



Women Of the WORD

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★ *Convention 2020 Issue*

From the President:



Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know (Jeremiah 33:3 NIV).

This is our theme Bible verse for our 2020 Convention in Palm Springs, California and we are ready to call on our Lord for guidance and perseverance as we step forward in faith to continue our work in the LWML mission field.

I am so excited to meet you at the Double Tree by Hilton! Please mark your calendars for June 5th to June 7th, invite all your friends and family and get ready to worship our Lord, laugh with your LWML sisters, cry when you feel the need, give and receive lots of hugs, vote on new officers and mission grants, enjoy good food, sing praises to our Lord and have some fun!

We have two well-known speakers joining us in worship and praise. Donna Pyle and Jan Struck will engage us in Bible study, words of wisdom and some laughter. You don't want to miss meeting and hearing the messages from these two awesome LWML women. The Ohmans will join us in music and our ever popular "Angels" will be present!

This will be my last official duty as your District President. I am excited to spend this weekend with you and share lots of stories and HUGS! I am so thankful for the wonderful HOST committee in planning this convention. They are working so hard and have so many wonderful ideas. They could use your hugs also. Come and celebrate and see where the Lord leads us in the coming years.

Check our website for registration and hotel forms. Register early and save money!

Joyfully serving,

PSD LWML DP Bonnie Karch



Heroes Needed

From the Nominating Committee:

Ephesians 4:11-13 (NIV)

11 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, 12 to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

You all have probably been hearing about the Heroes of Faith in sermons recently. Moses, Daniel, Abraham, Esther and others. Have you ever considered what you have in common with these heroes? Do you want to obey God? Do you try to live a righteous life? Do you sometimes feel fearful of the things God is asking you to do?

The heroes listed in Hebrews and throughout the Bible often thought God should choose someone else for the task. But He didn't. He chose them and equipped them for the task. And the Heroes stepped out in faith and fulfilled God's plan for them.

The Nominating Committee is looking for women and men who will step out in faith that God will equip them for the following offices of the LWML Pacific Southwest District: President, Vice President of Special Focus Ministries, Vice President of Christian Life, Vice President of Communications, Financial Secretary, Nominating Committee and Pastoral Counselor. Nomination forms and descriptions of the duties for each position are available on the LWML Pacific Southwest District web site: www.psdlwml.com.

Please prayerfully consider becoming a Nominee for the elections to be held at the 2020 Pacific Southwest District LWML Convention! Forms are being accepted immediately but are due to the Nominating Committee Chairman no later than October 31, 2019. Your Nominating Committee is praying for you as you consider this "vision" of our Lord and will be happy to answer any questions you have about the positions.

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Here I am, Lord !



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR CO-CHAIRWOMEN, CAROL VIGLIOTTI AND JEAN CARMEL

You have the opportunity, in June 2020, to attend an amazing district convention! The fellowship is so awesome and a spiritual enlightenment comes to you when you enter the room and see all the pastors in their robes giving communion. It continues as you attend the services and gatherings.

Are you ready? It's almost here! Think about saving your money, now, putting a little away at a time and by the time convention comes, you'll have enough to go. Get your hat, pack your suitcase, don't forget your Bible, meet your friends and drive or fly to the DoubleTree inn in Cathedral City, CA .

There are so many things to do! Go to a silent auction and bid on all the lovely baskets. Attend hands-on servant events. Listen to outstanding speakers. Get sponsors and make money on a Mission Walk. Watch as delegates have the chance to vote for the Mission Grants. Buy a beautiful shirt. AND these are only a few of the things available.

The committee chairwomen are working hard to make it a wonderful convention. We welcome you and hope you have a great spiritual experience and lots of fun.





Registration

Hello, I am your Registration Chairman for the PSD LWML 39th Biennial Convention June 5-7, 2020.

I will have **the Registration Form** on the LWML website under Convention Forms for you to sign up and send to me.

I will have the **Hotel information** for you to make your hotel reservations for your stay at the Convention.

I will have the **Pre-Convention Interest Session forms** for you to sign up and send to me.

If you have not been to a District Convention, **NOW** is the time for you to make plans to attend. If you have been before, **NOW** is the time for you to make plans to attend. This District Convention, you will make new friends and renew friendships from before.

If you have not applied for a scholarship before, there are **Scholarship Request forms** for “first timer’s” available.

Karen Duprey, Endowment Funds Chairman and Registration Chairman



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2020 Convention Committees Hard at Work:

DECORATIONS

Color! Lights! Inspiration! Fun! These are just a few of the things that our Decorations Committee is considering when coming up with and putting together the look of the 2020 convention. Kim De Wolf and JoAnne Sloan are chairing the committee, and members so far include Linda Kler, Barbie Aden and Amy Gill. If you are crafty or creative and would like to be part of the committee, or just have an idea or two to share, you can email Kim at mdewolf@roadrunner.com.



HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

The ladies in the aqua shirts are the hostesses for the convention. They can direct you if you are lost or simply want to know something. They will have the answers and if they don't they will find the answers for you.

PACKETS AND BADGES

The ladies will be waiting for you at their table, after you register, and will give you a bag and badge which you must wear at the convention. The ladies are getting everything prepared for your arrival. Don't forget to register early as it will save you money. We're hoping you will encourage your friends to join us.



