

Lutheran Women's Missionary League New Jersey District 25th Biennial Convention



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from within them.

John 7:38



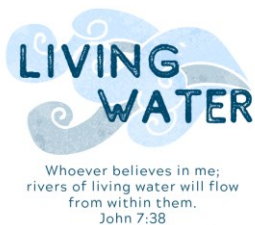
August 28-30, 2020

Harvey Cedars Bible Conference, Harvey Cedars, NJ

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The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is the official women's auxiliary of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is an official auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. For over 77 years, the LWML has focused on affirming each woman's relationship with Christ, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries and to support global missions.

Mission Statement

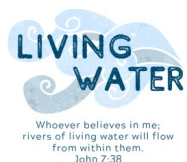
The mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League is to assist each woman of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world.

VISION STATEMENT OF THE LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

The LWML is the leading group for LCMS women where each woman is welcomed and encouraged to use her unique God-given gifts as she supports global missions and serves the Lord with gladness.

Motto

Serve the LORD with gladness! (Psalm 100:2)





This convention is dedicated
In memory
Of
Rev. Eric Ziegler



October 1948 – September 2019

Pastor Eric Ziegler was called home to his heavenly home on September 20, 2019. Pastor Ziegler served LWML New Jersey District beginning as Junior counselor, retiring as Senior counselor in 2010. He always said the best thing that LCMS had was the LWML.

After several years in the business world working mostly in the fields of Import-Export and Medical Products, plus a two-year stint as a bartender in Puerto Rico (ugh) he decided it was time to pursue his lifelong dream: to become a pastor. In 1987 he entered Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana. In the same year he married his childhood friend, Joan Rutz. His vicarage was spent in "Little Havana," Miami's oldest Cuban neighborhood. While at seminary he also taught several courses in Deaf Ministry and Spanish, as well as teaching Sign Language at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. He filled in as interim pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church (Deaf) in Fort Wayne for one year.

Upon graduation in 1991 he received his first call to St. Matthew Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Newark, New Jersey, where he served until 1999. In January 2000 he was installed at St. John's Lutheran Church in Clifton, New Jersey. He also served for a brief time at Iglesia Luterana San Pablo (St. Paul's Lutheran Church) in West New York, New Jersey.

Besides serving the Lord, Eric's interests include cooking (no recipes, Thank You) music, the theater, and words words words! Word games, word puzzles, word origins. He has studied ten languages over the years and is fluent in four. During 2014 Eric experienced some health and mobility problems but this did not detract for his love of God or his love for serving others in the name of Jesus.

**Past Presidents of the
Lutheran Women's Missionary League
New Jersey District**

Norma Bruns*	1973-1978
Mildred Moller*	1978-1980
Anne GaNun*	1980-1986
Irene Vollmer*	1986-1990
Judy Barnes*	1990-1994
Susan Epper	1994-1998
Eleanor Hoffman	1998-2002
Gladys Nesko	2002-2006
Susan Donnelly	2006-2010
Ginger Starrett	2010-2014
Arlene Price	2014-2018
Susan Harnos	2018-Present



*Called home to the Lord

Meet our convention Guest

Rev. Richard Vossler: LWML NJ Senior Pastoral Counselor



Rev. Richard Vossler has faithfully served the LWML NJ District as senior counselor for the past four year. He has been an advisor at our Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings, retreats & convention, always leading us with devotions and prayer. Rev. Rick Vossler serves as Pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, Livingston, NJ. He is also the Senior Chaplain at The Villa in Florham Park, Chaplain with the Livingston Police Department as well as being active in other community organizations. We'll miss his steady presence and wise words now that he is retiring from this position.

Arlene Naasz: LWML Meeting Manager



Arlene Naasz, from the Black Hills of South Dakota, is looking forward to her first trip to the Jersey Shore (which due to Covid-19 is delayed). Bringing greetings from the national LWML, Arlene will share what happening at national as LWML continues to work on reaching out to each new generation of women. Arlene says "Going to district LWML events is like attending a family reunion, with lots of hugs from sisters-in-Christ." Please join us in giving Arlene a warm Jersey welcome

Rev. Dr. Anthony Steinbronn: LCMS NJ District President



President Tony is currently serving his third term as president of the LCMS NJ District. Raised in the Midwest, then serving many years in the African mission field, he currently resides in Monmouth County. A published author, President Tony is now learning how to be virtual media personality. Having a mission heart, President Tony always has words of encouragement for the LWML. Thank you, President Tony, for your prayers and support.

