

In Appreciation

The convention concludes the four-year terms of:

- Myra Case, Vice President of Christian Life
- Ann Seider, Vice President of Special Focus Ministries
- Linda Verman, Secretary (2 ½ years) and
- Hannah Jackson, Interim Secretary (1 ½ years)
- Donna Lacey, Treasurer
- Rev. Marty Hasz, Sr. Pastoral Counselor (3 ½ years) and
- Rev. Gary Griffin, Interim Sr. Pastoral Counselor (1/2 year)

In serving the Lord with gladness in the office you have held, you have given to our district your dedicated service and untold hours of your time. "Yes, with the help of God", you said as you vowed at the beginning of your terms to carry out your responsibilities to the best of your abilities. For some, circumstances prevented the completion of your term, however your service is still greatly appreciated. We are grateful to you and to God, our provider. To Him be all glory and honor.

The district acknowledges with thanks the service given by the following appointed committee chairmen:

- Theresa Wehmeyer, Administrative Assistant
- Carol Riedel, Financial Secretary
- Angela Gielow, Parliamentarian
- Joanna McDowell, Archivist-Historian
- Stephanie Edgar, Webmaster
- Elaine Froeschle, Structure Chairman
- Melanie Weibrecht, Mission Servants Chairman
- Christie Steffens, Leader Development Chairman
- Edie Turner, Church Worker Study Grants Chairman
- Pat Petzoldt, Convention Site Coordinator
- Heidi Johnson, Editor

Report of Officers: President

The purpose of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Missouri District is to provide spiritual growth opportunities for each woman in the district so that she is empowered to use her gifts in serving others.



During the 2018 – 2020 biennium I have:

- Presided at five district Executive Committee meetings and four Board of Directors meetings plus one BOD meeting by email.
- Represented the district at two LWML Board of Directors meetings and one newly established LWML Presidents Assembly meeting.
- Attended the LWML Assembly of Leaders training meeting.
- Planned and helped lead two district Assembly of Leaders workshops.
- Attended the formal dedication of the new LWML Office in St. Louis.
- Prepared articles for the district Show Me Women in Mission newsletter.
- Submitted articles for LWML Two-Minute Tuesday, Focus Friday and Faces Friday.
- Worked with the webmaster to update and post items to the website
- Initiated and answered correspondence, emails, and phone calls.
- Represented the LWML Missouri District and spoke at one Lutheran Laymen's League District Convention.
- Attended several zone LWML functions throughout the district in fall and spring.
- Represented the district at the LWML 2019 Convention in Mobile, Alabama.
- Attended various LWML Missouri District committee meetings, to include convention planning meetings.
- Signed vouchers and contracts.
- Represented the LWML Missouri District at the installation of The Rev. Marty Hasz as Assistant to the President: Worker and Congregational Health – Missouri District.
- Appointed Hannah Jackson to fill Secretary vacancy and The Rev. Gary Griffin to fill Pastoral Counselor vacancy.
- Presented some LWML Missouri District grant checks and LWML grant checks.
- Represented the LWML at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Seminary Wives organization.
- Represented the LWML (exhibited) at the LEA National Convention in St. Louis.
- Represented the LWML (exhibited) at the ALMA Conference in St. Louis.
- Met with Rev. Rod Benkendorf, Lutheran Heritage Foundation and Pres. Diane Grebing, LWML So. Illinois District, in beginning to plan combined districts retreat.
- Encouraged our district Women in Mission to provide home-baked cookies, and delivered same, to the LWML Office in St. Louis for the enjoyment of the students and staff and to help build better understanding of the LWML with the church workers.

Serving as your president for the past two years has been a distinct honor. There have been challenging times, and times of great joy. Every opportunity in this experience has brought me closer in my walk with God, and for this I am truly grateful. Daily you all are kept in prayer, and daily the Lord answers me in His Word. May your 20/20 Faith Vision keep you mindful to ...walk by faith, not by sight. Personally, listen to God daily as He speaks to you in His Word and let us all continue to Serve the Lord with Gladness.

Sally Handrick, President

Report of Officers: Vice President of Organizational Resources



The purpose of the Vice President of Organizational Resources is to facilitate membership and leadership in the LWML so that the Gospel of Jesus Christ may be proclaimed throughout the district and the world.

