



Lutheran Women's Missionary League Missouri District
25th Biennial Convention – June 8-10, 2018
Registration Instructions and Information

Basic Instructions for Completing the Registration Form

- We advise you to read all of the following information carefully. If you have any questions, contact Nancy Doering, Convention Registrar, at doering2018reg@gmail.com or text/call 573-694-2508, or seek the help of your society or zone president.
- The Registration Form can be found at the www.missourilwml.org website. It can be downloaded, printed and filled out by hand, or downloaded and filled out electronically on your computer by using the TAB key to move from blank to blank. Be sure you check and/or circle responses when required. When finished, print the form.
- Registration begins on February 1, 2018. **Registrations for voting members and alternates must be postmarked on or before April 14, 2018.** Registrations for all others should be postmarked on or before May 1, 2018. The registration fee increases for registrations postmarked after May 1, 2018, or completed in person at the convention. **Please register early!**
- **NEW** at this convention: the mandatory Health Information and Waiver Forms are included with the Registration Form and must be completed and returned with your registration documents. These forms are also on the District website.
- After completing the Registration, Health Information, and Waiver forms, **make a copy of each for your records** before mailing your completed Registration Form, Health Information Form, Waiver Form, your payment and a self-addressed, stamped business-size envelope to Nancy Doering, Registrar, 2014 Autumn Lane, Jefferson City, MO 65109. It is important that you include everything requested. Incomplete registrations will be returned, thus delaying your registration process. Keep this *Registration Instructions and Information* document for future reference. You will receive an acknowledgement of registration via USPS. After May 16, 2018, you must register in person at the convention.

Registration Check-in

- On Friday, the registration tables will be in the Valencia Room at the Lodge. There will be separate lines for different registrant categories (for example, voting members). Pay attention to the signs to avoid delays. You must check in and receive your credentials unless you are a member of the District Board. District Board members receive their credentials, tote bags, etc. at the luncheon on Friday.
- Tote bags, convention shirts, pins and charms will also be in the Valencia Room on Friday.
- On Saturday, registration check-in will be in the Campana Hall lobby only. This is the main meeting hall across the drive from the Lodge's main lobby entrance. Totes, shirts and jewelry will also be in the Campana Hall lobby on Saturday.

Accommodations

- Lodge of Four Seasons, 315 Four Seasons Drive, Lake Ozark, MO 655049. Phone (888) 265-5500. There is a link to the Lodge on the LWML Missouri District website.

Online Voting (for voting members only)

- **A voting member must provide her current email address on the Registration Form. Proofread for accuracy please.**
- If your email address changes after mailing your Registration Form, immediately contact Ashley Kassel at alkassel1s@gmail.com or 573-986-8009.
- Voting for mission project grants will be held online prior to the convention only. **Mission project grants will not be voted on at the convention.**
- Online voting for grants will be open between 12:01 a.m. May 20, 2018, through midnight on May 26, 2018.
- Voting for elected positions will be held during the convention only.
- On the Registration Form, indicate if you will use your own device (smartphone, iPad, laptop, etc.) to vote for elected positions at the convention or if you will use the convention computer lab. Assistance will be provided in the computer lab.

Meals

- If you have food allergies, be sure to list them on the Registration Form (lower right hand corner).
- All convention meals must be paid in advance at the time of registration.
- Be sure to circle your meal choice on the registration form when a choice is offered.

Saturday Banquet and Entertainment

- Plan to attend the "Starlight Sparkle" [Philippians 2:14-16] banquet in the Granada Room where you are invited to be a "SPARKLER" by wearing all your sparkles! We will be entertained by "The MAKER'S Dozen" as they play and sing bluegrass and gospel music to benefit Immanuel Lutheran School in Honey Creek. There will be a love offering for "The MAKER'S Dozen." They will also have CDs available for sale. Our YWRs will lead the celebration of our 25th biennial convention which means 50 years of LWML in Missouri! After the celebration, you will be invited either to stay in the Granada Room for fellowship or move to the rooftop outside the Valencia Room where the YWRs are in charge of the music. There will be a cash bar serving coffee and tea.

