



# NEWS RELEASE

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## **LWML Sets 2017-2019 Mission Goal at \$2.75 Million**

ST. LOUIS, June 26, 2017 — The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) welcomed 3,471 people with 850 as first timers to the LWML Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico, June 22–25, 2017, under the theme "Jesus Christ Above All". The convention theme was based on Philippians 2:9.

Delegates to the 37th Biennial Convention of the LWML adopted a \$2,075,000 mission goal for the 2017-2019 biennium. This goal, by the grace of God, will fund 22 mission grants as men and women respond in prayer and offerings during the next two years. LWML chose to support the following mission grants, pledging their support with prayers and mites (offerings) given over the next biennium:

1. Providing Food and the Gospel to Starving Children – Mercy Meals of Siouxland, \$40,000
2. Mercy House for Women and Children – Franklin Avenue Mission, Flint, Michigan, \$100,000
3. Christ for Veterans and Their Families – LCMS Ministry of the Armed Forces, \$27,750
4. Tanzanian Sewing Center – Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (ELCT), \$25,000
5. Current Missionary Need – LCMS International Mission, \$100,000
6. Lutheran Children's Books for Families Worldwide – Lutheran Heritage Foundation, \$100,000
7. Christian Hope Through Mass Media in Egypt – Lutheran Hour Ministries, \$100,000
8. NOLA 4H: Hearts for the Hungry, Homeless, and Hurting – Christian Families United for Progress, \$100,000
9. Lutheran World Relief Quilt and Kit Shipping Fund, \$80,000
10. Christian Eldercare Home in Haiti – Ministry in Mission, \$100,000
11. Training Lutheran Middle Eastern Missionaries – Biblical Orthodox Lutheran Mission, \$93,000
12. Completion of Lukonda Lutheran School Buildings, Uganda – Lutheran Church Uganda, \$48,000
13. Equipping Youth to Witness for Life - Y4Life – Lutherans for Life, \$25,000
14. Laborers of Love – Lutheran Braille Workers, \$100,000
15. Sharing Jesus with People with Disabilities – Bethesda Lutheran Communities, \$100,000
16. Education Loan Repayment Assistance Grants – Ministry Focus, \$100,000
17. Nursing Students Serving with Mercy Medical Team – LCMS Office of International Mission, \$25,000
18. Restoration Programs for Native Hawaiians – Lutheran Indian Ministries, \$75,000
19. RECONNECT to the Body of Christ, Circuit 28 –Texas District, \$50,000
20. Prison and Jail Ministry Synod-wide Conference in 2018, \$36,500
21. Family Scholarships for Short Term Mission Trips – MOST Ministries, \$60,000
22. Raising Pastors and Deaconesses – Evangelical Lutheran Church of Liberia, \$97,000

The voting body elected the following to serve as officers, Counselor, and nominating committee:

Jennifer Huecker, Missouri District Vice President of Christian Life	Joy Anderson, Minnesota South District Nominating Committee
Charlotte (Char) Kroemer, Oregon District Vice President of Communication	Karen Morrison, Kansas District Nominating Committee
Angelina Jauregui, Pacific Southwest District Vice President of Gospel Outreach	JoNette Brogaard, Minnesota North District Nominating Committee
Ginger Starrett, New Jersey District Recording Secretary	Linda Fees, Nebraska South District Nominating Committee
Rev. Mitchel Schuessler, Southern Illinois District Junior Pastoral Counselor	Sherrie Smith, Northern Illinois District Nominating Committee

Lastly, LWML President Patti Ross unveiled the new LWML logo. The logo was shared during the President's report and was also shared via LWML social media channels and Livestream. For more information on convention highlights visit [www.lwml.org/2017-convention](http://www.lwml.org/2017-convention).

Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is the official women's auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Since 1942, the LWML has focused on affirming each woman's relationship with Christ, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries, and to support global missions.

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