

Saving today to bless tomorrow

By Sally Krueger
Endowment Committee Chairman

Have you heard? During our convention in 2020, the members of the LWML Texas District voted to establish the Mission Goal Endowment.

The mission goal includes everything we do to further the mission of LWML. This includes mission grants and all other expenses incurred by the district in carrying out this mission. Giving to this endowment will allow more funds to be allocated to mission grants.

The initial goal to raise the \$10,000 required to establish the endowment has already been realized through the outpouring of our members, along with rolling in the remaining funds from the Elsie Smith Endowment with the gifts. The Elsie Smith Endowment was established by the district with disbursements designated to go to mites.

This endowment is not the only one we have. Many of you are familiar with the Scholarship Endowment. This endowment provides funds to Texas women pursuing professional church-work careers.

The one you may not know much about is the Mission Inreach Endowment. We all know what outreach means, but what is meant by the term *inreach*? It means to build



up our members through spiritual enrichment, member development and leader development. Our mission is not just to provide mites for our mission grants. It also includes equipping our membership to use the gifts God has given them in extending His Kingdom with the Gospel as they live in service to the Triune God.

Planned giving is giving for the long term. It is an opportunity to stretch your giving. So here is the question. What are you passionate about? Is it Christian education, equipping the saints or mission grants?

Think about what you want your legacy to be. At the end of life, how would you like to be honored and remembered? Were you or your child a graduate of a Concordia university and treasure seeing others have that opportunity as well? Were you an LWML scholarship recipient? Then perhaps the Schol-

arship Endowment would be the place to direct gifts.

As a member or leader of a group, zone or district, perhaps you benefited from the opportunities that were provided to you to enrich your faith, teach you about leadership or help you develop your gifts to disciple others. Then you may want to direct gifts to the Mission Inreach Endowment. Are you someone that understands the long-term impact mission grants have as well as the day-to-day operations of our LWML? Then of course the Mission Goal Endowment would be the place to direct gifts. Can't decide? Designate all three!

Maybe you are not ready to make a planned gift. You may always make an immediate gift to any of the endowments by sending your donation to the financial secretary. Perhaps you wish to give a gift as an honorarium or a memorial. Interested in raising dollars to benefit one or all of these endowments?

We have lots of ideas and will gladly share them with you. Visit lwmltxdist.org/endowments-lwml-texas-district for more information. If you're still confused on how an endowment benefits the mission or if you have other questions, please contact me at sallylwml@gmail.com.

Scholarship deadline is near

Scholarship applications for the 2021-22 school year are due March 31.

Information on criteria and submission can be found at lwmltxdist.org. Find the "Committees" drop down menu on the banner and choose "Scholarships."

If anyone is aware of a young lady eligible to apply, please make them aware of the scholarship availability.

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LWML 39th Biennial Convention

June 24-27, 2021 • Lexington, Ky.

Although 2021 appears to still be an uncertain time, uncertainty is not new to Christians. Let us continue in faith to prepare to run the race to the LWML 39th Biennial Convention.

In looking to Jesus, our faith acknowledges God's plans may not be as we anticipate, but plans must be made. Registration and housing reservations for the convention are open. I encourage the women of the Texas District to begin that run, certain in that whatever the

final plans are, faithful preparations have been made. Purchase those convention shirts and pins, invest in the LWML products and be ready and willing when the way is clear.

The Board of Directors will be sending in their registrations this month with a prayer on their hearts and from their lips, looking to Je-



sus as our front-runner. So send in those registrations, make those hotel reservations and let us be ready for "Running the Race ... Looking to Jesus" in Lexington! Information, forms and updates are available at lwml.org/2021-convention.

Frances Molitor
LWML Texas District President

Love for neighbor

The Mission Service Committee is happy to report a highly successful Lutheran World Relief (LWR) ingathering for our district despite the delay from April to November and the ongoing pandemic.

Working with LWR, the Mission Service Committee persevered and six semi-trucks rolled out of Texas headed for the LWR warehouse in Maryland, bringing items to be dis-

tributed around the globe to those in need of comfort and compassion.

The numbers below reflect the love for others so prevalent in our district. Together, LWML groups, LCMS congregations and others collected and donated:

- ▶ Quilts and Blankets (20,008)
- ▶ Personal Care Kits (10,077)
- ▶ School Kits (13,973)
- ▶ Baby Care Kits (2,624)
- ▶ Fabric Kits (551)
- ▶ Total items: 47,233

To God be the glory as brothers and sisters in Christ came together to put into action the words of Martin Luther: "God does not need your good works, but your neighbor does."

Mary Afsharirad
Mission Service Committee
Chairman

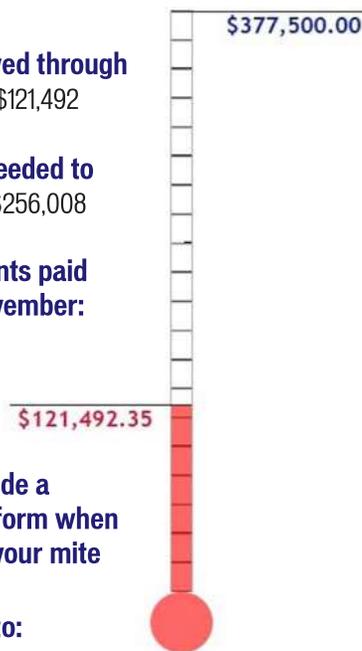


2020-22 Mite goal

Mites received through November: \$121,492

Mites still needed to meet goal: \$256,008

Mission grants paid through November: \$59,850



Please include a remittance form when submitting your mite offerings.

Send them to:
LWML Texas District
Attn: Kathy Walther,
Financial Secretary
PO Box 124, Giddings, TX 78942