The Vice President of Organizational Resources keeps the statistics for our district, registers and welcomes new societies and individual members and helps disbanding societies. Any society that wants to join in membership with Missouri District LWML or any society that would like to disband their membership from Missouri District LWML is encouraged to go through their zone president to acquire information and the proper form to be presented to my office. These forms are acknowledged and brought before the Missouri District Board of

Directors at their biannual meetings for approval. Individual membership is a way a member of a Missouri District LCMS congregation may become a member on her own. This is primarily recommended for a lady who wants to become a member of LWML but whose congregation does not support an LWML society or if the congregation's LWML society does not fit the time schedule of the interested candidate. Membership forms are also to be presented to my office and are approved by the District Board of Directors. They can be acquired through zone presidents or along with the forms for new societies and disbanding societies can be found on the www.missourilwml.org website under "Forms."

The VP of Organizational Resources also coordinates, as needed, the Structure Committee – Elaine Froeschle, Chairman and Leader Development Committee – Christie Steffens, Chairman. Their reports follow in this manual.

Over the past two years, I have been blessed to fulfill the following duties:

- Attended all Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings.
- Served as district representatives for a number of zone rallies.
- Prepared two yearly statistical reports.
- Communicated with representatives from new and disbanded societies.
- Communicated with new individual members.
- Updated individual member lists.
- Updated files on societies in each zone within the Missouri District at least twice a year.
- Maintained all current files for this office.
- Met with a task force to realign the Zones for District Convention Hosting.
- Will man the LWML Store Booth at the 2020 District Convention.
- Recommended and submitted to the Board of Directors for approval the following societies and individual members for membership in the LWML Missouri District and recommended the following societies be given peaceful releases during the past two years:

<u>Society</u>	<u>Zone</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Society</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Date</u>
<i>New Societies</i>					
Our Savior, Buffalo	Springfield	1	1	5	2/23/19
Holy Cross, Houston	Rolla	1	1	15	2/23/19
Hope Hermitage	Sedalia	1	1	1	2/08/20
<u>Society</u>					
<u>Zone</u>					
<u>Unit</u>					
<u>Society</u>					
<u>Members</u>					
<u>Date</u>					
<i>Disbanded Societies</i>					
Immanuel, St. Charles	St. Charles	1	1	0	6/07/18
Hope, Hermitage	Sedalia	1	1	1	6/07/18
Mt. Calvary, Belle	Washington	1	1	3	9/20/18
St. Pauls, Concordia	Concordia	1	1	14	2/23/19
Christ the King, Lake of the Ozarks	Jefferson City	1	1	10	9/14/19
Shepherd of the Valley, Oak Grove	Kansas City South	1	1	9	9/14/19
Holy Cross, Kansas City	Kansas City North	1	1	0	9/14/19
Grace Ladies Circle, Lexington	Concordia	1	1	8	9/14/19

Grace Vesper Guild Lexington Concordia 1 1 6 2/08/20

Individual Members Added in the last biennium:

No new Individual Members

Individual Members Released in the last biennium:

Lillian Mueller, St. Louis South, moved out of state 7/01/18
 Alice Troyke, Springfield Zone, moved out of state 2/08/20
 Shari Smith, Springfield Zone, moved out of state 2/08/20

Summary Mite Box, Society Contributions and "Quarterly" Contributions over the last Biennium			
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>Gain/Loss</u>
Total Mite Box Offering	\$135,103.78	\$129,329.98	(\$5,773.80)
Mite Box Offering Per Member	\$33.99	\$37.73	+\$3.74
Total Society Contributions	\$11,060.68	\$9,264.50	(\$1,796.18)
Society Contributions Per Member	\$2.78	\$2.70	(\$0.08)

Summary Membership Statistics By Zone December, 2019

These numbers do not reflect the Disbanded Societies or Individual Memberships dated 2/08/20 above

Zone	Units	Societies	Members	Individual Members
Altenburg	8	8	155	0
Cape Girardeau	8	8	146	3
Carrollton	5	5	49	4
Columbia	10	11	117	1
Concordia	12	13	276	0
Iron Mountain	13	14	194	0
Jackson-Bootheel	7	8	90	1
Jefferson City	11	13	204	2
Kansas City-North	8	8	100	0
Kansas City-South	13	13	338	0
Northeast	8	9	118	5
Rolla	5	5	69	5
St. Charles	13	15	367	0
St. Joseph	7	7	115	0
St. Louis-North	14	14	144	2
St. Louis-South	12	16	198	3
St. Louis-West	13	13	117	0
Sedalia	9	14	132	1
Southwest	11	11	186	1
Springfield	12	12	200	2
Washington	7	7	82	3
Totals	206	224	3397	33

Current Membership Statistics:

205 Units, 223 Societies, 3,422 Members, 31 Individual Members

The disbanded societies and individual members listed above that are dated 2/08/20 are not included in on these totals.

