Light now, but you will forever walk in the brilliant light of God's presence in heaven.

*Pastor Daniel Herb, Jr. Pastoral Counselor*



*President's message continued...* Attending zone events and participating in zone activities is a joyful, fun way to serve the Lord. Encouraging and supporting each other shows God's love working in you. Nurturing your faith through Bible studies, speakers, and mission projects focuses your attention on God. Taking part in your zone events is serving the Lord by sharing your faith.

Whether you will be attending the convention, singing in the choir, donating mites, holding an office or committee position, attending zone events, or praising our Lord in worship, you will be serving the Lord with gladness. You belong to God, and you will be sharing His love as you joyfully, continually, and willingly dedicate yourself to do His will wherever and whenever He has need of you.

*Jeanne Schimmelmann, President*

## Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

This phrase is still resounding in my ears as we move forward from the Easter celebration. Many thoughts are turning to spring time activities such as spring cleaning, yard work, planting, etc. Many of us are wondering when the spring weather actually is going to become a reality.



In Ecclesiastes, we learn that there is a season for everything under the sun. In the LWML Ohio District, our thoughts are turning towards our convention in Dublin, Ohio, June 22-24.

The host committee is working quickly to wrap up the planning and completing last minute details. Our website, [www.lwmlohio.org](http://www.lwmlohio.org), has convention updates, registration forms, updates on mite totals and devotional thoughts. We hope to see you in Dublin, Ohio, in June.

*Ruth Mowery, Public Relations*

## Webmaster Says:

Have you stopped by the LWML Ohio District website [www.lwmlohio.org](http://www.lwmlohio.org) lately? You'll find updated information about mite giving; mission grants; convention news; zone events and so much more. The *ODE* and various links to the LWML.org sites are there too. So, "hop on the web" and stop by for a little visit.





## Copper Coins

Pennies, pennies, pennies, they are everywhere! My change purse is full of them, the change cup in my car has an abundance of them, and the weight of the penny jar is heavy enough to be a doorstop in gale force winds. When one drops a penny, more than likely they will not bother to pick it up as the value is so insignificant. When I was small, I loved getting pennies from my grandmother, but today my great grands want bigger coins.



There are those who want to discontinue producing the penny as it costs more to make them than they are worth. There is just not a whole lot you can do with a penny aside from paying sales tax or getting

one to four pennies in change when your purchase does not end in an even dollar amount.

In the Gospel of we read *and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. And he said "Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. For they contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on"* (Luke 21:2-4 ESV). (Did you ever notice the comparison of copper coins and pennies?)

The copper coins were the least valued coins of that time, just like our pennies today, but Jesus was pleased that the widow gave ALL she had. I know most of us today are blessed and can give out of our abundance. Keep putting those pennies, and other hard and soft money into Your Mite Boxes to help fund the mission grants for the Ohio District LWML and LWML. When we look back, the mites we gave did not cause us to lack for anything. As we prayerfully put our coins (no matter how many or how few) into our Mite Boxes, it is pleasing to Jesus, and when everyone's coins are added together we can meet and even exceed the mission ,rant goals.

*Letha Chambers, Christian Life*

## Finding Peace in Christ



Ever felt anxious or stressed about something? We all have. Did you know that when you are feeling anxious or stressed, your body releases stress hormones, such as adrenaline and cortisol?

To deal with these feelings, people tend to turn to food, drugs, alcohol, and excessive shopping. Not only does this cause negative effects to your body and mind, but also your wallet! Here are some helpful

tips to control your anxiety:

- ♥ Reach out to family, friends, pastor, or a counselor
- ♥ Meditate on God's Word
- ♥ Take deep breaths
- ♥ Exercise
- ♥ Eat a healthy diet
- ♥ Write in a journal
- ♥ Listen to calming music
- ♥ Purchase a fidget spinner

Finding peace in Christ though meditation will help you have a deeper connection to Christ. Take a moment to go to a place that is quiet. Start with a prayer and with your Bible in hand read:

Jude 1: 23-24, Philippians 4:7, Psalm 56:3, Isaiah 41:10, 2 Timothy 1:7, James 1:9, Psalm 34:18, Proverbs 12:25. Share your concerns with God. Take deep breaths in between these passages. Then finish with a prayer. There...now don't you feel better?

