



The LWML Texas District was hard at work the first two weeks of November as we organized three Lutheran World Relief (LWR) ingathering collection sites in Marion (near San Antonio), Houston and Plano. Donations came in from all over the state and from Louisiana. Five semi-trucks were filled with quilts and kits and delivered to the LWR warehouses, where they will be prepared for distribution around the world. Our prayer is that these donations will bring hope and care to those suffering from homelessness and despair caused by natural disasters or war.

Collected were 16,721 quilts, 8,897 school kits, 10,923 personal care kits, 1,692 baby care kits and 427 fabric kits. Much thanks to the women, men and youth who volunteered and made the ingatherings such a success. These were exhausting yet rewarding days, knowing the love of Jesus is going out into the world through quilts and kits. To God be the glory.

We extend special thanks to Martha Piedrasanta, LWR Quilt and Kit Ministry senior manager. Thanks also to the members of the LWML Texas District Mission Service Committee, including Mary Afsharirad (chair), Giovanna Turincio, Roberta Heiner and Amanda Mahrt; the Ingathering coordinators, Sandy Miller, Priscella Reid and Debra Mattke; and Frances Molitor (LWML Texas District president) and Patti Samsel (VP of Gospel Outreach).

Volunteers were hard at work in Houston ▲ and Marion ▼.



From left, Frances Molitor, Mary Afsharidad, Martha Piedrasanta and Priscella Reid.

Thanks in advance!

Through the Scholarship Endowment Fund, the LWML Texas District thanks the ladies of the Texas District who are studying to become full-time LCMS professional church workers. Thank you for the love of Jesus you are currently sharing while studying at an LCMS university,

and will continue to share as you enter into your vocations.

As another way of saying thank you, we encourage all eligible students to apply for the Texas District LWML Scholarship. The Scholarship Committee will soon award the scholarships for the 2023-24 school year. For eligibility

requirements and an application, visit lwmltxdist.org. Go to "About Us" and choose "Scholarships" from the drop-down menu.

For more information, contact Melissa Houchin, Scholarship Endowment Fund Committee chairman, at scholarship@lwmltxdist.org. Completed applications must be sent or emailed to Melissa time-stamped or postmarked by March 31.

Table Talk



Grab a cup of coffee or tea, and let us visit a moment.

Sprucing things up

Welcome back as we all eagerly anticipate the arrival of spring! There are plenty of spring quotes I could share, but I found one directly referencing the current month of March. Paraphrased it states, “March should be the time to look back on the first two months of the year and reflect on your goals and approaches. If your approaches are not generating results, consider that old ways don’t open new doors. It is time to leave the old patterns behind and find new ways.”

I do believe Abby Goehring, alias Lottie, said a remarkably similar thing at our convention last summer, except her translation was “We have to spruce it up.” Isn’t spring a wonderful time to start sprucing things up? Good news is there are plans underway to help you do just that.

In October 2022, five of your district leaders were blessed with the opportunity to attend the LWML Assembly of Leaders training in St. Louis. Under the theme “Adventures in Equipping Leaders,” there were a few adventures indeed, but they came with much information that we are eager to share.

Members of our district board received a small portion of the training materials in February. They were challenged to help us “spruce things up,” “open new doors” and discover what the Lord has waiting for us. Plans are underway to share this worthy information with as many district members as soon as possible.

With the Lord, may we continue to be “Bold in Hope!”

Frances Molitor
LWML Texas District President

2023 LWML TEXAS DISTRICT RETREAT

Have it your way!

Three locations,
Three dates,
ONE GREAT STUDY



Sept. 8-9
Glen Lake Camp,
Glen Rose

Sept. 22-23
Ceta Canyon Retreat,
Happy (near Amarillo)

Oct. 20-21
Spiritual Retreat
Center, Victoria

Serving with OGT

Orphan Grain Train (OGT) is a 501c3 nonprofit Christian network that shares personal and material resources with those in need in the United States and around the world.

OGT volunteers gather donations of clothing, medical supplies, food, Christian literature, and other aids to meet real needs. The OGT movement is a loving response to Jesus Christ’s loving service to each of us.

For more information, visit ogt.org. For volunteer opportunities, contact an OGT branch:

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Totals as of December 31, 2022

2022–2024 Mite Goal	\$390,000
Mites Received	\$136,474
Total Mites Still Needed	\$253,526
Mission Grants Paid	\$63,032

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

LWML 40th Biennial Convention

June 22-25 • Milwaukee

Registration for the 2023 LWML Convention is open! Plan to join your LWML friends in Milwaukee and “Celebrate the Lord of the Nations” (Ps. 33:12-13).

Information is available at:

- ▶ lwml.org/2023-convention
- ▶ The winter issue of *Lutheran Woman’s Quarterly*