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President's Corner



"Look to the hills...God Reigns!" What an inspiring theme this was for the 33rd LWML Convention held in Portland, OR. If you were there, you saw many hills; and if you were lucky enough, you might have seen Mount Hood and Mount St. Helen, even if it was only from a distance.

An LWML Convention is something you have to experience for yourself. No amount of words can describe the emotion (laughing, hugging, crying), fellowship (more hugging) and worship (praising with instruments and song) that are part of this event. Once you attend a convention, you find yourself counting down the days until the next one, when you will again be with your sisters and brothers in Christ.

The delegates adopted a new mission goal of \$1.825 million that will fund 19 mission grants. Offerings received during the convention included 2009-2011 Mission Goal (\$40,114.89), The Lutheran Hispanic Lay Training Program (\$23,974.21), Alaska Mission for Christ (\$28,117.29) and LWML Endowment Fund (\$25,485.91). Funds received from the "Mission in Motion" walk/run totaled \$52,606.01. Gifts from the heart that were shared with agencies in the Portland area included 308 teddy bears, 697 packages of socks, 421 packages of T-shirts, 308 health kits and 194 art kits.

The convention was not just about business. There were many interesting speakers and presentations made. The Bible study leader, Dr. Mary Hilgendorf, professor of education at Concordia University Wisconsin, Mequon, led us on a study of Psalm 121 and the book of Ruth, and Isaiah 52:7 and Judges 4 and 5 (Deborah). She referred to three different commentaries and how they varied in their interpretations. At times this was quite comical. Heidi Floyd of the Vera Bradley Foundation for Breast Cancer presented an inspirational message and spoke about her battle with breast cancer. We were entertained by singer Lauren Randall and the Pride of Portland chorus who are members of Sweet Adelines International.

Have I wet your appetite yet? The next LWML Convention will

be held in Peoria, IL, June 23-26, 2011. But STOP... you don't have to wait that long to attend an LWML convention. The Atlantic District's 19th Biennial Convention, with the theme "Bridges of Hope," will be held April 24-25, 2010 at the Holiday Inn, Suffern, NY. Mark your calendars now and make plans to come. Invite the younger women in your congregation to "tag along" with you. They won't be sorry they did. The Board of Directors would like you to make this special date with them. More information will be posted on our Web site, www.adlwml.org.

Your sister in Christ,

Maureen Consiglio
President
(Philippians 4:13)



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Pastoral Counselor

A MOUNTAIN TOP EXPERIENCE

As I continue to reflect on the LWML national Convention in Portland, it was truly a mountain top experience. Over three thousand women in mission came together to support missions throughout America and the world. What a joy it was to witness God's church at work proclaiming the Gospel of Christ to the world. From the opening Communion service to the closing service I can truly say GOD REIGNS! The Bible studies and also hearing the missionary experience throughout the world was a powerful way to see God's Holy Spirit working in the real lives of people in a direct way.

I continue to thank God that the Atlantic District LWML elected me to be the junior pastoral counselor. As I work with the women of our District, I truly feel that I am a partner in our LWML mission goals. I must say that our Lutheran Church can learn a lot from how our District and LWML moves the church forward in mission. It was obvious that the women of LWML serve the Lord with joy and gladness for GOD REIGNS! As junior pastoral counselor, I want to encourage all of our congregations to continue to gather your Mites; it is your support that helps our LWML reach its mission goals. If you have not had an opportunity to attend a national Convention, I encourage you to attend at least one. The next national Convention will be held in Peoria, Illinois.

In closing, I ask that you keep the Atlantic District LWML in your prayers as together continue to pray for the newly elected national officers. We look to the hills where GOD REIGNS!; after all, the city of Portland is surrounded by hills and mountains. It was an awesome sight to see the work of God's mighty hand in His creation. God has brought us to the mountain top, and we have looked over and seen the Promised Land. I am reminded of our Scripture theme Isaiah 52-7, "*How beautiful upon the mountain are the feet of those who bring the good news of salvation.*" LWML you are the feet of Jesus. By the power of God's Holy Spirit, Lutheran Women in Mission are able to bring the good news of salvation from our own backyard to the world. It is my prayer that our LWML continue to proclaim GOD REIGNS!

