



From the President...

I was blessed to attend the first President's Assembly in St. Louis! When these changes were first presented, I was a little concerned about the effects they would have on our responsibilities as District Presidents. You understand that change can be difficult to accept. As Barbara Johnson said, "change is inevitable, misery is optional, so stick a geranium in your hat and be happy." So, I entered the meeting with an open mind and left excited and feeling blessed.

In this new structure, the Board of Directors makes the business decisions and assists with providing information to the Districts on procedures, conventions, trainings, and has time to answer questions. We still vote on budgets, procedures, and changes to bylaws. It was a time of worship, learning, sharing and lots of hugs! When the meeting ended, I had so much information to share with my District and wished that I had received this information four years ago!

Soon and very soon, we'll be gathering at our 2020 Convention in Cathedral City, California! We are so blessed with a Convention Committee that is working day and night to make this convention a blessing to all who attend. You will be inspired and blessed at our Friday night opening worship service and closing service on Sunday morning. We are excited to have Donna Snow Pyle as our Bible study leader and Jan Struck as our Keynote speaker. We'll have many interest sessions; some will educate you; others will inspire you, and several will provide you the opportunity to help others in need. Come early and enjoy these opportunities. There will be a Silent Auction, so bring money or checkbooks! Enjoy fabulous meals and Saturday night entertainment! We invite every local society to send delegates to convention to help us make important decisions. We need your input on mission grant selection and election of officers. I look forward to spending this time with you so if you're not already registered go to our website, print a registration form and send it in! We need every local society to send delegates for convention. We need your input on mission grant selection and election of officers

Mites! Continue to pray for our Mites and the people that depend on Mites to fund their mission work! Save your change! Save your bills! We want to spread the love of our Lord to people throughout our District and the world! Our prayers and Mites make a difference to the people blessed with our generous giving!

Joyfully serving,

PSD LWML DP Bonnie Karch



Good News Good News

Good news! The last Mission Grant for 2018-2020 has been paid. We made it! They are all paid in full! God bless our faithful ladies! You have done a wonderful job, Jenny, keeping track of everything and coordinating with all the recipients. Bonnie has done a great job keeping all of us inspired to be about God's business. May we continue to collect our mites for the rest of this biennium so that we can be able to fund the first three grants for the 2020-2022 biennium. "God bless us, everyone!"

In HIS service, Barbie Aden, Treasurer, PSD LWML



LWML Funding Helps Lutheran Heritage Foundation Project

I thought I would share an item from the latest newsletter that my husband and I get from Pastor Paul, a theological educator and church planter in Taiwan, serving with the China Evangelical Lutheran Church and the China Lutheran Seminary.

"The Chinese Church worldwide is so blessed to now have a new wonderful resource in their own language: *Reading the Bible with Understanding*, by Lane Burgland. This Lutheran Heritage Foundation project (**with funding from the LWML**) was translated, edited, and printed here in Taiwan, and I served as its manager and theological editor. There are great hopes that in 2020 an increase in the number of other good resources can be produced. What can you pray for? Thanks for the publication of the new book in Chinese, and a petition for the publication of many new resources in 2020."

It really warms my heart to see LWML specifically identified as helping get the Gospel out to those who need it.Just wanted to share my joy with you, and encourage your continuing involvement with LWML's mite ministry.

Love you, Barbie Aden, Treasurer, PSD LWML

What's Happening?

Our PSD LWML 2020 Convention will take place June 5-7, 2020 at the DoubleTree in Cathedral City, CA and I know you are as excited as I am! There will be plenty of activities and opportunities to engage with those attending, in addition to the business at hand and the grants that we will be focusing on.

I hope that you will take the time to visit the prayer room. The atmosphere will be quiet and calm to enable you to engage with our Lord and Savior in prayer and thanksgiving. There will be prayer cards available for you to write your prayer requests on and they will be prayed over. I'm looking forward to seeing each of you there. God's peace and joy be yours always.

Please keep in mind and jot down on your calendars: Our PSD LWML Retreat will be held in Las Vegas, NV. The tentative date is February 19-21, 2021. More information to come in March.

Chenette Cole, VP Christian Life, PSD LWML June 2016-June 2020



Are you ready? The 2020 PSD Convention, is almost here!

It has been such a pleasure working with all the beautiful talented Lutheran Women in Mission volunteers on the 38th Pacific Southwest District, Biennial Convention. We are very grateful for all they have done & how they have been preparing the events for you.



