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The President's Podium

Karen Morrison

20th LWML Kansas District President

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, Oh Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer. Psalm 19:14

Where God Leads, I Will Follow

You've seen the title of the Dr. Seuss book, "Oh, the Places You'll Go!" And even more impressive words from God to Jeremiah, "I know the plans I have for you." But are you really willing to go where God leads when He calls you into something new or unknown?

About six years ago, God and I had a talk during a convention prayer walk. I had felt His tug on my heart; the message was "you can do this, Karen." But I was skeptical. I mean, I'm me, a poor miserable sinner and not a perfect child of the one true God.

But He didn't want perfect, did He? He wanted me to be me, just as I am. So, I prayed on that trail, "Okay God, I trust that you know what you are doing."

And I watched then President Betty Kruse – like a hawk! And I discovered that you don't have to have all the answers, know proper parliamentary procedure or have the bylaws and guidelines memorized. What you did need was a passion for the mission of LWML and the rest would work itself out. And guess what, it did! Of course, God does provide, and there were women on the board who did understand *Robert's Rules of Order* and could find any answer we needed in the bylaws or guidelines. Thank you, Lord, for the gift of these fellow servants.

Here I am all these years later and now that timid heart is just a memory. Oh, the places I have gone! Oh, the memories I have made! Oh, the friendships I have found! Oh, the plans He has fulfilled!

So, now, I can say with confidence – Where God Leads, I Will Follow – because when He calls you to it, it will be an awesome journey. See you in the mission field as we Serve the Lord with Gladness in our hearts!

Farewell! ~ *President Karen* ~



Counselor's Corner

Rev. Jeff Duncan
Senior Pastoral Counselor



The Blessing of Confession / Absolution

32 A MASKIL OF DAVID.

- 1 Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.
- 2 Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
- 3 For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.
- 4 For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. *Selah*
- 5 I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. *Selah*¹



With these words, King David begins one of Scriptures greatest Psalms! Confession and the absolution from God bring healing to the sin-sick soul. Silence, keeping sins bound up inside, holding onto the guilt, even denying the full extent of your sins condition leaves the soul - and the body - in deadly peril, even eternal separation from the God who creates, sustains, and is eager to forgive and restore in Jesus!

When you come to the LWML Kansas District Convention in April, the opportunity to unburden your soul and hear the sweet words of God's forgiveness shall come before you. Even now, many may say "Why would I take advantage of that? I have a Pastor; I have a church; I go to regular worship and confess my sins and hear the absolution each weekend (or at least 2 out of 6 weekends, following trends of contemporary worship practice). Why would anyone come to a Private Confession/Absolution session at the LWML Convention?"

I'm glad you asked!!! Answer: Because God gives you this gift of hearing your sins are forgiven through the Gospel. Because, the Church has always recognized this joy of pronouncing forgiveness of sins to the repentant sinner who desires restoration through the Gospel. Because the Catechism of Dr. Martin Luther, the Catechism that you learned as a child and should continue to learn throughout your life commends this practice of regular Confession/Absolution as the work of God for you in Christ! Just listen to what Martin Luther says of Confession:

What is Confession?

⟨Answer:⟩ Confession has two parts: the one is that we confess our sins; the other is that we receive Absolution, or forgiveness, from the confessor, as from God Himself, and in no way doubt, but firmly believe that our sins are forgiven before God in heaven by this.

What sins should we confess?

⟨Answer:⟩ Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even of those that we do not know, as we do in the Lord's Prayer. But before the confessor we should confess only those sins that we know and feel in our hearts.

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(Counselor's Corner continued)

Which are these?

⟨Answer:⟩ Here consider your calling according to the Ten Commandments, whether you are a father, mother, son, daughter, master, mistress, a manservant or maidservant. Consider whether you have been disobedient, unfaithful, or slothful. Consider whether you have grieved anyone by words or deeds, whether you have stolen, neglected, wasted, or done other harm.²

There you have it, the reason to consider a session of private Confession/Absolution made available to you at convention. ***"But before the confessor we should confess only those sins that we know and feel in our hearts."*** What plagues you? What does the Devil like to throw up before your face and accuse you of over and over? What dark secret is wasting away at your bones and bringing illness down to your very soul? What do you think is even too big or terrible that God cannot forgive? What is so small in your eyes, that it is even hardly worth bothering over, that you say "Why bother my pastor to hear this small thing?" ***"Consider your calling (vocations) according to the Ten Commandments..."*** and give them over to God for healing in the Gospel of Jesus' death and resurrection for the forgiveness of sins!

