

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Engaging our church workers

Lutheran Women in Mission is a vibrant organization with a mission of sharing Christ with the world by funding mission grants through mite offerings, by sharing the Gospel with others through doctrinally reviewed and approved resources and by focusing on growing each woman's relationship with her Lord and Savior. The perception of LWML in congregations is often that they serve funeral dinners, are the keepers of the kitchen and/or take care of the altar. While these things are necessary, LWML is so much more. *(Reprinted from lwml.org/church-workers-in-mission.)*

I have shared six strategic goals of the LWML over the past year. The final goal is: How can we communicate a fresh image to LCMS pastors and church workers?

- ▶ Connect and engage with pastors and church workers in a strategic manner.
- ▶ Intentionally invite and involve pastors/church workers in LWML events at all levels.
- ▶ Connect and engage pastors/church workers to LWML's mission focus.
- ▶ Increase LWML visibility at LCMS meetings and events.

The leadership team of LWML Texas District has attended the Texas District Convention, LLL conven-



tions, Lutherans For Life regional events and other LCMS events to increase LWML visibility in Texas. The LWML leadership in the circuits would love to attend circuit meetings to bring our mission focus to the pastors. We welcome your invitation to events at the local, circuit and district level. Requests can be sent to me at president@lwmltxdist.org.

A short video for pastors, titled "What is the LWML," can be viewed on our YouTube channel, found through our website (lwmltxdist.org) by clicking the YouTube icon.

LWML groups are encouraged to actively connect with their pastor and other pastors in the area, inviting them to activities and sharing the resources and mission of LWML. Most importantly, we pray that all church workers find renewed joy in serving our Savior and sharing His love.

Serving with JOY
Debbie Curry



By Judy Dold
District Parliamentarian

During my tenure as both zone and society president, I've learned what works and what doesn't. Below are my top six tips on how to have an effective LWML meeting.

- ▶ Schedule the meeting in advance and provide all participants information on when the meeting will start, where it will be held and, if applicable, on the guest speaker or special topics.
- ▶ The president is to prepare an agenda for distribution prior to the start of the meeting.
- ▶ Always begin and end each meeting in God's Word and with prayer.
- ▶ Start the meeting on time.
- ▶ Establish a meeting end time as it helps keep the meeting focused and on topic.
- ▶ Encourage discussion, but only on one topic at a time. There may be some conflict, but great ideas do come from great conversation.

For more information, go to lwml.org/meetings. The page has wonderful resources for help with meetings, including how to prepare an agenda and basic parliamentary procedures.



Stay connected

- lwmltxdist.org
 - facebook.com/LWMLTexas
- Send LWML news and photos to Cindy Carter, *District News* editor at districtnews@lwmltxdist.org

LWML 38th Biennial Convention



- June 20-23
 - Mobile, Ala.
- Register at lwml.org/convention

Training up leaders

The Board of Directors met Feb. 14-17 at Camp Lone Star for leadership training to help district leaders communicate the mission of LWML. The theme was **“Follow the Leader.”**



Abby Faske, as Eula, provided humorous interruptions while sharing her perspective on Lutheran Women in Mission.



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Mission grants (2018-20)	Total	Paid
Scholarships for Seminarians – Texas District	\$50,000	\$25,000
DCE Scholarships – Concordia University Texas	\$24,000	\$12,000
Multi-Ethnic Ministry of North Texas	\$25,000	\$12,500
ACTS of Love Early Childhood Education Center – Leander	\$20,000	\$10,000
Reaching Visually Impaired Inmates with God’s Love – Lutheran Braille Workers	\$18,500	
Forward in Faith – Faith Lutheran High School	\$10,000	
Navigating Life and Faith – LINC Austin	\$10,000	
Let it Shine for Children with Autism – Lutheran Special Education Ministries	\$10,000	\$10,000
Spanish and American Sign Language Bible Stories – Lutheran Friends of the Deaf	\$5,000	
Alamo Hills Children’s Ministry (Shepherd of the Hills Church Plant) – San Antonio	\$4,285	\$4,285
Expanding Mission at Lutheran Student Center – Hope for the Nations Lutheran Church Arlington	\$3,215	
Total as of February 2019	\$180,000	\$73,785