

Sisters in Mission

Why LWML matters to me

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As a member of Lutheran Women in Mission, I have been able to form relationships with women young and old across the country with the same mindset of dedicating our lives to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with our Savior. This common thread renews, reminds and strengthens our call to be workers in the harvest field.

As someone who has grown up in the LWML and been involved at all levels of the organization, I have seen firsthand the impact of our Mite offerings and what they have accomplished around the world, solely through the work of the Holy Spirit. I pray that I can encourage more young women like me, a busy young professional, to become involved in this organization and serving the Lord with gladness, even when they feel their schedules are full or they are not qualified, or whatever doubt the devil tries to instill in them.

The LWML is an organization for all women, and it equips each of its members to recognize the gifts God has blessed us with and allows us to serve others through the love of Christ.

Heart to Heart Sisters

Connecting women from all nations

The Lutheran Women in Mission Texas District has a rich and storied history of mission support, kingdom-building work, and great fellowship!

One way in which we encourage all women to participate in LWML is through the Heart to Heart Sisters program. It connects women from different cultures and ethnicities, uniting them under a Christ-serving banner of missions and service.

Heart to Heart Sisters, however, is more than an initiative. It's about building relationships. Rooted in the love of Christ, all women in our congregations and missions are invited to connect across cultures, languages and life experiences, forming bonds that reflect the unity we have in Him.

At its core, Heart to Heart Sisters is about listening, learning and walking alongside one another. It encourages reaching out to women in diverse communities — especially those who may not yet feel seen or included — to welcome each one with open hearts and open hands. Through shared prayer, service, storytelling and new friendships, we can discover all we have in common and celebrate how beautifully God works through our differences.

Heart to Heart Sisters challenges each LWML member to be intentional — to step outside comfort zones and into conversations that lead to lasting connection and sisterhood in the Lord. All women are welcome to join Lutheran Women in Mission and its impactful mission work!

Heart to Heart Sisters reflects the now and future church as described in Revelation 7:9: "A great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages."

As Sally Krueger, LWML district president, shares, "Let's support and encourage mission efforts together, including all of us, working in joy for the Kingdom of the Lord." Amen!

Visit lwmltxdist.org/heart-heart-sisters.

DEADLINE APPROACHING

The deadline to apply for an LWML Texas District scholarship for the 2026-27 school year is March 31. Women who are members of a Texas District congregation and are enrolled at an LCMS university studying to become a full-time LCMS church worker are eligible.

Visit lwmltxdist.org, go to "About Us," select "Scholarships," and download the 2026 application packet. Questions? Contact Michelle Heckmann at scholarships@lwmltxdist.org.

2024-26 Mite Goal: \$403,000

Mites received through Nov. 30: \$308,106 (\$94,894 still needed)

Mission Grants paid through Nov. 30: \$230,314

Send your mite offerings, along with a remittance form to: LWML Texas District, Attn: Alissa Elley, Financial Secretary P.O. Box 183; Seguin, TX 78156