



Pacific Southwest

Women of
the Word

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2020



**PSD LWML President Nila Rodriguez
2020-2024**

Hello PSD Women (and Men) in Mission! Thank you for putting your trust in me as your new District President through 2024. I pray that together we can continue strong with our goals and activities.

Thanks for the feedback on the Mini-Convention. We hope you found it informational as well as comforting that our mission work cannot be stopped! We were sad to not be able to gather in person, but I am sure this won't be the only challenge we face during these times. Virtual hugs to you all for now!

A short introduction - I have been on the District Board for 8 years as Assistant to the President, Treasurer and Nominating Committee Chairman, so you may already be familiar with my story. I am the daughter of a 92-year-old LWML-er from northern Wisconsin. I moved to California a few years out of college and settled in the Burbank/Glendale area in the early 1990's, where I joined First Lutheran Church and have been there ever since, holding various Church Council offices. I got involved in the Women of Influence and LWML groups around 2000 and have served on Retreat Committees, Altar Care and LWML society and zone offices. Manny and I have been married for 21 years this summer and I inherited three lovely daughters, who are now grown. Two of the daughters have children - an 18-year-old granddaughter who was part of the high school class of 2020 who just endured a crazy senior year, and two grandsons ages 9 and 2.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known before God (Phil 4:6).

This verse has been my personal theme as it became clear that I was going to be the District President; then it continued to be good advice during the "shelter at home" time frame. Truly, it is great everyday advice, isn't it? The LWML mission work continues whether we are sheltering at home or not - and it keeps us focused on the right priorities.

- **MIGHTY MITES**: Let's continue to give generously as many of our PSD and national grant recipients are in even greater need for these funds.
- **2021 PSD LWML WOMEN'S RETREAT**: Our speaker, Karol Selle will be inspiring us in our "Women in Mission" quest. We will be in Las Vegas the weekend of February 19-21. Check the website for the registration forms - please plan to join us.
- **2021 LWML CONVENTION**: We are meeting in Lexington, KY next summer with our LWML Sisters around the country. Begin making your plans for fundraisers so you can maximize the number of ladies from your group who can attend. "Running the Race . . . Looking to Jesus" is the theme based on Hebrews 12:1-2.

May God bless and keep you until we see each other again!

Nila Rodriguez

PSD LWML District President



VP Communications, Susan Thomas



I am Susan Thomas and I am taking over this position from Susan Pratt, the other Susan. I am also President of Zone 26 and point of contact for Apostles Lutheran Church in Peoria, AZ.

I would like to thank President Bonnie Karch, Pastoral Counselors Mike Scholz and Tim Jenks, Amy Poulsen Scholz, Susan Pratt, Nancy Heredia, Nila Rodriguez and Lisa Safago for all their help in putting this eConvention together. It really was a team effort. I have had a crash course in Zoom and will next try my hand at the PSD LWML website, and YouTube accounts.

I am looking for some ladies to be on my team. If you have experience or just looking for a challenge or you know someone who is then maybe the Communications team is for you (them). Please have them contact me.

My long-term goal is to reach more women within LCMS and inform them of the great things LWML is doing and how they can be a part of it. I would welcome your suggestions to attain this goal.

Susan Thomas
communications@psdlwml.org



VP Christian Life, Barbara Wade

I would like to find a way to involve more ladies in LWML on a local level. I have been in LWML since my twenties, holding offices as President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer at the local level and Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and VP Christian Life at the zone level. With God's help I will do my best to meet the challenges ahead as your new VP Christian Life.

I grew up in the Chicago area, went to college in Arkansas, worked at the nuclear plant there, and married Ed, a fellow plant worker. We retired early and moved to Wickenburg, Arizona in 1995. I have been the Office Manager at Redeemer, Wickenburg since 2011. I lost Ed in 2018, but have been surrounded and supported by my church family, LWML members, and friends ever since.

Looking forward to serving the Pacific Southwest District
Barbara Wade

Vice President Special Focus Ministries, Chris Mahler



Hi! My name is Chris Mahler and I was elected at the June 6 mini-Convention to serve as your Vice President of Special Focus Ministries. My role is to support and oversee our district's Young Women Committee and Heart to Heart Sisters Committee. Our district is very blessed to have well-trained and vibrant women ready and willing to assist all our societies to blossom and grow in these vibrant areas of ministry. I am excited for all Lutheran Women in Mission in our district to reach out to the committee members for the inspiration and growth they can provide for you and your group.