25Th Biennial LWML New Jersey District Convention

Saturday, August 29, 2020

Music Prelude

Michele Millet & VLC Praise Band

Amazing Grace

Call to order / Opening prayer

Susan Harnos, President

Lighting of convention candle

Pledge of Allegiance

The Star Spangle Banner

Michele Millet & VLC Praise Band

Welcome

Carol Beisman – So. Jersey Zone Treasurer

Acknowledgment of special guest

League pledge

Serve the Lord with Gladness

Michele Millet & VLC Praise Band

Opening Devotions

Rev. Richard Vossler – Senior Counselor

Greetings from national LWML

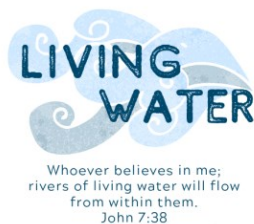
Arlene Naasz-LWML Meeting Manager

National LWML Video

Greetings for from LCMS NJ District

President Rev. Dr. Anthony Steinbronn

LCMS Thank You Video



LWML NJ District Convention Continued:

Credentials Report

Alicia Starrett - Seidel

2020-2022 Mission Grants

Caren Vogt- V.P.-Gospel Outreach

Music Break

You are My All in All

Michele Millet & VLC Praise Band

Reports

Treasurer Report

Brenda Breza

Gifts of Love

Linda Gage – Gifts of Love Counselor

Vice-President Special Focus Ministries

Christy Ndem

Young Woman Representative

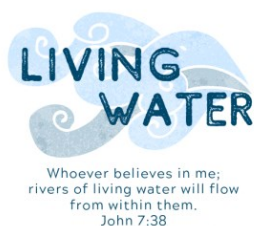
Mariah Jomah

Heart to Heart Leader

Roshay Wilson

I love to tell the Story

Michele Millet & VLC Praise Band



LWML New Jersey District Convention Continued:

Mites in Action

St. John's Bridgeton Food Bank

Pat Bacon & Elizabeth Hulitt

Bethania Kid

They Will Know we are Christians by our Love Michele Millet & VLC Praise Band

Mission Central

Lutheran Heritage Foundation

Ministry to the Armed Services

Dedication of the Backpacks

Rev. Richard Vossler – Senior Counselor

Bylaw Report

Cindy Hergenhan

Elected officers

Sue Donnelly

Installation of Elected officers

Pastor Richard Vossler

Pastoral Counselor

Pastor Vossler & Pastor Matt Hass

Lexington Skit

Susan Donnelly & crew

President's remarks

Susan Harnos

Response

Arlene Price – President Lakeland Zone

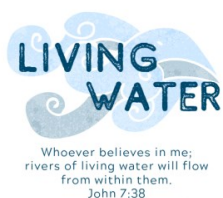
Closing Prayer

Pastor Richard Vossler

God Bless America

Michele Millet & VLC Praise Band

God Be With You



Mission Grant Slate 2020 - 2022 Biennium

Our Savior	Fair Lawn	Good Shepherd Mission	1,000.00
GoAhead Mission, Inc	Ridgefield Park	Leadership Conference for Korean Children	1,000.00
St. John	Bloomfield	Bloomfield College Campus Ministry	3,000.00
Mile Square Church	Hoboken	Christopher Columbus Gardens	1,800.00
King of Kings	Mountain Lakes	Retaining Wall for Preschool	750.00
Calvary	Medford	Rebuilding Education Program @ Calvary	1,680.00
Somerset Hills	Basking Ridge	Dr. Kristen Schmaltz	1,500.00
Gethsemane	Hackettstown	Gethsemane Lutheran Preschool - STEM	1,200.00
Prince of Peace	Hamburg	Grace's Food Pantry Franklin	2,000.00
Lutheran Heritage Foundation		Catechisms for Believers & Missionaries in India	1,000.00
POBLO International		Outreach Training Seminar:	1,000.00
Ministry in Mission, LCMS RSO		Lutheran Villages in Haiti	1,000.00



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Lutheran Women's Missionary League New Jersey District

Minutes

24th Biennial Convention

August 17-19, 2018

Hyatt Regency Hotel

Morristown, New Jersey

The 24th Biennial New Jersey District LWML Convention, hosted by the Northeastern Zone, convened on August 17, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Morristown, NJ. "Connected to the Vine" from John 15:5 was the convention theme. The convention song leader, Barbara Giaquinto led the convention body in song throughout the convention. On Friday, convention attendees were invited to work on servant events. Which included making baby blankets and stuffing socks for NJ homeless. The convention attendees were invited to donate baby items for "Today's Choice" as the Gifts from the Heart. The convention opened with the cross processional and the singing of "Lift High the Cross." The host zone brought in their banner as well as the 2017 National Convention Banner. Board of the Directors, Pastoral Counselors, YWRS and H2H sisters processed in behind the cross.

On Friday night the convention was called to order by President Arlene Price at 7:17pm. She opened the convention with prayer.

Suzanne Wirtz, president of the Northeastern Zone provided a welcome, Sue Harnos, President of Raritan Zone, gave the response.

Ginger Starrett and Sue Donnelly lead the convention with the league pledge.

Pastor Belton of Concordia College New York provided prayer from those submitted to the convention prayer chapel.

Evening worship was led by Rev. Richard Vossler, Pastoral Counselor, and Pastor Ben Dolby, Junior Pastoral Counselor. Pastor Dolby provided the sermon on "Grace, Mercy, and Peace."

