

## Table Talk

# New year, new title

Happy new year my friends. Here we are, with the start of another brand new year — same seasons, same months, same days of the week. Yet it will not be the same.



**Frances Molitor**  
LWML Texas  
District President

To begin this calendar year and with the help of our Communication department, a different title has been chosen for this message. Same purpose, similar messages; yet with a fresh new label for a fresh new year — “Table Talk.” The term is not new, but with the Lord’s blessings and guidance, much prayer and hope, this format will aid us all in the service to our Lord.

Unlike Martin Luther’s “table talks,” there will be no deep theological tutelage here, but it is our hope that you find this informative and encouraging, while stimulating you to actively participate in inspiring women to “joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.”

“Table Talk” brings to mind the inspiring, innovative and productive conversations commonly held at a table. It can be a dining table, or a side table between two comfy chairs. It is a place where conversations can be warm, relaxed and comfortable — many times lasting well past the consumption of food and beverage.

These occasions can lead to many productive and memorable times. Visions and dreams are discovered and discussed. Both laughter and tears will make an appearance. This is the experience we are hoping to provide over the upcoming months. Along with sharing news and up-

coming events, may the Lord bless these “Table Talk” articles with the message He needs to be shared, a message to stir you up to action and to provide reassurance and support as our groups and members seek to impact the generations and cultures with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Lord placed us all here at this time, in this season, in this place to continue in humble service to Him through Lutheran Women in Mission. Remaining constant in prayer and the Word, may faith, hope and love prove to be the steppingstones in our endeavor to follow where He leads.

With time running short on making a final decision on this fresh title, a post was shared to my Instagram account which led to this final choice. It was a gift from God — a reassurance to make this change. The post was a poem written by Tanner Olson, author, poet, speaker and follower of Jesus. Permission was sought and graciously granted from the author to share a portion of the poem with you. The poem is titled “You Don’t Have to Have it all Figured Out.”

For it is gentleness that turns the noise of the world into an invitation to sit at the table.

A place where you can say I don’t know. A place where you can ask for help. A place where you can admit to being wrong. A place where you can say I love you.

Where the fear of the unknown once yelled, hope now sings.

And it is a beautiful song.

One that I am learning as I whistle along.

[www.linktr.ee/writtentospeak](http://www.linktr.ee/writtentospeak)

My whistle is pretty sad, but I sure can hum! You are invited to join me at this table — a place where hope now sings. Let us whistle (or hum) along together, for serving the Lord is indeed a beautiful song.

## Seeking banner designs!

The LWML 40th Biennial Convention will be held June 22-25 in Milwaukee, under the theme “Celebrate the Lord of the Nations.” Details can be found at [lwml.org/2023-convention](http://lwml.org/2023-convention).

In continuing the celebration of LWML’s 80th anniversary, each district is being asked to either create a banner using the 2023 convention theme or bring a vintage banner from prior conventions. The Texas District has access to several vintage banners, yet we do not wish to stifle the creative talents of our members.

Please consider crafting a banner to “Celebrate the Lord of the Nations” by submitting a rough sketch, with samples of materials to be used, to President Frances before Feb. 10 (mailing address can be obtained from your zone president). For instructions, email a request to [president@lwmltxdist.org](mailto:president@lwmltxdist.org).

## Scholarships available

Applications are being accepted for the 2023 LWML Texas District Scholarship. Female members of a Texas District congregation who are attending an LCMS college or university and studying to become an LCMS full-time professional church worker are eligible.

For eligibility requirements and to apply, visit [lwmltxdist.org](http://lwmltxdist.org) (go to “Menu” and select “Scholarships” from the “Committees” drop-down menu).

For more information, contact Melissa Houchin, Scholarship Committee Chairman, at [scholarship@lwmltxdist.org](mailto:scholarship@lwmltxdist.org). Completed applications must be sent or emailed to Melissa, time-stamped or post-marked by March 31.

# Greetings from H2H!

**By Liz Burnett**

H2H Sisters Leader

As your LWML Texas District Heart to Heart (H2H) leader, I spoke at the Bayou City Zone's Fall Rally at Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Houston on Sept. 17.

Following my presentation, I had the privilege of meeting many of our ethnic sisters from Holy Cross, Houston. Holy Cross is one of the oldest black Lutheran congregations in Houston. It was an honor to meet the sisters, who shared a little about themselves and some of the issues of bringing families back to fellowship following COVID. Many prayers are needed for support, and to seek God's will for members to return, support of the

community in their faith, and perseverance following many changes.

We had a joyful fellowship time getting to know each other. Plans are currently underway for a half-day H2H training in the Bayou City Zone.

I also recently spoke to the Joy Mission Circle of Faith, Georgetown, during its monthly Bible study. I shared a little about myself and the purpose of the H2H Sisters, which is an intentional effort to welcome and encourage multicultural women to work side-by-side with all LCMS women in the life and work of the LWML. The H2H Sisters Committee helps motivate, equip and challenge women

of diverse ethnic groups as they serve the church, participate in the LWML, witness to the world and grow in relationships.

At present there are 19 trained H2H sisters in Texas. These sisters are also ready to reach out to other women in their respective areas. I am willing to speak at group and zone events or help with finding a H2H sister in your area. I am also available to lead a half-day training so you can learn more about the H2H Sisters program.

For more information about the H2H Sisters, please reach out to me at 979-218-8583 or [liz.burnett@teex.tamu.edu](mailto:liz.burnett@teex.tamu.edu). We are always looking for people to join our team.

It is my privilege to serve you and the LWML Texas District as your Heart 2 Heart leader!



▲ Bayou City Zone Fall Rally



▲ Faith, Georgetown Bible study



## What's your 80?

Faith, Lampasas, held an ingathering with a goal of collecting 80 pairs of socks for a homeless shelter. Instead, 127 pairs of socks were delivered! All glory and honor to our Heavenly Father!

**2022-24 Mite Goal:  
\$390,000**

Mites received through Oct. 31: \$97,710 (\$292,290 still needed)

Mission Grants paid through Sept. 30: \$41,532

Send your mite offerings along with a remittance form to:  
LWML Texas District Attn: Kathy Walther,  
Financial Secretary,  
P.O. Box 124, Giddings, TX 78942