

Spirit Splash



Waco, Texas Convention Center

Issue 1 ☘ July 5-6, 2018

Welcome to Waco!

2 years, 10 months, and 12 days. That's how long we have been waiting for you to arrive and we are thrilled that you are finally here. During this time, we have been busy planning an exciting convention for you and we hope you enjoy yourselves. We would love to be able to greet everyone personally, but if we miss you, we hope you know how much we appreciate you spending this time with us. We are in a wonderful area of Waco, and if you find some free time, we encourage you to go out; explore the shops, restaurants, museums, and other neat places in this area. If you need any assistance, please seek a host committee member wearing a red convention shirt.

2 years, 10 months, and 12 days. That's also how long we have been praying for you and this convention. A full agenda of worship opportunities, Bible studies, and speakers have been planned just for you. We pray God blesses your convention experience as He keeps you *Filled*, now and always, so that you may continue to *Overflow* to the world through *Serving, Sharing, and Telling*.

Convention Co-chairmen,
Kelli Alsup, Melissa Houchin



Service of Dedication and Blessing

Thursday at 6 p.m. a *Service of Dedication and Blessing* will begin at the Prayer Room (Lone Star Room 105) on the lower level of the Convention Center. This service will move throughout the Convention Center, setting aside each room and area for the Lord's purpose during the LWML Texas District 40th Biennial Convention. Everyone is invited to this service as we pray God's blessing on the Convention Center and the work of the LWML that will take place within its walls. The service will conclude at McLennan Hall for the Meet & Greet. During this time of fellowship, Dr Pepper® floats will be served and you will have the opportunity to visit with exhibitors and candidates.

Reminder

No outside food or drinks may be brought into the Waco Convention Center. This includes food purchased at the hotel, the food trucks, or brought from home. You may bring in your own personal water container, just no purchased bottled water.

Choir Rehearsal

The choir will be performing selected numbers at the July 6, Friday night Divine worship and July 8, Sunday worship. The choir will practice in Chisholm Hall at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday.

Special thanks to Director, Melissa Hamilton; Accompanist, Jeannette Schiffner; and Friday Divine Worship Organist, Jean Hoffmeyer.

The Schedule

Thursday, July 5

- Noon Registration begins
Human Care Area, Exhibits,
Shopping, Prayer Room open
- 2 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting
St. Paul Lutheran, Bellmead
- 6 p.m. Service of Dedication
and Blessing begins at Prayer
Room (lower level)
- 6 p.m. Registration closes
- 7 p.m. Meet & Greet – McLennan Hall
- 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal –
Chisholm Hall
- 9 p.m. Zone Caucuses
Convention Shops, Exhibits close

Friday, July 6

- 7 a.m. Exhibits open
 - 8:15 a.m. Singing
 - 8:30 a.m. **FIRST MEETING**
Official Convention Opening
Chisholm Hall – Bible study,
Convention Offering #1,
Mission Goal, Mission Grants
selection, LCMS Texas District
President Rev. Ken Hennings
 - Noon Lunch Break
 - 1:15 p.m. Singing
 - 1:30 p.m. **SECOND MEETING**
Bible study, Elections, Bylaws,
LWML President Patti Ross,
Intro of Departments, Report of
LWML Texas District President,
Debbie Curry, Tellers Report
 - 5 p.m. Dinner recess (on your own)
 - 6 p.m. Exhibits close
 - 7:30 p.m. Chisholm Hall
Divine Service with Holy
Communion – Rev. Ken
Hennings, Proclaimer
Convention Offering #2,
Dedicate Gifts From the Heart
- More Details in Convention Manual*

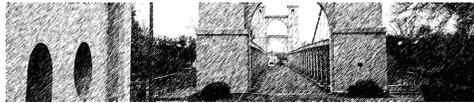
Greetings from the LWML Texas District President

Greetings and welcome to the 40th Biennial LWML Texas District Convention in Waco! Whether this is your very first convention or you are a seasoned attendee, you are what makes this gathering so special. Be assured you have been lifted up in prayer along with the many volunteers hosting this convention.