Afterwards, convention attendees were invited to the Presidents reception. They were also encouraged to visits the exhibitors' booth and participate in the basket bonanza.

Saturday Morning Session:

Convention song leader, Barbara Giaquinto opened up with songs and President Price called the convention to order at 8:37am

Gay Van Etten, Vice President of Christian Life, opened with a prayer.

President Price provided an update from Fridays servant events. 165 socks were stuffed, 83 will be sent to NJ food bank in Dover and 82 will go to St. John's, Bridgeton, food bank. 15 baby blankets were completed for children hospitalized at Morristown Hospital.

Credentials report was given by Registrar Joan Seibel, convention registrar, voting members are 26 with two past presidents totaling the voting delegates at 28. Non-voting attendees is 28 for a grand total of 56 in attendance.

The proposed agenda was presented by Recording Secretary Alicia Starrett, as printed in the convention manual with necessary changes to be made at the discretion of the chair was adopted by unanimous vote. Motion carried.

Jeanne Van Steen, Parliamentarian, reviewed convention rules. No questions from convention body at the completion of the reading.

Suzanne Wirtz, NE Zone, introduced the committee tellers, Bettina Lindquist and Leslie Vergalitto.

2016 Convention minutes were presented by Recording Secretary, Alicia Starrett. Minutes were previously approved by the Board of Directors. No questions from the convention floor on the minutes.

Humorous interruption provided by National Treasurer LWML Marilyn Schroeder. "Ladies remember to turn your phone off."

Crisis management team members announced; Arlene Price, Pastor Vossler, and Sally Sparling (not at convention at the time of announcement).

Gay Van Etten, VP of Christian Life, presented Treasurer report on behalf of Sara Hansen. Announced \$473.00 from the Friday evening worship service offering is designated to go to LWML NJ District administration costs.

Marilyn Schroeder brought greetings from national and a video presentation from LWML President, Patti Ross. Treasurer Schroeder updated attendees on the National Mite goal as well as news on the upcoming convention in Mobile, Alabama.

Donna Pyle, Bible study leader, led the convention on her study of, "Where Love Abides." Which connected to the convention theme, "Connected to the vine" and focused on the book of John 15: 1-11. She taught us to understand God's vineyard. Are we bearing fruit or in need of pruning?

Kirsten Whitsitt, of Bethesda Community Service, spoke about the grant NJ District funded in the 2016-2018 Biennium. "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made" packets and brochures were shared with 421 congregations in New Jersey.

Caren Vogt, VP Gospel Outreach, presented the proposed mission grants for 2018-2020 biennium.

Bethania Kids Foundations- Bibles for Orphans in India- \$3,000.00

Gethsemane Lutheran Preschool Playground equipment- \$1500.00

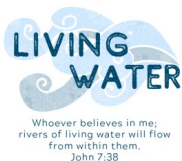
Lutherans for Life- Word of Hope (Crisis Hotline) In New Jersey- \$3000.00

LCMS Ministry of the Armed Forces: Wellness training for military chaplains- \$3000.00

Lutheran Friends of the Deaf- Spanish & American sign language Bible stories- \$3000.00

LCMS Mission Central- Funds for LCMS missionaries- \$3000.00

Lutheran Church of Our Savior- Outreach to unchurched nurse school families- \$2000.00



POBLO International- Outreach to Muslim and Hindu communities in NJ- \$2500.00

Support of International Students- Concordia Seminary- \$3000.00

Young Woman's Representatives (YWR) Programming- NJ District- \$3000.00

Registrar Joan Seibel, credentials report, 29 voting members, 28 non-voting for a total of 57 (Saturday mid-morning).

President Price presented a motion for the mite goal of the 2018- 2020 biennium. \$23,000.00 was presented to the convention floor. With the following breakdown, 5% for LWML NJ District administration, 70% district grants, 25% to national grants.

Motion, second, and carried (MSC) by Gay Van Etten, VP of Christian Life. The motion was **ADOPTED** by the convention body.

Prayer provided by Sue Donnelly, past NJ District President, before voting on mission grants.

Song Leader Barbara Giaquinto led the convention body in song during voting.

Northeast Zone President Suzanne Wirtz provided announcements before lunch recession.

Caren Vogt, VP of Gospel Outreach, led prayer before recession.

During lunch, the convention attendees was entertained by the "Singing Pastors" followed by a recognition ceremony held for all Pastors throughout the state, each were given a gift for their service. We also heard a presentation on the travels of Lily, the comfort dog, from her handler, Linda Cinquegrana.

Saturday Afternoon session:

Olajumoke Odedele, YWR, provided her report from National Convention in Albuquerque, NM

Christy Ndem, VP of Special Focus Ministries, did the presentation of pinning for Young Women's Representative (YWR), Kristen Dolby, from the Lakeland Zone, and Heart to Heart (H2H) sister, Roshay Wilson, from the Lakeland Zone.

YWR's and H2H sisters presented a skit for the upcoming national convention.

Donna Pyle, lead part 2 of her bible study, John 15:4-8. She discussed the three elements of abiding and understanding the fruitful vs. unfruitful branches of our lives.