Why would anyone hold onto the guilt and shame of unconfessed sin when a gracious God gives His ministers to share forgiveness and restoration proclaiming Jesus as the blood covering of all our sins? Now, let Luther's words give us comfort and guidance as to why this Confession/Absolution is so important - that we might ***hear through the Word of Christ that our sins are indeed forgiven!***

*Here we have the true significance of the keys. They are an office, a power or command given by God through Christ to all of Christendom for the retaining and remitting of the sins of men. For so Christ says in Matt. 9[:6], "But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority to forgive sins," and he says to the paralytic, "arise," etc. And soon thereafter, "When the crowd saw it ... they praised God who had given such authority to men" [Matt. 9:8]. Do not allow yourself to be led astray by this Pharisaic babbling by which some deceive themselves, saying, "How can a man forgive sins when he can bestow neither grace nor the Holy Spirit?" **Rely on the words of Christ and be assured that God has no other way to forgive sins than through the spoken Word, as he has commanded us.** (emphasis mine) If you do not look for forgiveness through the Word, you will gape toward heaven in vain for grace, or (as they say), for a sense of inner forgiveness.³*

Truly, there is no such thing as 'inner forgiveness'. You cannot 'forgive yourself' any more than you can die yourself to forgive your own sins. If you die for sins it will only be for the judgment against those sins. Only Christ, the Son of God can die for your sins and in Him is that sin paid for in full. And, only in hearing this Gospel can this forgiveness be applied to you, for your benefit of forgiveness, salvation, and the assurance of eternal life!

If you therefore desire to avail yourself of this gift of Christ's love for you, seek the Confession/Absolution times at convention. Take note of the Order of Private Confession/Absolution to be found in your Convention Manual. Come and receive His Word of forgiveness and live in peace, cleansed by the Word of God for you!

In His wonderful Gospel service,
Pastor Jeff Duncan, outgoing Senior Pastoral Counselor for the LWML Kansas District

+ Soli Deo Gloria +

¹ *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version*. 2001 (Ps 32: title–5). Wheaton: Standard Bible Society.

² *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions*. 2005 (P. T. McCain, Ed.) (341). St. Louis, MO: Concordia Publishing House.

³ Luther, M. (1999). *Vol. 40: Luther's works, vol. 40: Church and Ministry II* (J. J. Pelikan, H. C. Oswald & H. T. Lehmann, Ed.) (366). Philadelphia: Fortress Press.

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Individual Confession and Absolution

You may prepare yourself by meditating on the Ten Commandments (LSB pages 321–322). You may also pray the penitential psalms (6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, or 143).

If you are not burdened with particular sins, do not trouble yourself or search for or invent other sins, thereby turning confession into a torture. Instead, mention one or two sins that you know and let that be enough.

When you are ready, kneel and say:

Pastor, please hear my confession and pronounce forgiveness in order to fulfill God's will.

Proceed.

**I, a poor sinner, plead guilty before God of all sins.
I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most.
My Lord's name I have not honored as I should;
my worship and prayers have faltered.
I have not let His love have its way with me,
and so my love for others has failed.
There are those whom I have hurt, and those whom I have failed to help.
My thoughts and desires have been soiled with sin.**

If you wish to confess specific sins that trouble you, continue as follows:

What troubles me particularly is that . . .

*Confess whatever you have done against the commandments of God, according to your own place in life.
The pastor may gently question or instruct you—not to pry or judge—but to assist in self-examination.
Then conclude by saying:*

I am sorry for all of this and ask for grace. I want to do better.

God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.
Amen.

Do you believe that my forgiveness is God's forgiveness?

Yes.

Let it be done for you as you believe.

The pastor places his hands on the head of the penitent and says:

In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The pastor may speak additional Scripture passages to comfort and strengthen the faith of those who have great burdens of conscience or are sorrowful and distressed.

The pastor concludes:

Go in peace.

Amen.