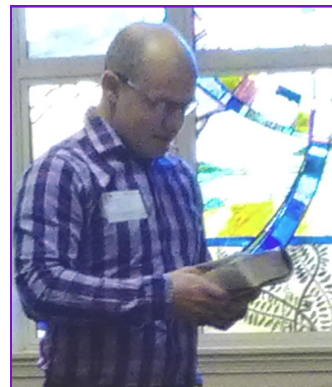
*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God* (Philippians 4:6 NIV).

*Julie Gresko, Human Care*

## Toledo Zone

*Lillian Keller*

On a sunny March day, the women of the LWML Toledo Zone held their **annual retreat** in the Reed Chapel of Ohio Living Swan Creek Retirement Village. The theme, "Count Your Blessings," was supported by the scripture verse, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.



The opening devotion was led by Lillian Keller. The Rev. Ryan Kleimola, pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Toledo and LWML Toledo Zone Pastoral Counselor, was our retreat leader. The sessions focused on "blessings" and God's Covenant with us. Pastor concluded the sessions with the Aaronic blessing, and

Grace Harris led the closing devotion.

Six women presented the skit "Betty's Blessings," giving us a humorous look at recognizing blessings in our every-day life. Our singing was accompanied by Christine Habrecht. The in-gatherings benefitted the Ohio Branch of Orphan Grain Train and mites for mission grants. Thrivent Action Team funds supported the cost of a delicious lunch. The women left with a new look at and understanding of their everyday blessings—both spiritual and material.



## Something Old, New, Borrowed, ...Purple!

What's old - The LWML is 75 years old!

What's new? Leadership Development Committee!

What's borrowed - Wisdom and Strength

What's purple - Everything LWML!

Do you know any young women about 20-35 years of age lurking in your churches or zones just waiting to be called into service? Please encourage them to apply to become a Young Women Representative! Applications need to be given to Zone Presidents by April 28th.

Zone Presidents - Please send the completed applications to Lisa Rhonemus by May 11.

### Sisters needed!

This year we are going to begin a secret prayer sister program which will partner with the YWR program. As a Secret Sister you will receive the name of a YWR as well as some personal information such as their birth date and contact information. You will then pray for her and send notes of encouragement (birthday/Christmas cards, etc.) throughout the biennium. Your identity should remain secret until the next district convention when you will be introduced in person or reveal your identity through a letter.



Our goal: create intergenerational relationships that will help retain new LWMLers and strengthen the faith of all involved. If you are interested or have more questions about this program please contact Lisa Rhonemus at [lisa\\_rhonemus@yahoo.com](mailto:lisa_rhonemus@yahoo.com) or (937) 509-7270.

*Lisa Rhonemus, Leadership Development*

**Contributions for Honors and Memorials** should be sent with the completed contribution form available on the Ohio District LWML website to:

#### **Judy Sonnenberg, Financial Secretary**

16539 US 6, Napoleon, OH 43545

419-592-8191, [sonn2@centurylink.net](mailto:sonn2@centurylink.net)



**COME ONE !  
COME ALL !**



### "WALK IN THE LIGHT"

**At the 2018 Ohio District  
LWML CONVENTION**

**June 22-24**

**Registration Deadline: MAY 15**

**TIME is SHORT Register TODAY**

**Don't miss this wonderful opportunity**

**Forms are on Ohio District website:**

[www.lwmlohio.org](http://www.lwmlohio.org)

**Come, Enjoy Fun, and fellowship! Learn more about the amazing work your mites are doing in Ohio and the surrounding area.**

**The site is the newly remodeled  
Marriott Inn, Dublin, OH.**

**If you cannot attend the entire convention, join more than 300 other Lutheran women as we worship our Savior and commune together**

**Friday June 22 at 7 p.m.**

**Honors - Memorials  
January - March 2018**

**In Memory of:**  
 Helen Schwartz  
 Kay Czaherski  
 June Volpi  
 Nina Ann (Taylor) Stricker  
 Marianne Halvorson  
 Delores Bernath  
 Corinne (Connie) Duerk  
 Pauline Hoyer  
 Patricia Harmish  
 Kim Welch

**In Honor of:**  
 Phyllis Radefeld



## Convention: Candidates

### Vice President of Christian Life

#### Cathy Fernandez



**LWML Participation:**  
**Society:** Service project coordinator (2014 – present)  
**Zone:** Christian Life Committee member, Mite-y Woman  
**District:** Christian Life Committee member and chairman  
**Church:** Parish Care Board Chairman, executive council, Child Care Coordinator, child care worker, VBS craft director, Faith meal coordinator  
**Community:** Serve and prepare meals monthly at Faith Mission, attend Faith Mission "Deck the Halls" events, booth worker at Arts Festival for Faith Mission  
**Family:** Married for 29 years to Hugo, children Gabriela and Anthony  
**Strengths:** Determined, organized, detail oriented, passion for LWML, experience on the Christian Life committee. Grew up with an LWML mom.

