

The Lone Star Connection



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Quarterly Newsletter

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2024 Key Dates

- June 11–12 Executive Committee Meeting
- June 12 Board of Directors Meeting
- June 13–15 43rd Biennial Convention
Omni Corpus Christi Hotel
- June 15 Post Convention EC Meeting



LWML Texas District
43rd Biennial Convention
June 13–15, 2024
Omni Corpus Christi

Visit the district website convention page at lwmltxdist.org/lwml-texas-district-conventions for all the information.

CONVENTION DEADLINES



- May 7** Early Registration Ends. Last Day to order T-shirt on registration form.
- May 22** Hotel Convention rate ends at 5 p.m.
- May 31** Last day to register for convention. Last day to order meals on registration form.



Greetings to you my friends in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Where have four years gone? The year 2020 seems light years ago, yet 2024 came so quickly! The time for me to relinquish my position is drawing near and the realization his is my last newsletter article to you as your president just hit me right between the eyes. There is so much I wish to share, but it will have to wait because, first, there is biennium end news!

With the blessings in mites you so readily shared, all mission grants have been funded and operating expenditures of the district were covered. While we missed reaching the mite goal by just a bit, this can still be declared a successful biennium. I will never tire of the astonishment and awe of watching those mite offerings come together, from the coins to the dollar bills to the checks to the online offerings. What an honor and thrill it is to be part of Lutheran Women in Mission.

Now for convention news. Corpus Christi, here we come! Soon your LWML sisters, pastoral counselors, and visitors will be gathering in anticipation of all the joys of an LWML convention. On the agenda is an inspiring keynote speaker as well as two Mites in Action speakers ready to share their mission stories. The displays and stores will be open on Thursday and Friday with a worship service on Thursday evening. With Bible studies, enrichment sessions, and singing, you surely don't want to miss this opportunity. Complete information can be found on the website at lwmltxdist.org/lwml-texas-district-conventions. If you can't find an answer to your question, you may contact Host Committee Chairman Judy Kunkel at CorpusChristi2024@lwmltxdist.org.

Be aware of the deadlines! Do not wait until May to register. Get that registration in now. It would be simply marvelous to have at least 400 plus registrants by May 7. Bring a friend, bring a first timer, bring a young woman or teen, bring your pastor, and of course, bring yourself. I cannot wait to see you all in Corpus Christi!

With much love to all,
Frances Molitor, President



Proclaim — Support — Serve

All Mission Grants for the 2022–2024 biennium have been paid in full!



Let us stop and pray:

Thank you, Lord, for providing the LWML Texas District with the mite offerings needed to meet the mission grant goal set two years ago. Our blessings abound with the faithful givers and to You only, Lord, do we give all thanks and glory. Amen



**Corpus Christi Convention
Comic Relief
Abby Goehring**

Abby Goehring currently lives in Central Texas with her husband, Matt, but she grew up in the Coastal Bend area. Abby has been a teacher for 16 years. Her mission field is her classroom where she gets to interact with kids daily and, hopefully, is blessed to be a role model for them. She loves her job because each day is a new day and, well...you just never know what kids are going to say!

Abby is a lifelong Lutheran. The first convention she ever attended was the last time an LWML Texas District Convention was held in Corpus Christi where she served as a page. Since then, she has been involved with the LWML on all levels, from serving as the Zone YWR to serving on the Committee of Young Women on both the district and national levels. The LWML has become part of who she is, and she looks forward to any LWML activity and, of course, the conventions!

Abby made her comedic debut in 2018 at the LWML Texas District Convention where she portrayed Katie Luther. When former President Debbie Larsen called to invite her to work with one of her mentors, Jan Struck, at the 2021 LWML Convention in Kentucky, she responded with an excited "YES!" When asked for an encore at the 2023 Convention in Milwaukee, she gleefully accepted! The rest, as they say, is history! Abby is excited to be back in Corpus Christi, where it all began, to provide comedic relief for the purple, praying LWML ladies of the Texas District!

Have you registered for the convention in Corpus Christi?

As of April 9, **171** registrations have been received. This number includes the following:

General Registrations	78
Teens	6
Group Delegates	49
Pastors	6

Be sure and register, early registration ends May 7.

Come early or stay late!

Besides the convention, there is so much to see and do. The discounted hotel rates are good for three days before and three days after the convention based on availability. So, plan to spend some extra time in Corpus Christi. In addition to the beautiful bayfront location of the Omni hotel, local attractions include:

- The Texas State Aquarium
- USS Lexington Museum on the Bay
- Mustang Island State Park
- Padre Island National Seashore
- Corpus Christi Museum of Science and History
- Art Museum of South Texas

Plus, many outdoor adventures await in Corpus Christi like fishing, bird watching, kayaking, sailing, surfing, paddle boarding, and more!