I grew up in Seattle WA, attended college in Portland OR & Chicago IL, and then returned to Seattle to teach and start married life. My husband Jim & I moved to Phoenix in 1974. I attended my first PSD LWML convention in Riverside CA in 1990, and my first national LWML convention as a zone delegate in Portland OR in 2009. Our son, Tom and his family now make their home in Portland OR, where we dearly love visiting whenever we are able! Jim & I are both retired for several years, and have continued to enjoy traveling, camping & hiking/walking, and serving our Lord in the church.

My desire over the next 4 years is to serve the PSD LWML and my Lord Jesus Christ wherever and whenever He has need of me, and to encourage Lutheran women of all ages and cultures in their service to His glory. God's peace to you!



Financial Secretary, Linda Moat

Greetings!

Thank you for allowing me to serve the district as Financial Secretary. I have been involved in LWML since 2010, which to many of you makes me a baby! I have enjoyed my many different positions on society, zone and district boards and meeting amazing people.

Lance and I will be married 34 years in August. We were blessed with two boys who are almost 20 years apart in age. Life is never dull having a 31 year old and a 12 year old around! There's a menagerie of pets to add to the chaos too.

I have a banking background that God continues to guide me to use. I say that numbers aren't my thing, but He says otherwise. I have served as treasurer on many different boards from school PTA to LWML. I look forward to serving PSD LWML.

Blessings,

Linda Moat 



Jr. Pastoral Counselor, Rev. Ramon Contreras

It is my hope to serve as a pastoral counselor in the PSW LWML district as a support and encouragement for our ladies so they may keep doing the mission work they have been called to do since the beginning of the foundation of the league: to bring the lost to Christ, and to serve the Lord with gladness and a humble heart.

I'm always impressed how LWML societies work so hard to spread the Gospel not only around our communities, but around the world as well. One single penny dedicated to serve the Lord can bring a soul to Christ. That's what I think about LWML!!

I hope I can contribute to the task of this wonderful organization, full of wonderful women, who are called and dedicated to spread the kingdom of God on this earth.

Ramon

Nominating Committee Chairman, Carol Vigliotti



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

I have been active in LWML for over 20 years and this scripture has carried me through those years and the challenges of planning the 2020 Convention. I thank you all for putting your trust in me. I look forward to the challenges ahead as Nominating Committee Chairman. I have learned that God does not call the equipped He equips the called. I look forward to working with Elizabeth Cross and Marie Burkhardt over the next two years and I hope to find more ladies that are "ready to be equipped" and add them to our committee that will be ready and eager to find willing candidates for the 2022 election. If you would like to take a "leap of faith" as a committee member or as a candidate please contact me. I look forward to the next two years.

Blessed to serve HIM,

Carol

carolvigliotti@aol.com



Thanks be to God! We are HIS!

We are:

- Held by God's Word
- Inspired to share HIS Gospel
- Surrounded by HIS Grace



Women in Mission UNIVERSITY

Just a Cup of Coffee: Reaching Out

LWML 101: Back to the Basics of LWML

LWML 102: What to Do? What to Do!

LWML 103: The Heart of LWML

LWML 104: Your LWML Designed 4 U

<https://www.lwml.org/wmu>

Would you like to serve your

district? An effective organization needs energetic committees! Prayerfully consider serving on a committee this biennium, then fill out the form found at www.psdlwml.org under Forms and Resources Tab.

Committees needing women to serve:

- Christian Life
- Communications
- Gospel Outreach
- Special Focus Ministries
- Nominating Committee

Fill out the Personnel Resource Profile form on the next page or on the website under Forms and Resources



Dear Pacific Southwest District, LWML Friends,



Words cannot adequately express my feelings when Pastor Mike called me into his office to give me your gifts. I was so surprised and amazed!

As I read through your Bible verses and reflections, I was moved to tears and I do not cry easily. Some tears were happy tears because we accomplished so much in our time together and shared so many happy memories. Some tears were sad, because I do not know when I will see you again and get some hugs! Your hugs and words of encouragement helped me travel through our journey together.

The gift card for Disneyland was the "frosting on the cake"! David and I are counting the days until we can return to our favorite place. We will be patient and remain safe but rest assured, we will return to Disneyland!

I send you my love, thanks, and gratitude. You are in good hands with your new President, Nila, and I know she will be blessed sharing this ministry and time with you.

God's blessings to all! Looking forward to seeing you in Las Vegas for the 2021 **LWML** Retreat!

Bonnie Karch

Personnel Resource Profile Pacific Southwest District LWML

The information on this form, including names, addresses, and personal data, will not be shared outside the LWML.

Please pray before filling this out.

Dear Lord, as I search out Your will for my life, please send Your Holy Spirit to guide me to the areas that you have called me. Open my eyes to the spiritual gifts You have given me. Help me realistically focus on the sacrificial time and dedication needed for each position. Thank you for this opportunity to place myself in your service. In Jesus' name, Amen.