Exhibits Committee

I have been working on getting people to come and exhibit for their association. They will have a display and answer questions. They will not sell anything. (There will be a store that will sell items at the convention) Work on the invitations is coming along. The letters are in the envelopes and are waiting to be sent off. Just as soon as I get the hotel information and registration information, then we will have lots of exciting mail coming of those that are registering. I am looking forward to working with all of the exhibitors. I can't wait to meet all of them and see all of you at the convention. —Elizabeth Cross

The logo for the Silent Auction is an oval with a brown background and a white border. Inside the oval, the words "SILENT AUCTION" are written in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. There are decorative flourishes on either side of the text.

SILENT AUCTION

Calling all Zones!

We will be having a Silent Auction at the 2020 Convention. We ask that each Zone donate a basket or item for the Silent Auction.

Here is a website with a lot of ideas.

<https://www.fundraiserhelp.com/silent-auction-ideas.htm>

We will accept Silent Auction Donations from ALL individuals who are interested, as well.

Check out www.psdlwml.com for the Silent Donation Form under



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MISSION WALK

You have the opportunity to walk for Missions while making friendships as you are walking. Ask people to sponsor you and walk as far as you like. Markers will tell you how far you go. It will be early morning so it will not be too hot. Water and snacks are provided, you can buy a Mission Walk shirt if you like.



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*Please join us for the **Friendship Tea** during the Pre-Convention Sessions. 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 if you wish to wear to the tea. You may bring your favorite tea cup and tell your story. Fellowship, laughs and good times.*

R.S.V.P. on your convention registration

Gods Comforting Promises

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

Purses and Verses



Each woman is asked to bring a “gently” used purse or purses. Notions, goodies, and personal items will be stuffed in the purse with appropriate Bible verses. The purses will be given to women who find themselves in unfortunate circumstances

Birth Choice of the Desert, located in La Quinta, CA, provides a loving Christ centered place for homeless women and children. Each woman embarks on her own personal 90-day journey to discover her purpose and to find healing and hope.



Calling All Heart 2 Heart Sisters

The LWML recognizes there are gifted multicultural women serving with joy and passion in many multicultural ministries throughout The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Women serving in cross-cultural ministry in the Pacific Southwest District will learn about LWML and how they can participate in this vibrant mission organization with their time talent and treasure.

Please encourage those interested in the Heart 2 Heart sisters by offering a scholarship for them to attend the 2020 convention.

Young Women IN MISSION

What is a YWR? A Young Woman Representative

The YWR's Program objectives are to:

Educate and inspire young women to strengthen their relationship with their Savior Jesus Christ.

Energize and mentor younger women to connect and grow in relationships as sisters in Christ.

Establish a positive, joyful, and educational experience for the YWRs at the 2020 PSD LWML Convention in Cathedral City, CA

Equip and encourage young women to become more involved in their congregation and the mission of the LWML.

Please encourage the young woman (18-35) in your church by offering a scholarship for them to attend the 2020 PSD LWML Convention.



Join the Convention Choir ...

be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart (Ephesians 5:18b-19).

Convention Personalities



Donna Pyle - BIBLE STUDY LEADER

Donna Pyle has a passion for studying and teaching God's Word. She has traveled throughout the United States and internationally to speak and teach where God opens doors. Donna has authored over 30 Bible studies, including four DVD Bible study series for LWML and several books with Concordia Publishing House. Donna volunteers as a Houston team leader for Love 146, which seeks to abolish child trafficking. She serves on the Board of Directors at Camp Lone Star, a Lutheran Outdoors Ministries of Texas camp. Donna attends Salem Lutheran Church in Tomball, Texas, where she has been an active LWML member for over 20 years. Donna is a life-long Texan, adventurous traveler, dabbling gardener, and closet chef, but home is always her favorite place to be.

Jan Struck - KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Jan Struck's earliest memories revolve around her church home in Indianapolis, Indiana, where she attended a two-room elementary Lutheran school. She completed her formal education at Valparaiso University with a theater/English degree. Jan's "life story" has included the blessing of mothering three children, teaching school, working in secretarial and administrative positions, retiring as a trainer/consultant in healthcare technology, and experiencing single parenthood after a divorce. Her life is blessed with joy brought by a second marriage and a combined family of six children, their spouses, thirteen grandchildren, and five great grandchildren. Serving the Lord as a speaker and leader of Bible studies, workshops, women's retreats, and district and national LWML events has involved travel throughout the United States and Canada. Jan brings a fresh approach to the journey of faith and uses her sense of humor as she shares her life with fellow travelers and leaves them laughing. Her trust in Christ is her reason to make a "joyful noise unto God!"



Rev. Dr. Mike Gibson - PSD LCMS PRESIDENT

Mike grew up in an ethnically diverse community in Sacramento, California. As a consequence, the ministries he has served have brought him into close contact with a diverse population. He benefited from that life experience. He didn't have to learn not to be afraid of someone who did not look like him, who spoke in accented English, whose faith challenged his. That kind of learning cannot be bought with money, it has to be acquired. This kind of learning is paid for with the profit from daily gospel interaction with people of different backgrounds. President Gibson's vision is for congregations and circuits to engage their communities in ways that demonstrate the love of God. In particular, he has a vision for a more diverse District, with the "global north" learning about mission work from the "global south." He is praying the churches will take up the mission gauntlet to love their communities as Christ loves them.

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PAST CONVENTIONS:

