



Lutheran Women's Missionary League
Pacific Southwest District

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To: the Zones and Churches of the LWML, Pacific Southwest District

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Regarding: End of the biennium for LWML PSD

How quickly this year seems to be passing! It's already the end of October, and I am barely ready for fall, let alone the end of the year! But ready or not, it is approaching, and with it, the end of this biennium for the Pacific Southwest District. Between now and December 31, 2011, we need to complete our financial goals. In June of 2010, we voted to approve a Mission Goal of \$323,150 to fund Mission Grants and the business expenses of our district. We have not yet achieved that goal – but it is still possible!

Here are some serious numbers to consider:

- ✂ **\$79,875** - of the \$130,000 pledged in **mission grants** has been paid to mission projects, completing 8 of the 14 grants selected at the Tempe convention in June, 2010.
- ✂ **\$50,125** - needed just to cover our promises to the grant recipients.
- ✂ **\$51,000** – District cost for this biennium for the **Quarterly magazine**, LWML's official publication. We are billed for that amount whether we receive money from the societies or not.
- ✂ **\$20,528.50** - received in **payment for Quarterlies** from societies for this biennium
- ✂ **\$30,471.50** – Quarterly subscription **payments to be funded by the district** for the societies
- ✂ **\$15,000** - remainder of 25% of our Mite goal committed to LWML for national grants and expenses

As good Lutherans, we ask, "What does this mean?"

- ✂ First, this means that you have been **generously donating** your Mites and offerings – we have fully funded eight of our grants even as we have covered other expenses!
- ✂ Second, this means that our district, like everyone else in the country, has been impacted by the down economy.
- ✂ Third, this means that we have an **awesome opportunity** to increase awareness about Lutheran Women in Mission in our district as we share the important mission work that is being done through Mites.
- ✂ Fourth, this means that we must **be bold** about inviting others to share in this mission work and help us to meet our mission goal.

Some ways to make a difference:

- ✓ Include these needs on your personal prayer list, and share with your prayer chains
- ✓ If your society or church has not yet paid for all of the Quarterlies you are receiving, please send in as much as you are able by December 15, 2011. Perhaps you could have a Q-Collection at your next gathering, or ask the congregation to help fund the subscriptions as educational material.
- ✓ Be sure to send in all Mite monies promptly. Do invite donations from everyone – men, youth and children all want to support missions, too!
- ✓ Ask for special donations to help bridge the gaps. The cost of a nice dinner, a newspaper, even a cup of coffee can make a huge difference when added to the pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters of other donors.
- ✓ Share your creative ideas about gathering Mites with us through e-mail, Facebook, or our website

You are the vital link needed to get this information out to our district. **Please share** it in your worship folders, forward it by e-mail, speak of it to members of your societies and congregations, and do all you can to communicate urgency of completing our mission for this biennium. Please feel free to **contact** me with any questions, ideas or concerns you may have.

"If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." -- John 7:37b - 38