

#### President's message

As your new president, I wish there could be forty of me so I could attend all your conventions, but please know that you are in my prayers always.



This is an exciting time with so many changes. We have twenty-one new mission grants to support through our mites. What a variety of grants — from a Mobile Medical Mercy Mission Bus in Guatemala to Christ for You Anytime, Anywhere for KFUD Radio, our LCMS broadcast network. Through each of these grants we are sharing the love and mercy of Jesus.

The Presidents Assembly met for the first time in January sharing in their discussions ideas, issues and solutions. This is such a valuable time for them, and I pray for these leaders as they take these ideas back to their districts.

This is a time to celebrate the LWML for all the blessings you have brought to each of your districts. Together you funded over 464 grants and raised over \$6,086,000 in mites through the forty districts. To God be the glory!



Each of you is special to me, but more importantly special to God. You are HIS!

**H** HELD by God's Word

**i** INSPIRED to share HIS Gospel

**S** SURROUNDED by HIS grace

## Mission Grants

### 2019-2021 Biennium

### Mission Goal \$2,100,000

1. Water and the Word for Rural Schools in Kenya, \$80,000
2. Teach Me Too – Preschoolers with Learning Needs in Austin, TX (LSEM), \$100,000
3. Mission Outreach for At-Risk Young Women in Africa (LHM), \$100,000
4. God's Grace for This Generation (LAMP), \$100,000
5. God's Word Changes Everything (LBT), \$95,000
6. Mobile Medical Mercy Mission Bus in Guatemala, \$100,000
7. Restoring Hope for Detroit Children and Families — Camp Restore Detroit, \$100,000
8. Lights for Christ Scholarships in Guatemala, \$95,000
9. Wind River Indian Reservation Transportation in Wyoming (WRLM), \$40,000
10. Ministry in Motion at Trinity Lutheran Church in Mobile, AL, \$58,000
11. Touching the Living Word (LBW), \$100,000
12. Women's Witness and Mercy in Asia (Mission Central), \$100,000
13. Digital Media Development (LFL), \$30,000
14. Hope and Healing Hub of Downtown Lincoln, NE, \$50,000
15. Pre- and Post-Seminary Training for Local Church Workers in Africa, \$62,650
16. Preparing Leaders for Tomorrow (LCMS School Ministries), \$80,000
17. Christ for You, Anytime, Anywhere (KFUD Radio), \$60,000
18. Sri Lanka Multipurpose Building Construction (LCMS OIM), \$50,000
19. Making Jesus Known in the US Ethnic Communities at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO, \$100,000
20. Music Outreach, Classes, and Resources on the Border in El Paso, TX, \$98,400
21. LCMS Deaconess Ministry (LCMS OIM), \$39,523

## 39<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention



### Running the Race ... Looking to Jesus

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a 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 joy 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).*

**Thursday, June 24-Sunday, June 27, 2021**  
**Rupp Arena – Lexington, Kentucky**

### Convention Logo Explanation

The convention logo incorporates the shape of the last letter of the Greek alphabet, Omega, and makes reference to the passage from Scripture, I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last the beginning and the end ... (Revelation 22:13). The symbol is shaped like a horseshoe, which is appropriate as horses are a large part of the Kentucky culture.

Ancient Greeks awarded horseshoe-shaped laurel wreaths to victors of competitions. In our logo, the laurel wreath symbolizes our victory in Christ.

The banner was a method of announcing an official proclamation. Our banner proclaims that we are "Running the Race ... Looking to Jesus."

## LWML Sunday 2020

### Kingdom People Produce Kingdom Fruit

*The kingdom of God will be ... given to a people producing its fruits (Matthew 21:43)*

Rev. Larry Krueger is a native Texan and a graduate of The University of Texas in Austin with a BBA in Management in 1978. Before enrolling in the seminary in 1982, he was employed by Texas Instruments in Temple, Texas and Tubular Services, Inc. in Houston. He received his Master of Divinity degree in 1986 from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis.

He and his wife Sally were married in August of 1984. He has served in a variety of pastoral roles in Oklahoma, Illinois, Missouri, and Texas. His ministry experiences have included conventional sole and associate pastor roles, campus missionary, conference speaker, and Assistant to the President of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

He was most recently serving as an Associate Pastor at Concordia Lutheran Church in San Antonio. He is today being installed as Senior Pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Waco, Texas.

## Important Deadlines

August 15, 2020 – Nominations for LWML Officers and Nominating Committee. Send to: [nominations@lwml.org](mailto:nominations@lwml.org)

September 30, 2020 – LWML Mission Grants Proposals. Send to: [deppo@lwml.org](mailto:deppo@lwml.org)

March 1, 2021 – Names of Certified 2021 LWML Convention Delegates and Alternates. Send to: [secretary@lwml.org](mailto:secretary@lwml.org)

March 31, 2021 – 2019-2021 Biennium Financial Books Close. Mite donations must be postmarked by March 31, 2021.