As we gather together in convention, filled to overflow by the Holy Spirit, may we all serve, share, and tell the love of Jesus. Remember you are serving with JOY as you worship, study God's Word, vote, serve in the human care area or servant events, and share time in fellowship with other Lutheran Women in Mission. There will be numerous opportunities to learn more about the mission work of our synod and the LWML. Please take time to visit with the exhibitors and attend the enrichment sessions.

I'm glad you are here and would love to greet each of you personally. When you return home, it is my prayer that you will encourage other women to experience JOY as we Joyfully serve the Lord, Openly confess the Gospel, and Yearn to grow in God's Word.

Serving with JOY,
Debbie Curry, President
LWML Texas District



Mission in Motion Prayer Walk

The *Mission in Motion Prayer Walk* will take place on the streets of Waco near the convention center on Saturday at 6:30 a.m. Participants will meet at the Freedom Fountain located in front of the Waco Convention Center and then be encouraged to pray at various locations along the approximately one-mile walk. There is no charge to participate.

Pledge forms to request donations to support Mites are available at the Mission in Motion Prayer Walk table next to Registration, open Thursday from noon–6 p.m. and Friday from 7:30 a.m.–6 p.m. If you have signed up to participate, or if you are interested in joining us, please visit the table before 6 p.m. Friday.

Convention Offerings

Offering #1 Friday Morning

Fortress, a new LCMS church plant, bringing the good news of the Gospel to the Killeen/Fort Hood/Harker Heights area of Central Texas.

Offering #2 Friday Evening Worship

Mites for the 2018–2020 Biennium

Offering #3 Sunday Morning

Churches Touching Lives for Christ is an evangelical cooperative ministry of churches in the Temple area working together to meet the needs of individuals in order to introduce them to Christ.

Young Woman's Gathering

All young women (ages 18–35) attending this convention are invited to the Young Woman's Gathering at lunch on Saturday in Brazos Ballroom South. All former Young Woman Representatives are invited to join them. Grab your box lunch and join the fun!



Good Things to Know

Registration Desk

Thursday 12 noon to 6 p.m.

Friday 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday Lost & Found Final Pickup

Meal/Dining Information

If you purchased a boxed lunch for Friday, you will pick up your lunch in McLennan 207. There will be tables in McLennan 207, Chisholm Hall, and lobby seating for dining and fellowship. If you did not order a boxed lunch, The Café at the Convention Center will be open July 5–8 from 8 a.m.–2 p.m.

Communications

All communications for the chair, officers, and members of the assembly seated in the delegate section are given to an usher. Delegates should give communication for the chair to their zone presidents. Prayer requests should be taken to the Prayer Room in Lone Star 105 on the lower level. General messages can be posted on the message center near Registration.

First Aid

The First Aid Station can be found in McLennan Hall, Room 207. Look for the signs leading you to the privacy-draped section by the exhibitors and Meet & Greet tables.

Convention Badges

All registrants and volunteers must wear their badges throughout the convention. For your own welfare, please complete the emergency information on the back of your convention badge insert.

Zone Caucus Information

All zones will conduct a caucus at 9 p.m. on Thursday, July 5. Capitol Zone will meet in McLennan 207. Central Texas Zone and Sunshine Zone will meet in Chisholm Hall. All other zones will post their meeting locations on the message center near Registration.

LWML Store

Don't miss out on tax-free* shopping on Thursday and Friday at the LWML Store located in McLennan Hall – Room 209.

Store Hours:

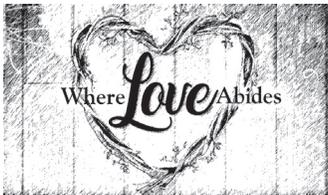
Thursday 12 noon–9 p.m.
 Friday 7 a.m.–8:15 a.m.
 11:30 a.m.–1:15 p.m.
 5 p.m.–6 p.m.
 Saturday 7 a.m.–8:15 a.m.
 11:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

*Non-profit organizations are allowed two consecutive retail sale days per year before being required to collect and remit sales taxes for the State of Texas.