In His Service,

Rev. Marvin A. Griffin, Sr.
Jr. Pastoral Counselor

Leader Development

LEADERSHIP SKILLS: CREATING A CALENDAR

I don't know about you, but I do get a kick out of finding a new pocket calendar every year or two. I have to admit to a preference for calendar covers with cute pictures of dogs or pretty flowers. But, of course, the most important part is the inside. I like the kind of calendar which shows a full month on each page and which has spaces large enough to hold a few penciled entries. Being a loyal LWML member, one of the first things I do is to enter national and District meetings which I plan to attend. Doing this before creating a calendar for my own zone is a good idea. If at all possible, it's wise to plan our events at times which don't conflict with other schedules.

Creating a calendar is an important part of planning and preparation for the business of an organization. The timetable of events for the year should take into consideration

- * what has been done in the past,
- * what people think about the schedule, and
- * what will best encourage participation of people who are involved.

Certain times of year are so busy that scheduling a meeting then just won't work very well. For example, planning a women's retreat at a time of year when young moms are not involved in getting their kids to soccer games means there's a better chance that some of them may be able to attend. Or having a society meeting at a regular time each month which happens to fall on the days before Thanksgiving and Christmas may mean that a single Advent meeting for November and December at a slightly different time will work better.

- ◇ First, decide what events to hold and what meetings may be necessary.
- ◇ Second, set up a calendar in advance of events. Check for dates already taken for other events which you must attend. Be sure to consider seasons and special observances of the church year which may make certain dates inconvenient.
- ◇ Third, share your calendar with those who may be interested.
- ◇ And, of course, enter all your dates on that cute little pocket calendar!

Alice Schuman

Vice President for Leader Development

FIRST TIMER EXPERIENCE IN PORTLAND

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League's (LWML) 33rd Biennial Convention in Portland, Oregon, was a wonderful experience for me. I think what first caught my interest was the theme for the convention, "Look to the Hills – God Reigns," from Psalm 121. This was one of my mother's favorite quotations from the Bible and so it motivated me to attend this event. What was extraordinarily beautiful about it from the start was the Welcome Committee of greeters, greeting me with genuine, good-hearted smiles and friendly faces, only too happy to direct and assist me with any questions that I might have had. Greeters were stationed at the airport and in-route along the convention area.

Whether walking along the streets, riding the "light rail," as they call it in Portland, or being at the convention center, people were happy to see each other. They were reaching out in God's love and grace, and communing with each other as they worked towards carrying out the mission here and abroad spreading God's love and salvation in Christ Jesus to all humankind, doing it gladly with great joy and happiness.

The opening ceremony of the convention was really wonderful. The atmosphere was electrifying and it was a joy to see the different district presidents with their young women representatives, marching up the convention halls with their LWML banners, having different blends of symbolic colors and patterns, but each with the same mission statement, "Look to the Hills – God Reigns." The convention setting was packed with so many activities, including worship services, different speakers, songs and praises, Bible studies, prayer room opportunities, testimonies of servants, gifts from the heart, mites for missions here and abroad, servant event activities, exhibition displays and areas for gifts. All this was for us so that we may love and serve the Lord with gladness and meet the needs of others through outreach programs, grants and missions. It was also refreshing to see over four hundred first timers, of which I was one, participating in servant events and other activities. We were all in one accord, serving in fervent love of our Lord and Savior.

Another highlight of the event was the voting for the proposed mission grants; 19 out of 28 were selected. All this was made possible by giving to the LWML mite boxes for missions and outreach programs. It does not matter what society of the church to which one belongs; this is about giving back to the Lord. Through giving and sharing God's Word, people's needs may be met.

This is an experience that everyone should have. People who attend will have a glimpse into what workers in the LWML (disciples and servants of our Lord Jesus Christ) are all about, interacting with different people of all walks of life, sharing experiences, and participating in the mission of Christ as God's Word works in our hearts while we serve, and we "Look to the Hills" as "God Reigns."