Mites in Action speaker Bruce Sutherland from Lutheran Hour Ministries discussed upcoming programs and where grant money has gone to expand on their outreach.

President Price introduced the Board of Directors, Suzanne Wirtz introduced the Northeast steering committee and host committee.

Registrar Joan Seibel, presented the credentials report, 30 voting and 34 non-voting (Saturday afternoon session).

Cindy Hergenhan, Structure Chair, presented the bylaw amendments and discussed the bylaw revisions for voting upon. **MSC**– **Sue Donnelly** moved to accept the bylaws as presented in convention manual on pages 26 to 27. The motion was **ADOPTED** by unanimous consent.

VP of Christian Life, Gay Van Etten presented the slate for nominations:

President: Susan Harnos

Vice President Special Focus Ministries: Christy Ndem

Pastoral Counselor: Pastor Ben Dolby

Nominating Committee: Kyle Chedister, Sue Donnelly, Bettina Lindquist, and Olajumoke Odedele

No additional nominations given from the floor. All slates were closed.

Christy Ndem led the convention body in prayer before balloting.

On Saturday evening, due to inclement weather the prayer walk was moved indoors to around the convention space and laps around the plaza. Walkers did laps to the Lord's Prayer. Convention attendees were once again encouraged to visit vendor booths and participate in the Basket Bonanza. Keynote speaker was President John Nunes and his wife, Monique Nunes, from Concordia College New York. Monique showcased her voice by singing wonderfully to everyone in the ballroom.

Sunday Morning Session:

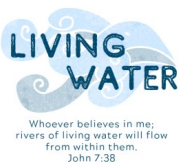
Barbara led the convention body in song and President Price called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Donna Pyle, lead the 3rd part of her bible study, focusing on John 15 9-11. She discussed Love, Obedience, and Joy. NJ District thanked Donna for her wonderful bible study on, "Where Love Abides" as she quickly headed to the airport once finished.

Caren Vogt, VP of Gospel Outreach, provided an update on the Gifts from the Heart and Mission Walk. The Mission Walk gathered \$435.00, Basket Bonanza \$595.00, and the second offering for 2018-20 mission Grants \$792.25, for a total of \$1,822.25.

VP of Gospel Outreach, Caren Vogt declared the following mission grants for the 2018-2020 biennium:

YWR Programming New Jersey District.....	\$3000.00
Lutheran Friends of the Deaf - Spanish and American Sign Language Bible stories.....	\$3000.00
LCMS Mission Central- Funds for LCMS missionaries.....	\$3000.00
Lutheran Church of Our Savior- Outreach to unchurched nurse school families.....	\$2000.00
LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces: Wellness training for military chaplains.....	\$3000.00
Bethania Kids Foundation- Bibles for Orphans in India (partial funding)	\$2,100.00



Cynthia Khan, POLBO International, presented on the mission outreach done to Muslims and Hindus in Michigan and wherever in need.

VP of Gospel Outreach, Caren Vogt announced that the following were elected for the 2018-2020 term of office:

Susan Harnos- president

Pastor Ben Dolby- Pastoral Counselor

Christy Ndem- VP Special Focus Ministries

Sue Donnelly- Nominating Committee Chair

Kyle Chedister- Nominating Committee 2nd chair

Olajumoke Odedele- Nominating Committee

Bettina Lindquist- Nominating Committee

Senior Counselor Rev. Richard Vossler installed the new officers and closed with prayer.

Outgoing President Arlene Price provided reflections and thank you'd on her past four years as district president.

A thank you was extended to President Arlene Price for her service to the NJ District these past four years by newly elected President Susan Harnos.

President Susan Harnos provided thank you and welcoming of her new position.

Communion Worship Service by Rev. Richard Vossler as proclaimer. Offering #3 during services benefited Lily the comfort dog.

Convention Adjourned at 12:18 pm.

Alicia Starrett, Recording Secretary

At the March 9, 2019 the minutes were submitted to the Executive Committee for review for corrections and additions. There was one change, the last mission grant for Bethania Kids Foundation grant was for \$2,100 not \$1,000. Once this correction was made the Executive Committee approved the minutes of the 24th Biennial Convention of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, New Jersey District and filed.

