



*"Serve the Lord with Gladness"*

*Psalm 100:2*

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## Convention Comments ... "Wish You Were Here"



When asked for comments from those who attended the National LWML Convention in Mobile, Alabama, the following were received:

I caught our thoughtful President, Deb, leaving a little treat at the seat of each of our delegates. She also blessed each of the bus passengers with a gift bag that contained Mustard Seeds, snacks, a notepad and a pen. Joan Proehl graciously served as one of the bus hostesses who provided us with daily devotions and looked after us, giving clear directions on both time and location to keep us on track and on time.

Beth Schuster  
St. Paul Metro Zone President

It was incredible and a mountain-top experience, but now we are needed to come down into the valley to share and live our faith. That was a comment from Rev. Walton who was the pastor for the closing worship service. He is the Florida/Georgia District President.

Lois Marquardt  
LWML MN South District Archivist-Historian

Dear Sisters in Christ,

I thank my Lord for this breath-taking experience of attending this year's 38th Biennial LWML convention. Although the whole conference was inspiring, I found the Bible study led by Donna Pyle so faith lifting, to see her passion for studying and teaching God's word - I was just in awe. Secondly, the stories from the mites in mission, the donations from our mites collections just amazed me, to see what pennies, nickels and dimes can do. Music was superb, as well. I praise God for this lifelong experience.

Judy Donahue

Delegate for MN South

It was an honor to serve as a delegate. I was an alternate, but ended up being a delegate when our original delegate was unable to attend. It was my first time as a National delegate and our LWML MN South District attendees had wonderful 'seats' up front.

As your past parliamentarian I'd like to share with you the Bylaws part of convention and inform you that the proposed bylaw changes were passed. The LWML has been working since 2013 on this reorganization. There was a need to change how business between meetings was conducted in order to conform with the laws of the state of Missouri. An easy explanation is the executive committee was renamed Board of Directors and the District Presidents are now called Advisory Board. This allows for easier handling of business between the meetings.

Another change is the moving of some duties to a procedures manual. This is much like what LWML MN South District currently does now. This will make the National Bylaws less cumbersome. There were other changes such as removing the word "special" from appointed committee.

Attending the convention with 3,100 LWMLers, and a few husbands and pastors, worshipping together, and praising the Lord is an awesome experience; a mountain-top experience.

Irene Mensing

LWML MN South District Financial Secretary

The most impactful thing for me at convention was seeing the pictures of every missionary or missionary family currently serving. Rev. Dr. Brent Smith from Mission Central – LCMS World Mission included these images in his keynote address. I was moved to tears seeing their faces. It's one thing to see a list of countries in which the LCMS has placed a missionary or a map with a dot where the missionaries are serving, but it's a whole 'nother thing to see the people. Seeing their faces made it real, made you think and ponder on how they have answered the call for workers in the harvest fields.

