

# Sharing and gifting

The holiday gift-giving season has arrived! Are the gifts all purchased? If not, here is a suggestion. Consider giving an honorarium to LWML Texas District for that special someone you love, or the person who has encouraged you in the faith through the years, or even perhaps that one person who “has everything.” This gift can be designated for mites or one of the endowment funds. A gift to mites helps ensure that all the mission grants adopted at the 2020 convention will receive funding and help the recipients in carrying out the mission of sharing the Gospel with those eager to hear.

The district is receiving mite offerings online. Click the “Donate” button toward the bottom of the page at [lwmltxdist.org](http://lwmltxdist.org). You may donate either through PayPal or by credit card.

Prefer using Venmo? From the



Venmo app, simply search for *@LWML-Texas District* and enter that mite offering. The memo or note section can be used to provide additional information for the financial secretary, which includes where the offering is to go (mites, specific endowment), group name (if an LWML member) or individual name, church name and church city.

And for a truly easy means of giving every month, consider using

the Joyful Response program, which will automatically deduct a designated amount from a banking account. For more information, visit [lwmltxdist.org](http://lwmltxdist.org) and go to the “Giving” tab located at the top, or contact Kathy Walther at [financialsecretary@lwmltxdist.org](mailto:financialsecretary@lwmltxdist.org).

LWML is quickly arriving at the end of its current biennium, which is even more reason for us as members to continue our faithful giving of mites. Remember, 25 percent of our mite offerings go directly to the national LWML. At this time, LWML is behind in the dollar amounts usually received by this time in the biennium.

Most importantly, do not forget to support these mission grants with prayer. The offerings help with funding, but it is only through our Lord’s love and graciousness that these mission grants continue to fund ministries that share the hope that is in us as children of the Heavenly Father.

**May the Lord bless your efforts!**  
Kelly Bernhardt, Treasurer  
Kathy Walther, Financial Secretary

## Scholarships available

We have some good news to share with you! The LWML Texas District will award scholarships to women attending an LCMS institution of higher learning during the 2021-22 school year. To be eligible, the applicant must be a member of a Texas District congregation and is studying to become a full-time professional church worker in the LCMS.

The deadline for submitting an application is March 31.

For eligibility requirements and to apply, visit [lwmltxdist.org](http://lwmltxdist.org); go to “Committees” and select “Scholarships” from the drop-down menu. For more information, contact Joyce Martinets, Scholarship Committee chairman, from her link at [lwmltxdist.org/contact-your-officers](http://lwmltxdist.org/contact-your-officers).



## Stay connected

[lwmltxdist.org](http://lwmltxdist.org)

Send LWML news and photos to Joanna Roche, District News editor, [districtnews@lwmltxdist.org](mailto:districtnews@lwmltxdist.org)

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**FROM THE PRESIDENT**

## A time to reflect



As the new church year begins, I once again gaze with wonder at the beauty and meaning of the Advent wreath. Each candle with a specific representation — three purple (or blue), one pink and one white standing tall in the center. Purple (or blue) and pink candles representing hope, love, joy and peace, surrounding the single white candle — the Light of the World.

As I reflect on everything that has created havoc in our lives this past year, I remember the times I wasn't sure there would again come a time of joy and wonderment. Now, here I am preparing for the celebration of the birth of our Lord. For me, as I pray for you also, I begin this new church year with the sure hope in His promises, so very thankful for the love He so graciously provided through this very tough season of life.

I can feel the joy that is mine and yours in our Baptism and I rest in the peace of knowing He continues to safely tuck me in His arms every day. May the hope, love, joy and peace of this Advent season carry you forward through the time the Lord has laid out for us here on earth.

**Designs are requested** for our district banner for the LWML 39th Biennial Convention, to be held June 24-27 in Lexington, Ky.

Banner specifications can be found at [lwmltxdist.org/events](http://lwmltxdist.org/events), or contact me at [president@lwmltxdist.org](mailto:president@lwmltxdist.org).

Designs must be submitted by Feb. 3.

**Frances Molitor**

## Celebrating LWML

LWML Sunday was celebrated at Faith, Plano, on Oct. 10 with a Dal-North Zone event, an informational table in the narthex, a women's choir singing "For All the Faithful Women," and prayers offered by the pastors.



▲ Joy Cowan, vice-president of Gospel Outreach, visited with two of the 2020-22 district Mission Grant recipients. From left, Rev. Dr. Solomon Yadessa, Jeannine Muswagha and Senait Gonfa of Multi-Ethnic Ministry of North Texas; Joy; and Fabiana Santos Gonzalez and Rev. Jaime Gonzalez of E-Kids Apartment Ministries.

▶ Sandy Strenger (left) and Mary Afsharirad greeted visitors at Faith's LWML informational table.



## 2020-22 Mite goal

**Mites received through September:** \$80,741

**Mites still needed to meet goal:** \$296,758

**Mission grants paid through September:** \$34,500

**Please include a remittance form when submitting your mite offerings. Send them to:**

LWML Texas District

Attn: Kathy Walther, Financial Secretary

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