**LWML NEW JERSEY DISTRICT
INCOME/EXENSE ANALYSIS
AUGUST 1, 2018 through JULY 31, 2020**

MITES- INCOME

Mite Beginning Balance		\$ 3,002.18
1st Year	8,921.93	
2nd Year	13,554.26	
Total Mite INCOME		22,476.19

MITES-EXPENSES: Mission Grants

Total Grants PAID		19,100.00
DISTRICT DONATIONS: to National 25%		5,188.80
MITES TO ADMINISTRATION .05%		1,123.89
Total Mite EXPENSE		25,412.69

End Mite Balance		\$ 65.68
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QUARTERLIES Beginning Balance		-637.67
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QUARTERLIES SUBSCRIPTIONS- Income

1st Year	999.50	
2nd Year	657.60	
Transferred from AGTG Fund	664.75	
Total Income		2,321.85

QUARTERLIES SUBSCRIPTIONS- Expense

1st Year	680.63	
2nd Year	1,003.55	
Total Expense		1,684.18

End Quarterly Balance		0.00
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ADMINISTRATIVE INCOME

Beginning Administrative Balance		3,303.01
Mites to Administration .05%	1,123.89	
Convention Offering #2	548.00	
Retreat Offering	615.00	
S. Harnos Lodging Convention Reimbursed	424.50	
Semi-Annual Dist Endow. Fund	1,308.94	
Interest From LCEF Endowment Fund	21.73	
Total Administrative Income		4,042.06

ADMINISTRATIVE Expense

Airfare to Assembly of Leaders	673.91	
Lunch for Assembly of Leaders	79.45	
Reimb S. Harnos Lodging Convention	424.50	
Supplies	382.98	
Retreat Expense	18.42	
Bank Fee	4.80	
Open LCEF Account Endowment Fund	20.00	
Transfer TO mites for Bethania Kids	130.00	
Insurance for 2 years	580.00	
Total Administrative Expense		2,314.06
		\$
Ending Administrative Balance		5,031.01

RETREATS

Beginning Retreat Balance		392.69
INCOME Retreat Registration	3,150.00	3,150.00
EXPENSE Retreats		
Bulletins	77.87	
Cranes Mill Meals and Snacks Fall 2018	1,008.50	
Hopewell Retreat	1,164.00	
Registration Refund	70.00	
Cranes Mill Retreat Fall 2019	947.99	
Total Retreat Expense		3,268.36
		\$
Ending Retreat Balance		274.33

NJ DISTRICT CONVENTION 2018

Beginning Convention Balance		125.23
Convention INCOME		
Registration and other Fees	11,315.00	
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	3,000.00	
Offering #3 Lily Comfort Dog	588.00	
Lunch	769.00	
Reimb S. Donnelly Hotel	146.29	
Total Convention INCOME		15,818.29
Convention EXPENSES		
Hyatt Hotel Convention Center	13,998.65	
Offering #3 TO Lily Comfort Dog	588.00	
National Travel Rep M. Schroeder	503.03	
Donna Pyle Bible Study Teacher	950.00	

A Price Drapes and Tablecloths	385.00		
Postage	23.74		
Reimb Fairlawn for S Rupert	130.00		
Trans back Unused portion of H2H	1,020.00		
Total Convention Expenses		17,598.42	
End Convention Balance			-\$1,654.90
NJ DISTRICT CONVENTION 2020			
Deposit to Harvey Cedars Retreat			-\$1,700.00
MEMORIAL FUND			
Begin Memorial Balance		635.59	
Income In Memory of Pastor Zeigler	50.00		
Trans to reclassify		40.00	
End Memorial Balance			\$645.59
WEB			
WEB Beginning Balance		4,000.00	
EXPENSES	3,562.78		
WEB Ending Balance			\$437.22
Raritan Zone Closed Bank account			
Rartian Zone V Tiase National Travel	175.00	543.16	
Transfer to Quarteries	100.00		
End Raritan Zone			\$268.16
H2H SISTERS			
H2H Sisters Beginning Balance		3,289.83	
H2H Sisters Income			
Trans from 2018 Convention	1,020.00		
Reclassify Luncheon	40.00		
Reclassify Bookmarks	91.85		
TOTAL H2H Sisters Income		1,151.85	
H2H Sisters Expenses			
Convention Supplies	164.55		
Convention Reg, Lodge & Airfare R Wilson	925.25		
Convention Breakfast & CPH	359.65		
Convention Lunches	107.18		
Reilly Lunch	214.40		
Convention Registration	254.00		
TOTAL H2H Sisters Expense		2,025.03	

END Balance H2H Sisters		\$2,416.65
YOUNG WOMEN REPRESENTIVE(YWR)		
YWR Beginning Balance		3,000.00
YWR INCOME		
Refund Convention Meal		18.00
YWR EXPENSES		
Convention Registration M Jomah	305.00	
Convention Airfare for M Jomah	419.00	
Convention Lodging for M Jomah	252.25	
Convention Travel for O. Odedele	450.00	
Printing	14.24	
Reimb Fall Registration	30.00	
Trans to fall retreat 4 Regis attendees	120.00	
TOTAL YWR EXPENSES		1,590.49
YWR End Balance		\$1,427.51
LWML STORE		
LWML Store INCOME		
Retreat Sales	143.00	
Donna Pyle Sales	593.00	
LWML Store	734.00	
Cash for store	200.00	
LWML STORE INCOME		1,670.00
LWML Store EXPENSES		
Convention Purchases	245.94	
CPH Convention Inventory	1,585.35	
Reimburse CPH	120.00	
Replace Cash for change	200.00	
LWML Store EXPENSE		2,151.29
LWML Store End Balance		\$481.29
CLOSING BALANCE ENDING JULY 31, 2020		\$ 6,729.96

LWML NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

ALL GLORY TO GOD FUND

In 2020 we have been blessed with money to create an Endowment Fund. The "All Glory To God Fund" will give us some help to attract women to participate in the LWML.

