Lutheran Women's Missionary League

New Jersey District 28th Biennial Convention

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Edison, NJ

August 21-22, 2026

"Be Still and Know that I Am God"

Psalm 46:10

April 24, 2026

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!

As President of the LWML New Jersey District, I am very pleased to invite you to attend our 28th Biennial Convention at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Edison, NJ on Friday and Saturday, August 21-22, 2026. **"Be Still and Know that I Am God"** will be our theme for the Convention, based on Psalm 46:10.

We're very honored to have Donna Snow, noted author and Bible Study Leader, joining us for the Convention to lead our Bible Study, based on Psalm 46:10. We are excited to have Leslie Colligan, National LWML Meeting Manager, as our National representative for the Convention. We are very happy to have LC-MS New Jersey District President Steve Gewecke joining us, and bringing greetings from the LC-MS as a guest speaker for the Convention. We'll be honoring our Pastors and their Wives during a special recognition luncheon on Saturday, August 22 at 12:30pm. Be prepared for fun times as we conduct the business of the LWML NJ District and enjoy Bible Study, Servant Events, and Fellowship!

We're excited to have two fundraisers for the mite grants that will be selected for the coming biennium: our Basket Bonanza and Mission Walk! Be thinking about some creative themes for baskets and bring these for the Basket Bonanza to raise money for mites! The Basket Bonanza will be open on Friday night and all day Saturday. Drop off your baskets in the Windsor Room no later than 9am on Saturday. Our Mission Walk will take place on Friday afternoon at 3pm on the beautiful grounds of the Crown Plaza Hotel which will be a wonderful witnessing opportunity, and a great way to raise funds for missions. We encourage everyone to bring family members, friends and guests to our Convention at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Edison as we share the love of Jesus Christ and "Serve the Lord with Gladness!"

In His Love,

Arlene

Arlene Price
President, LWML - NJ District

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The 2026 LWML New Jersey District Convention is fast approaching! Enclosed is a registration packet to be copied and given to your zone and society members. Please keep in mind that early-bird registration is due by July 1st, and the cutoff date for the hotel room block is August 1st under "LWML."

Delegate Registration: Each zone is represented by one delegate, either the Zone President or her representative. Each society is entitled to two delegates. Convention delegates and guests should complete the registration form and return it by July 1, 2026 for the early bird discount rate. All clergy and their wives will receive the convention packets, but their registration fees are waived, along with the luncheon fee for Saturday afternoon's Pastors & Wives Recognition Program. Other meals and hotel expenses would be the responsibility of the clergy and their wives. We are asking societies to pick up the luncheon costs for their Pastor and his wife.

Registration Process: All those planning to attend the convention (delegates, guests, and pastors) must send the following items to LWML NJ District, PO Box P, Ironia, NJ 07845:

- The completed registration form (please indicate if you plan to attend the Servant Events on Friday afternoon and the Mission Prayer Walk on Friday afternoon)
- The Participant Information/Acknowledgement and Release Form for medical emergencies
- A check payable to the "LWML NJ District" for all registration costs, including the meals, and the convention T-Shirt if purchasing. (Check out the value package!)

Hotel Reservations: All hotel reservations are to be made directly through the Crowne Plaza by calling 732-287-3500 and giving the Group Code of "LWML" to get the negotiated rate of $135 + tax per night. Up to four people can share a room, so please list any roommates on your registration form.

The NorthEastern Zone of the New Jersey District LWML is honored and excited to host the 28th Biennial Convention. We are looking forward to welcoming each of you to our district convention!

