

Gifts Today to Bless Tomorrow



Have you ever considered if it is possible to leave a legacy for generations of LWML women to come? An enduring impact of this kind can easily be made through contributions (immediate and planned gifts) to the LWML Texas District Endowments.

The endowments provide a steady, consistent and perpetual source of annual income, and enable us to further our impact by providing scholarships for women becoming church workers; support and training for those who serve as our LWML Texas District leaders; and an opportunity to add to our mission goal.

Here is one family's story of how and why they chose to leave a Legacy through gifts to an LWML Texas District Endowment.

After my mom was diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic cancer, planning her funeral and all the details that go along with it was the last thing she wanted to talk about. While her faith was strong and she was certain of her salvation, dying is scary and she didn't want to think about it. The morning she passed away, I joined my father and brothers, sitting around the kitchen table with Pastor, as we made the myriad of decisions that I wish she had made long before she became sick. The easiest decision to make was where we should designate the memorials to go. My mom

supported numerous organizations through donations and volunteering but number one in her heart was LWML. She had served her Savior, whom she now had met face to face, through this great organization for decades, holding almost every office at the society and zone level.

She loved serving as zone president, a position she held until the cancer made her too weak to serve. By designating her memorials to go to the Mission Goal Endowment, we have the comfort of knowing that her contribution to LWML will go on forever as that money earns interest to support the mission goal of the LWML Texas District. I am proud of my mom, the work she did, and the example she set for me and my family to serve others. I am thankful to the LWML Texas District for giving us a means to be able to honor her and her service by supporting the Mission Endowment Goal. — Kelli A.

What's your why? How can you participate in *Gifts Today to Bless Tomorrow*? Planned giving can be a wonderful way to stretch your giving dollars. Planned gifts are those for which provision is made in wills and estate plans or by beneficiary designations made on insurance policies, IRAs or other retirement and savings accounts. To learn more about planned gifts you may directly consult with

our funds administrator, Legacy Deo at 1-800-880-3733 or email info@legacydeo.org.

Debbie Curry, Legacy Deo Ambassador, is available for estate planning and charitable giving consultations at no cost. Debbie is also available for presentations to LWML groups and zones. Contact her at debbie.legacydeo@gmail.com to schedule your consultation or presentation. All information shared in individual consultations is kept confidential.

Not yet ready to make a planned gift? You can still participate in *Gifts Today to Bless Tomorrow* by making an immediate gift. In addition, please consider a gift honoring or paying tribute to someone for their birthday, anniversary, graduation or another milestone. Perhaps it is time to remember a mentor with a gift of thanks. Memorials are also an option. What better way to honor or pay tribute to someone than to give a gift that will give into perpetuity? Your gift will continue to educate women, inspire and train members, and support missions.

Visit lwmltxdist.org/endowments. Together we are *Gifts Today to Bless Tomorrow*!



LWML Texas District 43rd Biennial Convention

• June 13–15 • Omni Hotel
Corpus Christi

Mission Grant Spotlight



Faith Lutheran School (FLS), Plano, has been serving their community for more than 50 years. The school serves children in grades preschool through 12. FLS strives to *present everyone complete in Christ* (Col. 1:28) by fostering a love of learning, skills in critical analysis, leadership, independent thinking, and God and neighbor.

An LWML Texas District mission grant will provide tuition assistance for income-challenged families seeking classical Lutheran education for their children. The school catechizes stu-

dents daily throughout all subjects as well as during daily devotions and chapel. Many students and those in their families have been baptized as a result of their children attending the school. Many of those families have gone on to join the church.

Extracurricular activities include football, volleyball, soccer, basketball and archery. In addition, a variety of fine arts opportunities include band, choir, keyboarding, handbells, and art. Faith has a renowned high school choir.

Patti Samsel • Vice-President of Gospel Outreach

GREAT IS HIS Faithfulness!



Totals as of August 31, 2023

2022–2024 Mite Goal	\$390,000
Mites Received	\$244,435
Total Mites Still Needed	\$145,565
Mission Grants Paid	\$152,814

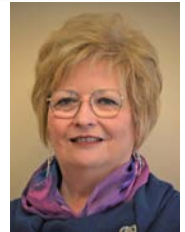
Send your mite offerings along with a remittance form to: LWML Texas District Attn: Kathy Walther Financial Secretary, PO Box 124, Giddings, TX 78942

Table Talk

Grab a cup of coffee or tea, and let us visit a moment.

Let's have a conversation about mites.

In several of my previous articles, I discussed the likelihood of mite offerings dropping during the summer months, and that indeed happened. As we pace ourselves toward achieving the mite goal set at the 2022 Houston convention, there was a substantial deficit in August, more than usual. My invitation to you today is to boldly step out in trust and giving. The LWML Texas District website — lwmltxdist.org/aboutmites — is a great resource to reacquaint yourself and your fellow members with the Mite Offering Resources document, which shares more on the various means of offering our mites to the Lord.



Frances Molitor
LWML Texas District President

Have a required minimum distribution to make? That can go directly to mites. Recognize how blessed you are and want to offer an individual gift to mites? That can go directly to mites. Looking for an additional tithing opportunity? That can go directly to mites. Go to lwmltxdist.org and click the “Donate Online” tab, and mark your gift as mites. Or send a check with a note as “gift for mites.”

Have any questions? Contact Kathy Walther and she will be more than happy to discuss the various means of giving. Those mite box offerings are mighty, but there are numerous ways to give those mites a boost. On the mites webpage is a link to send an email to Kathy.

Most importantly, remain in prayer, always thanking our Lord for the many blessings being shared with the LWML Texas District and that each member, as they are able, finds joy in sharing their blessings with those who desperately need to hear the Gospel. As Paul wrote to the Philippians, I now share with you:

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. **PHIL. 1:3-5**