Joan Reid
Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church
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CONVENTION EXPERIENCE

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Portland, Oregon, is the fourth convention I have attended. The first LWML Convention I attended was in 2003 in Oklahoma City, OK. I was so excited because that was my first time going to an LWML convention and also my first time to see Oklahoma City. I did not know much about the Lutheran Women's Missionary League; I had heard the name but did not know what they were all about until I attended the convention. The opening service was unbelievable. I was in awe to see so many women so excited to be at the convention. The servant events were so rewarding to me; the projects that I worked on were used to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to assist other people. When I spoke with the other ladies who attended, they were so excited to be there. They came from all over the United States and overseas just to attend the LWML convention.

After hearing the speakers and missionaries speak about the work they are doing in various parts of the world, describing the people they are helping and how they are spreading the Gospel at the same time, I realized how the mites that are collected help to fund those missions and I understood why the ladies are so excited about the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. All the excitement about going to Oklahoma City and to see that part of the United States was no longer the focus; I was focused on the convention and I was so glad to be there. We went to the shopping mall once for only a few hours because I did not want to miss the information from the convention. I was hooked! I also attended the Tampa and Sioux Falls conventions. Each convention gave me a greater appreciation for the work of the LWML.

The conventions are all special, but the Portland convention was the most important to me because I was a voting delegate. I got to vote on mission grants and officers for the 2009-2011 biennium. Five of the mission grants that I and our society (Ladies in Prayer and Service) picked were approved and six of the candidates were selected. I was excited to be a part of the 2009 convention as a voting delegate and not just a guest; I am one of the LWML women! The 2009 convention theme was **Look to the Hills... God Reigns**, which was a great theme. When I think of the great work the Lutheran Women's Missionary League is doing throughout the world, only God could allow such wonderful work to be done. **God Really Reigns!**

Cecile Walker
President, Redeemer Ladies In Prayer & Service
Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, Bronx, NY

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It was a long, long way to Portland, Oregon, for the LWML Convention, but well worth it once we got there. Joni Mazer and I started out very early in the morning at LaGuardia Airport and took a 6 am flight to Chicago (we were up since 3 am) and then a connecting flight to Portland. The first flight (I won't mention the airline) was pretty much uneventful, and Joni and I talked the whole way to Chicago. We made friends with a young man sitting next to us and I am sure we made an impression on him! It just so happens he was on the connecting flight as well, and I think he was disappointed that he was not sitting with us – don't you think so Joni?

The connecting flight was with the same airline, and as we were readying for takeoff to Portland, we were instructed that if we were using cell phones to **“say goodbye to your loved ones.”** I looked at Joni and she looked at me, and we got a little nervous to say the least. What did they mean by that? We were sitting next to a woman who felt the same way, and we started a conversation which included a lot of laughter that ended 4 hours later. (I'm sure the 4 hours seemed like 8 to the people around us.) She was an editor for a Christian magazine for women of a denomination that we had not heard of before. We told her about our *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* and what the LWML was all about. Joni just happened to have a recent copy of the *Quarterly*, and we gave it to her as a gift.

When we got to the Portland airport, there were *“purple women”* who could not help you enough. We got aboard an above ground subway that resembled a trolley, and took it to downtown Portland. As we exited the subway at our stop, we must have looked a little confused as to where to go and were stopped by a citizen of Portland to ask if they could help us. We were directed how to get to our hotel, and we were on our way. Our room was not ready so we checked our bags and went out to get something to eat. We were told that *“The Elephant Room”* or *“Elephant Place”* or *WHATEVER* was a great place to eat. We exited the hotel with rumbling stomachs and tired bodies. We walked in the direction we were told and could not find it. Again, we had that *“confused, lost look”* and were stopped 3 times by Portland citizens asking if they could help us. We could not get over how friendly and helpful these people were. Eventually, we found the suggested eating establishment, after going around in circles for an hour, and decided it was not our cup of tea. We ended up back at our hotel and had a wonderful lunch there. We were then off to the Convention Center to register and attend the Delegate Orientation. With full stomachs, aching feet and tired backs, we finally were able to get into our room in the late afternoon and collapse! Joni and I decided we would just take a short nap before the Worship Service that started the convention. **THREE HOURS LATER AT 10:00 PM, I WAS AWAKENED BY MY GROWLING STOMACH.** We had missed the opening

Worship Service and in my sleepy not quite alert state wasn't quite sure where I was. We felt terrible for missing the service, but quickly got the *“Room Service Menu”*, ordered Chicken Quesadillas, ate, felt better about ourselves and went back to bed until the morning. I am proud to say, we did not miss a single moment of the rest of the convention. It was a faith-filled, God-inspired convention that only LWML can put on. If you have not gone to a convention, you are truly missing a wonderful time.

