

## Visiting Board of Directors Representative Bio

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### **Anita Werner, Treasurer**

Anita first became involved with LWML in Yuma, Arizona after her marriage to Elliott Werner 49 years ago. As a young bride and new member of the church, her mother-in-law, Lorena Werner, shared the mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League and gave Anita her first Mite Box. Anita became involved in the local group, serving as a society officer, and helping with fundraising activities for mission grants and mite offerings.

After moving to the El Paso, Texas area, former LWML Rocky Mountain District President Sue Anderson encouraged Anita to get more involved with LWML. Anita has served at the LWML local, zone and district levels as well as serving on the Albuquerque Convention Host Committee and as a member of the Finance and Operations Committee. She is currently the LWML Treasurer.

In her local congregation (Ascension Lutheran, El Paso, TX) she serves as Financial Secretary, women's Bible study leader, and as a member of the Endowment Committee. She also serves on the Altar Guild and sings in the choir.

A life-long banker, Anita retired from WestStar Bank (El Paso, TX) in 2022. During her 48+ years in banking, starting in Arizona and continuing in El Paso, she worked in all phases of banking, including branch operations, lending, and project management. Anita holds a degree from the Graduate School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI. Her undergraduate degree in Management is from the University of Phoenix.

Elliott and Anita have been married for 49 years and continue to live in Santa Teresa, NM, a bedroom community of El Paso, Texas. Both are retired but remain active in their community and in the lives of their many nieces and nephews and extended family members.

Anita is active in her community and has served on the El Paso Board of Trustees and as the Chairman of the El Paso Symphony Orchestra. She served as President of the Financial Women in Texas organization and continues as a member. She likes to travel and read.

Anita's vision for the LWML is to continue our mission of spreading the Gospel throughout the world through the prudent management of our resources while embracing new technologies to streamline our work. We will accomplish this by bringing the women of the LCMS together to grow in our faith, serve our families, churches, communities, and world by reflecting the love of Jesus Christ.

Anita's favorite Bible verse is from Jeremiah 29:11, *For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.*