The LCMS Foundation are handling the gifts.

The LWML NJD received \$120,000.00 from the selling of the Harrison Property Church.

The All Glory To God Committee placed the money into Funds that best satisfies the current market and our needs.

We split the money between the Money Market and the Conservative Balanced Fund.

The fee is stipulated on the total amount invested; not which investment is option chosen.

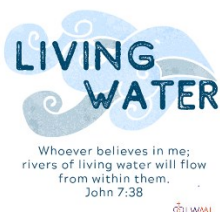
You can add to the Fund with over \$5,000.00 monetary gift.

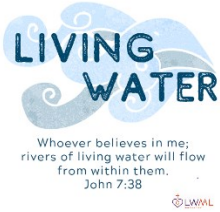
We are Sisters in Christ working together is our main attribute.

LWML NJ District Treasurer

Treasurer for the All Glory To God Fund

Brenda Breza





Reports from Elected Officers

President

Susan E. Harnos

National LWML Activities:

- Attended the Assembly of Leaders, November 2018 in St. Louis. Along with Pastor Rick Vossler, Ola Odedele and Alicia Starrett, we attended training sessions in various areas. Together we listen to speakers who gave insight on how to help tweak our LWML districts to meet the new generation of women without losing site of the mission of the LWML.
- Prepared reports & attended Board of Directors meeting, January 2019 in St. Louis.
- Prepared reports & attended Board of Directors meeting, June 2019 in Mobile, AL.
- Attended the national LWML convention, Mobile, AL with the NJ delegation.
- Prepared reports & attended the first President's Assembly, January 2020, in St. Louis.
- Received & answered numerous emails, many requesting prayers.

NJ District LWML Activities:

- Presided over all Executive Committee and Board of Directors meeting of this biennium
- Attended as many fall and spring rallies as possible to promote national and district events.
- Worked with VP-Christian Life and Resources to organize the annual fall retreats at Crane's Mill.
- Organized two events, one for the Board of Directors, the other for BOD & society presidents to share AOL material.
- Worked with the convention planner to plan the 2020 convention at Harvey Cedars Bible Conf.
- Attended the 2019 Spring retreat at Hopewell Valley Vineyards, Sewing Workshop and several Special Focus Ministry events.
- Spoke at the 2020 LCMS NJD pastoral retreat, circuit #2 pastor's meeting, King of Kings, Mountain Lakes, Rev. Paul Myers event at Westwood promoting the LWML.



Reports from Elected Officers

President – continued

Susan E. Harnos

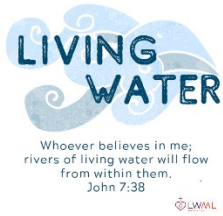
- Spoke at:
 - Christ Assembly, Newark
 - 2020 LCMS NJD pastoral retreat,
 - Circuit #2 pastor's meeting,
 - King of Kings, Mountain Lakes,
 - Rev. Paul Myers event at Westwood promoting the LWML.
- Volunteered at the LCMS NJD Golf Classic to meet our district's pastors.
- Made gift baskets for the Pastors' Wives retreats to be raffled off.
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- Organized the "March for Mites" & "Summer Reading Raffle" campaign for mites.
- Prayed for our churches, pastors and members.

Local LWML Activities:

- Attend monthly Bible study / Ladies Guild meet
- Baked and sold items at the local Lacey Farmers' Market.

"for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control." 2 Timothy 1:7





Reports from Elected Officers

Recording Secretary

Alicia Starrett - Seidel

Highlights/Activities:

Local:

Attended meetings and participated in various fundraisers for guild and/or church support

Zone:

Participating in retreats

Sewing Circle

District:

Banner Maker for National Convention Mobile, AL

Led AOL training workshops for BOD and NJ LWML members

Attended rallies

General activities of recording secretary position as required such as communications via e-mail, phone, text and Zoom.

Submitted minutes and any other documentation as requested/ required of position.

Followed up requested made by the District President and BOD members.

National:

AOL Leadership Training

National Convention Attendee in Mobile, AL

LWML President Page at National Convention in Mobile, AL

Gospel Outreach Committee Member

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Romans 12:12



Reports from Elected Officers

Treasurer

Brenda Breza

Brenda is an active member of the Village Lutheran Church, Lanoka Harbor.

During the past 20 years, she has served as usher, Chief Financial Officer, alter guild, and media person. In the LWML's Ladies Guild Brenda is currently president and for many years served as treasurer.

Attending the 2019 National Convention in Mobile, Alabama with my husband, Bill was a real exciting and interesting. We took extra time to visit some local restaurants and sites.

Now retired, Brenda is happy to put her accounting skills to use as our LWML NJ District treasurer.