You may remain to say a prayer of thanksgiving. Psalms 30, 31, 32, 34, 103, or 118 are also appropriate.

Acknowledgments

Individual Confession and Absolution

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COMMUNICATION NEWS



Brenda Piester, VP of Communication

What an exciting month it will be as we make final preparations for the Manhattan convention. It has been a privilege for me to serve as the VP of Communication for these past four years. I have a great team, and I am thankful for the gifts and talents of these committee members.

Communication Committee:

Please send society and zone news (and pictures) to Shelly Keller, the editor of *The Kansas Sonshine* newsletter. We look for ALL news about you! I appreciate Shelly's faithful work for these past SIX years and look forward to her expertise on the Executive Committee. *If anyone feels called to serve the Kansas District as the Sonshine Editor, please contact Shelly. And also please complete a Personnel Resource Profile found in this issue and send it to President Karen!***

**Contact Darla Abbott to share your news on *Facebook*! YOUR news is important to us as we use Facebook to witness of His grace and care through the service project highlights you share!

**Presidents and Treasurers: Please contact Mari Aufdemberge, Distribution Manager, if you have questions about the *Quarterly* subscription fee or the website fee. If you are not subscribing, now is the time to begin! The *Quarterly* is a versatile resource tool for your society and your own personal growth.

**Thank you to Kathie Thurman for managing the LWML store. Check out some new items at the store at the convention!

**Contact Mandy Bowen, if you have questions about technology for your society or zone.

**Thank you to Mark Fuchs for his continued work as our webmaster! He has led us in changes to our email blasts so we can individualize those messages even more. Check out the Kansas website at www.kansaslwml.org.

***"Church Workers in Mission"* gift bags continue to be distributed to pastors new to the Kansas District. Please contact Brenda Piester if you have questions about this "Welcome!" project or need another bag.

Structure Committee:

Chairman Kathryn Richard and committee members Cathi Clark and Ruth Stice have been very busy with Bylaws and have finalized the proposed changes to be presented at the 2016 convention. Kathryn can also send you a guide for updating zone and society documents, especially after the Zone realignments go into effect in 2016. Remember to keep them simple!

If there is ANYTHING the Communication or Structure Committees can do to help you, please contact any of us—we are just one click away through the contact list on the website. ***We are here to serve you!***



CHRISTIAN LIFE NEWS



Elaine Engelman, VP of Christian Life

I hope that many of you reading this edition of the Sonshine have made plans to attend all or part of the LWML Kansas District convention in Manhattan April 15-17. The convention committees have worked very hard to provide a variety of events to fulfill the 2016 convention statement and objectives—Believing that God has chosen us to be here to do the work He has planned for us, we will: *study His Word to strengthen our faith, *focus on the unique mission He has given each of us, and *encourage each other . . .for such a time as this.

If you are unable to attend, please support your delegate by sharing your thoughts and recommendations on how she should vote on projects, new officers, and bylaws changes. Pray for all of us in attendance throughout the weekend, so that all of our decisions and activities will be covered with a powerful blanket of prayer and all our actions will glorify God within the community of Manhattan. Encourage those who are attending to share their lists of "10,000 reasons to praise the Lord" in the display at the Christian Life table.



SPECIAL FOCUS MINISTRIES NEWS



Sherri Rose, VP of Special Focus Ministries

Greetings from the Special Focus Ministries Committee!

We are very excited to spend the convention weekend with 14 Young Woman Representatives from across the Kansas District. We are in the midst of planning an activity-filled, fun, and uplifting weekend for these young ladies. As you see them at the convention, please give them the LWML welcome (a smile and a hug). Thank you to all the zones for making their attendance possible!

We are also excited to share the weekend with those of you who are attending convention for the first time. First-timers: please be sure to pick up your special gift near the registration table when you are registering. We want you to become a "Convention Groupie" --- once you attend, you won't want to miss another convention!

Convention shirts and bags that were ordered will be available for pick up at the convention (location to be determined). Can't wait to see everyone in Manhattan!