#### Karen Fischer



**LWML Participation:**  
**Society:** Member, 8 years  
**Zone:** Vice President (4 years), Co-chair of fall retreat, 2016  
**Church:** Chair of Human Care (2012-2016)  
**Community:** Mission trip to Poland (2017), Christmas morning breakfast (feeding the homeless – 1999-present)  
**Employment:** Junior high teacher (1987-2004), Adjunct professor of English (2002-2017)  
**Family:** Married to Joseph Fischer, Daughters Kary Ellen and Kelsey, elderly mom, three grandchildren  
**Strengths:** Good communication skills, experience as an educator, strong supporter of LWML, enjoys serving the Lord.

### Vice President of Gospel Outreach

#### Sandra Dixon



**LWML Participation:**  
**Society:** Treasurer, LWML representative, service on many committees  
**Zone:** Secretary (several terms), chaired bylaws revision committees  
**District:** Host Committee for 1991 international convention, Chairman of Mission Advocacy and Grant Committee, Human Care Committee, Nominating Committee  
**National:** Zone delegate to three national conventions  
**Church:** Tallmadge Community Outreach Board, fall craft show organizer, rummage sale chairman, Family Fun Carnival, choir, attend Bible studies, organized prayer shawl meetings, Christ Care Community, Community Outreach of Love, Akron-Canton Food Bank, Akron Pregnancy Solutions volunteer  
**Employment:** Retired  
**Family:** Married for 43 years to Keith L. Dixon, son Andrew L. F. Dixon  
**Strengths:** Has always loved missions. Has been on several mission trips in the U.S. for hurricane and poverty relief. Serves with gladness.

#### Dorene Henschen



**LWML Participation:**  
**Society:** Member at Atonement, Columbus, Handler for Rosie the Comfort Dog, several outings per month  
**Zone:** Member of host committee for convention in 2018  
**District:** Brought Rosie to 2016 LWML District convention and 2017 Board of Directors Meeting  
**Church:** Attended and participated in LCC Comfort Dog Conferences, 2015 and 2017, presenter at Atonement's Summer Camp, LSS Food Pantry volunteer  
**Community:** Serving Our Neighbors Ministries: math presenter, tutor for immigrants; Started and advised a 4-H club, provided Equine Assisted Growth and Learning sessions for distressed individuals  
**Employment:** Math teacher (39 years), editor for Charles Merrill Publishing, consultant for McGraw Hill, PRAXIS evaluator for Ohio Department of Education  
**Strengths:** Organizational skills (has managed summer schools, resorts, rental properties and school teams), mathematical skills, experience with awarding grants for educational excellence, enthusiasm.

Convention: Candidates, continued

**Recording Secretary**

**Elizabeth Underwood**



LWML Participation:  
 Society: President (two 4-year terms)  
 Zone: Vice President (2007-2011), President (2011 – 2017)  
 District: Co-Chairman, Host Committee for 2016 Convention  
 Church: Sunday school teacher, member of Board of Education, representative to Milford Miami Ministry Board (20 years, secretary 4 years, chair of fundraising event 3 years)  
 Community: Land of Goshen Initiative (secretary 4 years), Children and Parents Together (secretary 4 years)  
 Employment RMS of Ohio: Support Associate  
 Family: John and I have been married for almost 30 years. My daughter lives in Amelia and my son lives in Kettering. My husband and I live in Goshen with our dog, Tula  
 Strengths: Detail oriented, good communication skills, analytical

**Treasurer**

**Beth Marth**



LWML Participation:  
 Society: Treasurer (2006 – 2015), President (2015 – present)  
 Zone: Secretary (2016 – present)  
 District: Treasurer (2010 – 2014), Host for several Board of Directors' meetings  
 National: Has attended nine national conventions  
 Church: Assistant Treasurer (2005-2014), Sunday School teacher, Bell choir  
 Community: High school booster organizations  
 Employment CPA since 1993 (not active at this time), 22 years with FPO Solutions as accountant  
 Family: Two sons: Jason Pollo and Kyle Marth; Daughter-in-law, Kara Pollo; Grandson, Peyton  
 Strengths: Experience as Certified Public Accountant, past District Treasurer