Whereas statistics can become cumbersome and seemly uninteresting, it is a way for our district to make certain that we are staying abreast of not only our total district's membership, but also that of each zone and each society. Thank you to everyone for their cooperation in helping us make this possible.

I would like to thank my two committee members, Dawn Neil from the Northeast Zone and Elizabeth Mandrick from Trinity the St. Joseph Zone.

As we continue to "Serve the Lord With Gladness."

Laura Cooley

Vice President of Organizational Resources

Report of Officers: Vice President of Christian Life

The purpose of this office is to encourage and nourish each woman toward a more mature relationship with Christ.

During the 2018-2020 biennium I have:



- Attended LWML Missouri District Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings where I have gotten the “big picture” view of how LWML carries out God’s mission and enjoyed Christian fellowship and encouragement with sisters—and brothers-- from across the state.
- Encouraged the use of online resources, using the benefit of technology to connect women to devotions, Bible studies, skits, crafts and service opportunities where they might share the love of Christ.
- Updated the Speakers List, which is available at www.missourilwml.org.
- Wrote an article for **Show Me Women in Mission** newsletter.
- Sought input and submitted updates for the Christian Life section of the Leaders Manual.
- Joined with other women in participating in the “Follow the Leader” district workshop held at St. Matthew-Lee’s Summit.
- Represented the district at a number of zone rallies.
- Wrote letters of invitation and confirmation to the convention Keynote speaker, Mission speaker, and two Special Interest presenters.
- Worked with the Christian Life committee in writing room devotions and preparing a Christian Life booth for the convention.
- Wrote a devotional thought for the opening of the convention.

I thank God for this special time of service at the district level of LWML. I have seen God’s love reflected in His people and received His forgiveness where I have failed. I am humbled to have served in this role.

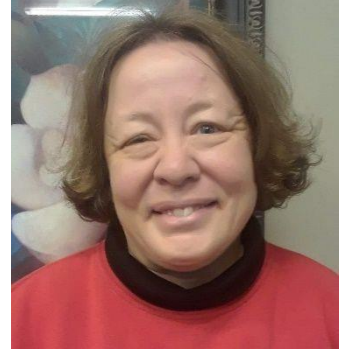
In His service and joy,
Myra Case, Vice President of Christian Life

Reports of Officers: Vice President of Communication

Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life. (Revelation 2:10)

It is the purpose of the Communication Committee to cooperate with the National LWML as a network in promoting news of the LWML to the membership and making it available to the church at large and the general public.

- worked with Karen Andersen, at the LWML office, and Carol Riedel, District Financial Secretary, concerning changes in Quarterly subscriptions.
- prepared Quarterly order/remittance forms for zone presidents.
- prepared banner specification forms for zone presidents for this convention.
- assembled and distributed new pastor packets.
- prepared reports for and attended Missouri District LWML Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings and served as a member of the Crisis Management Team.
- represented the district at several zone rallies.
- served on the minutes review committee for Executive Committee Meeting.
- attended the 38th Biennial LWML Convention in Mobile, AL.
- worked with potential exhibitors and convention committees for displays at this convention.



My sincere thanks to you, the members of the LWML, for giving me the privilege of serving as Vice President of Communication. It has been an awesome experience to serve you and the Lord in this way. May God continue to bless the LWML and its mission of spreading the Good News to those who do not know Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Be with us, as we tell others about Jesus and reach out with our love and mite offerings.

Doris Viets,
Vice President of Communication

Reports of Officers: Vice President of Special Focus Ministries

Vice President of Special Focus Ministries chairs two committees: The Young Women's Committee (YWR) and the Heart to Heart Sisters Committee (H2H).

My duties with the committee on Young Women are to:

- encourage Zones to send YWRs to the District convention.
- coordinate YWR activities at the convention.
- oversee the selection of YWRs to attend the LWML Convention.



My duties with the Heart to Heart Sisters (H2H) are to:

- Identify and encouraging cross-cultural opportunities with the LWML.
- Develop and support women leaders in ethnic ministries.

Activities during the 2018-2020 biennium:

- Attended Executive Committee and Board of Director meetings, several Zone Rallies, and two Heart to Heart Sister bible studies.
- Corresponded with my committee members to select two delegates for the convention in Mobile then followed up with communication with the YWRs, arranging transportation for the YWRs.
- Attended the Heart to Heart committee leader training with my committee member at the LWML convention in Mobile.
- Read the Heart to Heart Committee publications posted on LWML website and created a new Heart to Heart tab on the Missouri District LWML website to share cross-cultural bible study and activity materials.
- Attended planning meetings and subsequent Follow Our Leader events in the Missouri District LWML.
- Wrote Special Focus section update for the Missouri District LWML Leader's Manual.
- Met with my Young Women's committee to plan convention activities.