(Please PRINT)

Name _____

Date _____

Street or P.O. Box _____

Home Telephone (with Area Code) _____

City State ZIP _____

Mobile Telephone (with Area Code) _____

Circle Age Range: 20-39 40-59 60-69 70+

Work Telephone (with Area Code) _____

LWML Zone _____

Email _____

Congregation/Pastor _____

Congregation Address (City & State) _____

EXPERIENCE

LWML Offices and Committee Assignments

Local _____

Zone _____

District _____

Church

Missions _____

Boards _____

Youth _____

Community

Missions _____

Work Experience:

Please check the following to indicate your special skills as well as the District committees on which you are interested in serving:

Special Skills

- Artist, general
- Artist, graphics
- Editor
- Journalist
- Leadership
- Meeting Manager
- Musician
- Parliamentarian
- Proofing
- Public Speaking
- Writer - devotions, stories, etc.
- Writer - Bible studies
- Other (specify)

Technology Skills

- Audio/podcast
- Basic Computer Skills/Computer proficiency

- Computer programming
- Computer software
 - Adobe software proficiency
 - Microsoft Office 2016 or 2013 (or at least 2010)
 - Microsoft Word/Excel proficiency
 - Windows 10 or equivalent in Mac.
- Data maintenance
- Social networking
- Videography
- Web design/maintenance
- WebEx, Skype (Microphone)
- Webmaster

Other (specify)

LWML Committee

- Christian Life
 - Christian Life
 - Christian Resources Editors
- Communication
 - Information Technology
 - Official Publication Staff (LWQ)
 - Graphics Team
- Gospel Outreach
 - Gospel Outreach
 - Mission Grants
 - Mission Servants

Organizational Resources

- Helping Organizations Participate Effectively (H.O.P.E.)
- Leader Development
- Structure
- Special Focus Ministries
 - Young Women
 - Heart to Heart Sisters
- Marketing
 - Marketing Team

Please indicate any specialized degrees or training you have had (e.g., communication, graphics, investments, finance, etc.)

Please describe any involvement or experience you have had with visioning, strategic planning or other planning/training in your congregation, LWML, community, or work.

How many hours per week can you dedicate to LWML? _____

Other comments or information that will assist us.

Return form to:
 Nila Rodriguez
 466 Foothill Blvd. #76
 La Canada, CA 91011

Email address:
 president@psdlwml.org

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I certify that the information on this application is accurate and complete. I understand LWML may contact other LWML members and LCMS pastors in the process of considering my involvement. I authorize PSD LWML to investigate my responses on this application and contact any individuals familiar with me or my background for the purpose of verifying any information I have provided and/or for the purpose of obtaining any information, whether favorable or unfavorable, about me. I voluntarily and knowingly fully release and hold harmless any person or organization that provides information pertaining to me. I understand that this document is NOT an offer of employment and that any work performed by me for LWML is as a volunteer and not for pay.

Signature



WOMEN'S RETREAT

Sponsored by the Pacific Southwest District LWML

February 19-21, 2021

Friday 4:00 p.m. to Sunday 1:00 p.m.

Hampton Inn at 4975 Dean Martin Drive,
Las Vegas, Nevada 89118-1656 702-948-8100

"WOMEN IN MISSION"

Karol Selle, Speaker

(Please print or type)

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ EMAIL _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

CONGREGATION _____ CITY _____ STATE _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____ PHONE _____

_____ This is my first LWML Retreat.

_____ I would like to be a Prayer Warrior* at the Retreat.

_____ Special diet needs (Please specify): _____

_____ Other needs (Please specify): _____

*Prayer Warriors are those who are willing to pray for the retreat while there. Prayer Warriors are also willing to be available during the retreat to pray with other women, if requested.

PARKING on site at the hotel and the SHUTTLE service from McCarran Airport is complimentary.

REGISTRATION fee includes all materials, expenses and meals. Friday and Saturday dinner, complimentary Saturday and Sunday breakfast (hotel guest only), and Saturday lunch.

Room reservations are to be made directly with The Hampton Inn.

REGISTER EARLY, SPACE IS LIMITED TO 150.

Registration postmarked by 10/31/2020 \$185. _____

Registration postmarked after 10/31/2020 \$200 _____

Donation _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS FEBRUARY 1, 2021. In case of cancellation, \$10 will be retained. No refunds after February 10, 2021.

Make checks payable to Pacific Southwest District LWML

Mail registration form with check and a stamped, self-addressed envelope to:

Barbara Paetzel, 7401 Brittlethorne Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89131-3302

bjpaetzel@cox.net Phone 702-655-0915

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