Hostess

- We have hospitality in turquoise shirts to help you navigate the convention.
- Karen Duprey and her committee are ready with registration.
- Packets and Badges will give you your Name tags and credentials.
- Nancy Heredia's Pre-Convention committee will have great activities for you to participate in all day Friday. Come early and participate in them all!
- The Sharon Rolston and the Altar/Worship committee has been working hard at setting up the Friday night Communion Service.
- Saturday morning can be started with the Mission Walk and you will get an awesome T-shirt!
- Be sure and look for the tremendous job Kim DeWolf and the Decorations Committee have done.
- Our Young Women's Representative, Morgan Shiller has been bringing a new younger, generation to LWML.
- Heart to Heart brings together our multi-cultural ladies and will share how to develop outreach to multi-cultural groups during pre-sessions.
- Don't forget the Silent Auction baskets & items to bid on. Linda Moat is still looking for more items, if you would like to donate something to the auction.
- Our Properties committee works behind the scene but without them we wouldn't be able to function.
- Our lovely President, Bonnie Karch, will be hosting the First Timer and Delegate sessions.
- Sue Shiller, Site/travel coordinator worked hard at getting our facilities, and room assignments as well as making travel arrangements for our special guests.
- We have been so blessed by our volunteers. These volunteers are so exuberant, diligent workers and are sharing their God given gifts with us.



Badges



Sue Shiller

*Carol Vigliotti, Host Committee Convention Chairman
Jean Carmel, Host Committee Convention Co-Chairman/Secretary
38th Biennial Convention --- Double Tree by Hilton, Palm Springs, California*



Who is going to represent your local LWML at the 2020 Convention?

The time is now to send your delegates and alternates form into the Credentials Chairman. Go to www.psdlwml.org to find all the convention forms you need. Send your Voting Credentials Form to Nancy Heredia by April 10th.



Mighty Mites Making a Difference

It is amazing how much can be done with a few coins. Remember when you had a piggy bank that you saved your money in? Maybe you saved up for a bike, a pair of roller skates, a new outfit, and later, a car. At first it didn't seem like much money, but the more you put in that piggy bank, soon you could see the sum multiplying until you finally had enough money to afford what you wanted to buy.

Thank you Women in Mission for all the mite boxes that have been collected over this biennium. Your mites are changing lives around the Pacific Southwest District and the world. These mighty mites make a difference in our zones, churches, communities, across the country and in other nations. Your mites are sending blessings and the message of Jesus' love to many people who are lost, in need, feeling hopeless, or trying to find their way in a culturally bias society.

I am always impressed with the many ways Women in Mission have reached out to impact the lives of others. It is such an honor to be among this sisterhood of women, who love and care for each other and share ideas with their sisters around the district. Thank you for being part of Women in Mission. Thank you for using the gifts God gave you to bring glory to his name. Thank you for sharing Jesus' love in action.

We are coming to the end of our biennium and March will be the cut off for our mite collections. Let's really emphasize our mite giving right now, so that we can start our 2020-2022 biennium off strong.

Hoping to see all of you at convention!
LWML Pacific Southwest District

Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven (Matthew 5:16).



Stepping out of our Comfort Zone

As leaders, it is easy to put ourselves in a box and default to our comfort zone. God has a plan for each of us to continue to move forward in carrying out His plan. Try these ideas to facilitate your personal growth and give you the courage to step out of that comfort zone.

- Take a step in faith by doing what God's nudging you towards. He has a plan for you.
- Study your past successes. What happened? Who were you with? Why were you doing the activity? What was your planning process?
- Clarify what is important. Prioritize things that need to be done first before moving on to future ideals.
- Let go of the pressure to prove yourself. Be true to yourself, to others, and to God.
- Are you living in accordance with what you believe? What can you do tomorrow to better live for Jesus?

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope" (Jeremiah 29:11).

God's Blessings,

Leadership Development Committee

Posted on September 26, 2019 5:00 AM by [System Administrator](#) @ lwml.org

For more leadership tips: [Stepping out of our Comfort Zone](#)



God has a



vision for you!

Nominating Committee is still seeking 2020 nominees for:

- **VP Communications** who coordinates committees to handle the PSD LWML website, WOW, Quarterly subscriptions and public relations for District activities!

