

TO: Member Groups of LWML Texas District
FROM: Debra Heckmann, Leader Development Chairman
SUBJECT: Registration/Credentials — 2024 LWML Texas District Convention — **READ CAREFULLY**
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This letter contains information for your participation in the 43rd Biennial Convention being held at the Omni Corpus Christi, 900 North Shoreline Blvd., Corpus Christi, Texas, on June 13–15, 2024.

HOLD FAST
Christ is Our Anchor

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works (Hebrews 10:23–24).

Hold fast in Christ, our source of hope, living out our faith without wavering.

Your group recently completed the 2024 Annual Membership Report. The number of members reported determines the number of eligible delegates your group may send to convention and the number of Group Delegate/Alternate Certification form(s) needed. If you have any questions, please contact your zone president or me.

Article VI of the LWML Texas District Bylaws gives the guidelines for group representation at the LWML District convention. It reads:

Article VI – Conventions and Representation

Section 4

The members of the convention who shall have voice and vote shall be

- a) one (1) certified delegate from each group having twenty (20) or less members and one (1) additional delegate for each additional twenty (20) members or major fraction thereof, as of December 31 preceding the convention.

Section 5

A member of the voting assembly shall vote in one (1) capacity only. Proxy votes are prohibited.

Section 6

- a) Each delegate shall have a certified alternate when possible.
- b) The names of the delegate and her alternate shall be ratified by their LWML Group President.
- c) The names of the certified delegates and alternates shall be submitted to the LWML District Leader Development Committee Chairman no later than three (3) weeks prior to the convention.
- d) In the event neither the delegate nor the alternate is able to serve, a member of the same group may serve as delegate upon certification in writing by her LWML Group President and presentation to the LWML District Leader Development Committee Chairman.

No verbal declaration of one's election as a delegate/alternate will be accepted.

The registration form, *Group Delegate/Alternate Certification* form and other convention information can also be accessed at the LWML Texas District website lwmltxdist.org/convention. You are encouraged to keep a copy of your delegate(s) and alternate delegate(s) completed registration forms for your files.

IMPORTANT regarding proper certification of **Group Delegate(s) and Alternate Delegate(s)**: The Group President must sign the Group Delegate/Alternate Certification form and forward it to your zone president by **May 1**.

(Your zone president is responsible for all the group delegates in your zone. The zone president forwards the Group Delegate/Alternate Certification forms to the District Leader Development Chairman by May 15.)

Online Registration: Available on the convention website lwmltxdist.org/convention with payment by credit card. No American Express credit cards will be accepted by LWML Texas District for registration or at the convention including the LWML store.

Convention Opening: Convention opens Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Corpus Christi Ballroom of the Omni Corpus Christi with a Divine Service with Communion. Visitors are welcome to worship with us. The business meetings will begin at 8:15 a.m. on Friday and conclude on Saturday at noon.

General Registration: Thursday 7:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m. and Friday 7:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m. — Pick up your convention tote bags and badges at the registration area in the Pre-Function Area of the Omni Corpus Christi.

Choir: If you are interested in singing in the choir during Thursday evening's worship service, please check the appropriate box on the registration form. Practice time will be 2:00 p.m. on Thursday in the Corpus Christi Ballroom. Music and additional details will be sent after the registration form is received.

Rite of Dedication and Blessing: Thursday 3:00 p.m., Nueces Ballroom A — Our district pastoral counselors will lead us in prayer as we ask for God's blessings on all the activities of the convention.

Meet the Candidates and Officers: Thursday 3:30–4:30 p.m., Nueces Ballroom A — All convention attendees are invited to meet the current officers and candidates for office, while reconnecting with old friends and making new ones.

Zone Caucuses: Thursday 9:00 p.m. — Convention delegates and guests are encouraged to attend zone caucuses. Your zone president will inform you of the meeting place.

Meals: All meals are secured with registration only. On Friday and Saturday mornings a full breakfast buffet is available with boxed lunches offered on Thursday and Friday. Dinner is on your own. There will be a listing of area restaurants available.

Pastors Lunch: Friday 11:45 a.m.–1:15 p.m. — Encourage your pastor to sign up for this lunch/enrichment session at Trinity Our Savior Lutheran Church, 808 Louisiana Avenue (Hoegemeyer's BBQ brisket, potato salad, green beans, iced tea, and peach cobbler). Vice President of Organizational Resources Debra Heckmann and our district pastoral counselors will present a program. More information is included in the registration packet. Zones are encouraged to cover expenses of their zone pastoral counselor to attend the convention.

Housing: The hotel will honor the rate for three nights before and after the convention based on availability should you choose to visit any of the Corpus Christi and surrounding area attractions. More information is included online.

Teens (ages 12-17): A fun-filled, servant-minded agenda is planned for the teens attending convention. Teens should purchase Friday's boxed lunch option when registering and bring money for any purchases they plan to make at the LWML store. Thursday lunch, Friday and Saturday breakfast, and Friday dinner, a unique teen T-shirt, and other supplies are covered in the registration fee. An adult mentor/leader must attend the convention for every 1-4 girls registered.

Childcare: We are unable to provide childcare at this convention due to insurance and liability constraints.

Young Women Lunch (ages 18-40) and former Zone YWRs: On Friday at noon, all potential, current and former young woman representatives are encouraged to order the Friday boxed lunch and bring it to the Bayview room to enjoy sharing ideas, experiences, and fellowship.

Zone Young Woman Representative: All 25 zones are encouraged to send one or more Young Woman Representative(s) (ZYWR) to the convention. The Zone YWR program will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 13, and conclude at the end of the convention on Saturday at noon. There will be opportunities for service, Bible study, fellowship, and training. Each ZYWR will sit with her zone president and delegation during the convention on Friday and Saturday. She will need to register for the convention and order the Friday boxed lunch (the zone should cover the cost). **Send information on your ZYWR** to Amanda Hankemeier at amandahankemeier@gmail.com.

Registration form, additional information for registration, travel, hotel, meals, teens, Gifts from the Heart, off-site and on-site servant events, enrichment sessions, convention T-shirts, and more special opportunities are available online.

May the Lord bless you as you joyfully prepare for this convention. I look forward to being with you as we gather in Corpus Christi as redeemed children of God, reaffirmed that our hope is anchored in Christ as we hold fast to His promises, so that we can boldly witness to others!

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