Check it out here: visitcorpuschristi.com/lwml-texas-district-43rd-biennial-convention

2024–2026 Proposed Mission Grants

	Mission Grant	Amount
1.	Christian Education Scholarships K–12, Central Texas	\$25,000
2.	New Life Children’s Center Spiritual Care Program, Canyon Lake	\$20,000
3.	Orphan Grain Train Shipping Supplies, Houston	\$15,000
4.	Proclaiming Christ to People Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired (LBW)	\$20,000
5.	Offering Women Hope: Blue Blossom Pregnancy Centers and Maternal Assistance Program, Houston	\$ 8,000
6.	Disciple and Mobilize Youth for Gospel Outreach, Glocal Mission, Houston	\$12,000
7.	Whatever is True, Faith Lutheran School, Plano	\$15,000
8.	Disaster Response Team, Trinity Lutheran Church, Tyler	\$15,000
9.	Adventure Woods Day Camp Outreach, Camp Lone Star, Tomball	\$20,000
10.	Little Lambs Parents’ Day Out Ministry Playground Equipment, Sulphur Springs	\$10,000
11.	For LIFE Youth Apologetics Retreat, Y4Life	\$10,000
12.	Hereford Hispanic Outreach Program, Hereford	\$25,000
13.	Shepherd’s Canyon Retreat Ministry Scholarships	\$15,000
14.	Ethnic and Young Adult Mission Developments, LINC South Texas	\$20,000
15.	Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care Warehouse Repairs, El Paso	\$20,000
16.	Let It Shine Academy, Bethany, Austin, Lutheran Special Education Ministries	\$10,000
	Seminarian Scholarships for Texas Students As stated in Standing Rule 35, the Seminarian Scholarships for Texas Students is automatically funded. The Mission Grants Committee recommends the amount of \$40,000 for the 2024–2026 biennium. The delegates will be asked to approve the amount.	\$40,000
	Proposed Mission Grants	\$260,000
	Seminarian Scholarships	\$ 40,000
	Proposed Mission Grants Total	\$300,000
	75% inside of Texas	\$225,000
	25% outside of Texas	\$ 75,000
	Proposed Mission Grant Goal for 2024–2026 Biennium	\$225,000

LWML Texas District

Are you receiving the district’s email news releases? Anyone can sign up to receive these, but we especially need zone and group presidents to sign up to receive current district news. Visit the homepage of our website, lwmltxdist.org to sign up now.

If your email has changed since you originally signed up or you need assistance, email communication@lwmltxdist.org.



Stay Connected ...

Send LWML news and photos to the *District News* editor at districtnews@lwmltxdist.org.

For website and social media, send information and photos to the Vice President of Communication at communication@lwmltxdist.org.

 www.lwmltxdist.org

Visit the website often

 [Facebook.com/LWMLTexas](https://www.facebook.com/LWMLTexas)

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Featured stories of women who are the Heart of LWML throughout our district have been published in the *District News* and are available on our district website at lwmltxdist.org/i-am-heart-lwml.

Thank you to all who submit articles to recognize these LWML servants.

Enduring Gifts

Immediate and planned gifts to the LWML Texas District Endowments create a lasting legacy for generations of LWML women to come!

Please remember the importance of supporting the endowments as you serve in your LWML groups and zones, in your personal giving commitments, and especially in your prayers for God's blessings on mission efforts.

More info here: lwmltxdist.org/endowments-gifting-options



Gifting Today to Bless Tomorrow

2022–2024 Mission Grants

Mission Grant	Amount	Disbursed	Balance
Scholarships for Seminarians — Texas District LCMS	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0
Offering Women Hope — Blue Blossom Pregnancy Centers, Houston	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
ACTS of Love Early Childhood Education Center — Leander	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
Orphan Grain Train — Houston	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
Let Your Light Shine — Bethany, Austin, Lutheran Special Education Ministries	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
Homeless to Housed — LINC Austin Outreach, Austin	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
The Garden Young Adult Ministry — North Texas	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
Gospel Driven Education — Faith Lutheran High School, Warda	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0
Bible Brigade — Lutheran Disaster Care	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$0
The Table of Los Fresnos Mission Outreach — Los Fresnos	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
Each Child Complete in Christ, Faith Lutheran School, Plano (partial funding)	\$14,129	\$14,129	\$0
Total (includes \$15,129 abundance from last biennium)	\$215,129	\$215,129	\$0

GREAT IS HIS Faithfulness!



Totals as of March 31, 2024

2022–2024 Mite Goal	\$390,000
Mites Received	\$387,764
Total Mites Still Needed	\$ 2,236
Mission Grants Paid	\$215,129

Remittance forms can be found at lwmltxdist.org/about-mites.

Mites can also be given online. Simply follow the instructions under the “Donate” button.

Please include group name, church name, and church city in the note section in order for your LWML group to receive credit for your mite donation. If it is an individual donation to mites, please note that. Please indicate if it is for something other than mites (endowments or retreat). You will receive an email receipt for your donation.

For additional information or if you need assistance, contact

financialsecretary@lwmltxdist.org.