**Nominating Committee**

**Hope Boring**



LWML Participation:  
 Society: Member at Beautiful Savior, Powell, 2014 - present  
 Zone: Member, Christian Life committee  
 District: Convention photographer, 2016 and 2018  
 Church: Chair of Sunshine (3 years), Chair of Evangelism (2 years), Choir, photographer  
 Community: Executive Board member for Living Hope Ministries of Haiti, Inc.; Rector of Cum Christo Women's Weekend Oct. 2017, member of Leader's School for Cum Christo  
 Employment JPMorgan Chase  
 Family: Married to Steven K. Boring  
 Strengths: Energy, enthusiasm and organization

**Janet Guda**



LWML Participation:  
 Society: Vice President of Ladies Guild (2012-2014), member Faith, Avon, LWML  
 Zone: Vice President (2014-2016), Secretary (2016 – present)  
 District: Chair: Better Mite Management Committee (1980's), Recording Secretary (1970's), Structure Committee member (2012-2014), Structure Committee Chairman (2014-2016)  
 National: Music Committee, 1991 International LWML convention at Cleveland  
 Church: Currently participating in two Bible study groups, Resource Library Chairman, Prayer Group  
 Community: Musician for a local assisted living facility, senior care ministry  
 Employment Faith Lutheran Church organist and choir director  
 Family: Husband is deceased, son: David Giessler, stepson: Nelson Guda, Stepdaughter: Brooke Molina  
 Strengths: Regular intercessory prayer, organizational skills



*He said to them (his disciples), "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. (Luke 10:1-2 ESV).zzz*





## Convention: Candidates, continued

### Nominating Committee, continued

#### Diana Schnack



**LWML Participation:**

Society: Member, 1983 to present  
 Zone: Christian Life Chairman (2005 – 2016)  
 District: Member Development Chairman (1990's), Vice President of Christian Life (2014-2018)  
 Church: 1974 – present. Young Adult Bible Study, Substitute organist, Women of the Church, Sunday school teacher, choir, youth group leader, VBS director, Christmas program director, bylaws committee, secretary, Boards of Stewardship, Education, Youth, Fellowship

Community: Community Service Day, Child Safety Committee, Food Pantry, PTA vice president and president

Employment Ohio Health – Medical Records, medical transcriptionist; SouthWestern City Schools adult education teacher; Columbus State Community College adjunct professor

Family: Husband Bob Schnack, children Mark and Kari

Strengths: Enthusiasm, people skills, leadership

#### Karen Shanahan



**LWML Participation:**

Society: Helped with rallies and meetings, prepared bulletins and programs  
 Zone: Public Relations: bulletins, posters, programs for events  
 District: ODE Editor for 3 years, designed logos for 2016 and 2017 district conventions  
 National: Designed and constructed the Ohio District banner for 2015 national convention  
 Church: Designed and managed Stewardship Campaign (2014), choir, church council, mission board, Friendship Circle assistant, Sunday school teacher, directed Christmas pageants

Community: Political activist; City Council candidate (2005, 2007), Toledo Transportation Club board member 30 years, president 3 terms

Employment Retired

Family: Herbert Rex Shanahan, Jr and I have been married 53 years and have two children, Jennifer House, and Herbert (Bert) Shanahan III; three grandsons ages 20, 9 and 3.

Strengths: Creativity, enthusiasm, strong faith in God, organizational skills, advanced computer application knowledge, enjoyment of working with others

#### Jane D. Stolzenburg



**LWML Participation:**

Society: Vice president (2008 – present)  
 Zone: President (2009-2013), Vice-Chairman of Host Committee for 2018 convention  
 Church: Sunday school teacher (25 years), VBS director (3 years), Evangelism visits, Living Discipleship Journey, Friendship Ministry leader, Baptism ministry, Ruth Circle, offering counter, proofread church bulletins

Employment Primary teacher (21 years); now retired

Family: Children: Mark D. Stolzenburg, Kristine K. Rebacz

Strengths: Organizational skills, dedication

#### Karyl H. VanMeurs-Juergens



**LWML Participation:**

Society: Bethany Lutheran member 1988-1994 Organizer and member at Good Shepherd, Florence, KY 1995 – present