Joy M. Anderson

LWML MN South District Webmaster

## **LWML North Carver Zone Serves at the National Youth Gathering**



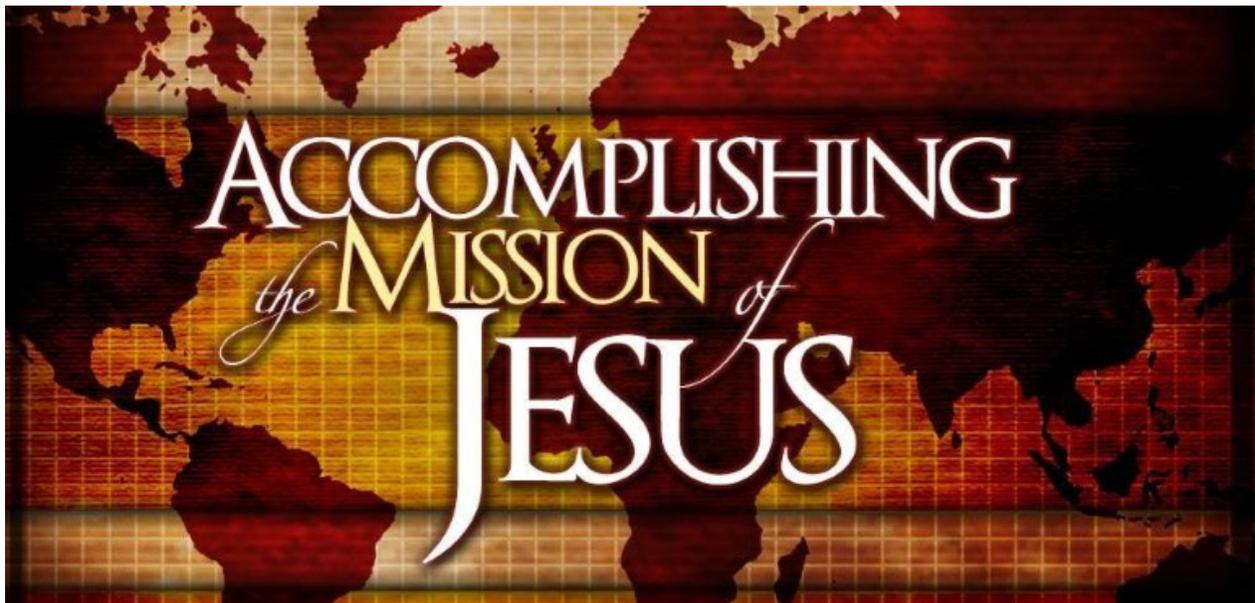
The LCMS National Youth Gathering held on July 11-15, 2019 brought over 21,000 youth to Minneapolis. The LWML North Carver Zone Human Care Committee co-chaired by Majel Wendorf and Barb Hoernemann, along with sewers, Amy Proffitt and Evonne Lenzen, brought five Serger sewing machines, along with material of t-shirts and flannel, to assemble diapers for Lutheran World Relief.

Forty (40) teenagers learned how to sew along with thousands of youth putting their hands to work to assemble diapers for this servant activity. 1,106 diapers of two sizes were finished along with 721 diapers that were assembled and need final sewing. There was 34,200 yards of thread used to sew these diapers together. Many of the youth and adult chaperones requested information on this project to take back with them, and plan to do this servant activity when they got back home.

These diapers will be placed in Baby Care Kits. Each Baby Care Kit contains 4 diapers, 2 outfits, 2 blankets, 2 diaper pins, 2 bars of soap, 2 pair of socks, a jacket and a cap. The diapers will be shared among the LWML Minnesota South District groups to be included in kits that will be sent to needy countries as an incentive to receive good prenatal care.

Beside the sewers and the youth that helped sew, a thank you also goes out to the many who donated t-shirts and Thrivent Action Grants to purchase flannel, to Tom Hoernemann (husband of Barb) for the lifting and hauling, and also to Koch Bus Service for volunteering to provide rides to Minneapolis every day. We give glory to God for His care.

