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Traveling the LWML ROUTE 2027 to Oklahoma City!

Host Committee Newsletter, Issue 1, April 2026
Host Districts: Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas



Welcome to your source of information for all things LWML CONVENTION!

Greetings from Eden Keefe **LWML President, 2023–2027**



Host Committee (a haiku)

Host Committee folks
shoot right out of the gate or
hurry up ... and wait!

Isn't that the truth? Some of you hit the ground running with planning, e.g. the convention shirts. (Side note: I ordered the tunic style and love it! Public Relations Director Debbie Yocky wore the polo at Best Practices in Ministry, and it looked great!)

Some of you "signed up" and are in a holding pattern because your assignments come into play later. Thank you for both – shooting right out of the gate or hurrying up ... to wait!

I have been in awe of the coordination, creativity, and communication I have seen from the host committee so far. And, yes, I know that we are still in the early stages of the journey to July 2027, but I want to thank you.

- Thank you for your commitment to the process and the paperwork!
- Thank you for your time, energy, and thoughtful planning.
- Thank you for bearing with us when we ask questions or delay things so they can go through our review process.
- Thank you for the innovative ways you will engage both volunteers and participants.
- Thank you for your gracious attitude and infectious joy while serving as the host districts.

It is truly a privilege to work alongside you, "Transformed in Christ."

Message from Shari Miller **Vice President of Christian Life** **Convention Programming Committee Chairman**

Can you sense the anticipation? Have you marked your calendar to join other Lutheran Women in Mission on July 8–11, 2027, at the LWML convention in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma?



We will meet under the theme, "Transformed in Christ," and our goal is that God's renewing Spirit transforms us to proclaim Christ, support missions, and serve Him and Him alone. To that end, we will hear from Bible study leaders and mission speakers. We will worship together and fellowship with old and new friends. We will joyfully gather and praise our transforming God.

As hosting districts for this convention, we pray that you will be motivated and energized to join the convention-goers in many areas of service. Prayerfully consider your gifts and abilities and volunteer to be a convention worker. Please know that each one of you will be a great asset to the convention team as you navigate the paths where you are most needed. As you volunteer for various jobs during the convention, you are the "front-line" workers that most will see first. Thank God for you!

Please keep the convention verse before you: *Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect* (Romans 12:2).

God's rich blessings in Christ to you!



Hey, Lutheran woman in the pew,
 I was once just like you,
 Singing praises to God
 And asking, "What can I do?"
 Have you heard your DP say to your ZP,
 "Pass this application
 For everyone's consideration."
 No?
 Then go to your GP
 And tell her to get with your ZP.
 Say, "I want the application
 For my consideration."
 Send to your HC
 For their evaluation,
 And be part of the formation
 That is Host Committee jubilation!

**Greetings from Karen Karner
 Host Committee Chairman**

Serving as your Host Committee Chairman for the past year, I have been privileged to watch a group of, so far, 59 sisters and brothers in Christ form committees, share ideas, and bring to reality the plans that God has placed in our hearts and minds so that all who attend in 2027 may be "Transformed in Christ." We haven't finished growing the committee, though. We have a dozen or so chairmen and director positions to be filled, and we need you, the woman in the pew, to share your gifts and talents. Ask your group, zone, or district president for these applications. Complete them and send them my way, hcc2027@lwml.org. I'll be in touch. Lots of other ways to serve are forming now, too. See the application in these pages. Some of these tasks won't happen until the convention; some are completed before the convention. One thing is for sure: we have lots of ways to serve. So, LWML woman in the pew, it's your time. **What will you do?**



Your sister in Christ,
 Karen Karner

**Rev. Mike Mattil
 Host Committee Pastoral Counselor**

What an amazing opportunity to Serve the Lord with Gladness on the Host Committee for the Lutheran Women in Mission Convention 2027 in OKC! As you have most likely realized by now, there are a lot of things that need to happen between now and then to make this convention a success. And if you do your jobs well, the vast majority of what you do will go unnoticed because the convention will go so smoothly!

Just remember: we are doing this for Jesus. We are doing this to allow our sisters (and a few brothers) in Christ to gather in an uplifting, Christ-centered environment and further the cause of telling people throughout the world what a wonderful God and Savior we have because we want them to know Him, too.

Colossians 3:23–24 (NIV84) says, *Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.*



God bless you all. I look forward to working with all of you in this endeavor.

**Christie Steffens
 Host Committee Prayer Chairman**

Do not be conformed to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing, and perfect will (Romans 12:2).



Greetings in the name of Jesus!