Zone: Recording Secretary (1990's), Fall Retreat Chairman/ Co-chairman, delegate to national convention in Peoria

District: 1998 convention properties chairman, Christian Life Committee, Vice President for Christian Life ((2002-2006), Vice President for Gospel Outreach (2014-2018)

National: 1991 Cleveland Cleveland-usher, attended national conventions in 1999, 2003, 2015,  
 Church: (At Bethany and at Good shepherd) Sunday school teacher, youth co-leader, VBS coordinator, float committee, Outreach chairman, Easter Eggstravaganza, newsletter editor, food pantry volunteer, puppet ministry director

Community: Cross the Bridge for Life, Walk for Life, cameraman for local cable TV to events at Thomas More College and neighborhood festivals, Cincinnati Blues Fest volunteer

Employment Occupational therapist

Family: Married to Keith O. Juergens

Strengths: Detail oriented, organized, familiar with many aspects of LWML



## Convention: Candidates, Ingatherings, Servant Events

### Pastoral Counselor

#### Paul Hoffman



**Education:** Master of Divinity, Concordia Seminary, 1975  
 Doctor of Ministry, Concordia Seminary, St Louis, 1994

**Served:** Immanuel and First English Lutheran churches, Minnesota, 1975-1978  
 Immanuel, Harvel, IL 1978-1983  
 Trinity, Jackson, MI 1983-1989  
 St. James, Cleveland, OH 1989-2016, retired in 2016

**LWML:** Cleveland South Zone Counselor 16 years

**LCMS:** District: Secretary (1996-2006 and 2012 – present), Chairman, District Committee on Constitutional Matters, District Archivist

**Family:** Married to Jane for 46 years. Sons: Scott and Andrew

#### Keith Witte



**Education:** Master of Divinity, Concordia Seminary, Fort Wayne, 2009

**Served:** Mt. Calvary, Brookings, SD, as vicar  
 St. Paul, Liberty Center, OH (2009-2017)  
 Bethlehem, Fairborn, OH (2017-present)

**LWML:** During vicarage: led LWML Bible studies, assisted LWML in support of campus ministry at South Dakota State University; Pastoral Counselor, Napoleon Zone, two terms; Bible Study Leader, LWML Ohio District Convention, 2016

**LCMS:** District: Worship coordinator, 2015 Ohio District convention  
 Synodical: University Education Floor Committee (2016); Delegate, 2016 National

**Family:** Married to Allison for 12 years. Children: Nathaniel, Joshua, Zoe, Joseph. The family enjoys museums, science centers, ice rinks and concerts.

## Ingatherings

The Human Care Committee chose two ingathering opportunities to help those in need. The hurricanes last year ravaged homes, schools, churches, even whole towns and cities. Recovery will continue for a very long time. The LCMS Disaster Response teams under the Rev. Dr. Ross Johnson, Director, will continue to assist those affected as long as a need exists. The LWML can help by donating **WalMart gift cards in any denomination** that will be given to victims and pastors in the disaster areas through the LCMS Disaster Response.

The other opportunity is to help homeless women in a shelter of Lutheran Social Services (LSS) in Columbus, Ohio. The LSS Faith Mission serves both men and women. The Human Care Committee is collecting travel size personal **hygiene items** for these women. Also they will be given a small Bible and a tote bag for their personal use. All items should be brought to the 2018 LWML Ohio District Convention. The Human Care Committee will gratefully accept all of the gift cards and personal hygiene items given by the ladies of LWML.

suggested hygiene items (**travel size is recommended as all items must be carried daily**):

- Bar Soap (Scented); Body Mist/Spray; Brushes; Combs; Deodorant; Lotion;
- Toothpaste; Toothbrushes (individual packages); Women's Razors

*Charlotte Blumenschein, Human Care Committee*

## Servant Events

**CHILDREN'S PACKETS:** 2-4 p.m. Reach out to hospitalized children. Assemble packets of coloring pages with crayons for younger children. Make small booklets of various activities for older children. These will be given to hospitals to be used for children and teens.

**ZUMBA:** 2-3 p.m. Participate in a Latin-inspired cardio dance workout. Add variety to an exercise routine. Participants are encouraged to wear supportive fitness shoes and clothes that move and breathe with their movements.