- **Nominating Committee** – this is a 2-yr term to fill the 6-position ballot with candidates voted on at the next PSD LWML Convention in 2022.

Contact Nila Rodriguez with nominees ASAP – nirod10@hotmail.com

Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF) Training

Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF) equips teens to develop and use their leadership skills as they serve Christ within their congregations and communities. The event makes use of leadership resources developed to give teens the tools they need to mature in their faith, become leaders in their congregations, and reach out to their peers with the love of Christ. Lutheran Youth Fellowship will host high school students for its annual leadership development training March 12-15, 2020, in St. Louis. Register for LYF



Do You Like to Make Baby Quilts?



We are collecting baby quilts for **Birth Choice of the Desert**, La Quinta, CA.. Birth Choice is here to help those who are in a pregnancy situation where they're not sure what to do – to share information that will help them weigh their options in the decisions they make for themselves and their family. Their clients deserve hope and support, and to know they are not alone.

The quilts will be put on display at the convention. Bring the baby blankets to the Properties Room at Double Tree by Hilton, Palm Springs on June 5, 2020 no later than 1:00 pm.

Please let us know if you are bringing a quilt to convention nlhnlh4C@yahoo.com

- ☐ Blankets Size: 36" wide by 47" long.
- ☐ Please use washable fabric and check for shrinkage.
- ☐ Keep decorations simple. Please don't add items that could be pulled off and swallowed by a baby.
- ☐ All blankets will need to be fireproofed prior to dropping off in the Properties Room. If you are able to fireproof your quilt prior to convention, please do so. Otherwise the Properties Committee will need to fireproof it for you (fireproofing material is applied wet and takes time to dry).

Come Early for Pre-Convention Sessions

"God's Comforting Promises" Book	Purses and Verses for Birth Choice of the Desert	Friendship Tea
Join us for a Mission Service Activity that reaches out into the community surrounding Palm Springs. Learn how to make these books to bring hope to groups in your community such as senior care facilities, hospitals, pregnancy centers, rehabilitation or prison ministries.	Each woman is asked to bring a "gently" used purse or purses. Notions, goodies, and personal items will be stuffed in the purse with an appropriate Bible verses and New Testament Bible. The purses will be given to women who find themselves in unfortunate circumstances.	Lots of fun activities and ideas to take home to create your own cross-generational tea. Celebrate the relationships with our mothers, sisters, grandmothers, grandchildren, and friends. Bring a hat to wear to the tea or bring a tea cup if you wish Ways to Encourage and Organize Multi Cultural Events Cynthia Kahn, Angelina Jaugueri and Melissa Solomon

Donna Pyle - Bible Study Leader - Donna has been a leader for studying and teaching the Word. She has authored over 30 books, including four DVD Bible study series for LWML.	Young Women Representatives (18-35) PSD LWML 2020-2022 PROPOSED MISSION GRANTS vibrant mission organization with your time, talent and treasures.	Ian Struck - Humorous Interrupter as a speaker and studies, workshops, women's retreats, and district and national LWML events.
Delegates' Session LWML PSD President Bonnie Karch and LCMS PSD President Gibson	LWML Gifts of Love with Linda Gage Did you know you can share your faith, bless your family, impact ministry, and ask for LWML's free gift planning?	First Timer's Session with PSD LWML President Bonnie Karch <hr/> Choir Rehearsal with the Ohmans