CARING SERVICE NEWS



Gloria Raab, VP of Caring Service

A special LWML thank you to:

- Risen Savior-Wichita, recognized by Lutheran World Relief for their Vacation Bible School service project. Utilizing Thrivent Action Funds to purchase supplies, this group, which encompassed participants of all ages, tied 14 fleece blankets for Lutheran World Relief.
- Trinity-Winfield Busy Bee Quilters, for piecing and tying over 50 quilts for Lutheran World Relief. This LWML group is pictured in the Spring LWML Quarterly and this issue of the Sonshine.
- President Karen, pictured in the Spring LWML Quarterly, who will conclude her term as district president following our 2016 convention in Manhattan. Thank you, Karen, for your faithful and inspiring leadership to the Kansas District over the past four years.
- All of our faithful LWML members across Kansas (plus spouses, children, pastors and supportive congregational members), who work so diligently every year to lovingly tie quilts, gather and pack items for LWR kits, arrange servant events and in-gatherings to benefit agencies in need, and support the district and national LWML with generous mite offerings.

You are a blessing! Working together, Kansas Women in Mission touch people around the globe with Jesus' love and mercy. *"I tell you the truth, whatever you did for the least of these brothers of mine, you did for Me."* (Matt. 25:40)

Love in Christ, from your Caring Service Committee: Vice President Gloria Raab, Chairman Laura Hunter, and members Janice Cundiff, Gloria Peterson, Karen Rinne, and Cathi Temple

2016 Lutheran World Relief Pick-up Dates

9 a.m. - Noon

WICHITA (St. Andrews) – Tuesday, October 4

HAYS (Trinity) – Wednesday, October 5

SALINA (Trinity) – Thursday, October 6

TOPEKA (Christ) – Friday, October 7

Mission Project 10 and Spring Financial Aid are PAID!

It is with great thanksgiving that the Executive Committee announces that Project 10 for \$1,550 for the Faith Legacy Family Ministry of Bethany Lutheran Church in Wichita has been PAID! The spring semester Student Financial Aid of \$10,000 has also been PAID!

We THANK YOU for your faithful mite giving, and we anticipate—with your continued support—of being able to meet our mite goal as we work to send our final commitment to the national LWML and to pay Project 11 for praise band equipment for Christ the King Lutheran Church in Salina.

Are you getting the news?

Please make sure all of your LWML members are signed up to receive this news at <http://www.kansaslwml.org/newsletter.html> . Even if you signed up in the past, please go there and update your preferences, ESPECIALLY if you have changed your email address! We want to make sure you get all of the LWML news and updates!

Lutheran Woman's Quarterly Payment and Website Maintenance Fee Payment

Did you remember to make your payment before March 1 for your society's *Quarterly* subscriptions and the Website Maintenance Fee? It's still not too late to send in your payments. Even if your society doesn't receive any copies of the *Quarterly*, **every** society should send a \$6.00 payment for the website maintenance. This maintenance fee is payable yearly and helps keep our LWML Kansas District website up to date. If you need the payment form, you can find it in the Winter 2016 Sonshine issue or on the website. We encourage everyone to get current on your payments, so the record-keeping will be easier with the start of the new biennium in April.

Society presidents and treasurers, please take note of the following information:

- ◆ **Decreases** in the number of copies of *Quarterly* subscriptions can be done only once per calendar year. The next deadline will be March 1, 2017, and will take effect with the 2017 summer issue.
- ◆ **Increases** in the number of copies of *Quarterly* subscriptions may be made at any time during the year.
- ◆ The Website Maintenance Fee is a one time fee of \$6.00 per society per year.
- ◆ Every LWML society treasurer should submit payments with the subscription form to the LWML Kansas District Financial Secretary.
- ◆ The *Quarterly* subscription rates are as follows: 1-9 copies are \$6.50 each; 10 or more copies are \$5.00 each.

Any questions may be directed to Marj Aufdemberge, Distribution Manager, either by email at marjda@nckcn.com or by phone at 785-524-3981.