CPH Exhibit Features Texas Authors

The Concordia Publishing House exhibit offers a wide variety of items for sale, including books by three Texas authors: Donna Pyle, Sarah Baughman and Rev. Michael Newman.

Check the schedule posted at their exhibit in McLennan 209 for times to meet your favorite author and have your copy autographed.



Donna Pyle – Where Love Abides Bible Study

Grab your breakfast at the kiosk in the Waco Convention Center and join Donna Pyle on Saturday morning at 7 a.m. in Brazos Ballroom South. She will debut the new DVD Bible study from LWML: *Where Love Abides—Connecting to the True Vine to Bear Fruit That Lasts* (based on John 15). Copies of the Bible study will be available for purchase and Donna will gladly autograph.

Convention Prayer Room

The Prayer Room for this convention, located in Lone Star Room 105 on the lower level of the Convention Center, will be open for prayer on Thursday, noon–6 p.m.; Friday, 7 a.m.–6 p.m.; and Saturday, 7 a.m.–5 p.m.

Prayer request cards are included in your tote bag and additional cards are available in the Prayer Room and at the back of the convention hall. Baskets are available at the entrance to the convention hall and in the Prayer Room for completed prayer requests. Your prayers can be included in the corporate prayers led by our pastoral counselors. Please indicate on the prayer card that you wish to have the pastors include your prayers. Be sure to fill out the contact information in case they have questions about your request.

An LWML Memorial book will be on the skirted table in the Prayer Room. Remember your LWML friends and relatives who went to heaven since the last LWML Texas District Convention in Lubbock in 2016.

In the Prayer Room, you can also pray through A.C.T.S. as you walk around the tables with prayer runners.



A.C.T.S.

Adoration – add your praise to the board

Confessions – tie a cloth to the cross as you bring your petitions to God

Thanksgiving – place a list of things you are thankful for in the basket

Supplication – submit your request in the box

Good Things to Know

Convention Courtesy Rules

All cell phones and pagers must be turned off or set on silent or vibrate while you are attending meetings and worship services. If you need to make or receive a phone call, please step outside of the meeting room. Clean up after yourself and place all trash in trash receptacles. Please treat the convention center and hotel staffs with courtesy.

Crisis Management

The Crisis Management Team for this convention is President Debbie Curry, Pastoral Counselors Tim Appel and John Heckmann, Carolyn Rivers, Whitney Lee, Kathy Walther and any medical staff on the premises. In case of a medical emergency please go to First Aid, located in McLennan 207. For any other emergency needs, please find a member of the host committee wearing a red convention t-shirt who will notify the Crisis Management Team.

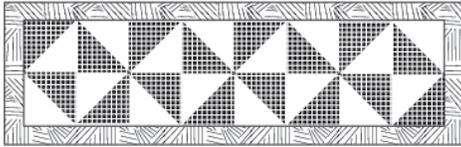
Gospel Outreach – Mission Grants

Did you know ...?

- Like the last biennium, our Mission Grant video was available on our LWML Texas District website www.lwmltxdist.org. Did you see it?
- You will find awesome thank you notes from our 2016-18 Mission Grant recipients at the Archivist-Historian exhibit.
- Some of the mission grant proposals on the ballot also have exhibits at the convention.
- Mission Grant proposal #8 was removed from consideration by the ministry due to ministry changes.
- Each delegate will vote for five (5) mission grant proposals. Grants receiving the highest total votes will be funded until the allocated grant goal is reached.