## **Our Mission Continues ... With YOUR Mission Grant Proposal**



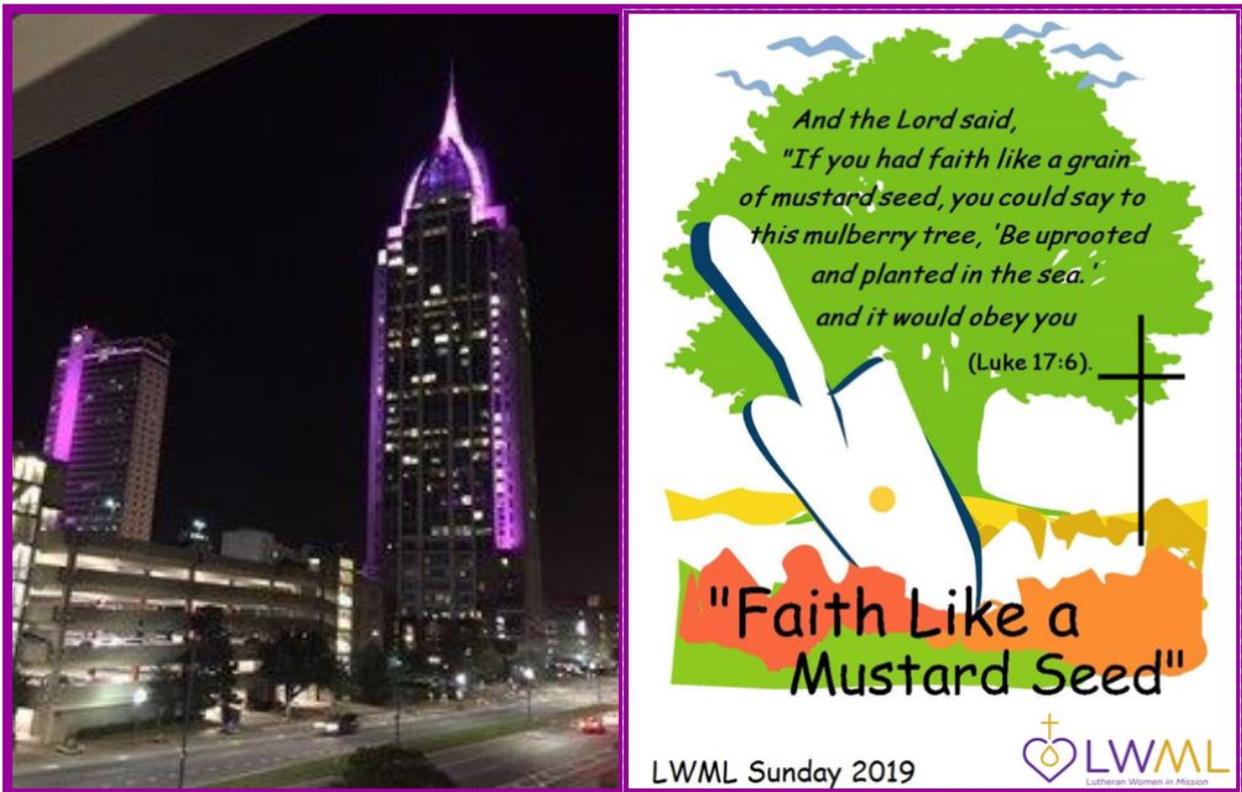
The time is **NOW** to prayerfully consider, research and sponsor mission projects for the next biennium which will be voted on at the June 2020 LWML MN South District Convention in Willmar. Any LWML member, society, zone, conference or LCMS-affiliated organizations may submit an application for a mission grant proposal.

Organizations and mission grant recipients must be **sponsored** by one of the above listed people who acts as the official submitter of the mission grant proposal. You are encouraged to look for mission projects within the MN South District. Visit <https://www.mnslwml.org/> for the application form and the instructions for submitting an LWML MN South District Mission Grant Proposal.

All completed proposal forms and pictures need to be received by Carol Hubert, Vice President of Gospel Outreach by the January 3, 2020 deadline. Her contact info to submit a proposal or with questions or concerns is:

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**Get Your PURPLE On & Let Your Light Shine!!**



As our LWML MN South ladies (and gentlemen) were departing the Convention Center in Mobile, Alabama, following the opening Communion Service, the two buildings across the street were lit up in purple. How fitting for our LWML convention. Those buildings are lit up in different colors during the week, and purple is the default color. God definitely had a hand in painting those buildings purple for the opening of our convention.

And now, it's time to get OUR purple on . . .

The first Sunday in October is traditionally set aside for the observation of LWML Sunday, but it may be celebrated at any time. "Faith Like a Mustard Seed" is the theme for LWML Sunday 2019, based on Jesus' words in Luke 17:6 that faith as small as a mustard seed can move a mulberry tree. We may long for a greater and more heroic faith, but what about the faith we have right now?