Mission Walk

- Micah 4:5 “For all the peoples walk each in the name of its god, but we will walk in the name of the LORD our God forever and ever.” **WALKING IN HIS NAME** was chosen as the theme for the mission walk. Join the walk outside on Saturday morning or join the indoor class—it’s great exercise and raises money for mites. Walkers will receive a T-shirt-shaped water bottle, snacks and logo bracelets. Include the \$10 fee with your registration at No. 8 on the Registration Form.
- Everyone who participates in a “Second-Ever Society Opportunity” prior to convention will get the bracelet only.

Convention Jewelry

Your choice of a lapel pin or charm with the convention logo is available. Pins and charms are \$5.00 each. Choose either or both. Circle your choice on the Registration Form and include payment with your registration.

Shirts

There are two choices this year: a polyester V-neck Polo shirt with collar and embroidered with the convention logo, “He Knows My Name” Isaiah 43:1, or a round neck T-shirt with a screen-printed logo. Both shirts are in the convention color of turquoise. Indicate on the Registration Form which shirt(s) you want, including size. Include payment with your registration.



Voluntary Contribution

- The District tries its best to keep convention costs to a minimum and continually struggles to stay afloat. Space is available by No. 10 on the Registration Form to contribute voluntarily in any amount to the convention fund. Thank you for helping.

Convention Choir

- The convention choir is going to be **FUN** this year! Please consider participating.
- Choir members are kindly asked to wear khaki pants or skirts and “happy-colored” blouses that remind us of spring, such as pink, aqua, lime green, purple, etc.
- Go online and preview the music at jwpepper.com. The songs are “Joy Overflowing” by Cindy Berry #10487860 and “We Are Blessed” by Andrea Ramsey #10150434. Search by the numbers for each song. Find the **Listen** circle, click and the song will play. They can also be found on Youtube.

Special Needs

- The lower right hand corner of the Registration Form is the place where you should indicate if you have a special need. If you have any food allergies, indicate them here. Write in the Registration Form margins if you need more space to list food allergies.

Ingathering

- For Hope House of Miller County, Missouri: adult disposable underwear for women and men; sanitary pads; tampons.
- For Northern Ozarks Lutherans for Life, Chapter 342: diapers in size newborn – 5; baby wipes; baby shampoo; diaper cream.

Mission Fair

- **The Mite-y Craft Fair Returns!** LWML-ers are invited to donate any handmade items, such as seasonal decorations, stitched items, doll clothes, ornaments, toys, jewelry, greeting cards, woodcrafts, etc. *Please no baked goods.* **Important:** Price your items prior to arriving at the convention. Bring your items to the Marbella Room. All proceeds go to mites!

Basket Challenge

- Last convention started the “Pink Basket Challenge.” What fun it was to see all the different ideas for the baskets made for mites. The challenge is back, but not limited to baskets. We are challenging the women of the District to be creative and at the same time collect money for our mission grants.
- Each zone is challenged to bring two silent auction items. Find a container and then get creative. Bring them with you to the convention’s Mission Fair in the Marbella Room. These containers will be auctioned off “silently” to the highest bidder. **ALL** proceeds raised will go toward the 2018-2020 Mission Goal!

Convention Guest Personalities

- Keynote Speaker: Elaine Bickel, humorist and author for CPH, *Lutheran Women’s Quarterly*, and *Guideposts*
- Mission Speaker: Rev. Todd Kollbaum, Director of LCMS Rural and Small Town Ministries
- Three Interest Sessions: Pastor Robert and Kristy Roegner, Apple of His Eye Ministries; Rev. Kris Morris, “A Christian Response to Homosexuality”; and Lutheran Church Charities Comfort Dogs.

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