What a complete joy it is to be a part of the 42nd Biennial LWML Convention Host Committee. This committee joins dedicated ladies and gentlemen from Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas. Let us give thanks to the LWML Districts serving as hosts. Each of you has accepted a position on the Host Committee. For this, we also give thanks.

Through the next days, weeks, and months, each committee will be busy planning and preparing their special part in making the 2027 LWML Convention a success. Please pray for the convention, each committee, and committee members that God's good, pleasing, and perfect will may be done.

We pray: Almighty and ever-living God, be with us with Your most gracious favor as we prepare for the 2027 LWML Convention. Let Your fatherly hand guide us and Your Holy Spirit direct and transform us in the knowledge and obedience of Your Word. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



Kelly Bernhardt
Communications/Personnel Coordinator



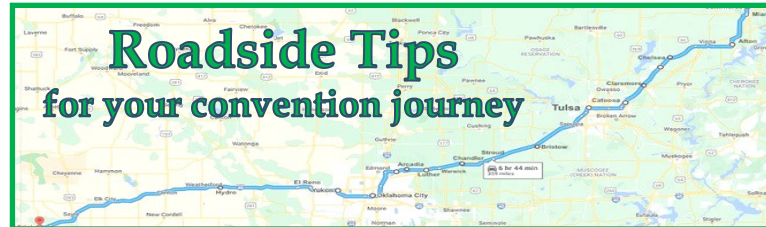
Our convention goal statement:

*God's renewing Spirit transforms us to proclaim Christ,
support missions, and serve Him and Him alone.*

Those who serve as Convention Host Committee workers at the Oklahoma City convention will serve Him with their time and talents. The four host districts, Oklahoma, Missouri, Kansas, and Texas are diligently working together to make this a great convention, but we need your help. Please encourage women in your zones and groups, and men also, to sign up to be a part of our team. We have positions still open for committee chairmen, directors, and on-site convention workers. Please look over the application in this newsletter for an area you feel calls you to serve Him at this convention. There is no greater joy than serving the Lord with our brothers and sisters in Christ!

See you in Oklahoma City, where we will be “Transformed in Christ.”

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect (Romans 12:2).



Use the following paragraphs for your district, zone, local group, or congregation newsletter, bulletin, website, or other media to generate interest in the upcoming LWML Convention.

You may fill in your district's contact name in the appropriate place.

You may also include Host Committee Chairman Karen Karner's information, hcc2027@lwml.org.

Monthly Roadside Tips will be included in each newsletter publication.

June 2026

LWML members and guests will be making our way to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, in July 2027, for the 42nd Biennial LWML Convention. Now is the time to make plans to attend or to volunteer your time and talents as we gather to be **“Transformed in Christ”** as we proclaim and serve Him in support of missions around the world. For more information contact:

July 2026

Romans 12:2, as the theme verse for the LWML Convention in July 2027, in Oklahoma City, will guide the participants to *be transformed by the renewal of your mind* (Romans 12:2b). As we prepare for this special event, convention workers are still needed to serve in a variety of positions. Contact _____ for more information.

August 2026

Don't miss your opportunity to worship, sing, participate in servant activities and Bible studies, and learn about the impact your mite offerings are having around the world at the LWML Convention in July 2027, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. You also have the chance to meet fellow Lutheran Women in Mission as a volunteer or hostess during the convention. Find out more by contacting:

September 2026

Are you registered yet to attend or volunteer at the 42nd Biennial LWML Convention to be held in Oklahoma City, next July 8–11? If not, you will miss the opportunity to be surrounded by thousands of Lutheran Women in Mission worshipping, serving, learning as we are being *transformed*, as mentioned in Romans 12:2. Discover how you can be part of this special gathering by contacting:





42nd Biennial LWML Convention
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
July 8–11, 2027



Convention Goal Statement:

God’s renewing Spirit transforms us to proclaim Christ, support missions, and serve Him and Him alone.

Convention Theme:

Transformed in Christ

Scripture Verse:

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect
(Romans 12:2).

2027 Convention Objectives:

Each convention attendee will be:

- Inspired to proclaim Christ and study God’s Word.
- Transformed and equipped by Christ to serve Him.
- Encouraged to support missions throughout the world.

Sharon Greene

Convention Logo Shirt Sales Director



The official 2027 LWML convention shirt and tunic are now available for order! Again this year, a polo shirt and a tunic are available for purchase. The polo shirt is available in women’s sizes and is also offered in a men’s/unisex polo. The polo is a beautiful bright maui blue which shows off the embroidered convention logo, “Transformed in Christ,” smartly. The polo shirts are 65/35 poly/cotton pique, with flat knit color and cuffs. The polo has matching metal buttons, double-needle armhole seams and hem, and fits true-to-size.

