

Filled to overflowing!

In July, 684 women and men gathered for the LWML Texas District 40th biennial convention at the Waco Convention Center. The theme — “Filled to Overflow ... serving, sharing, telling” — was based on John 7:38:

“Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’”

LWML Texas District President Debbie Curry opened the convention with a **JOYful** welcome to all, including six new and three reactivated LWML groups.

Bible studies were led by Donna Pyle, a noted speaker and writer; and the Revs. John Heckmann and Timothy Appel. The Rev. Ken Hennings, Texas District president, brought greetings and served as the proclaimer of the Friday evening worship service.

At convention’s end, all were filled to overflow with the Holy Spirit and encouraged — when they got back to their homes and everyday lives — to **serve**, **share** and **tell** the love of Jesus.



New district officers pictured are, from left, Kelli Alsup (VP of Christian Life), Janna Atkins (VP of Communication), Joy Cowan (VP of Gospel Outreach), Patti Samsel (recording secretary), Kelly Bernhardt (treasurer), Rev. Mark Modenhauer (pastoral counselor), Whitney Lee (Nominating Committee chairman) and Karen Avenson (Nominating Committee). Nominating Committee members not pictured are Janet Matschull (alternate) and Lois Teinert.



Debbie Curry, LWML Texas District president, is shown with former presidents. From left, Kathy Lowman, Peggy Turnipseed, Pat Biar, Curry, Eloise Kuhlmann and Dorothy Hunger.



Debbie Curry (center) is shown with, from left, Rev. Michael and Cindy Newman and Rev. Ken and Val Hennings. Michael Newman was recently elected president of the Texas District and replaced Ken Hennings, who retired after serving as president for 12 years.



Greetings were given from Patti Ross (left), LWML president. She is pictured with, from left, Donna Pyle, Wendy Fluegge (convention song leader) and Debbie Curry.



Nancy Beckcom won the new Donna Pyle Bible study. From left, Pyle, Beckcom, Patti Ross and Linda Gage.



LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION

Acts of mercy at convention

Volunteers marked 144 Spanish Bibles for Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care in El Paso; made 51 greeting cards for LCMS missionaries and their families; tied 36 fleece blankets for Option House, a homeless children's center in Killeen; and trimmed stamps to help defray the cost of shipping Lutheran World Relief (LWR) kits. Twenty-eight quilts were tied, and 500 Personal Care Kits were assembled for LWR.

From the hundreds of items collected to give to the needy and homeless, 478 Blessing Bags were filled. Also, 15,552 meals were packed for Kids Against Hunger and many bags of cookies were packed for the first responders of the Waco area at four police stations, 12 fire stations and 29 area hospitals and nursing homes.



← Ingathering items are sorted.

↑ Servants mark Bibles.

← Volunteers prepare meals for Kids Against Hunger.



Young Woman Representatives are pictured with Patti Ross and Debbie Curry.



Teens enjoy Dr Pepper floats.

The following Mission Grants will be funded through the newly adopted Mission Goal of \$350,900 for the 2018-20 biennium. The grants total \$180,000.

- ▶ Scholarships for Seminarians, Texas District LCMS...\$50,000
- ▶ Let it Shine for Children with Autism, Lutheran Special Education Ministries...\$10,000
- ▶ DCE Scholarships, Concordia University Texas...\$24,000
- ▶ ACTS of Love Early Childhood Education Center, Leander...\$20,000
- ▶ Reaching Visually Impaired Inmates with God's Love, Lutheran Braille Workers, Texas...\$18,500
- ▶ Multi-Ethnic Ministry of North Texas...\$25,000
- ▶ Forward in Faith, Funding the Ministry of Faith Lutheran High School...\$10,000
- ▶ Navigating Life and Faith, LINC Austin...\$10,000
- ▶ Spanish and American Sign Language Bible Stories, Lutheran Friends of the Deaf...\$5,000
- ▶ Shepherd of the Hills Church Plant Children's Ministry, San Antonio...\$4,285
- ▶ Expanding the Mission at Lutheran Student Center, Hope for the Nations Lutheran Church, Arlington...\$3,215

Convention tidbits

Offering #1, Friday morning

Fortress, a new LCMS church plant in the Killeen-Fort Hood-Harker Heights area of Central Texas ...\$4,272

Offering #2, Friday evening

Mites for the 2018-2020 Biennium ...\$8,363

Offering #3, Sunday morning

Churches Touching Lives for Christ, an evangelical cooperative ministry of churches in the Temple area...\$4,191



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