The convention was great, and after many hugs and kisses from old and new friends we were sad to be going home. We got to the airport and got on the first flight of the long stretch home. We were **not** told to *“say goodbye to your loved ones”* this time which we appreciated (it was the same airline as before). But as we were starting our descent to Chicago, the flight attendants informed us that they would **not** be coming into *“economy”* to make sure our seats were in an upright position and that our seatbelts were securely fastened. They said they were *“holding us to our honor”* that we would do what we were supposed to do. I looked at Joni and she looked at me, and we just shook our heads and laughed. Normally, we would have been highly insulted at this treatment, but we had just come from an LWML convention – and that makes all the difference in the *“skies”*.

Ginny Wirsing
President, Suffolk Zone



During parts of the convention in Portland, I sat in what was called the *“black box”* (the audio-visual booth). Working with the caption writer and overhearing various conversations, I received wonderful insight into what it takes to keep a convention going. While the technical stuff is fascinating and certainly a *“guy thing,”* there's so much more. Many of the workers are not Lutheran. Some of them are not Christian. It didn't take an hour for the Holy Spirit to plant seeds sown by the joyful faces and voices that touched the hearts of these people. *“The Two Mikes”* handing out the voting equipment *“never had this much fun”* working a convention. The caption writer laughed with us and cried with us, especially Friday evening. Others in the community, restaurant and hotel staff, all enjoyed the LWML's presence in their city. While they made the convention run smoothly, the Holy Spirit was working, too. The Lord will provide the harvest in His time.

In His Service,
Rev. William Wrede
Sr. Pastoral Counselor

Human Care

JESUS, THE SOURCE OF SALVATION

Our Lord Jesus Christ exemplified a life of obedience which we as His followers may often contemplate, admire, desire and seek. On His earthly journey, Jesus' life was characterized by humility, submission and servant-hood. The focus and passion for Jesus was about doing the Father's business, fulfilling His will and remaining obedient. We read in the Scriptures that Jesus "learned obedience from what He suffered" and became the source of salvation for all who would obey him (Hebrews 5:8, NAB). Although He was tempted in every way, He was able to overcome temptation and remain free of sin so He could obey the written law and do His Father's perfect will, which ultimately led Him to the cross and to His crucifixion.

In the Gospels and other books of the Word, we read that in His relationships with people, institutions and with His Father, Jesus demonstrates obedience. In the Gospel of Luke, we read that as an older child He was obedient to Mary and Joseph (2:51), thus fulfilling the fourth commandment to honor your parents. He submitted to the Father's will when He was baptized by John the Baptist, and was then hurled into the desert to be tempted by his arch enemy (Luke-chapters 3 & 4). Using the written Word, He was able to overcome the wiles of Satan and remain obedient to God's perfect will. In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus has Peter pay the temple tax in obedience with the day's customs regarding that institution (17:24-27), and when questioned by the Herodians about paying taxes to the emperor, Jesus wisely replies by saying, "*Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God*" (Matthew 22:15-22), thus leaving an example for us in our relationships with institutions and government. Through His ministry of healing, preaching, teaching and giving, Jesus loved humanity, the trademark of a true disciple and the focus of the Ten Commandments. As He is being crucified, He forgives His enemies (Luke 23:34), and honors His mother as He commends her to John the disciple to care and provide for (John 19:26, 27).

From the beginning, as we read the Scriptures, we learn that obedience has been commanded of humankind from the Creator God Almighty. By saying 'Yes' to God's 'Yes' and 'No' to God's 'No', His favor was guaranteed, but by saying 'No' to His 'Yes' and 'Yes' to His 'No', His disfavor falls upon all humanity and His chosen people. In Deuteronomy 30 (verses 15-20), the people of Israel are commanded to remain obedient and faithful to God's Word and laws. Here the Lord God challenges the people to make a choice for 'life and prosperity' rather than for 'death and doom.' Here the consequences of a life lived in obedience and a life lived in disobedience are outlined so the people can clearly understand and grasp the weight of their decision, and make the 'best' and 'right' decision.