As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. 1 Timothy 6:17 ESV



Reports from Elected Officers

Vice President of Christian Life & Organizational Resources

Leslie Vergallito

Highlights/Activities:

In January 2020 the Executive Committee appointed me as Vice-President of Christian Life & Organizational Resources at the resignation of Gay Van Etten. Gay, who continued in to serve in this position when no candidate volunteered at the 24th biennial convention, organized two fall retreats. Each retreat was held at Crane's Mill, West Caldwell, had music, devotions, music, Bible study, fellowship time and yes more music. "Come to the Vineyard" was the topic of the 2018 retreat. Arlene Price led us with Donna Pyle's study – Where Love Abides - for a closer look at John 15:1-17 and what message Jesus is giving His disciples as the events of His passion unfold. At the 2019 retreat, Rev Brian Handrich, Redeemer, Newton, challenged us to take a closer look at the sin of coveting and how it steals our contentment and peace. Both events began with Rev. Richard Vossler leading a communion service.

This February 15, we had a sewing circle at King of Kings in Mountain Lakes. We made 40 dresses and 10 pairs of shorts for Orphan Grain Train. Rich Gruenhagen came to speak about OGT and the need of these dresses and shorts for the children in Haiti.

My goal as V-P CL&OR is to visit churches with either inactive or no societies and help encourage them to take another look at becoming active in LWML. Unfortunately, the Covid-19 restrictions put this on hold.

but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 19:14





REPORT TO THE LWML NJ DISTRICT CONVENTION

August 29, 2020 - Virtual Convention

Highlights/Activities:

National LWML Activities

- Communicated with National VP Special Focus Ministries, Heart to Heart (H2H) Committee members, LWML Registrar regarding registration of our H2H Sister and Young Women Representative (YWR)
- Volunteered at Leadership Development Committee booth at 2019 LWML National Convention.
- Introduced and connected international sisters from Nigeria to our district members and other LWML Sisters.

NJ District LWML Activities

- Planned, coordinated, promoted, and presented 6 H2H Sister events between 2018 and 2020
- Created resource document for New Jersey LWML Special Focus Ministries
- Assisted our H2H and YWR delegates in completing their paperwork for the LWML National Convention and coordinated their activities in Mobile, AL.
- Continued promoting and recruitment of H2H sisters and young women to participate in LWML activities and convention
- Introduced new LWML Deaf Ministry to the BOD and EC
- Attended *Follow the Leader Training* for the District Board of Directors and EC
- Attended District Spring and Fall Retreats.
- Participated in *Sewing Circle* making pillowcase dresses for Orphan Grain Train

Zone Rallies & Events

- Attended Spring and Fall Zone Rallies
- Hosted Spring Zone Rally 2019
- Attended AOL Training at Lakeland Zone Virtual Spring 2020 Rally

Outreach

- Visited immigrant mission church, Christ Assembly Lutheran Church in Newark, with District President and supported them with Gifts of the Heart
- Invited, recruited, and empowered Young women, LCMS Sisters and other multicultural Pastors to attend LWML events Collaborated with Cindy Hergenhan, Structure Chair, to include the Heart to Heart District Leader under the Special Focus Ministries Performed all general duties of the office including attending meetings

"For we walk by Faith and not by sight." - 2 Cor 5:7



REPORT TO THE LWML NJ DISTRICT CONVENTION August 29, 2020, Virtual Convention

Highlights/Activities:

National LWML Activities

- Participated in Mission Flag Processional with Heart to Heart District Leaders/Sisters and YWRs
- Volunteered at the Committee on Young Women booth at 2019 LWML National Convention
- Attended Assembly of Leaders (AOL) 2018

NJ District LWML Activities

- Trained Board of Directors and LWML NJ members on lessons learned from Assembly of Leaders including how to approach change, reaching women of different cultures, and engaging & retaining volunteers
- Coordinated, developed, and led Bible study for 2019 Spring Retreat

NJ District Convention

- Promoted convention on Facebook page and website
- Publicized convention updates on LWML NJ Facebook page and website
- Promoted applying for district YWR and Heart to Heart Sisters on LWML NJ Facebook page and website

Zone Rallies & Events

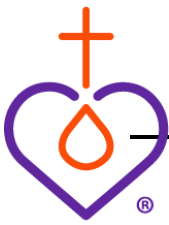
- Attended Spring and Fall Zone Rallies
- Presented "Sharing Active Leadership Techniques (S.A.L.T.)" from AOL 2018 at Lakeland Zone Virtual Spring 2020 Rally

Outreach

- Maintained website and Facebook page with updated information and recent activities
- Promoted mission partners on LWML NJ Facebook page and website
- Promoted LWML NJ Facebook page and website to members and community
- Collaborated with Caren Vogt, VP of Gospel Outreach, to produce weekly mission updates for Facebook page
- Highlighted LWML NJ groups' LWML Sunday 2019 celebrations on Facebook page
- Attended NJ District Board meetings and prayed for the mission work of the LWML

"Truly my soul finds rest in God; my salvation comes from him. Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken." - Psalm 62:1-2

LWML NJ District Convention – August 29, 2020



REPORT TO THE LWML NJ DISTRICT VIRTUAL CONVENTION

AUGUST 29, 2020

Activities of the Convention Planner – Biennium 2018-2020

It has been my pleasure serving you as your LWML NJ District Convention Planner. Although this convention did not turn out as we had hoped we know that the Lord is in control. What we had planned at the “Jersey Shore” with son and worship, and campfire songs was not to be, but our Lord already knew what was going to happen. So, we give thanks for this virtual time together and pray you will be spirit-filled as you listen to the Mission Moments and God’s word.