- ✦ **Start looking for "old" LWML pictures or other memorabilia for the 75th anniversary celebration of LWML, which will be celebrated at the next district convention in 2018!**
- ✦ **Don't forget to bring along your "10,000 reasons" slips of paper to convention in Manhattan!**
- ✦ **Post-convention issue will be on the website after the convention! Watch for it!**

ZONE and SOCIETY NEWS

Kansas City CrossRoads Zone held their fall event on Saturday, October 17, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Leavenworth, KS. The theme was "Seek First the Kingdom of God" from Matthew 6: 26-33. Music was provided by high school student Joanna Raetzel from Beautiful Savior on her cello. Zone Pastoral Counselor Joel Schultz led the Bible study on Matthew 6:19-34. In addition to the officer reports, the group heard a report on the Des Moines convention from the zone delegates, Pat Bockelman and Marie McDermed. After closing, we enjoyed a delicious meal at Paul's Kitchen across the street in the school cafeteria. The menu was baked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, drinks and a cupcake. Paul's Kitchen offers a free lunch like this to the community on the third Saturday of each month. The coordinators welcomed us by decorating tables for us with purple table cloths. Two dollars of each attendee's registration fee went towards this ministry.
~~~Submitted by Tiffany Harkins, KC CrossRoads Zone President

On LWML Sunday, over 50 quilts for LWR were blessed. The quilts were cut, sewn, and tied by Trinity LWML Busy Bee Quilters, Winfield KS. Ladies cut material into squares, which were then sewn into quilt tops by a lady who is over 90 years old. She sewed at least 20 of the tops that were completed. They will be distributed by LWR to displaced persons in various parts of the world. The recipients of these quilts will use them for warmth, bedding, to provide shade or protection, to carry belongings and as needed for daily life. We will not know the persons for whom the quilts are made, but we do know that they will be sharing God's love. Each lady who participated in making these quilts has volunteered to share their time and talent to continue this mission project. The Trinity LWML used two Thrivent Action Teams to help complete their quilting project.
~~~Submitted by Katie Wilson, Trinity LWML Society President, Winfield



Loydene West, Rosalie Volkenand,
Alice Miller



Busy Bee Quilters 2015



Evelyn Hensley – quilt top sewer

See page 26 of the Spring 2016
Quarterly for this article also!



Lynette Thompson,
Eunice Borman,
Ruth Kirchoff



LWML Sunday Banner, made by quilter Eunice Borman



Diane Okeson, Dava Carroll, Judy Stigge, Julie Deepe,
and Sharon Cooper, Busy Bee Quilters



FINANCIAL NEWS



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Mite GOAL 2014-2016 Biennium

\$152,750.00

MITES RECEIVED through 3/15/16

\$146,965.34

This is written before the March 25 Mite deadline – but considering the Mites we’ve received plus the approximately \$7,300 that was given this biennium for District Projects, we should end the biennium in good shape. Praise the Lord!

Remember that your Day of Prayer offerings for missionaries Ed and Cherie Auger must be received by June 30.

NOTE TO TREASURERS: Be watching for the name and address of the new Kansas District Financial Secretary who will be elected at the Manhattan convention.

“A New You” (an excerpt from *You Make a Difference* by Alma Kern)

It is often said, “You are what you have always been.” Don’t you believe it! You can escape that pattern of life. Don’t be discouraged by the land of look-behind, dwelling on past mistakes, failures, fears. Don’t get mired in the swamp of regrets: Too bad I did...wish I hadn’t... The Lord is willing to forgive not only your sins but also your failures. Confess them. Repent. Receive His forgiving love. Forgive yourself. Believe this Bible truth: ...if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old is gone, the new has come! (2 Corinthians 5:17) Even though you have failed, you are not a failure. Learn from your failures. Determine from now on to ask God: “Make your will clear to me. What do you want me to do? Where do you want me to go?” Learn from the past, but focus on the future. That’s where you’ll spend the rest of your life.

The History of Mustard Seed Devotional Packets

The seed of the mustard plant is among the smallest of seeds, yet from this small seed grows a large bush. Jesus used the analogy of a mustard seed to show how something small and seemingly inconsequential can have a powerful impact.

In 1971, the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) developed a new series of short personal Bible studies called Mustard Seeds. These individual leaflets were designed initially to help women working outside the home share their faith during coffee breaks and lunch hour discussions. Over the years the LWML developed numerous Mustard Seeds packets, all on different topics.

Mustard Seeds packets are used both for personal Bible study and as an evangelism or witness tool. The newest packets in this series include a devotional text, clear Gospel message and include the complete text of quoted scripture. With these additions to a time honored product, the LWML hopes that Mustard Seeds continue to be a strong, vibrant tool for Christian growth and Gospel sharing.

