

LWML Texas District Group and Member Reporting Guidelines September 2022

These guidelines are for LWML districts reporting church groups and member numbers to national LWML. In all instances, LWML Bylaws state any woman who is a communicant member of an LCMS congregation is eligible for membership. We realize that church groups, zones, and district bylaws may all have different methods for counting member totals, but it is important that all districts report their church groups and member numbers in a consistent fashion to national LWML

| Membership Category | Active Church Group | Active Member of a Church Group | Active Individual Member |
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| | <p>If a group meets all or most of the following guidelines they would be referred to as an active church group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has officers or a coordinator/contact person. Meets at least quarterly. Participates in, or is aware and supportive of, zone and/or district events. Contributes to mite offerings and prays for the missions they support. Subscribes to the <i>Lutheran Woman's Quarterly</i> (LWQ). | <p>If a member of an active group participates on a regular basis in her group activities she would be referred to as an active member.</p> <p>Active church group members are eligible to represent their district at a national convention, in accordance with their zone and district bylaws.</p> | <p>If an individual meets all or most of the following guidelines they would be referred to as active:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participates in and is supportive of zone and/or district events. Contributes to mite offerings and prays for the missions they support. Subscribes to the LWQ. <p>Active individual members may be eligible for voting privileges at the zone or district level (refer to respective bylaws), but are not eligible for voting privileges as an individual member at the national level (LWML Bylaws, Article II, Section 1e). If an individual member is elected by her zone to represent them at a national convention, she may do so as she is classified as a zone representative.</p> |
| Membership Category | Supporting Church Group | Supporting Member of a Church Group | Supporting Individual Member |
| | <p>The following guidelines describe a supporting church group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does not have officers or a coordinator/contact person. Does not meet or contribute to mite offerings consistently but continues to pray regularly for the LWML. <p>Some districts may refer to these church groups as inactive or have other categories. For the purpose of reporting the number of church groups to national LWML, please refer to these groups as supporting.</p> | <p>Some LWML groups consider all communicant women in their congregation members of their church group. The women in this category do not actively attend any LWML functions. The LWML District President should report them as supporting members to national LWML.</p> <p>Supporting church group members are eligible to represent their district at a national convention, ONLY in accordance with their zone and district bylaws. This would be discouraged as their knowledge of LWML activities would be limited.</p> | Not applicable |