

## Mites Sketch for Virtual Convention 2020

**Judy**

*(Holds up Mite Box)* I sure have saved a lot of money the past few months. A tank of gas lasts me a whole lot longer than before so I am adding what I would have spent on gas money into my mite box!

Hey Patti -What are you doing to support mites? *(Pass her the box)*

**Patti**

*(Takes mite box)* I am sure the baristas at the coffee shop are missing me because I know I am sorely missing those double decaf mocha lattes I picked up every morning going to work. For now, it is just the plain old straight coffee out of the coffee pot for me. *(holds up coffee cup)* Been throwing those unspent coffee funds into the mite box. Think I may have also lost a little weight!

Hey Giovanne - you can relate to this - How are **you** supporting mites?

**Giovanne**

*(Holds up a check)* You know I always forget to bring my mite box to the meetings and end up having to write a check. I saw a Facebook post that said until we can start meeting regularly again, you can send your mite check straight to the financial secretary. Just add a note in the envelope giving her your group's name, church name and church city to apply the offering. Oh – I also add my phone number and email address in case she has any questions. Working great – using commemorative stamps to mail it too!

Hey Terri – what are you doing to keep the mite offerings coming in?

**Terri**

*(Holds up any shopping purchase)* Oh! Amazon Smile girlfriend! You know I love me some online shopping now!! I have been ordering as much as I can through Amazon and using the AmazonSmile charitable giving program. You choose Lutheran Women's Missionary League – Texas as your recipient and Amazon donates based on purchase amounts.

Michele – How are you supporting mites?

**Michele**

*(holds up her phone)* I don't use checks anymore and guess what? There is now a **Donate** button on the Texas District website. I go straight to the home page at [lwmltxdist.org](http://lwmltxdist.org) to give a mite offering. In the comments section, I put my group name, church and church city so my group gets credit for my mites. So easy!

My kids were always after me to get the Venmo app on my phone so I could send money directly from my bank to them without any fees. I am so happy I can also give my mite offering each month using the app. I just searched for LWML Texas District and put my name, group name, church and church city in the “What’s if for?” section and checked private instead of public settings. Then the financial secretary can credit my group with the donation.

Kelly – you have any special way of providing your mite offerings?

**Kelly**

*(Holds up Joyful Response form)* I sure do! I had been wanting to sign up for Joyful Response and the Lord said, “Now Kelli” and so I did! I just emailed our financial secretary and she sent me the form to complete. I sent it back to her and next month on the date I chose my mite offering came right out of my bank account. My LWML group is also credited with the offering, so no matter how many meetings I end up missing – my offering is there!

And I am also a Thrivent member and I make sure I designate those Thrivent Choice Dollars to LWML Texas District. I had trouble the first time finding it, but then I realized you have to spell out Lutheran Women’s Missionary League and look for a Texas address. *(may want to wear a Thrivent t-shirt and point to it)*

So, what do you think of these ideas Judy?

**Judy**

It sure is wonderful to know women are finding different ways to keep those mite offerings reaching the financial secretary. So thankful we can continue to fulfill our commitment to the LWML mission grants as well as our district mission grants. Thank you, Texas District, for your continued commitment to assisting in the spread of the Gospel and the love we all share in serving the Lord with gladness. You certainly are some big and bright Texas stars!!

*(everyone holds up the mite box and items used to donate)*