"But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ." Ephesians 2:13 ESV

Reports of Officers: Vice President of Gospel Outreach

The purpose of the Gospel Outreach Committee is to ensure that all district mission grants provide an open door to Christ to expand His ministry.

The Vice President of Gospel Outreach serves as coordinator of the Gospel Outreach Department, Chairman of the Gospel Outreach Committee, and "overseer/supporter" of Church Worker's Study Grant and Mission Servants Committees.



During the 2018- 2020 biennium, this office has:

- Continued to work with Gospel Outreach Committee members, Helen Steffens and Judy Mueller. Thank you, dear ladies!!!
- Contacted Elected Grant Recipients from the 2018 Lake of the Ozarks Convention to discuss timeliness of distribution of mission grant funds based on their need and the availability of mite funds.
- Prepared a Tentative Schedule of distributing mite checks over the next 2 years.
- Worked with Treasurer Donna Lacey & Financial Secretary Carol Riedel on a regular basis to determine the availability of mite funds to send out to the Grant Recipients.
- Consulted with President Sally Handrick.
- Presented mission grant checks in person or made arrangements to have them delivered.
- Reviewed National Grant Proposals and Assisted Grant Writers for the National Convention in Mobile, AL. We reviewed these Grant proposals with President Sally Handrick and assisted in getting the required signatures before the deadline.
- Attended (4) Board of Director Meetings in Jefferson City, preparing and presenting a report to the board and for the use of the Zone Presidents to share with their societies. The report included Grant updates for the Missouri District and the National LWML. It also discussed any Grant Business.
- Reviewed reports from the Church Worker Study Grant Committee and Mission Servants Committee.
- Represented the LWML Missouri District at Zone Spring and Fall Rallies.
- Worked with the Gospel Outreach Committee to re-write Grant Proposal Guidelines.
- Received and acknowledged Grant Proposals for the LWML Missouri District 2020-2022 Biennium.
- Reviewed each Grant with the Mission Grant Committee, with President Sally Handrick, Missouri District LCMS President Rev. Dr. Lee Hagan
- Prepared a list of acceptable Grant Proposals with descriptions for the LWML Missouri District 2020-2022 Biennium for the Missouri Board of Director's approval at the Spring Board Meeting.
- Prepared a Proposal of the Mission Goal for the LWML Missouri District 2020-2022 Biennium for the Missouri Board of Director's approval at the Fall 2019 Board Meeting.
- Notified all Grant Submitters of their approval or denied position for the Mission Grant Ballot for the 2020-2022 Biennium.
- Prepared materials for this convention including information for convention manual, the Gospel Outreach exhibit, and materials for the website regarding mission grant proposals.

Reports of Officers: Vice President of Gospel Outreach, continued

The last two years has brought me great joy in sharing the mite offerings from the ladies in our district with the many ministries that are supported. This is the heart and soul of what we do, and I appreciate the reminder that God is always at work through the service of the ladies of the LWML.

Submitted respectfully,

Karen Drury
Vice President of Gospel Outreach



Recording Secretary

This elected position is for activities during the 2018-2020 biennium:

When needed, I accepted the position (appointed) in January of 2019.

- Attended meetings, recorded, and distributed minutes of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors.
- Presented at the St. Louis South Zone as a representative of the District.
- Prepared zone activity reports to share ideas and speaker's names and sent these reports to the Board of Director.
- Thrilled at the opportunity to serve as St. Louis West Zone's YWR at the LWML MO District Convention in Lake Ozark, MO (June 2018), and gave summary reports at both society and zone events.
- Participated in the LWML Indiana District retreat as a guest (Spring 2019).
- Actively served (blood donor, choir member, Mission Walker, etc.) at the LWML National Convention in Mobile, AL (June 2019).
- Intentionally encourage other Lutheran women to get involved with LWML.
- Continue to serve as LWML President at society level (Katie Luther League, Village Lutheran Church, Ladue, MO) and Recording Secretary of my Zone (St. Louis West Zone).
- Deliberately pray daily for all my LWML sisters and the people we have been called to serve.

