

## MITES IN ACTION

## Making an eternal difference – globally

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**T**he Lutheran Student Center at the University of Texas at Arlington (UTA) reaches out to more than 150 international students. It's a place where the students share meals and build relationships with members of area Lutheran congregations, and where the Gospel is proclaimed by Word and deed.

The stories of transforming relationships are inspiring. Students from Hindu, Buddhist and Muslim backgrounds hear the Gospel without fear of retaliation from their communities and governments. The ends of the earth are coming to our institutions of higher learning; the students will go back to their countries to become leaders in all sectors of

government and business. They are making an eternal difference globally.



From left, Joy Cowan presented the check for “Expanding the Mission at UTA Lutheran Student Center” to Rev. Doug Widger and volunteers Donald and Sharon Alloy.

Susan Dorn has been named interim director of the student center. She will work with the center Board of Directors and

students to continue to implement activities at the facility.

The Student Center is open five days a week and has 70 to 150 students attend on Friday evening. Exciting things are happening at UTA.

The students are engaged in the front line of mission and the devil does not like it one bit. They covet the prayers of all our readers.



## LWML Texas District 41st Biennial Convention

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

The convention will be held at the Omni Corpus Christi Hotel beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 18, with a worship service, and ending at noon on Saturday, June 20.

On Thursday, there will be activities during the day, including servant events, human care, exhibits, choir practice, a dedication service and an opportunity to meet the officer candidates.

Please plan your travel and hotel reservation according to this new schedule.

Hotel reservations will open on Feb. 15 and convention registration will begin March 1.

All the details will be in the spring *Linked by Love* newsletter, March *District News*, registration packets sent in February, and at [lwmltxdist.org](http://lwmltxdist.org).

The hotel will honor the convention room rate three days prior and three days after the convention (subject to room availability) if you want to extend your visit to see Corpus Christi and the surrounding area.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

# An attitude of gratitude



“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”  
1 Thess. 5:16-18 (NIV)

We can find many Scripture references confirming that it is God’s will for us to have an attitude of gratitude. We also know God encourages us to share what He provides and care for others. God empowers our attitude with action for others.

Lutheran Women in Mission have an attitude of gratitude. Did you

know there is a calendar of mission service activities for the year at [lwml.org/mission-service-activities](http://lwml.org/mission-service-activities)? It includes this activity:

“Use the month of November to keep a ‘Thankfulness Journal.’ Each day write down one item for which you are thankful and don’t forget to express your gratitude to those near you. Say a prayer of praise and



Joyfully serve the Lord  
Openly confess the Gospel  
Yearn to grow in God’s Word

thanksgiving to our creator, redeemer and sanctifier.”

I receive many encouraging notes, cards, texts and emails, and I thank you for your support and prayers. I thank God for each of you.

**Serving with JOY,  
Debbie Curry**

Mission grants (2018-20)	Total	Paid
Scholarships for Seminarians – Texas District	\$50,000	\$37,500
DCE Scholarships – Concordia University Texas	\$24,000	\$18,000
Multi-Ethnic Ministry of North Texas	\$25,000	\$18,750
ACTS of Love Early Childhood Education Center – Leander	\$20,000	\$10,000
Reaching Visually Impaired Inmates with God’s Love – Lutheran Braille Workers	\$18,500	\$9,250
Forward in Faith - Faith Lutheran High School	\$10,000	\$5,000
Navigating Life and Faith - LINC Austin	\$10,000	\$5,000
Let it Shine for Children with Autism – Lutheran Special Education Ministries	\$10,000	\$10,000
Spanish and American Sign Language Bible Stories – Lutheran Friends of the Deaf	\$5,000	–
Alamo Hills Children’s Ministry (Shepherd of the Hills Church Plant)	\$4,285	\$4,285
Expanding Mission at Lutheran Student Center – Hope for the Nations Lutheran Church Arlington	\$3,215	\$3,215
<b>Totals (as of August 2019)</b>	<b>\$180,000</b>	<b>\$121,000</b>



**Mites received through August:**  
\$239,364

**Mites still needed to meet goal:**  
\$111,536

**Mission grants paid through August:** \$121,000

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