**BOOKMARKS FOR BIBLES:** 2-4 p.m. Make bookmarks to be placed in small Bibles for homeless people through the LSS Faith Mission in Columbus. On the bookmarks, copy a list of Bible verse locations provided by Rev. Daniel Herb, Jr. Pastoral Counselor. A personal note or a favorite Bible verse may be added if space allows on the other side.

**AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE:** Noon-5 p.m. Blood donations will be accepted Friday from Noon until 5:00 p.m. It is recommended that each donor eat something prior to participating in the drive.





## Convention: Bylaw Amendments

Rationale for following amendments is to move the position of Editor of the *ODE* from Appointed Officers to Special Appointed Personnel.

### Article X - Appointed Officers

#### Section 1

**Proposed Amendment:**

Strike the words "Editor of the *ODE*"  
Strike the "s" in "officers" to read "officer"  
Replace "they" with "she"

**Existing bylaws read:**

The appointed officers shall be the Editor of the *ODE* and the Public Relations Director, and they shall...

**If adopted will read:**

The appointed officer shall be the Public Relations Director, and she shall...

#### Section 2

**Proposed amendment:**

Strike Section 2.

**Existing bylaws read:**

The Editor shall be responsible for the publication of the *ODE* of the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*.

- a. be responsible for submitting a digital copy of the *ODE* to the Webmaster.

**If adopted will read:**

Section 3 will become Section 2.

### Article XI - Special Appointed Personnel

#### Section 1

**Proposed Amendment:**

Insert "and the Editor of the *ODE*" to Section 1.

**Existing bylaws read:**

The special appointed personnel shall be an Archivist-Historian, a parliamentarian, a Secretary to the President, a Circulation Manager, and the Webmaster appointed by the President, and they shall...

**If adopted will read:**

The special appointed personnel shall be an Archivist-Historian, a Parliamentarian, a Secretary to the President, a Circulation Manager, the Webmaster, and the Editor of the *ODE* appointed by the President, and they shall...

### Article XI - Special Appointed Personnel

**Proposed Amendment:**

Add Section 7

**Existing bylaws read:**

Section does not exist.

**If adopted will read:**

- Section 7 The Editor shall be responsible:
- a. for the publication of the *ODE* of the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*.
  - b. for submitting a digital copy of the *ODE* to the Webmaster.

### Article XII – Board of Directors

**Proposed Amendment:**

Delete "Editor of the *ODE* of the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*"

**Existing bylaws read:**

Section 1

- a. The Board of Directors shall be the elected officers, Zone Presidents, Editor of the *ODE* of the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*, Public Relations Director...

**If adopted will read:**

Section 1

- a. The Board of Directors shall be the elected officers, Zone Presidents, Public Relations Director...

### Article XIII – Executive Committee

**Proposed Amendment:**

Delete "Editor of the *ODE* of the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*"

**Existing bylaws read:**

Section 1

The Executive Committee shall be the elected officers. The Pastoral Counselors, the Editor of the *ODE* of the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*, and the Public Relations Director...

**If adopted will read:**

Section 1

The Executive Committee shall be the elected officers. The Pastoral Counselors and the Public Relations Director...



## Convention: Offerings & Interest Sessions

### Offerings

#### Friday Worship, June 22, 2018 - Offering #1: Mites

**Saturday, June 23, 2018 – Offering #2: Reaping the Harvest Ministries**, a member of LCMS located in Cleveland, Ohio, is a Christian congregation serving the local community. RTHM strives to seek, engage and encourage others through a life-changing Christian journey. It is a loving, friendly community that worships God and serves others. RTHM teaches the Bible and follows the example of Jesus. Being a city mission, it is building relationships with the community by conducting Sunday worship and by hosting clothing drives and community dinners. RTHM also offers sidewalk prayers to anyone they greet on Saturday afternoons. RTHM's vision is to impact and renew Cleveland and beyond with the transforming message of Jesus Christ through words and actions. RTHM recently organized a new LWML society with fifteen members who serve the Lord with gladness.

**Sunday, June 24, 2018 – Offering #3: LCMS Response Plan** has been prepared to support relief and mercy efforts to the hurricane victims in Puerto Rico. The LCMS has two full time disaster-response coordinators in Puerto Rico, and the Synod has contracted with a member of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Mayaguez to provide part-time assistance. The LCMS response plan includes: 1) distributing food and items for families with young children (diapers, wipes, formula); 2) establishing mercy centers in Mayaguez and Ponce; 3) starting an English-as-a-Second-Language program; 4) starting a music outreach and training program for impoverished children and youth; and 5) beginning a roofing and home repair project. Since the Synod's Caribbean region has been very supportive of recovery efforts, Ministry in Mission will act as the financial agent for those funds collected to support the LCMS Response Plan to aid those in need in Puerto Rico.