Be sure to shop at the LWML Store at the convention in Manhattan to stock up on Mustard Seeds for personal use or gift-giving. Check out some of the newly released packet topics.

WANTED

~~ Newsletter Editor for *The Kansas Sonshine* ~~

Beginning Summer of 2016

****** Requirements / Recommendations ******

- ♦ Must love the LWML and its mission
- ♦ Need to have a valid email address
- ♦ Have access to a reliable computer or laptop running at least Windows 7
- ♦ Have a working knowledge of Microsoft Word
- ♦ Have a working knowledge of Microsoft Publisher or a willingness to learn the program
- ♦ Have the ability to proof, correct, and write documents, as well as create and design pages

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If interested, please fill out the Personnel Resource Form found in this issue of *The Kansas Sonshine*, and return it to President Karen Morrison soon! Thanks!

COME ONE COME ALL – MARK YOUR CALENDARS – IT’S A DATE



Saints Alive After 55 – 2016 Retreat
Dates: July 17-19
Where: Spiritual Life Center, Wichita, KS
Speaker: Professor Ben Freudenburg

Ben Freudenburg has been a Director of Christian Education for 40 years, working with children, youth, and their families to nurture their love for God and each other through the church and is presently serving as Director of the Concordia Center for the Family, Division Chair of the Family Life Program and Professor in Family Life Studies at Concordia University Ann Arbor. He is married to Jennifer and is father to Cori and Sara and grandfather to Caleb, Markey, Adelaide and Micah. He has served at Shore Haven Lutheran in Euclid, Ohio; Our Redeemer Lutheran in Hutchinson, Kansas, Concordia Lutheran in Kirkwood, Missouri, and Christ Church-Lutheran in Phoenix AZ as Minister to the Christian Home. He received his BS in ED and certification as Director of Christian Education and Masters of Science – Family Life through Concordia University in Seward Nebraska. He has served as President of Lutheran Educations TEAM department and as President of Lutheran Education Association a national professional organization for Lutheran educators. He has written for a variety of education and youth journals and magazines and wrote *The Traveling Guide: A Vehicle for Youth Ministry, Through Children’s Eyes: 52 Children’s Messages (CPH)* and *The Family Friendly Church (Group Publishing)*.

2017 Convention

LWML 37th Biennial Convention

Date: June 22-25, 2017

Location: Albuquerque, New Mexico

Theme: "Jesus Christ Above All"

Scripture Verse: *Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name. (Philippians 2:9)*

Convention Goal Statement: Empowered by the Holy Spirit, through Word and Sacrament, I will proclaim Jesus Christ above all.

Convention Objectives -- Each convention attendee will be:

Encouraged through worship and Bible study.

Equipped to share His message of salvation.

Engaged in celebrating God’s faithfulness while serving the Lord with gladness.



These BIG Ideas shared by members of the LWML Board of Directors, show how this initiative could be shared throughout our LWML. **The challenge is to try to use these 75 BIG Ideas before the 2017 LWML Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico, when the LWML will celebrate its 75th Anniversary!** Begin to think “outside the box” and be creative. Share at least one BIG Idea with a sister in Christ today!

Kansas District Lutheran Women's Missionary League

"Serve the Lord with Gladness" Psalm 100:2

Office of the President

Spring 2016

Dear Member of LWML:

As a Lutheran Woman in Mission, you are a gifted child of God. Enabling you to use your gifts in ministry to the people of Kansas and of the world is part of the mission of Lutheran Women's Missionary League. The new executive committee will be looking for volunteer personnel to serve on District Committees and in special appointed positions when they meet after convention, it is most helpful to have information available giving us the name of women willing to serve.

This letter suggests the possibility of such an appointment for you. It should not be considered a commitment on your part or an actual appointment. However, your response will enable your District president to fulfill her responsibilities in a timely manner. Indicate your interest on the enclosed form. If you have questions, please call me at 316-641-0677 or email me at km_blssd@cox.net. If you are willing to serve the Lord and the LWML Kansas District, complete and return the Personnel Resource Profile; it will be of great value during the appointment process.

