

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Following His lead

My heart is full of joy in saying thank you to all who supported our 2020 virtual district convention. Past President Debbie



Frances Molitor

Curry's love for serving the Lord was indeed a sustaining factor as she moved forward with convention plans adapted for the current situation. We are all so grateful and thankful for her leadership over the past four years.

As I now begin my term as your president, my sincerest request is for your prayers as we proceed with our lives and our service to the Lord. There is no procedure or instruction manual for this beginning in this time of COVID-19 and the upheaval that is all around us, but with the Lord's guidance and your support, the plans and ensuing work for this new biennium will fall into place.

I eagerly anticipate many wonderful, precious times and memories as we, the members of the LWML Texas District, step forward in faith and hope, knowing all things are possible through Christ.

To God be the glory as we follow His lead, all the time rejoicing in service and abounding in hope!

Christ is our anchor!

In an ever-changing world, we reaffirm that our hope is anchored in Christ. And so we did this past June 20. Women from all over Texas joined together online for our first ever LWML Texas District virtual convention. We had 687 unique users and 1,871 views during the convention. If you missed out or would just like to enjoy it again, the convention can still be viewed on our YouTube channel. Links to the videos of the convention sessions and the convention manual can be found at lwmltxdist.org/convention.

The convention theme was "Christ is Our Anchor" (from Heb. 6:19-20). This theme will be re-visited for the planned 2024 convention in Corpus Christi so none of the preparations for the original 2020 convention will go to waste.

Newly elected officers are:

- ▶ President: Frances Molitor
- ▶ Vice-President of Organizational Resources: Debra Heckmann
- ▶ Financial Secretary: Kathy Walther
- ▶ Pastoral Counselor: Rev. David Bass
- ▶ Nominating Committee: Nancy Beckcom (chairman), Anita Long and Laura Wilson

We adopted a mite goal of \$377,500 with a Mission Grant goal of \$200,000, and declared a mission abundance of \$10,327 from last biennium for a total of \$210,327 for mission



In the convention studio are, from left, Kelli Alsop, Debbie Curry and Abby Faske.

grants (recipients are on Page 20). The convention offering totaled \$25,275, with all praise and honor to God.

Convention speakers included Texas District President Rev. Mike Newman, who gave the sermon during the opening worship service, and Deb Burma, who spoke on our convention theme. Don Hoehne, was the Mites in Action speaker and shared information on RioMAC. Rev. John Heckmann and Rev. Mark Moldenhauer were our Bible study leaders. Abby Faske was our humorous interrupter, Violet, who helped us all laugh at the bits of ourselves that we saw in her.

By the end of the convention day, we were all blessed to reaffirm that Christ is Our Anchor!

There are more watch party pictures at thelc.ms/2F8Mybh. It's not too late to add your own. We would love to see them.



Debbie Curry, the outgoing district president, watches Frances Molitor, the newly elected president, on the studio monitor.

Scenes from convention watch parties



Post Oak Zone



Mid Coast Zone



Capitol Zone



Panhandle Zone



Gulf Coast Zone

2020-22 Mission Grants

- ▶ Scholarships for Seminars – Texas District, \$40,000
- ▶ Mercy Meals – Orphan Grain Train, \$5,000
- ▶ DCE Scholarships – Concordia University Texas, \$24,000
- ▶ Blessings and Bibles – Lutheran Disaster Care, \$15,000
- ▶ Lutheran Student Center Improvements – Lubbock, \$20,000
- ▶ Urban Base Camp Outreach – Camp Lone Star, \$15,000
- ▶ Creating a Network of Hope – Driving Hope of Texas, \$20,000
- ▶ Let the Little Children Come – St. Paul, Dallas, \$20,000
- ▶ E-Kids After School Program – Expansion Ministries, Inc., \$20,000
- ▶ Laundry Love – St. Paul, San Antonio, \$12,000
- ▶ Reaching Immigrants and Refugees – Multi-Ethnic Ministry of North Texas, \$10,084
- ▶ Translating LWML Bible Studies – WORDrus, \$9,243

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