God's Blessings,

Suzanne

Suzanne Wirtz
NorthEastern Zone President

REGISTRATION FORM

LWML New Jersey District Convention
Crowne Plaza Hotel, 2055 Lincoln Hwy
Edison, NJ 08817
Aug. 21-22, 2026

Name: _____

Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____ **Home Phone:** _____

Email Address: _____ **LWML Zone** _____

Home Church & City: _____

Circle all that apply:

Delegate Pastor Pastor's Wife District Officer LWML Member

H2H Sister YWR Exhibitor Past NJ District President Guest First-Timer

Registration Details/Meals: (One Person per registration form; This form can be copied and shared with others)

1.	Registration postmarked on or before July 1, 2026	$125	1. _____
2.	Registration postmarked AFTER July 1, 2026	$150	2. _____
3.	Value Package: reg./reception/breakfast/lunch/T-shirt	$250	3. _____
4.	Registration for Pastors & Wives & Exhibitors waived	0	4. _____
5.	President's Reception (heavy hors d'oeuvres and cash bar)	$ 40	5. _____
6.	Saturday Morning Prayer Breakfast Buffet	$ 40	6. _____
7.	Saturday Buffet Luncheon in honor of Pastors & their Wives	$ 60	7. _____
8.	Convention T-Shirt S, M, L, XL, 2X, 3X (circle size)	$ 20	8. _____
9.	Servant Events on Fri afternoon, 1pm-3pm at Crown Plaza	Attending?	9. Y / N
10.	Mission Walk on Fri afternoon, 3pm	Attending?	10. Y / N

Be sure to register for hotel by Aug. 1st by calling 732-287-3500, ask for LWML room block, but list any roommate(s) here: ($135 + tax per night)

AMOUNT DUE: $ _____

Registration fees are transferrable, but not refundable.

Roommate(s)Names: _____

Make check payable to: LWML NJ District (Put "2026 Convention" in memo line)
Mail payment and registration form to:

LWML New Jersey District
P.O. Box P
Ironia, NJ 07845

For more info, go to www.lwmlnj.org
or contact Arlene Price at 973-479-4971

Contact Person/family member in case of emergency:

Name _____

Cell Phone: _____ Relation: _____

Special Dietary Needs: ____Vegetarian ____ Gluten-free ____Other

CONVENTION HOTEL INFORMATION
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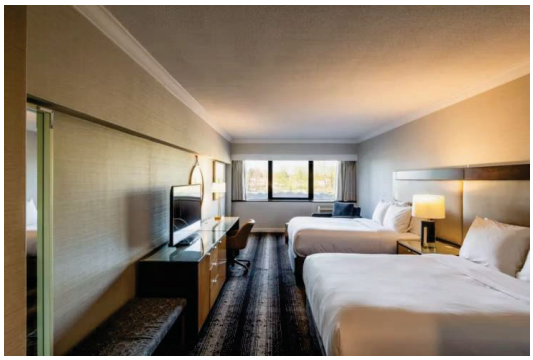
ph: 732-287-3500



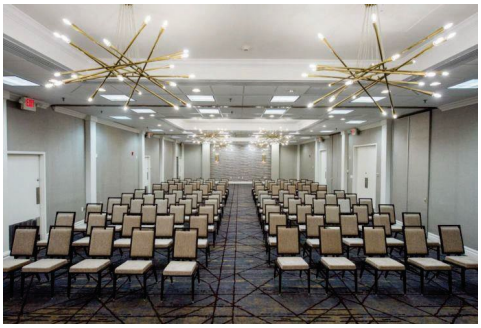
We are very pleased to inform you that we were able to negotiate a discounted rate of $135 per night (plus tax) at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Edison, NJ. The hotel is conveniently located in the heart of New Jersey on Lincoln Highway (Route 27) and just minutes from the NJ Turnpike, Garden State Parkway, and I-287.

Your hotel reservation must be reserved by you. All reservations must be made by August 1, 2026. The earlier, the better!!! After that date, our block of rooms at the negotiated rate will be released back into inventory. You can have up to four people sharing one room, so please list your roommates on your registration form.