The women’s tunic is designed in a lovely teal green. This updated version of the polo-inspired tunic has a longer length to keep you covered while still looking polished! The stretch in the machine-washable fabric ensures you feel comfortable all day. The tunic offers a ¾ length sleeve, self-collar, is made with a 95/6 rayon/spandex jersey material, and has a slightly curved hem with drop tail. This tunic runs true-to-size.

Proceeds from these shirt sales are the main fundraiser for the 2027 Host Committee, so order today! Be the first in your circle of friends to promote these beautiful logo shirts while helping support the Host Committee for the next national convention in OKC.

Options for purchase include the [webstore](#) or mail-in orders. The order form is available in this edition of the newsletter. Let us pray that we *Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect* (Romans 12:2).

Questions can be directed to Sharon Greene via email, 2027lwml.conv.logo.shirts@gmail.com. To God be glory as you serve Him with gladness!

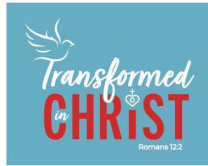


Thank you to Teresa Heater, Barb Schneider, and Sue Avis for showing us the convention shirts!





Name _____
 Address _____
 Phone _____



Lutheran Women in Mission

Please return order form to:
Sharon Greene
 2402 NE Meadowlark Lane
 Lawton, OK 73505

2027lwml.conv.logo.shirts@gmail.com // (580) 695-0655



| | ADULT | | | | PLUS SIZES | | | |
|----------------------------|-------|---|---|----|------------|------|------|-------|
| Women's Polo Sizes: | S | M | L | XL | 2X | 3X | 4X | Total |
| Price: | \$32 | | | | \$35 | \$35 | \$35 | |
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| Tunic Sizes: | S | M | L | XL | 2X | 3X | 4X | Total |
| Price: | \$36 | | | | \$38 | \$38 | \$38 | |
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| | ADULT | | | | PLUS SIZES | | | |
|----------------------------|-------|---|---|----|------------|------|------|-------|
| Men's Polo Sizes: | S | M | L | XL | 2X | 3X | 4X | Total |
| Price: | \$32 | | | | \$35 | \$35 | \$35 | |
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Checks Payable to: **LWML 2027 CH C** (Convention Host Committee)

Add Shipping

1-4 items **\$7.00**
 5-9 items **\$14.00**
 10-19 items **\$25.00**
 20+ items **\$40.00**



Last Date to Order: June 1, 2027
 ALL ORDERS MUST BE PREPAID

Order Online
Scan QR Code



Request from Delia Collard
Host Committee Administrative Assistant



WANT TO SERVE ON THE HOST COMMITTEE?
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE NOW!

*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another,
as good stewards of God's varied grace (1 Peter 4:10).*

As Lutheran Women in Mission, the Holy Spirit drives us to extend a helping hand to others and henceforth, what a joy it is to *Serve the Lord with Gladness!* If you would like to use your gifts and volunteer your time to help shape our 2027 LWML Convention by serving on the Host Committee (HC), please step forward.

Many of our Host Committee positions require work to be done prior to convention, and other positions require most of the work to be done on site during the convention. All HC meetings are conducted via Zoom; there is only one meeting scheduled in Oklahoma City for coordinators and chairmen which will be held in March 2027; directors are not required to attend that meeting.

Just released is our Host Committee Call for Workers application. Many of you have been waiting for this application. It is included in this newsletter. This application will be used to staff all our general committees. We need YOU and we have a place for EVERYONE! Please study the application and decide where you can best share your gifts while serving the LWML women of the nation. You will send your application to Lisa Snow. Her contact info can be found on the application.

Below is a list of vacant leadership HC chairmen and director positions. Per Karen's article, if you are interested in any of these positions, please contact your group, zone or district president for the correct application. Then forward your completed application to Karen.

Volunteers are needed for the following chairman and director positions:

- Hospitality Chairman
- Intermediate Child Care Director
- Food Services Traffic Supervisor Director
- Hotel Shuttle Buses Director
- VIP Drivers Director
- Information & Wheelchair Director
- On-Site Hostesses Director
- Main Floor Ushers Director
- Properties Director
- Signage Support Director
- Workers' Room Director

We can be confident that God has great things in store for us at our LWML 2027 Convention. Through the shared collaboration between our sisters in Christ from Texas, Missouri, Kansas, and Oklahoma, we are blessed to be called to serve our LWML sisters across the nation. We invite you to help plan our 42nd convention. Please join us!