### Saturday Interest Sessions

**Bringing the Gospel of Christ to the Caribbean:** Presented by Rev. Charles St-Onge, Area Facilitator for Latin America and Caribbean LCMS World Missions. The Nations of the Caribbean are some of the poorest in the west. The LCMS currently has church planting work going on in Puerto Rico, the Cayman Islands, Jamaica, and the Dominican Republic. Come and hear how to help your Synod bring the Gospel of Christ to the islands, and the nations of the Caribbean to the Church.

**POP! (Presentation On Presentations!):** Presented by the Christian Life Committee. Let your confidence "soar" to new heights, "inflate" the possibilities of how to creatively "string" along your audience while being careful not to "burst" anyone's hopes of successfully "popping" ideas into the heads of leaders or followers. Gain insight on how YOU can become a "colorful" speaker while sharing the word of God. "Deflate" negative thoughts as everyday items turn into fascinating topics for devotions, skits, Bible studies, retreats, fellowships, etc. WARNING: There may be a balloon or two bursting with joy!

**Meetings:** Presented by the Structure Committee. Meetings are important. We want them to run smoothly and be productive. How do we make this happen? Join the Structure Committee as we tiptoe through land mines that may be scattered within a meeting and arrive safely at the closing gavel.

**New Testament Mysteries - Old Testament Clues:** Presented by Dr. Phillip Giessler, missionary to seven African countries and Cuenca, Ecuador. His upcoming book equips Christians with fun Bible knowledge that opens up New Testament truths via fascinating Old Testament data that can really get religious inquirers hooked on Scripture and its Christ-centered surprises.

**LWML's Newest Kid on the Block!:** Presented by Pat Bilow, LWML Senior Gift Planning Counselor, and Beth Marth, Gifts of Love Gift Planning Advocate. "So, what's that all about?" Don't bother going to Wikipedia, Siri, or Google. The scoop is right here! If you have remembered LWML in your estate plan or want to set up a plan to remember LWML, this session is for you! Legacy Circle is all about thanking God for the blessings He has first given us. All attendees will receive two helpful resources: "PROVIDE & PROTECT: Important Life and Death Decisions" and "PASSING ON YOUR FAITH, WISHES AND INSTRUCTIONS: A Practical End-of-Life Guide for You and Your Family." (This interest session for Convention is new since the last edition of ODE.)

**PASTORS GIVEN PRIORITY, The Creed as Outlined for Outreach:** Rev. Daniel Herb, LWML Ohio District Junior Counselor, will present a program on using the Creed as an outline for Christians to speak confidently to others about their faith. Pastors will learn tools to instruct and encourage those who are hesitant to share the good news of God's love. Pastor Herb will show that the church has had this complete and time-tested summary of the faith for centuries that is taught to confirmands.