Reservations can be made by calling the hotel directly at 732-287-3500. Individuals must identify themselves as being with our group, LWML-NJ District and ask for the LWML rooming block's discounted price of $135. Rooms have 1 King bed or 2 Double beds. Hotel check-in is at 3pm and check-out is at 11am. Early check-in is based on availability. The front desk has luggage storage where you can drop off your items if needed.

Our discounted group rate includes:

- Complimentary WiFi high speed internet access in your guest room
- Complimentary self-parking (outdoors)
- Complimentary fitness facilities



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PARTICIPANT INFORMATION/ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND RELEASE FORM

The purpose of this form is to identify each person (participant) who wishes to volunteer with the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) or participate in LWML sponsored activities. As a condition to becoming a participant, the LWML requires each person to provide the following information and to release the LWML from any responsibility for his or her safety and well-being when volunteering for the LWML, and while participating in LWML sponsored activities.

Name:_____

Address:_____

Allergies and other known health risks:_____

Any special diet or considerations? (If yes, please specify)_____

Person to contact in the event of an emergency: Name, address, telephone #, and relationship:

_____

_____

Medications:_____

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT and RELEASE:
I understand that to become a participant, the LWML requires me to acknowledge and agree that the LWML assumes no responsibility for my safety and well-being while acting as a participant. In consideration of LWML permitting me to be a participant:

- I acknowledge that the information set forth above is complete and accurate
- I acknowledge and agree that the LWML is an auxiliary agency of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod and cannot and does not accept any responsibility for my safety and well-being while being a participant;
- I release the LWML, its directors, officers, employees, and agents from all claims, demands, actions or causes of action that I may have, now or in the future, relating to or resulting from any illness or injuries suffered by me or my possessions while being a participants; and
- I consent to any medical treatment that the LWML deems to be necessary or appropriate in the event of my illness, accident or other medical emergency, and I accept full financial responsibility for any fees or expenses relating to this treatment.

SIGNATURE:_____ **DATE:**_____

PRINT NAME_____

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Mission Prayer Walk - Pledge Sheet

"Be Still and Know that I Am GOD"

You are invited to participate in our "Mission Prayer Walk" around the grounds of the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Edison, NJ on Friday afternoon, 8/21/26, at 3pm. You are encouraged to find sponsors for your walk in support of our 2026-2028 Mission Grants. Ask you sponsor to support you **in** your walk, rather than the distance that you walk. Cash or checks made payable to *LWML NJ District* may be brought to the registration desk during the convention with this pledge sheet. Make a note on all check memos: *Mission Prayer Walk*. Your special "Mite Offering" will be presented and dedicated at this convention. Look for signs at the convention telling where to meet for the walk. Don't forget your walking shoes! Be sure to purchase a purple LWML Convention T-Shirt to show your LWML spirit!!!

Walker's Name: _____

Address: _____

SPONSORS: (Name and Address)	**AMOUNT**
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6.	
7.	
8.	
9.	
10.	

TOTAL PLEDGED: $_____

TOTAL COLLECTED: $_____

CONVENTION T-SHIRT
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T-Shirt Sizes: S M L XL 2X 3X

Want to help advertise the LWML NJ District Convention?
Buy a Convention T-Shirt!

Going on the Mission Prayer Walk around the Crowne Plaza grounds and want to show your purple spirit? **Buy a Convention T-Shirt!**

Participating in Servant Events and want to show your part of the LWML?
Buy a Convention T-Shirt!

Not enough purple in your wardrobe? **Buy a Convention T-Shirt!**

These unisex T-Shirts are only $20 each and are a cotton/polyester blend. To order, circle the size(s) you want on your registration form and mail a check to LWML District Convention, PO Box P, Ironia, NJ 07845.

Gifts From the Heart for the LWML Convention

CFA Moving Forward Together

The Center for Food Action (CFA), founded in 1976, is a non-profit, 501 (c)(3) organization that provides emergency services to northern New Jersey's poorest and most vulnerable residents. CFA provides food, housing, utility, and heating assistance and offers counseling and advocacy services to low-income individuals and families. We will be collecting diapers & incontinence products for CFA.