- Patient Career Assessments-Alternatives Medical Clinic, Encinitas, CA - \$10,000**
 Alternatives Medical Clinic provides medical and educational services related to pregnancy and sexual health. AMC's staff share the Gospel with all patients. Patient Career Assessments (based on interests, skills, values and personality strengths) will empower patients to make sound career decisions with the goal of family financial stability.
- Atonement Lutheran School Easel Art Sets - Atonement Lutheran School, Glendale AZ - \$3,000**
 Artwork reflecting God's glory and the beauty of his creation, this is what Atonement Lutheran School envision through an enhanced art program. Through this Grant, they could purchase 25 wood table easels containing compartments filled with art supplies, paving the way for students to give witness to their faith through art.
- Living in Grace, a faith response to financial responsibilities, Living in Grace Homes Las Vegas, NV- \$10,000.** Through Bible study, Life skills classes, interactions with staff and volunteers these women are learning about the Grace of our Lord and Savior and how their lives can be renewed and changed by Him. They are learning about a God who provides and protects them.
- Helping Homeless Native Americans Find Hope – Lutheran Indian Ministries Phoenix, AZ - \$10,000**
 The project supports outreach to Native Americans struggling with homelessness, as well as drug and alcohol addiction in the Greater Phoenix area. By demonstrating Christ's love and providing assistance with transportation, food, clothing, shelter and Biblical programs, Native people will come to see and know the "real Jesus".
- SUBMERJ Saving Unborn Babies; Mentoring & Encouraging others to reach for Jesus, Downey, CA- \$7,744** Living Help Center's SUBMERJ (Saving Unborn Babies; Mentoring and Encouraging others to Reach for Jesus) connects families to one-on-one mentors who come alongside them to teach pregnancy and parenting education concepts based on biblical teachings; leading souls to Christ and encouraging them through an unplanned pregnancy while modeling Jesus' love.
- Little Lambs Childcare & Preschool Tuition Scholarships, Christ Lutheran Boulder City, NV - \$10,000**
 Little Lambs is a light shining in a community where only 6% of the population attend a Trinitarian church. By providing childcare to children in diapers, preschool and afterschool programs, we are bringing children and their families into the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Scholarships will allow us to expand our reach.
- Equipping, Encouraging & Empowering in the Name of Christ, Christ Cares Ministries, Phoenix - \$10,000**
 By preparing Church workers and teachers and others to reach out to those suffering from mental health issues, such as depression, anxiety and suicidal thoughts, God provides opportunities to serve and plant Gospel seeds. Grant funds will allow Christ Cares Ministries to equip people to reach out in their communities offering emotional and spiritual encouragement, practical help and hope for the future.
- Scholarships for St James Lutheran Preschool, St James Lutheran, Imperial Beach, CA - \$10,000**

Educating children in Lutheran preschool is a great way to bring little children to know Jesus as their Savior. St James Preschool serves a community heavily populated with low income and military families. Scholarships will offer opportunities for children and their families to know Jesus and grow in faith.

9. Reaching out to Preschool Families with the Gospel, Concordia Lutheran, Chula Vista, CA - \$10,000

What worked in the past to connect unchurched families no longer works as well today. Most want to connect on their schedule not our schedule. We propose to self-produce new high-quality resources to reach the families with the Gospel on their time schedule from people they know and trust.

10. An Equine Endowment, Saddles of Joy, Inc. Yuma, AZ - \$7,700

Saddles of Joy is a therapeutic riding facility in Yuma Arizona that provides equine therapy to people of all ages who have all kinds of disabilities. We need an additional trained for riding and driving draft mix to accommodate the needs of our community due to our aging horse population.

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11. Van Go Home Grocery delivery for Shut-In's, Community Health Fnd., Lake Havasu, AZ - \$10,000

God commands us: "help the least of your brothers" and to "love one another". Basic needs must come first. Without food and human kindness, we cannot survive, let alone thrive. Mobile food banks are "love in action", bringing food to the most needy/unreached in our community – those that are house bound.

12. LINC Los Angeles Urban Mission Leader Training, Los Angeles, CA - \$10,000

LINC LA exists to engage, equip and empower local leaders to transform communities through the Gospel. These leaders often do not have the resources to do the work God has called them to do. Our S.O.U.L trainings provide equipping and encouragement to our leaders to continue their mission and calling.

13. Funds for implementation of the Strategic Envisioning Process, Iglesia Luterana la Santisima Trinidad, San Bernardino, CA - \$ 8,000 - Two sister Hispanic Missions, Iglesia Luterana la Santisima Trinidad, San Bernardino and Fontana, ask for \$8,000 to implement their strategic plans for Gospel Outreach. To be able to impact their communities with the Gospel with the result that their missions will grow in number and discipleship.

14. Deaf Outreach Training Workshops – Lutheran Deaf Outreach, Sun City, AZ - \$ 9,000

Lutheran Deaf Outreach is training people around the Pacific Southwest District to reach the 98% of Deaf people and their families with Jesus love and forgiveness. We want to equip people with the resources and skills needed to share the Gospel with Deaf people in their area.

15. Operation School Bell (Assistance League of Yuma), Yuma, AZ - \$10,000

In accordance with our mission to transform the lives of children, the Assistance League of Yuma requests a grant of \$10,000 for the purchase of new school clothing and shoes for 76 of the 1,400 Kindergarten through 8th Grade children to be served from impoverished homes throughout Yuma County.