As children of a Covenant God, who has loved us from eternity and made provision for us in His Son Jesus Christ, we too are faced with the choice to live a life of obedience or disobedience. Daily we are called to make a choice for God's will and ways; to choose a life where we love our God with all of our heart, mind and strength, and our neighbors as ourselves; where we respond to Jesus' call to be disciples who purpose to keep the commandments and His Word and to proclaim the Gospel, as well as to acknowledge His means of grace in the sacraments, in corporate worship, prayer and the study of his Word.

Although we purpose to love the Lord Jesus and our neighbor, we often fail. But we do not lose heart or faith because we are assured that in Christ complete provision has been made. In Christ, through our baptism, we have died to sin and risen to a new life where forgiveness has been purchased for us through Jesus' precious blood on the cross. With confidence we turn to our Lord, trusting Him to help us because He understands our struggle to love, serve and obey Him, and through His resurrection life and power we are enabled to live a life of obedience and of victory.

In His Service,

Rosa I. Cruz-Molina

Vice President for Human Care

YOU ARE UNDENIABLY LUTHERAN WHEN...

You can say the meal prayer all in one breath.

All of your casserole dishes have your name on the bottom.

It takes ten minutes to say good-bye.

You have an uncontrollable urge to sit in the back of the room.

Your house is a mess because you're "saved by grace not by works."

You think a gourmet salad is lime jell-o with cottage cheese and pineapple.

Unknown

All of us are full of shortcomings. We are thankful that Jesus leads our hearts in the right direction. We know that we can and should do better, and take encouragement from the Holy Spirit. Consider the following...

SUNSHINE PIE

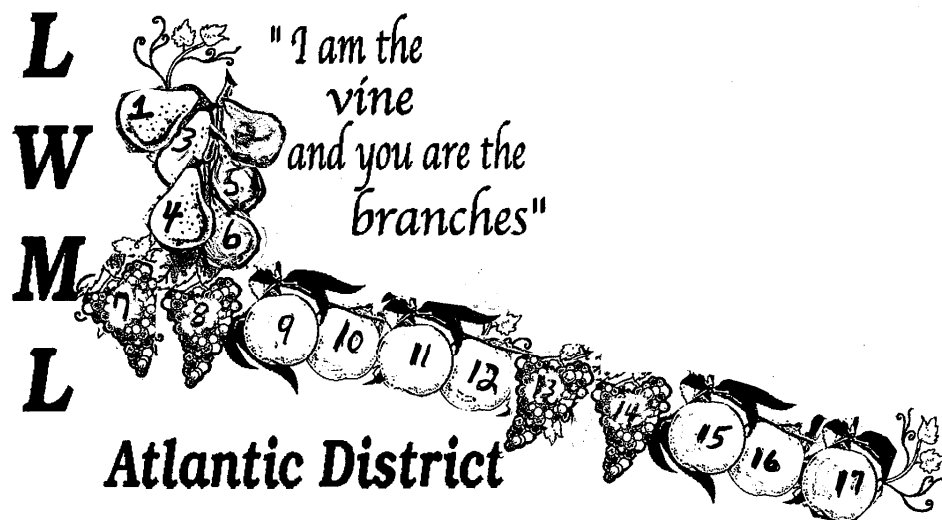
A pound of patience you must find,
Mixed well with living words so kind.

Drop in two pounds of others' needs,
And add the same in helpful deeds.

A pack of smiles to make the crust,
Then stir and bake it well you must.

And now I ask that you must try
The recipe of this Sunshine Pie.

Unknown



The following mission grants were selected by the delegates meeting in session at the 18th Biennial Atlantic District LWML Convention, April 26-27, 2008.