What a surprise to find myself filling in as Recording Secretary a year ago. It should not have been a surprise though—As *Lutheran Women in Mission*, we pledge ourselves to the Lord's service, "whenever and wherever" He has need for us. I am thankful to serve here and now, where the Missouri District ladies welcomed me with open arms. Thank you, ladies. It has been a privilege to serve with you in this way.

As we continue to cheerfully serve the Lord together, may our efforts encourage each other, tell the world about Jesus, and remind everyone how much he or she is loved: all to God's glory.

"Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain." 1 Corinthians 15:58

Respectfully Submitted,
Hannah Jackson
Recording Secretary

Report of Officers: Endowment Committee

The purpose of the Endowment Committee shall be to receive, to manage and to distribute funding for Seminary and Church Worker Study Grants, the Young Women and Heart to Heart Sisters' Programs, and special programs which may improve the mission and ministry of the LWML.

The following members have served on the Endowment Committee for the 2018-2020 biennium: Donna Lacey, District Treasurer/Chairman; Elaine Froeschle, Secretary; Rose Mary Thompson; Marilyn Heimsoth; Jane Peters; and Pastor Marty Hasz, Counselor.

The following recommendations were approved by the Board of Directors:

- The Endowment Committee Guidelines were revised and simplified.
- The Annual Distributions from the LCMS Foundation were given to Mission Education.
- The LCEF accounts were combined to receive the maximum interest rate.
- The District Treasurer to continue to report separate line items for the LCEF accounts.
- Endowment Fund memorials will be sent to the Endowment Fund savings account.
- The Dorothy Bushman Estate funds to be used as a seven year "annuity" and the use of yearly amounts to be recommended to the Board for approval.



I would like to thank the members of the Endowment Committee for their dedication and support. I've enjoyed working with these wonderful committee members.

Report of Officers: Treasurer

Activities during the 2018 - 2020 biennium:

- Attended all Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings
- Prepared six- month financial reports for the Board of Directors meetings.
- Served as Chairman of the Endowment Committee meeting semi-annually with members to prepare recommendations to the Board of Directors.
- Paid all bills submitted and approved.
- Prepared financial reports for the Board of Directors meetings.
- Wrote and mailed checks for the Seminary and Church Worker Study Grants.
- Wrote and mailed checks for the approved Mission Grants.
- Served as District Representative to two to four Zone Rallies each year.
- Received and entered the monthly reports sent by the Financial Secretary into QuickBooks.
- Entered all financial transactions into QuickBooks.
- Reconciled all District financial accounts including the following: US Bank Checking and Savings accounts, Lutheran Church Extension Fund account, LCMS Foundation accounts.
- Presented records for annual financial review.



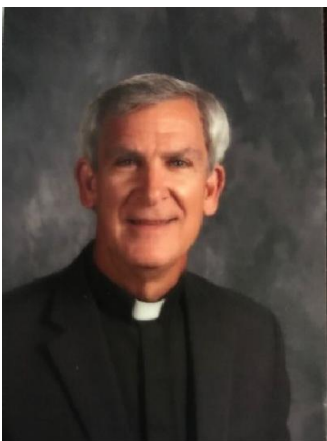
Report of Officers: Treasurer, continued

It has been such a blessing and a unique privilege to serve as your District Treasurer for the past four years. I have learned so much and am so appreciative of the help and support from many members and especially Carol Riedel and Karen Weber. May the Lord bless this wonderful organization and watch over our members that so faithfully give of their talents and treasures.

Donna Lacey

Reports of Officers: Pastoral Counselors

Dear Sisters in Christ:



It is a pleasure to serve with you in preparation for this 2020 convention. I served as Jr Counselor in 2012-2014 and as Sr. Counselor from 2014-2016. Pastor Marty Hasz was the Sr. Counselor, but he took a call to work for the Missouri District as an assistant to President Hagan which required him to resign as the Sr. Counselor. President Sally Handrick asked me if I would complete Pastor Marty Hasz' term as Sr. Counselor since I was already serving as the Convention Pastoral advisor and I agreed. The LWML ladies are dedicated workers in serving the Lord in mission and determined to lead the best LWML Convention to inspire the Lutheran women in our Missouri District to have 2020 Vision to walk by faith and not by sight as we live in these days of the Covid-19 virus. I have attended several Executive Board meetings and many online "skype" meetings in preparation for this convention. Mr. Nathan Wehrman wrote the Convention theme song and I wrote the musical score for the pianist to accompany the convention in song. Many thanks to Nathan Wehrman for his God-given talent.