Welcome the Candidates

An overflowing slate of candidates are willing to serve, share, and tell about the mission of the LWML Texas District. Each candidate will be wearing a special 'identification badge' with the convention logo on it. Please take the opportunity to seek out and visit with the candidates at the Meet and Greet Thursday evening in McLennan Hall – Room 207. Introduction of the candidates and voting occurs Friday during the convention business meeting. Candidates' biographies can be found in the convention manual.



Prayer Runners

Take note of the colorful quilted runners displayed in Chisholm Hall and the Prayer Room. LWML women across Texas were invited to contribute their artistry to help decorate the meeting spaces. The runners will be donated to St. Catherine's Hospice, in Waco. They are provided to Hospice patients as a way to cheer the clinical spaces of a sickroom or hospital bed. St. Paul (Bellmead) Ol' Sew 'n' Sows regularly contribute runners, praying over each one as they are made before being distributed to patients. The outflow of creativity is deeply appreciated by St. Catherine's Hospice, nursing staff, and their patients.

The *Spirit Splash* is published in three issues during the convention by the Host Committee. Drop news items at the Registration Desk by 3 p.m. each day.

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Filled to Overflow - Serving

The *Human Care* area of the convention will offer opportunities for service both inside and outside the convention center. On Thursday afternoon from noon until 5 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., the Human Care area in the upper lobby of the convention center will be set up for *Spanish Bible marking* for the Ysleta Mission in El Paso, *fleece blanket tying*, *quilt tacking*, and *stamp trimming*. Another exciting project will be *designing greeting cards* for LCMS missionaries.

Saturday will offer servant events both at the convention center and in the city of Waco. This will be from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. In the Human Care area, we will be doing *personal care kit* assembly for Lutheran World Relief, *cookie bag* assembly for Waco area first responders, *packaging meals* for Kids Against Hunger, *Spanish Bible marking* for Ysleta Mission, and packing *blessing bags* for distribution to the homeless in Waco, Temple, and Killeen.

Opportunities for service in the city of Waco will be at *Care Net*, teaching young mothers the value of good meal preparation; *Caritas*, sorting through donations of clothes and small appliances; and working at two *Mission Waco nursing homes*. Those signing up for one of these projects will need to meet at the fountain outside the convention center at 12:45 p.m. to meet the vans.

The Carter Blood Mobile Units will be at the convention center on Saturday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Those registering in advance have been given an assigned time to report. Please report to the Blood Donor area ten minutes before your assigned time. If you have not registered and would like to donate, please come by the donor desk on Saturday and a time will be assigned to you. Announcements will be made on Friday as to where the buses and donor desk will be located.

Have a wonderful time at the convention as we are *Filled to Overflow* through service by showing others that we love them because God loves us.

Enrichment Sessions - Saturday, July 7

Session I – 1:15–2:15 p.m.

- Rev. Michael and Donna Coppersmith** – *Covering Our Mission in Prayer* Lone Star 103
Rev. Naveen Nischal – *Reaching Indians for Christ in the U.S.* Texas Room South
President Patti Ross – *Engage, Encourage, Equip, and Enjoy* Texas Room North
Jan Brunette – *Building a Bond of Unity in Christ in Ethnic Communities* Ranger Room

Session II – 2:30–3:30 p.m.

- Eloise Kuhlmann** – *Strategic Planning in Our Zones and Societies* Lone Star 103
Rev. Dr. Johannes Mengsteab – *An Evangelistic Movement to North America* Texas Room South
Rev. Gerry Harrow – *Sharing God's Love Where You are Planted* Texas Room North
Jan Brunette – *Building a Bond of Unity in Christ in Ethnic Communities* Ranger Room

Session III – 3:45–4:45 p.m.

- Cheryl Mattil** – *Leadership Training* Lone Star 103
Dr. Barbara Geistfeld – *Life – Gift from God* Texas Room South
Steve Cohen – *BOLDLY Declaring Y'shua as Messiah* Texas Room North
Jan Brunette – *Building a Bond of Unity in Christ in Ethnic Communities* Ranger Room