- ❖ The appointment is for two years. Committee members are eligible for one reappointment to the same committee.
- ❖ Committee members help plan and attend the annual Kansas Assembly of Leaders (KAOL).
- ❖ Committee members are expected to attend the District Convention in the spring of even numbered years. A full schedule of responsibilities keeps committee personnel very busy before and during the convention.
- ❖ Standing Committee Chairmen are members of the Board of Directors and attend BOD meetings once or twice a year.
- ❖ The District LWML is responsible for expenses incurred for the ongoing work of the committee.
- ❖ Although the responsibilities are great, so are the rewards! You will be strengthened in your spiritual walk; you will form deep and lasting friendships as you use your God-given gifts. Talk this over with God and your family. Many of our current officers and committee members are employed outside the home; many hold office and are involved in their Zones and Societies also.

The LWML Kansas District values you and your gifts! You have been given much. This opportunity for service may be in God's plan for you. May you continue to be blessed by serving with gladness wherever he calls you.

May God bless your serving decision!

Karen

Karen Morrison, President, Kansas District LWML
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316-641-0677 or km_blssd@cox.net

Trust in the Lord with all your heart...Proverbs 3:5-6

*LWML Kansas District Committee Response Form
2016*

Kansas District Lutheran Women's Missionary League

"Serve the Lord with Gladness" Psalm 100:2 *Office of the President*

COMMITTEE RESPONSE FORM

To: Karen Morrison
753 N Chickadee Ln
Wichita, KS 67212

Telephone: 316-641-0677
Email: km_blssd@cox.net

From: Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip+4: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

LWML Kansas District Zone: _____

**RE: POSSIBLE COMMITTEE OR
SPECIAL APPOINTED PERSONNEL APPOINTMENT**

- Yes, I would consider an appointment to serve on a LWML Kansas District Committee at this time.
- I am unable to serve at this time. Please keep my name on file for future consideration for LWML Kansas District Committee/appointed personnel service.
- No, I am not able to serve on a LWML Kansas District Committee.

I understand that this is for information and planning purposes and does not obligate me to serve.

Signature: _____

If you have checked either the first or second box, please complete the Personnel Resource Profile and return it with this form to President Karen at the above address.

PERSONNEL RESOURCE PROFILE

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip+4: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Kansas District LWML Zone: _____

Congregation: _____

EXPERIENCE: (Volunteer and Employment)

LWML (Society, Zone, District): _____

Church: _____

Community: _____

Employment: _____

There's more: please complete the other side.

Kansas District Lutheran Women's Missionary League



"Serve the Lord with Gladness" Psalm 100:2

Office of the President

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX(ES) TO INDICATE GIFTS, SPECIAL SKILLS AND POSSIBLE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

GIFTS:

- Administration
- Discernment
- Evangelism
- Hospitality
- Leadership
- Mercy
- Prayer
- Service/Helping
- Teaching
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

SPECIAL SKILLS:

- Artist
- Editor
- Goal Setting/Planning
- Journalist
- Meeting Manager
- Musician
- Parliamentarian
- Social Media
- Webmaster
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

COMMITTEES/POSITIONS:

- Archivist/Historian
- Bylaws/Structure
- Caring Service
- Christian Life
- Gospel Outreach (Mission Projects)
- Lutheran Family Retreat
- Publications
- Public Relations
- Special Focus Ministries
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Other Comments: _____

I have been involved with other goal setting or leadership training: _____

Please return form with the Committee Response form to:

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LWML Kansas District Committee Response Form
2016

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APRIL 15—17, 2016
MANHATTAN, KANSAS

EPH. 2:10
For we are His workmanship

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Mission Statement

*Empowered by the Holy Spirit, the LWML
Kansas District will nurture, motivate,
and prepare LCMS women to serve
the Lord with gladness.*

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Lutheran Women in Mission

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2014-2016 LWML Kansas District Focus Areas

Nurturing Faith in Christ

We are committed to helping every woman find personal opportunities in her daily life and in her congregation to be nurtured in faith in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit to discover her unique gifts and value in God's family.

Making our Mission Meaningful

We challenge and equip women of all ages, stages, ethnicities, and experiences to make meaningful differences in the lives of hurting, helpless, and unbelieving people at home and throughout the world.

Sharing Encouragement

We believe that women value the friendship, support, and encouragement from other women and strive to offer warm, welcoming opportunities for women to grow in faith and relationships as sisters in Christ.