LWML members, thank you for the opportunity to serve as Sr. Counselor for several months in Pastor Hasz' absence and I will continue to support the LWML on the society and zone level in the Southwest Circuit. May the Lord continue to bless the ministry of the LWML as each one shares Jesus to the next generation to walk by faith. Remember, your mission is never in vain. To God be the glory!

Rev. Gary Griffin

Reports of Officers: Archivist/Historian

The purpose the archivist/historian is to collect, organize and preserve materials of historical value and to encourage zone and society historians to do the same.

Activities during the 2018-2020 biennium:

- Collected and filed two copies of the Missouri District LWML Executive Board and Board of Directors minutes and reports.
- Collected and filed two copies of minutes from the zone board meetings and zone rallies along with zone rally booklets.
- Fielded questions by phone and email from zones and societies regarding historical information being sought out as well as what to do with specific documents.

It is always a blessing to have the opportunity to serve in any capacity of LWML. I enjoy the fellowship at District Board Meetings and am grateful to have met so many inspiring women. I encourage LWML members to get involved in LWML at any level – society, zone and/or district. There are always opportunities to Serve the Lord with Gladness!

Joanna McDowell,
Archivist/Historian



Reports of Officers: Parliamentarian

It is the purpose of the Parliamentarian to inform and advise the LWML Missouri District President and LWML members in relation to Parliamentary Law, bylaws, and other rules and procedures of the District, and to encourage them to conduct meetings in a **fitting and orderly way**.

I Cor 14:40 But everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way.

During this 2018-2020 biennium, this appointed officer:

- Attended all LWML MO District Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings.
- Prepared and presented lessons on Parliamentary Procedure at President's discretion. Submitted Parliamentarian's written report at BOD meetings and for this Convention Manual.
- Attended Zone Rallies as representative for District.
- Attended LWML MO District Convention in Lake Ozark, MO, June 7-10, 2018.
- Served as Hostess and transportation for LWML Meeting Planner Leslie Jaseph at 2018 Convention.
- Reviewed Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised + MO District Bylaws + MO District Standing Rules.
- Studied the Missouri District Leaders' Manual dated 8-15-01 prior to updating.
- Rewrote Parliamentarian's duties for the Leaders' Manual.
- Answered questions about Parliamentary Procedure from EC, BOD, and MO District members.
- Served as member on Structure Committee to review and advise on Zone Bylaws. Reviewed proposed Bylaws changes for LWML MO District.



Thank you for allowing me to be of service in this way, ladies. It is a pleasure to work with the women you have chosen as your leaders in LWML; they are dedicated, Christ-led individuals. It is true that they "Serve the Lord With Gladness."

Your LWML MO District Parliamentarian, Angela Gielow

Reports of Officers: Administrative Assistant

As administrative assistant I work for the president in whatever area that I can be of help to her and the members of our district. My duties have included:

- Attended Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings in Jefferson City.
- Prepared written reports of this office for board meetings.
- Arranged hotel accommodations, meals and LWML supply orders for board meetings.
- Contacted zone presidents and officers to assist with snacks and desserts for board meetings.
- Attended the LWML Convention in Mobile, AL.
- Arranged for accommodations and meals for dignitaries for this convention.
- Arranged delegate seating for this convention.
- Served in any capacity as requested to assist the president for this convention, including as her floor manager.



Joyfully,
Theresa Wehmeyer, Administrative Assistant to the President

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."
Ephesians 2:8-10

Report of Communications Editor

Report of Officers: Communication Webmaster



As Webmaster, this past biennium has kept me busy, especially because I currently serve as Webmaster for the Missouri, Montana and Florida-Georgia Districts. I worked to make all of the changes from the last District Convention and updated all of the information necessary. In 2017, one favorite thing I got to do was serve as one of two YWR's who attended the Albuquerque Convention through the Montana District where I was serving as a Called teacher. I was even able to take my son, Dakota, with me. My parents were serving Nationally for LWML at the time, so we found some time to spend with them, too.

Throughout this biennium, we accepted a Call for me to serve as the 5th grade teacher in Jacksonville, FL. It has been a busy time, but through it all, God has been before us. Most of my time as Webmaster is now spent updating and changing information as needed. It is a joy to continue to serve the women and men of the Missouri District LWML as Webmaster even though I'm many miles away.

Stephanie Edgar

Report of Officers: Organizational Resource Structure

Coordinated by Vice President of Organization Resources

The purpose of the Structure Committee is to provide a flexible yet viable tool for better function of the organization.



Activities during the 2018 – 2020 biennium:

- Reported to the District Board of Directors meetings and presented reports on zone and society bylaws with revision dates.
- Worked with the *Ad Hoc Committee to Update LWML Missouri District Convention Guidelines* and with LWML Structure Committee regarding proposed revisions to the district bylaws for the 2020 convention.
- Sent proposed changes to LWML Structure Chair – for committee review.
- Presented proposed revisions to the District Board of Directors: Convention - September 2019, and current practice and housekeeping - February 2020.
- Prepared a report and proposed revisions for this convention manual.
- Began updates to Missouri District Leaders Manual (2001) – working with officers, appointed officers, committee chairmen, counselors & zone presidents.
- Worked as a committee to assist zones in revising bylaws.
- Assisted some societies with revising bylaws.
- Have bylaws on file for 176 of 220 societies.

Elaine Froeschle (Chairman), Jean Stubbs, Pam Duncan, Angela Gielow, (Parliamentarian – ex officio member)

Report of Officers: Organizational Resource Leader Development

Purpose Statement: *The purpose statement of the Leader Development Committee is to support and encourage present and future leaders as they discover their unique God-given gifts and so participate in a meaningful and encouraging servant leadership role in LWML.*



Activities during the 2018-2020 biennium:

- Served as mentor for incoming LWML Missouri District President.
- Attended and prepared leader development materials and reports for Board of Directors meetings.
- Attended zone rallies as requested.
- Attended the LWML convention in Mobile, June 2019.
- Attended the LWML Assembly of Leaders (AOL) meeting, November 2018.
- Participated in AD-hoc meetings for Leaders Manual.
- Prepared and led LWML Missouri District AOL presentations.
- General activities of the office and special assignments were performed as requested.
- Daily prayer and devotion time, continuing to keep all LCMS women in prayer, all those touched by Jesus through LWML, all those in leadership positions, and those thinking about serving in the LWML

Christie Steffens, Chairman
Leader Development Committee

Report of Officers: Gospel Outreach Church Worker Study Grants

The purpose of the Church Workers Study Grants Committee is to encourage and assist men and women in becoming full time church workers.



Activities of the committee chairman during the 2018-2020 biennium:

- Received all materials and instructions from former Church Workers Study Grants Chairman.
- Chose and met with CWSG Committee Members.
- Prepared CWSG application and instructions for 2019-2020 academic year.
- Received approval of application and instructions from MO District President and Vice President of Gospel Outreach.
- Emailed 2019-2020 CWSG application and instructions to all Concordia seminaries and universities and all Lutheran High Schools in the MO District.
- Emailed/mailed 2019-2020 CWSG application and instructions to all churches in the MO District who do not have LWML societies.
- Emailed 2019-2020 CWSG application and instructions to all current 2018-2019 students.
- Emailed 2019-2020 CWSG application and instructions to Webmaster for posting on the website.
- Prepared budget for the 2019-2020 academic year. Funds available \$42,500.
- Received 11 Seminary student grant applications and 25 Church Worker grant applications for the 2019-2020 academic year.

Report of Officers: Gospel Outreach Church Worker Study Grants, continued

- Awarded 33 grants for the 2019-2020 academic year: 10 Seminary grants totaling \$15,000 and 23 Church Worker grants totaling \$26,000. One seminary student withdrew, one church worker application was not approved, and one church worker student declined the grant. One student withdrew for the spring semester.
- Met with committee to prayerfully review applications according to the students' information and financial needs.
- Met with MO District President, Vice President of Gospel Outreach and Senior Pastoral Counselor to make final selection of recipients.
- Sent letters to recipients and one student not approved.
- Received and filed letters and emails received from students, both accepted and declined.
- Prepared recipient list for web and board meetings.
- Sent letters to Concordia seminaries and universities with a list of recipients for the upcoming academic year.
- Prepared payment worksheets and payment letters for the MO District Treasurer to send payments.
- Exchanged emails and phone calls regarding the church workers study grants program.
- Updated CWSG essay book and created display for this MO District Convention.
- Prepared and emailed 2020-2021 CWSG application and instructions to all Concordia seminaries and universities and all Lutheran High Schools in the MO District.
- Emailed 2020-2021 CWSG application and instructions to all current 2019-2020 students.
- Attended MO District Conventions in 2018 and 2020 and all MO District Board meetings.
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It was rewarding to be able to provide funding for 33 students who are attending our Concordia Seminaries and Universities. Thank you to my committee members for giving their time and talents in helping with the Church Workers Study Grants.

Edie Turner

"It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for the work of service so that the body of Christ may be built up." Eph. 4:11-12

Committee Members: Joan Schlichter, Edie Turner, Chairman, Vicki Pettit

Report of Officers: Financial Secretary

Activities during the 2018-2020 Biennium:



- Recorded and deposited monthly all funds received from the zone treasurers in the Mission Education, Mission Fund, Operating Fund or Endowment Fund.
- Received, recorded and deposited memorials from societies and individuals and acknowledged with thank-you notes to available addresses.
- Recorded & deposited Quarterly contributions received then coordinated information with Doris Viets.
- Recorded convention deposits for 2020.
- Maintained e-mail, phone or written correspondence with zone treasurers as necessary.
- Submitted a monthly report on funds received from each zone and remitted a report to the LWML-MO District Treasurer Donna Lacey.
- Attended LWML-MO District Board of Directors' meetings.
- Prepared written reports of biennium giving and mission goal funds for LWML-MO District board meetings.

Wait for the Lord; be strong and courageous. Wait for the Lord. Psalm 27:14

Carol Riedel
Financial Secretary

Report of Officers: Mission Servants

The Purpose of the Mission Servants Committee is to sensitize women toward those who are hurting or in need and enable them to compassionately reach out with knowledgeable, Biblical and hands-on assistance and comfort.

Activities during the 2018-2020 biennium

- Appointed 2 committee members to help with ingathering events.
- Responded to various questions and information requests via emails and phone calls.
- Communicated with Lutheran World Relief for Fall Ingathering, and LWR drop off sites in Columbia, Jackson and Arnold.
- Coordinated with volunteers to help load truck for LWR.
- Communicated with Carol Cook about Stamps for Missions.
- Prepared reports for the LWML- Mo District Board meetings.
- Attended LWML- MO District Board Meetings and LWML Convention in Mobile, AL.
- Prepared and led LWML- MO District AOL presentations at St. John, Arnold and St. Matthew, Lee's Summit.
- Contacted Lutheran Family Children's Services, Ozarks Food Harvest and Harmony House about being recipients of ingathering items for 2020 Convention.
- Emailed description of Convention Ingathering recipients and requested items to Convention Committee.

Melanie Weibrecht

(Committee members: Mary Nahlik, Melanie Weibrecht, Kim Hogan not pictured Carol Cook)



Report of Officers: Convention Coordinator



Purpose: *The purpose of the Convention Site Coordinator is to serve as a liaison among the District, the convention site personnel and host zones. She evaluates facilities, services and personnel of potential convention sites and presents her findings to the President, Executive Committee and the Board of Directors, who will choose a convention site by vote.*

Since my appointment by President Sally in the fall of 2018, I have been active doing the following:

- Served as chairman of an Ad Hoc Committee appointed by President Sally doing the following:
 - Made recommendations for changes, as needed, that concern the District Convention in the LWML Missouri District Bylaws and Standing Rules, thanking my committee members, Karen Drury, Christie Steffens and Diane Knutson.
 - Made recommendations for changes, as needed, to anything that concern the District Convention in the LWML Missouri District Leader's Manual, thanking my committee members, Karen Drury and Christie Steffens.
 - Finalized recommended changes for LWML Missouri District Bylaws and Standing Rules and the Convention Guidelines for the Missouri District Leader's Manual, then submitted them to Elaine Froeschle, District Structure Chairman.
- Researched and made contacts with various venues for the 2022 LWML Missouri District Convention in St. Louis, to be hosted by the three St. Louis Zones and the Rolla Zone.
- Selected three possible convention sites and received walk-through tours of these sites.
- Presented to the District Executive Committee and Board of Directors the pros and cons of each of the three sites at the fall 2019 BOD meeting. Based on the vote taken at these meetings, the Sheraton Westport Lakeside Chalet in St. Louis was chosen.
- Made final arrangements and took another walk-through tour of the 2022 convention facilities with President, Sally at the Sheraton Westport Lakeside Chalet in St. Louis.
- Reviewed final contract for the LWML Missouri District Convention at Sheraton Westport Lakeside Chalet to be held on June 3-6, 2022. The contract was signed by President Sally and Nancy Masterson, the senior sales manager at the Sheraton Westport Lakeside Chalet.
- Stayed in touch with the Convention Committee for the 2020 Convention to be held in Springfield, Missouri on June 12-14, 2020. I attended several of their meetings.

Pat Petzoldt, Convention Site Coordinator

Nominating Committee:

L-R: Rosemary Thompson, Janet Latham, Mary Talbott, Teresa Backs, Chairman, Donna Hecht