## Convention: Mission Grant Proposals

LWML Ohio District Mission Grant Proposals 2018-2020 (In order of receipt)		
<b>#1</b>	<b>Support for Center of Refuge Orphanage in Jacmel, Haiti (meals)</b> <u>Ministry In Mission, Chesterland, Ohio</u> To provide funding for a daily meal for children living at the orphanage and their caregivers.	\$12,000
<b>#2</b>	<b>Support for Church Work Full Time Students</b> <u>LCMS Ohio District Student Aid Committee</u> To provide support and encouragement to full time students from Ohio District preparing for careers in church work.	\$15,000
<b>#3</b>	<b>Support for Seminarians</b> <u>LCMS Ohio District Student Aid Committee</u> To provide support and encouragement to Seminary students from Ohio District preparing for careers as LCMS Pastors.	\$15,000
<b>#4</b>	<b>Building Resiliency, One Family at a Time</b> <u>Project Hope for the Homeless, Painesville, OH</u> To provide overnight shelter, care and guidance to 8 homeless parents and/or children guests for 32 nights.	\$10,000
<b>#5</b>	<b>Families Serving Families</b> <u>St. Paul Lutheran Church, Liberty Center, OH</u> To purchase materials and supplies for no-cost home repairs to community members with physical &/or financial barriers to maintain their homes.	\$5,000
<b>#6</b>	<b>POBLO Missionary/Evangelist</b> <u>Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Kettering, OH</u> To help with funding costs for relocation, housing, transportation, daily necessities to bring a Missionary/Evangelist (to Muslims immigrants) to the Dayton, OH area.	\$10,000
<b>#7</b>	<b>ESL &amp; After School Tutoring</b> <u>Ebenezer Ethiopian Evangelical Church (LCMS), Whitehall OH</u> To purchase necessary books, materials and furnishings to facilitate the launch of English as a Second Language and After School Tutoring outreach programs.	\$5,000
<b>#8</b>	<b>Military Veterans and Family Member Counseling, Care and Services</b> <u>Lutheran Military Veterans &amp; Family Ministries, Fort Wayne, IN</u> To provide support for LMVFM to extend and continue services to veterans and their families throughout the Ohio District.	\$10,000
<b>#9</b>	<b>Carrie Twyman Kids Church</b> <u>Immanuel Lutheran Church, Cincinnati, OH</u> To assist with the cost of purchasing new Bibles and Christian teaching tools, and to provide a stipend for volunteer drivers in order to expand services to more children.	\$5,000
<b>#10</b>	<b>Worship Anew – Sharing God’s Word in Ohio Through Television</b> <u>Lutheran Ministries Media Ft. Wayne, IN – formerly Worship For Shut-Ins</u> Help fund broadcast fees to expand outreach in new Ohio television markets.	\$10,000
<b>#11</b>	<b>Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne Food Co-Op</b> <u>Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana</u> To provide financial assistance for the purchase of perishable items for the Food Cooperative at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana.	\$10,000
<b>#12</b>	<b>Post-Seminary Applied Learning &amp; Support, Curriculum &amp; Resources</b> <u>The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod, Pastoral Education Ministry</u> To assist with the cost of books needed for new Pastors’ (and wives) continuing education and support groups.	\$3,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$110,000</b>



## ODE Submission

Deadlines for article submissions:

- Spring January 5
- Summer April 5
- Fall July 5
- Winter October 5



Submit news, pictures, and articles for approval for  
 Zones: to the Zone President  
 District: to the District President

## Mighty Mites

**Directing Thrivent Choice Dollars to Mites:** Direct to LWML Ohio District by selecting Lutheran Women's Missionary League, Mentor, Ohio (not Toledo).

**Joyful Response® to Mites:** To donate mites directly from your checking account each month contact **Judy Sonnenberg**. She will send you a Joyful Response® form. It can be set it up quickly.

**Contributions to Mites, Memorials, Honors:** Mites Remittance Forms are available on the district website or from **Judy Sonnenberg**, Financial Secretary. Make checks payable to "LWML Ohio District" and send with completed form to Judy.

## Quarterly and ODE Subscriptions

Submit quantity changes and address changes to **Kim Klein**, Subscription Manager

**DEADLINE FOR REDUCTION IS MARCH 1, 2018**

### Annual Subscription Costs

- Quarterly 1-9 Copies = \$6.50/each
- Quarterly 10+ Copies = \$5.00/each
- ODE All quantities = \$2.50/each

Donations toward the cost of the *Quarterly* and *ODE* should be included with your Mites Remittance Form and mail to **Judy Sonnenberg**, Financial Secretary



If you have remembered LWML in your gift/estate plan, we give thanks to God for you and invite you to make us aware of your gift so that we can welcome you into the LWML Gifts of Love Legacy Circle.

For those of you considering remembering LWML in your gift/estate plan, now is the time to complete or update your plan. Please know, you are making an eternal difference! To join the Legacy Circle, contact your LWML's Gift Planning Counselor, Pat Bilow, at email [patbilow.lwml@gmail.com](mailto:patbilow.lwml@gmail.com) or 800-741-4138, ext. 2.

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- Roberts Rules [www.robertsrules.org](http://www.robertsrules.org)

## 2016-2018 Mission Goal - \$205,000.00

Description	March 2018	Biennium Total
Mites Received	\$18,669.84	\$168,249.87
Stamps for Missions	\$120.00	\$3,690.26
Thrivent Choice Dollars	\$184.00	\$6,487.00
Quarterlies & ODEs	\$1,590.00	\$11,947.55
Honors/Memorials	\$185.00	\$6,210.51
<b>Total Mission Income</b>	<b>\$20,748.84</b>	<b>\$196,585.19</b>

Still needed to reach the Mission Goal: \$8,414.81.