Camp Scholarships at SonRise	\$ 3,000.00	PAID
Ministry to Armed Forces, Ministry-by-Mail	\$ 3,600.00	PAID
Lutheran Braille Workers, Inc.	\$ 3,500.00	PAID
Bible Clubs for Kids	\$ 4,000.00	PAID
Bibles for Atlantic District Prisons	\$ 2,500.00	PAID
Seminary Tuition	\$ 5,000.00	PAID
ZAP! Youth Training Program	\$ 1,600.00	PAID
Concordia College's Fortress Grant Fund	\$ 2,000.00	PAID
Boy's Foster Home in South India	\$ 4,000.00	PAID
"We Hear, Each in Our Own Native Language"	\$ 2,200.00	

As our Lord continues to bring unchurched speakers of Spanish to us (the Bronx being the Borough of New York City with the highest number of speakers of Spanish) and as we endeavor to reach all people with the Gospel, we want to translate materials from English into Spanish. Since God has gifted us with people who can translate, we want to purchase equipment that will allow for the simultaneous translation of the Scripture readings, sermons and prayers during the worship services for Spanish people to increase their understanding of the Good News of Jesus Christ while they are in a worship setting. (Sponsored by Ladies in Prayer and Service, Redeemer Lutheran, Bronx, NY)

Beautiful Feet	\$ 5,000.00
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Today's college students are the next generation of missionaries, pastors and congregational leaders. Beautiful Feet brings hundreds of college students together to learn about missions around the world, how they can be involved, and builds them up to both lead mission education on their campuses and serve the Lord and His church around the world on the mission field. (Sponsored by LCMS World Mission)

MITE BOX OFFERINGS UPDATE (APRIL 2008 – AUGUST 2009):

2008-2010 Mission Goal	\$ 75,000.00
Mites Received	\$ 34,128.74
Mites Needed to Reach Goal	\$ 40,871.26
Mites Needed per Month	\$ 5,838.75

Thank you for your continued support and keep our Mission Goal in your prayers.

In His Service,

Lillian L. Biddle

Vice President for Mission Outreach



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July 27, 2009

Dear Sisters in Christ,

It's that time of year again! Time to get ready for the Atlantic District LWML Annual Fall Retreat at Tuscarora. The date is October 16 – 18, 2009. The theme this year is: **“Away...God's Way”**. We are pleased to announce that our own Pastoral Counselor, Reverend William Wrede, will be our retreat leader.

Don't miss out on what is always a weekend filled with love, laughter, fellowship and most importantly, a time when we can all grow closer to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Please make copies of the registration form and distribute them to your societies and churches. Take note on the registration form that it cannot be mailed to Tuscarora before September 1st, but no later than October 1st.

So don't delay! Come spend a Spirit-filled weekend with your sisters in Christ.

God's Blessings to all!

Your Retreat Committee:

Deb Graybosch, Retreat Chairman
Linda Guterres
Rae Ann Spitzenberger



CALLING ALL YOUNG WOMEN!

The upcoming district retreat on October 16-18 at Tuscarora Inn is a great opportunity for young women to get involved in the LWML! The retreat offers young women a wonderful introduction to what the LWML is all about. Plus, it will hopefully fire them up to attend the next LWML event.

I encourage you all to personally invite the young women in your church to attend the retreat. Don't assume they already know about it just because retreat information is posted on the bulletin board. A personal invitation is always best! It makes people feel welcomed and like you really want them to come.

Once you've invited them, make sure they know how to get there or even offer to take them. Also, make sure they have somebody to room with so they don't feel like the “odd (wo)man out.” If your society or zone has extra funds, consider offering a scholarship to help a young woman attend the retreat.

Finally, make sure you welcome them with open arms when they do come to the retreat. One of the best things about the LWML is all the love, laughter, and hugs — and there's plenty to go around!

Rae Ann Spitzenberger
Young Woman's Advocate



**ATLANTIC DISTRICT LWML FALL RETREAT
REGISTRATION FORM
October 16 - 18, 2009**

Each person attending must fill this form out completely and mail it after September 1, 2009 and no later than October 1, 2009. Please register early since rooms often fill up before the October deadline.

Please enclose a non-refundable check for \$55.00 payable to TUSCARORA INN (this includes a \$25.00 per person room deposit and \$30.00 LWML fee). The balance will be paid upon arrival.

Mail form and deposit to:
Tuscarora Inn—3300 River Rd.—Mt. Bethel, PA 18343
570-897-6000

Name _____
 Address _____ Apt _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ Email _____

All rates listed below are per person, double occupancy. There is a 25% surcharge for a single occupancy. A 10% discount is given for each person with 3 or 4 people in a room.