Thank you,
Ginger Starrett

District

General activities of this office were performed as required, including responding to emails, telephone calls, and text.

Reviewed previous documentation from past conventions;

- Conducted site visits to three possible convention venues;
- Reviewed the convention logos submitted by the LCMS NJ Graphic Designer;
- Reviewed the Harvey Cedars Bible Conference convention contract;
- Prepared the news release announcing the convention logo, theme, and date;
- Reviewed various convention documents for possible updates;
- Submitted a proposed convention budget for approval;
- Prepared a PowerPoint convention site presentation of Harvey Cedars Bible Conference;
- Reviewed various documents at the request of the president;
- Contacted Brent Smith and Gary Theis from Mission Central for a presentation for the convention;
- Reviewed and updated documents at the request of the president;
- Submitted the revised LWML NJ District Standing Policies for approval.

Events Held/Meetings Attended

- Site visit Radisson Hotel, Piscataway, NJ, February 15, 2019.
- Site visit Harvey Cedars Bible Conference, Harvey Cedars, NJ, July 24, 2019.
- Attended the LWML NJ District retreat at Cranes Mill.
- Executive Committee Meetings throughout the 2018-2020 biennium.
- Board of Directors Meetings throughout the 2018-2020 biennium.
- LWML NJ District Convention planning meetings throughout the 2018-2020 biennium.
- Attended LWML Zone Rallies and the Sewing Circle at King of Kings, February 15, 2020.
- Attended society meetings and events held throughout the 2018-2020 biennium.

Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out. (Deut. 28:6).



NJ District Young Woman's Representative (YWR)

Mariah B.Jomah

Report on my attendance: 38th Biennial Convention in Mobile, Alabama to LWML New Jersey District

From June 20th-June 23rd 2019
LWML website: WWW.LWML.Org

From June 20-June 23rd 2019

I arrived in Mobile on June 19, 2019 and stayed at the Mobile Renaissance Riverview Hotel.

- ❖ Attended Caucus meeting- guests were received and thanked for being in attendance.
- ❖ Presented, Young Women Representative (YWR) which included me, with a pin and a scarf.

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- **Convention theme: In Praise to the Lord**

We discussed:

Praising God through service

- ❖ Attended meetings and events with other YWRs.
- ❖ Carried New Jersey district banner along with district president Ms. Susan Harnos and a Heart to Heart Sister.
- ❖ Carried the flag of Liberia for Mission Flag Procession.
- ❖ Participated in YWR trainings.
- ❖ Convention was attended by 81 YWRs from different states and districts.





Heart to Heart Sisters



The Heart to Heart Sisters Program is an intentional effort to ensure that multicultural women participate in the fellowship and work of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML).



Through the Heart to Heart Sisters Program, we recognize that the body of Christ grows and is strengthened when all women are welcomed, mentored, and encouraged to be active partners in the shared mission of the LWML.



Thank you for your service in the LWML. You can encourage multicultural women in New Jersey district on two levels:

Individuals — All women in our churches can be wonderful additions to the LWML as sisters in Christ serving the Lord with gladness. Make an intentional effort to seek out, meet, and invite women of all cultures to join in telling others about Jesus through words and actions.

Zones — After scheduling events or meetings, reach out to churches in your zone that do not have LWML groups and encourage all women to participate.



To find out more, go to www.lwml.org/heart-to-heart-sisters or contact your Heart to Heart Sisters District Leader, Roshay Wilson 347.218.3755 or Christy Ndem 908.392.5549

The Lutheran Women in Mission of the Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio Districts

INVITE YOU

to the 39th Biennial LWML Convention in beautiful Lexington, Kentucky June 24–27, 2021



Therefore, since we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the love that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God (Hebrews 12: 1–2).

Opportunities abound for you to

Ω WORSHIP with your sisters and brothers in Christ!

Ω SHARE the Good News with everyone the Lord places in your path!

Ω FELLOWSHIP with “seasoned” friends while meeting new ones!

Ω ENJOY doing God’s work with LWML sisters and brothers in Christ!

Ω BRING your family and friends to enjoy the Horse Capital of the World:
the Kentucky Horse Park – the Keeneland Racecourse – the Hunt-Morgan House –
the Henry Clay Estate – the Mary Todd Lincoln House – and so much more to see and enjoy!

***COME TO THE ROLLING HILLS OF THE BLUEGRASS
June 24–27, 2021!***