Grab a friend or two and
volunteer *together* to help make the
2027 LWML Convention a huge success!

Volunteer application is located
on the following two pages.





CALL FOR WORKERS! Volunteer Application

**LWML 2027 Convention
July 8 – 11, 2027
Oklahoma City, OK**

The assistance of hundreds of willing workers (including men!) is needed.

- Duplicate this form and share it with other members of your congregation.
- Indicate all the areas in which you would be willing to serve.
 - Assignments of areas for service will not occur until the spring of 2027
- Type or print clearly in dark ink.
- Some of the positions require being at the convention before it actually starts.
- Return completed form to the address on page 2. Return form as soon as possible so that directors know of your interest, but no later than February 1, 2027

Thank you! *Hosted by Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas*

Name: _____ Email Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ LWML District: _____

LWML Zone: _____ Host Committee Position _____

My abilities:

- _____ I am able to do a lot of walking.
- _____ I am able to stand for up to 4 hours.
- _____ I am able to handle heavy physical work (lifting, moving, securing props, etc.).
- _____ I am a delegate and will help when the convention is not in session.

Please check all areas where you would be willing to serve.

If desired, number your areas in order of preference. We will try to accommodate your choices.

_____ **I will pray for the convention, the speakers, and those serving on the Host Committee.**

At home before the convention (does not qualify for hours toward discount registration coupon):

- _____ Centerpieces
- _____ Golf Outing (getting sponsors, donations)
- _____ Sewing (for special dress attire)

Note: Those who volunteer to work eight hours (two 4-hour shifts) or more in Oklahoma City are eligible for a reduced registration fee. Reduced fees will be provided at a later date, but the earlier you register for the convention, the bigger the discount. Please plan to work eight hours. You will receive your assignments after you register for convention. We are so glad you are accepting the promise to work at least eight hours. Should you decide not to volunteer for the convention, you will receive an invoice for the balance of the registration fee. Delegates do not receive the worker discount because their attendance is paid for by their zone or district.



Tuesday, Jul 7, (time to be determined)

_____ Packets Assembly

Wednesday morning, July 8, prior to the beginning of convention

_____ Registration Set-up _____ Golf Outing

Wednesday afternoon, July 8, through Thursday, July 9, noon

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| _____ Airport/Train Greeter | _____ Hostess—Exhibitors | _____ Servant Activities |
| _____ Banner Room | _____ Hotel Greeter | _____ Tour Information |
| _____ Blood Drive | _____ Information Kiosk in Convention Center | _____ VIP Driver (requires car) |
| _____ Choir Registration | _____ LWML Store, set-up | _____ Walk Registration |
| _____ Communion—Altar Guild | _____ Charter Motorcoach / Shuttle Greeter | _____ Wheelchair Rental |
| _____ Convention Registration | _____ Newspaper Reporter | _____ Workers’ Room as needed |
| _____ Decorations, set-up | _____ Properties Room | |

Thursday, July 9, afternoon through Sunday, July 12, afternoon

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|-------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| _____ Airport/Train Greeter | _____ Hostess—On-Site | _____ Pack Communion Ware |
| _____ Communion Assistant | _____ Hostess—Photo Op | _____ Properties Room |
| _____ Convention Registration | _____ Hostess—Prayer Chapel | _____ Usher—Floor |
| _____ Decorations | _____ Information Kiosk | _____ VIP Driver (requires car) |
| _____ Hostess—Choir | _____ Lost and Found | _____ Walk Registration |
| _____ Hostess—Exhibitors | _____ LWML Store, take down | _____ Wheelchair Rental |
| _____ Hostess—Food Service | _____ Newspaper reporter | _____ Workers’ Room |
| _____ Hostess—LWML Store | _____ Charter Motorcoach / Shuttle Greeter | _____ as needed |

Friday and Saturday

Child/Youth Care (assist with program, 8 am–5 pm, preferably for two days). Check preferred age:

_____ 6 months–4 years _____ 5–8 years _____ 9–12 years _____ 13–17 years

For Teens

_____ Page (must be 14–17 years old)

For Clergy

_____ Prayer Chapel, spiritual counsel, or prayer.

_____ Assist with communion at the Thursday evening worship service (does not qualify for hours toward worker discount).

_____ Other areas where needed—**PLEASE CHECK AREAS ABOVE**

Please return completed form as soon as possible to Lisa Snow, Personnel Data Management Chairman, by email: snowflake@taylortel.net or USPS: 13900 CR 495, Hawley, TX 79525 Questions? Call or text Lisa Snow at 325-829-0695.

Thank you for your willingness to serve while being "Transformed In Christ"