Cottages	2 double beds	\$177.25
Hillside Manor	2 double beds	\$202.00
Riverside Manor 1	2 double beds, TV	\$213.25
Riverside Manor 2	2 queen beds, TV	\$222.25

One Day Attendees (Saturday Only): Includes LWML registration fee and three meals—\$80.00

Accommodations Preference:

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- Willing to share with another single.
- Sharing with one other full-price roommate – Name: _____
- Sharing with 2 or 3 other roommates at a 10% discount:

Name _____ Name _____ Name _____

- Check here for NO Friday Night Buffet.
- Special Dietary Needs or Restrictions (Please explain on back of registration form)

Questions: Please contact Deb Graybosch @ (631) 334-8975, or email dgraybosch@optonline.net

“Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.” Mark 6:31

Mission Outreach

MISSION GRANT PROPOSALS FOR 2010 CONVENTION

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Every two years, the Atlantic District LWML holds a convention at which its delegates vote on the Mission Grants to be funded in the coming biennium. The next Atlantic District Convention will be held April 24-25, 2010, and I would like to extend an opportunity for you to submit a proposal. The Mission Grants that are voted on to be funded either partially or completely are done so by means of the "Mite Box" offerings which are collected throughout the district.

The **Application Form** and **Instruction Page** to help guide you through the application process and help answer any questions you may have can be found on the Web site, www.adlwml.org. The deadline for mission grant proposals is October 31, 2009.

The Board of Directors of the Atlantic District Lutheran Women's Missionary League are eager to see the advancement of the Lord's work. Our prayers are with you as you prepare your grant proposal.



In His service,

Lillian L. Biddle

Vice President for Mission Outreach

SUBMIT DESIGNS FOR LWML CONVENTION LOGO NOW

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League Executive Committee announces the theme and Scripture verses for the 2011 Convention to be held June 23-26, 2011 in Peoria, Illinois:

Theme: Being with Jesus — Living on the Edge

Scripture Verses:

... They realized that they had been with Jesus ... "For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard". Acts 4:13b & 20 (NKJV)

Goal Statement:

Empowered by being with Jesus, I courageously speak of Him and live a life transformed by His love.

Objectives — Convention attendees will:

- ◇ praise the Triune God
- ◇ encounter Him in His Word
- ◇ live boldly as His children

The LWML Executive Committee discussed many of the challenges that face Christians today in a world that often speaks unfavorably about Christianity. With the sure knowledge that each believer walks with Jesus daily, each person has the amazing opportunity to "live on the edge" in an unfriendly environment and to courageously reach out to share the extraordinary truth about the Redeemer of the world.

LWML President Janice Wendorf shared that the members of the Executive Committee are excited that the convention attendees will have the opportunity to experience personal spiritual growth through worship and study of the Word as they explore ways to fearlessly live on the edge with Christ Jesus by their side.

Proposed logo illustrations/graphics should be submitted in a landscape orientation as a TIFF or JPEG file. Design submissions must be received no later than **October 1, 2009**. Please send to:

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IMPORTANT DATES

ZONE EVENTS

Albany

10/03/09 Fall Rally, St. Paul, 149 Lake Ave.,
Saratoga Springs, beginning at 11:30 am,
speakers are Ethel Lesh & Lenore
Simpson, "A Mission to Latvia"

Bronx/Westchester

09/26/09 Fall Rally, Trinity, 25 Crane Rd.,
Scarsdale

Nassau

09/26/09 Fall Rally, St. Paul, 449 Stewart Ave.,
Bethpage, beginning at 9:00 am, speaker
from Lutheran Long Term Health Care
Program

12/05/09 Advent Breakfast, Trinity, 40 W. Nicholai
St., Hicksville

Queens

10/03/09 Fall Rally, Redeemer, 69-07 Cooper Ave.,
Glendale, beginning at 10:00 am, speaker
is Dr. LuJuana Butts, "In Everything Give
Thanks" 1Thess 5:18

Triune

10/31/09 Fall Rally, Risen Christ, 250 Blake Ave.,
Brooklyn, beginning at 9:30 am

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09/19/09 Concordia College, Maier Conference
Room, Bronxville, beginning at 9:30 am

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