

# LWML LINGO

**Annually**-Regular District Board of Directors meetings

**Biennium**-The period of two (2) years between conventions

**Bylaws**-The rules by which an organization functions

**Certified Delegate**-A convention voter whose membership qualifications and eligibility to serve have been verified by her zone - president

**Circle**- A small group within some LWML societies which meets regularly to meet a specific need

**Convention Manual**- A booklet that contains the convention program and reports of officers and committees

**Departments**- Christian Life, Communication, Gospel Outreach, Human Care, and Servant Resources

**District**- Groups into which the LWML is divided; Some encompass more than one state, others only a section of a state; Their presidents are members of the national board of directors

**District Board of Directors**- Elected officers of the District LWML, zone presidents, parliamentarian, standing committee chairmen, and appointed officers. Special appointed personnel and pastoral counselors serve as advisory (non-voting) members

**District Convention**- A meeting held biennially in odd-numbered years

**Elected Officers**- President, Vice President of Christian Life, Vice President of Communication, Vice President of Gospel Outreach, Vice President of Human Care, Vice President of Servant Resources, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, and Treasurer

**Executive Committee**- Elected officers of the District LWML, Parliamentarian (advisory), Structure Committee Chairman (advisory), and Pastoral Counselors (advisory)

**Financial Secretary**- Elected officer who receives money for the district LWML

**Fiscal Year**- The twelve-month period at the end of which financial accounts are balanced; LWML's is April 1 through March 31

**Individual Membership**- Membership available to women in an LCMS congregation with or without a society affiliated with the LWML

**LCMS**- The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod.

**LWML Catalog**- Source of program helps and miscellaneous items relating to LWML

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**LWML Sunday-** The first Sunday in October, set aside by LCMS to give recognition to the LWML

**Mission Goal Work Program-** A financial goal, adopted at each convention, for the mission grants, administration, and planned activities of the LWML

**Mission Grants-** A portion of mite funds, designated by delegates for funding at an LWML convention

**Mission Statement-** The mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League is to assist each woman of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Trine God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world

**Mite Box-** A small container designed to hold offerings to support the mission grants and program of the LWML. These offerings are gathered by societies regularly and prayerfully.

**Motto-** LWML's is "Serve the Lord with Gladness"

**Pastoral Counselor-** An LCMS parish pastor serving in an advisory capacity to the LWML

**Quarterly-** Official publication of the LWML, contains topic studies, inspirational and informative articles and features, and LWML news

**Rally-** A gathering of members in the zone, hosted by a unit or society, for the purpose of spiritual development, for sharing objectives and programs of the LWML, and for fellowship, encouragement, and training

**Retreat-** A planned opportunity to withdraw from normal routines for fellowship and spiritual and physical renewal. They can be a few hours to several days and are often held at a campsite or other secluded place

**Society-** An LWML group within a congregation, on a campus, in a resident home, or in another setting

**Standing Committees-** Christian Life, Public Relations, District News Staff, Christian Witness, Mission Advocacy and Grants, Human Care, Leader Development, Structure, Committee on Young Women, Scholarship Endowment Fund

**Standing Rules-** Regulations related to the details of the administration of the organization rather than to parliamentary procedure, and which can be changed more easily than bylaws.

**Treasurer-** Elected officer who disburses money for the district LWML.

**Unit-** All societies within one congregation, campus, resident home, or other setting that are affiliated with the LWML

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**Young Women Representative-** A young woman chosen to attend an LWML convention as a non-voting guest. The intent is that the experience will strengthen her relationship with God, educate her about LWML, and motivate her to become an active promoter of the LWML among her peers

**Zone-** An organization of societies in the same general geographic area within a district. Delegates from these make up most of the voting body at the national convention