Diapers (any size for babies or toddlers) & Baby Wipes

Incontinence pads/products for Seniors

Anchor of Hope Alliance and MC- Men, a group out of Metro Church in North Haledon, will distribute all the food we collect at Convention in the Paterson area in September. Good Shepherd Mission will be one of the recipients in the Paterson area. Good Shepherd Mission provides temporary shelter for those facing homelessness.

The Good Shepherd Mission

LWML Ladies: Help us by bringing non- perishable food items to Convention. Need some suggestions? Here is a Food Bank list of Most Needed Items. No Glass containers please!

Ready to eat Canned Meals - Chili, Stew, Ravioli (cheese & beef)

Canned Tuna, Chicken

Canned Vegetables (low sodium)

Canned Fruit in juice or light syrup

100% Fruit Juice

Soup (low sodium)

Pancake mix & Syrup

Peanut Butter & Jelly

Cold Cereal (whole grain)

Hot Cereal (Oatmeal, Farina)

AND…

We will be collecting eyeglasses and sunglasses with soft cases for MOST ministries to be distributed on their mission trips.

Servant Events at Convention

The YWRs are hosting a servant event on Friday to create tied blankets to donate to those in need at Veterans' homes. Fabric will be provided, but please bring your own scissors if possible. Everyone is invited to join for a time of service and fellowship!

Join us in writing "Thank You" cards to our pastors and church workers.

We will also have Thank You cards for our veterans and those in military service.

We have so much to be thankful for! Let's show our appreciation!

BE STILL and KNOW THAT I AM GOD

PSALM 46:10

BASKET BONANZA
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We're asking Zones and Societies to send a themed basket to the convention to be part of a Tricky Tray for Mites. Individuals can contribute baskets, as well. Drop baskets off in the Windsor Room no later than 9am on Saturday, August 22. Convention attendees can purchase tickets which will be placed in the bag corresponding to each basket. Winners will be drawn at the close of the convention. Monies raised will go towards Mission Grants for the 2026-28 Biennium. Be creative with your themed baskets!!!

Ideas for Themed Baskets:

BBQ Basket

"Think Pink" Basket (but purple is more our style)

Wine Lover's Basket

Betty Crocker Baker's Basket

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What to Bring:

Your Bible & a Friend!
Your Pastor & his wife for the Saturday Pastors & Wives Recognition Luncheon;
and wear your purple bling!

Guests:

Donna Snow
Bible Study Leader

Rev. Stephen Gewecke
President, LCMS-NJ District

LWML Natl' Representative
Leslie Colligan

Pastors & wives of the
LCMS-NJ District

Mission Speakers, Exhibitors and Other Friends of LWML

Donna Snow

Need more information or a registration form?

Go to www.lwmlnj.org

Lily
the
Comfort Dog

Event Highlights:

Friday Afternoon

Servant Events: Cards for Veterans and Pastors
Gifts of the Heart
Delegate session
Mission Walk

Friday Evening:

Exhibits open

Opening Worship Service
President's Reception

Saturday

Exhibits open
Prayer Breakfast

Bible Study
LWML National Speaker

Officer & Committee Reports

Voting on Mission Grants
Pastors/Wives Recognition Lunch
Keynote Address
Mission Speakers

Election of Officers

Check-off List for the LWML NJ District Convention:

Bring:

- [x] Yourself, your Bible, and a friend!
- [x] Diapers (any size) and Incontinence pads/products for Center for Food Action
- [x] Non-perishable food items for food bank in Paterson, NJ through Anchor of Hope
- [x] Eyeglasses and/or soft cases for MOST ministries
- [x] Scissors to work on tie-lap blankets for Veterans
- [x] Themed Basket for the Basket Bonanza from your society or zone for mites
- [x] Purple Bling and Purple Convention T-Shirt!