



# *In Praise to the LORD!*

LWML 38th Biennial Convention • June 20-23 • Mobile, Ala.

2019-21 district Young Woman Representatives received their pins from district presidents. From left, Debbie Curry (district president), Reagan Keller, Grace Guenther, Kathy Lowman (past district president), Kendra Larsen, Lois Teinert (past district president), April Gilbert, and Peggy Turnipseed (past district president).

Our Texas District delegation, hard at work.



LWML District President Debbie Curry carries the banner in the processional with other district representatives. The banner was designed by the Prince of Peace, Carrollton, Banner Committee.



Rev. Kevin Robson, LCMS Chief Mission Officer, led a panel discussion during a Saturday luncheon. From left, Robson; Texas' own Laura Davis Hemminger, Y4Life director for Lutherans For Life; Lauren Awe, a nurse who served on an LCMS Mercy Medical Team (MMT) in West Africa; and Stephanie and Rev. Gary Schulte, who serve as LCMS missionaries in West Africa and served with the MMT.



Debbie Curry (right), LWML Texas District president, pins Giovanne Turincio, the new Heart to Heart Sisters district leader.

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# Convention reflections

## LWML Sunday 2019

### LEADERSHIP

“In Praise to the LORD!” Wow! What an uplifting convention.

How do we become leaders that others would follow? We start by developing relationships. Sound familiar? Isn't this the best way to include someone in our beloved LWML organization?

Pray for your sisters and brothers in the LWML, especially those in leadership positions. Send messages of encouragement and offer gratitude. Work together side-by-side as we

“Serve the Lord with Gladness.”

For help in leading, visit [lwml.org/developing-leaders](http://lwml.org/developing-leaders). Some helpful topics are “Stay Calm and Transition On,” “Team Building Activities,” “Becoming a Leader You Would Follow” and a new venture, “Mailbox Members.”

You may contact any of your district leaders at [lwmltxdist.org/contact-your-district-officers](http://lwmltxdist.org/contact-your-district-officers). God's blessings as we continue in His service together.

**Nancy Beckcom**  
VP of Organizational Resources



The first Sunday in October is traditionally set aside for the observation of LWML Sunday, but it may be celebrated at any time. Materials for LWML Sunday 2019, “Faith Like a Mustard Seed,” are now available for free download and purchase at [lwml.org/lwml-sunday](http://lwml.org/lwml-sunday).

### AIRPORT PRAISE

My personal mission statement has always been “Lord, make me a witness for Christ so that I might be a blessing to others!” On June 23, several LWML members gave a witness for Christ and were a blessing to me and everyone who was flying out of the Mobile airport.

After many weather delays which included deboarding the plane, I was fearful that the passengers might be frustrated enough to take it out on the two airline workers at the gate. Just when I thought the tension would break, the ladies of

the LWML started singing the Doxology, reminding everyone what the theme of the convention was. As I received the ladies' blessing that afternoon, I was humbled to see God at work as He took care of us in a stressful situation, and encouraged to know that God is active and alive in this sinful world.

I want to say a special thank you to those ladies from many districts who stood up for their faith and trusted God to provide all things as we stand “In Praise to the LORD!”

**Rev. Mark Moldenhauer**  
Junior Pastoral Counselor

### 2019 Rest and Renewal Retreat

- October 11-12
- Lakeview Methodist Conference and Retreat Center

Featuring guest speaker **Kaye Wolff**, former VP of Special Focus Ministries



Registration materials available at [lwmltxdist.org](http://lwmltxdist.org) or from your society president

### FROM THE PRESIDENT

My convention memories can be summed up by the theme “In Praise to the LORD!” Thank you for the opportunity to carry our banner in the opening processional. It was a personal moment of praise to the Lord.

A \$2.1 million mission goal and 21 mission grants were chosen (book-

marks will be available through the “Shop LWML Missions and Mites Resources” link at [lwml.org/mission-grants](http://lwml.org/mission-grants)). The 26 delegates each have moments of praise to share. Invite one to your next event.

As Lutheran Women in Mission, may you tell of His salvation for all and go forth in His joy!

**Debbie Curry**  
District President

### LWML Texas District 41st Biennial Convention

“Christ is Our Anchor” (Heb. 6:19-20)  
June 18-20 • Corpus Christi

**Deadline for mission grant proposals and nominations: Nov.1**