LWML Sunday 2019 celebrates the power of a daily walk with Jesus to transform lives and multiply disciples. Little faith or great, there are mulberry trees to be moved!

2019 LWML Sunday materials, authored by Emeritus MN South District LCMS President, Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy, are now available to order or for free download on the LWML national website at: <http://www.lwml.org/lwml-sunday>.

To ensure availability and delivery when ordering from LWML, all LWML Sunday orders should be placed before September 1, 2019.

**Thank YOU ... Your Mites Are Making a Difference**



Our current Mission Grant to LCMS Missionary Support which is administered through Mission Central has been providing direct support to Alyssa Anders in Russia. Please pray for Alyssa Anders in St. Petersburg, Russia. Our previous grant monies were designated to Pastor Tom and Mary Aadland at Matongo Lutheran seminary in Kenya.

We've received the following thank you note from Alyssa Anders:

Dear members of the LWML Minnesota South District,  
Thank you very much! Your encouragement, support, and prayers are a vital part of the ministry here in Russia, helping us to share God's grace with those in need. Your very generous donation was a huge encouragement to me. Thank you for partnering with me in this work.  
Alyssa

(NOTE: The photo above was taken in May, 2019, when Alyssa visited the Mission Central office in Iowa. Shown in the photo was the group that prayed over Alyssa prior to her return to Russia. People from three states came to hear Alyssa tell of her work in the land of darkness, where she is teaching English and teaching in the Seminary there in St. Petersburg. Alyssa did a great job of reporting and what a JOY to hear how the Lord is using her to reach out to people who have never heard about the wonderful story of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus.)

**Ask Him Again . . . Prayer Changes Things**

# Prayer

Prayer is described in the Bible as seeking God's favor, pouring out one's soul to the Lord, crying out to heaven, drawing near to God, and kneeling before the Father.



I know, I know, you've already asked Him a million times, I see those eyes rolling. But today, ask Him a million and one.

Yes.

Ask Him AGAIN.

Ask Him again for that child to come home.

That marriage to be healed.

That mountain to move.

Ask Him again for that friendship to mend.

That work to begin.

That end-of-tunnel light to appear.

Ask Him again for the one who needs rescue, the one who needs healing, the one who needs new direction, new guidance, new focus.

Yes.

Even if that 'one' is you.

Ask Him again for what you need.

For what you want.

For joy in the sorrow.

Help in the struggle.

A sip of living-water in the heat of your schedule...and the time to just sit at the well, amen?

Ask Him again.

Ask Him again to provide springs in your land; and while you're at it, give thanks for that land, no matter how dry it is now, knowing He's given it to you with good purpose.

Yes.

Ask Him again.

Ask Him again to dig up the soil and plant the seeds.

Ask Him again to stir up and settle, make and remake, pour out His peace that passes all understanding, because frankly; you could use a hefty dose about now.

Yes.

And Amen.

Ask Him again for all that seems lost and all that seems nowhere even near the city of possible...and ask Him believing He can.

Yes.

Ask Him again.

Not because you don't think He heard you the first million times, but because you are realizing the longer you {truly} live, that persistence is a pretty strong faith-builder; not to mention how close it keeps you to Him for whom all things are possible and nothing is too hard, and because faith-based strength to persevere and closeness with your Creator is what you REALLY need.

Whew. Yes. Absolutely.

Ask Him again.

With fresh eyes and a renewed spirit and a passionate resolve that He can, and if it's His Will...He will.

And if it's not, you will keep on asking.

You will keep on seeking.

You will keep on believing just like Steve Perry says.  
Because persistent faith is where it's at.  
It fastens it's gaze on hope.  
The hope that is always three steps {Father, Son, Holy Spirit} ahead, providing the perfect focal point.  
Yes.  
And it never disappoints.  
Amen.  
So today; bow low, look up, and ask Him AGAIN. ♡  
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