

Great is His FAITHFULNESS!

More than 400 LWML members, pastors and guests from all over Texas gather for the LWML Texas District 42nd Biennial Convention June 16-18. The theme was "Great is His Faithfulness," based on Lam. 3:22-23.

A new mite goal of \$390,000 was adopted, with a Mission Grant goal of \$200,000; declared a mission abundance of \$14,527 from the last biennium; and announced the first earnings of \$602 in interest from the Mission Goal Endowment for a total of \$215,129 for mission grants.

Guest speakers included Christina Hergenrader, who challenged us to carry, nurture and spread our faith; Sarah Baughman and Donna Snow, who both started our days by waking us up in the Word; enrichment session leaders Dr. Barbara Geistfield, Rev. Mike and Cheryl Mattil; and our Heart to Heart district leaders Liz Burnett and Giovanne Turincio. Texas District President Rev. Michael Newman gave the sermon during the opening worship service. Revs. David Bass and Mark Moldenhauer led our Bible studies.

Abby Goehring, our humorous interrupter Lottie, kept us laughing and helped us see areas in which we can improve as we reach out to our sisters. "Old ways won't open new doors!"



Teens (left) and Young Woman Representatives (above) participated in many activities and completed a service project at Abba's House in Cypress.



Meet your new officers! From left, Joy Cowan, VP of Christian Life; Patti Samsel, VP of Gospel Outreach; Sandra Paniello, Treasurer; Kelly Bernhardt, VP of Communication; Frances Molitor, President; Rev. Dustin Beck, Pastoral Counselor; and Amanda Halbert, Recording Secretary.



Abby Goehring



Christina Hergenrader



Multi-generational convention attendees shown here are Kelly Bernhardt (second from left), who attended with her mother-in-law, Marilyn Bernhardt; granddaughter, Reagan Porter; and daughter, Tasha Porter.

From the president

Let's be BOLD

September is here and soon will be followed by cooler, crisper mornings, Friday night lights and the warm colors of fall. Your Executive Committee will meet at Camp Lone Star to plan, propose, project and, most importantly, pray as strategies, goals and visions for the remainder of this biennium are shared. I am genuinely excited and anxious to see where the Lord will lead the LWML Texas District over the remainder of this biennium.



Frances Molitor

I feel His nudge to encourage a reflective look at how the past three years have affected our organization and where and how we go from here. Where do you feel the Lord is leading you? Is He placing an opportunity in front of you to serve in a new and bold way? Has He been preparing you for the role of a mentor to another willing person who's not quite sure if they are ready for the role they have been asked to fulfill? How is your prayer life? Strong and sure, eager to pray for others who may feel the pressures of providing leadership?

Where and what is your niche? Has it changed over the years? Has the Lord been preparing you for another role as part of Lutheran Women in Mission? Whatever it may be — minuscule or huge, or anywhere in between — I pray you have the opportunity to serve the Lord with boldness, sure in the faithfulness of our Lord and abounding in hope. As we have pledged, let us prepare ourselves to be ready and willing to serve the Lord wherever and whenever He has need of us.

May the LWML Texas District continue to see and feel the Lord at work in and through each of us. Together, let us ask for His continued blessings so others will have the opportunity to hear the Good News of the redemption our Savior Jesus has earned for all who believe. It is action time — let's be bold!

2022-24 Mission Grant recipients

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| Seminarian Scholarships for Texas Students | \$50,000 |
| Offering Women Hope – Blue Blossom Pregnancy Centers, Houston | \$10,000 |
| ACTS of Love Early Childhood Education Center, Leander | \$25,000 |
| Orphan Grain Train, Houston | \$25,000 |
| Let Your Light Shine – Bethany, Austin Lutheran Special Education Ministries | \$10,000 |
| Homeless to Housed – LINC Austin Outreach, Austin | \$10,000 |
| The Garden Young Adult Ministry, North Texas | \$10,000 |
| Gospel Driven Education – Faith Lutheran High School, Warda | \$20,000 |
| Bible Brigade – Lutheran Disaster Care | \$16,000 |
| The Table of Los Fresnos Mission Outreach, Los Fresno | \$25,000 |
| Each Child Complete in Christ – Faith Lutheran School, Plano (partial funding) | \$14,129 |
| Total (includes \$15,129 abundance from last biennium) | \$215,129 |

LWML Sunday 2022

“For Us and With Us,” is the theme for LWML Sunday 2022 and is based on Paul’s letter to the Romans. Paul tells us that each of us has faced challenges and circumstances greater than our own strength (Rom. 8:31–39). But in Christ, who is for us and with us, we are already more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

This celebratory LWML Sunday will encourage all hearers of the victory, which is already ours through Baptism, so we might live each day confidently trusting in Christ.

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