16. I make a difference – Hospice of Yuma, Yuma, AZ - \$10,000

Hospice of Yuma operates solely on the monies collected from insurance agencies, fundraising and monetary gifts from the community. Our Chaplains will be able to continue spiritual and emotional support during the most difficult time in one's life.

17. Trinity's Playground Safety Surfacing – Trinity Lutheran Church and School, Temecula, CA - \$10,000

Trinity's primary mission field is our school, where Teachers share the Gospel daily, planting seeds of faith to last a lifetime. Children learn through play; children learn the love of Christ through faith-based play. Refurbishing Trinity's playground to a safe condition will touch lives for His Kingdom.

PSD LWML Proposed Multi Cultural Mini Grants 2020-2022

1. Hats of Hope Lamb of God Lutheran Church Las Vegas, NV - \$1000

The Glad Hatters want to share the love of God. They knit hats for homeless children in Clark

Silent Auction....Are you ready???



It's almost here, convention and the amazing items up for auction. Well if you love all the wonderful baskets and special items as much as we do, we need your help. The convention host committee is asking **all zones** and **inspired individuals** to donate a basket, big or small, as they all are important. If you need ideas check out the list on our website, psdlwml.org. It's under the Convention 2020 tab at the top of the home page. If you already know what your zone is doing, please email

Linda Moat at lindamoat@yahoo.com or Candy Baker at pelicanlakeca@aol.com and let us know. There is also a donation voucher that needs to be completed and sent in. All forms and information are online. If you have any questions or need help don't hesitate to contact Linda Moat. Looking forward to seeing you in June!! - Silent Auction Committee



*Oh sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth!
Sing to the LORD, bless His name;
tell of His salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations,
His marvelous works among all the peoples!
(Psalm 96:1-3)*

Do you love to sing? Do you love to praise the Lord? Consider joining the choir at the 2020 convention in Cathedral City, CA. The choir will be singing two hymns during the opening worship service. We will have more information about the hymn selections in the next few weeks. You will have time to obtain the music prior to convention. There will be a rehearsal time Friday afternoon. Join us in lifting your voice in praise with song. Sign up for Choir on the Pre-Convention Sessions Registration Form.

ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER



We have a place for all of you!

Please contact with info. Jean2020convention@aol.com

Name_____
Email Address_____
Phone number_____
Time you can volunteer_____

Many times will be available on Friday and Saturday to volunteer! Let us know what will work for you. If you have a Thrivent shirt please wear it.
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My Blessings Bag

by [Debbie Larson](#) LWML President

Like the message of the Gospel, some things are just too good to keep to yourself. When I was first elected to this position of LWML president, I received the most incredible gift from all of the past LWML presidents: a bag of blessings.

This Blessings Bag is a gift bag packed full of notes and cards with encouraging thoughts and prayers from each past president. It sits on my dresser. When I first received this gift, I thought I'd pull out one per day and bask in the knowledge that I was covered in prayer. I do that, but some days I just sit and read one note after the other, absorbing each missive as the Holy Spirit fills me with peace and comfort from each Scripture passage shared.

I will share a few notes with you:

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid (John 14:27). Praying for you, Debbie.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it (Psalm 118:24). Sometimes it is hard to face what is ahead of us today, but our travel gives us time to pray, and our obstacles become opportunities with God. Rejoice that for today, God has given you a new day to share the love of Jesus! Blessings on this day because of Jesus.

Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord! (Psalm 27:14).

Blessings, Debbie.

I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you (Jeremiah 31:3b). A promise to cling to, Debbie.

You must do the thing you think you cannot do, knowing God can do anything. Remembering you in prayer and thanking Him.

After I have read these notes I put it back in the bag. These are not dated. They are timeless. I don't think I can put into words how much each note means to me. I thank God for these Spirit-filled women. Thank you, Ida Mall, Gloria Edwards, Virginia Von Seggern, Linda Reiser, Janice Wendorf, Kay Kreklau, and Patti Ross. Your gift of love is appreciated so very much!

Now, readers, take this idea and spread it around. It's really too good to keep to ourselves. Write some notes which share God's love and give them to someone who may need to read one after the other on days where support feels scarce. Our Lord is always with us, and each Scripture passage brings us

closer to His truth.

Today, and always, we are surrounded by HIS grace,

Debbie

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Pre-Convention Sessions Fun for all... register now!





