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Pittsburgh LWML Convention June 27-30, 2013

Newsletter of the Host Districts:

Atlantic, Eastern, English, New England, New Jersey and SELC

HOST COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN MAUREEN CONSIGLIO



COME ONE, COME ALL to participate in a chance of a lifetime where you can do something for God's kingdom! I would like to invite **YOU** ... LWML members, the women in the pew, spouses and family members to **COME TO PITTSBURGH, June 27-30, 2013!**

The first time that an LWML convention was held in Pittsburgh was June 26 and 27, 1961. That's 51 years ago. There were 2,050 in attendance at that convention. We are expecting almost double that in 2013. That's why we need at least 500 pair of helping "hands to work for Him, feet to go on His errands and lips to proclaim His redeeming love ... and our will to do His will". There is something for everyone to do at God's convention.

Please consider completing a Call for Workers form (found on page 7); send to Honey Pabst whose address is found on the form. Make sure to number in order of preference the area where you would like to work.

Workers at convention will receive a \$65 reduction on their registration in exchange for a commitment to work two four-hour shifts. You should NOT send in your registration form until you receive the special coupon that needs to be attached. Additional instructions will be coming soon.

While you wait for your assignment, remember to sit at Jesus' feet and listen to His voice. Seek the living water that only He can give and you will be "*Quenched! by the Water*".

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THEME



Scripture Verse

[Jesus said:] "...but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life" (John 4:14).

CONVENTION GOAL STATEMENT

Quenched by Christ's redeeming grace, I am empowered by the Holy Spirit to be a well-spring of the Father's love.

CONVENTION OBJECTIVES

Convention attendees will:

- Glorify the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
- Drink deeply from His Word
- Share His overflowing love

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COUNSELOR'S CORNER



WATER?

While pondering the theme of the convention, the following phrase came to mind, "Water water everywhere, nor any drop to drink" from Coleridge's "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner". There was a time

when you would not drink the water of the Hudson River neither would you swim nor eat anything out of it. The water had become so polluted that the use of it could bring about sickness and death. If that was the case for the rivers that traverse through Pittsburgh, I am not aware. The unfortunate reality is that many bodies of water were so polluted that they had become cisterns of sickness and death.

We live in a world that is filled with ideas, ideologies, philosophies and spirituality flowing from all directions beckoning a spiritually thirsty world to drink from their fountains of hope and tranquility. In truth, what they are offering will bring neither hope nor tranquility. They will never satisfy one's spiritual thirst. What the world is offering is polluted water that comes from cisterns of sickness and death. Jeremiah warns that the Lord has said, "My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns that cannot hold water." In our world that has been turned upside down by sin people look for answers and hope anywhere they might find it. They are like the ancient mariner, their life stranded in

place due to circumstances beyond their control. Day by day things seem to get worse and hopes for some wind that might change their lives grows dim. The difficulties in life have become albatrosses around their necks so that despair overwhelms them and they lose hope.

They should not give up for there is hope in the Lord! We can offer to them what Jesus offered to the woman at the well, 'Living Water' that will quench their thirst. As we share the Lord's Word with the people who cross our paths daily, or those whose paths we will cross in Pittsburgh, the promise of Christ is that, "the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." Jesus is our hope and salvation. The opportunities will present themselves to introduce many to our Lord. The hope is that as they come into a relationship with Him, they will find, as Isaiah proclaimed, that "with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation." May the Lord bless us as we prepare to host this convention that it might be our privilege and joy to hear the rush of that Pentecost wind in Pittsburgh and see Christ move and touch the lives of many. May we see individuals "with joy...draw water from the wells of salvation" that their thirst might be quenched.

Rev. David Demera
Host Committee Pastoral Counselor



A PRAYER FROM OUR PRAYER CHAIRMAN SHARON ROEGGE



Heavenly Father, You have given Your Word to us – to guide us, to give us peace, to show us Your love and how to show love to others. Let Your Holy Scripture be in our hearts and minds as we daily strive to achieve the work You have chosen for us to do. Give all of us perseverance to carry out Your plans. Thank You for the beautiful world You've created. Let us boldly remember to tell others who created this beauty. May others see our joy in working together being "Quenched! by the Water" that they too will join with us to bring You glory through Your convention. In our Savior's name we pray. Amen.



PRAYER REQUESTS—Any prayer requests for the convention can be emailed to Sharon Roegge at skroegge@pa.metrocast.net

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**Guest Services Coordinator
Deaconess Sylvia Johnson**

Who would have thought that six districts would be hosting a national LWML Convention? It was the dream of several of us, now serving on the Host Committee, who were District Presidents back in 2002. The idea took flight. The delegates at the Tampa Convention liked what they saw on the video specifically prepared by the Pittsburgh Convention Bureau, and here we are preparing for Pittsburgh in 2013. It is coming fast.

Your Guest Services Department consists of the following chairmen who will help to make your convention experience one you will always remember.

Child/Youth Care Chairman Jessica Sauer and her Directors are planning programs and activities for the various age groups. They are searching the Pittsburgh area for possible field trips for all ages and servant activities for the teens. Her committee is investigating local and state legal requirements and making certain all staff and workers have gone through background checks.

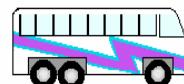


Food Services Committee Chairman Linda Bizzaro is knowledgeable of all food functions which have been arranged with the caterer by the Convention Manager. Linda will be coordinating special events in cooperation with the Convention Manager, and will be scheduling hostesses for the dining area and all food functions, making certain that all attendees' identification is checked for meal functions.



Packet Materials/Registration Committee Chairman Karen Bombria will be recruiting many workers to complete the packet assembling process, seeing that the packets are assembled with materials that have been approved by the national LWML Executive Committee. Karen will be making sure that there are adequate personnel for the registration process during all registration hours.

Transportation Committee Chairman Sarah Reinstadtler is working with the Convention Manager to provide shuttle transportation when needed and to coordinate the district charter buses. Sarah will be providing parking information for all modes of transportation, will schedule hostesses for all areas when transportation is used, and will arrange VIP drivers for special guests and presenters as directed by the Convention Manager. She will also oversee luggage storage at the convention site on Sunday morning.



Tours Committee Chairman Heather Juzwa has been hard at work with the Convention Manager in setting up quality pre-convention and post-convention tour opportunities. She has contacted area tour companies and arranged interviews with the companies and the Convention Manager. It is Heather's responsibility to obtain necessary personnel to assist tour participants, and to assemble local sightseeing information and make it available to convention attendees.



We thank the Lord for these talented women who have committed their time and talents for service to our Lord and His Convention. Please keep these ladies and their Directors in your prayers as we continue to plan for Pittsburgh 2013.

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CONVENTION TIDBITS



Did you know?... that our song leader this year, Dr. Dina Vendetti, was the song leader at the 2007 convention in Sioux Falls and again in 2009 in Portland?



Did you know?... that our Keynote Address will be delivered by Dr. LuJuanna Butts? Dr. Butts was on the cover of the 2008 fall issue of the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*. She wrote three devotions for the Mustard Seeds publication as well as one for *Splashes of Grace*, a Concordia Publishing House publication.



ALL positions on
the
Expanded Host
Committee Roster
have been filled!

...Thanks be to
God for giving us 88 volunteers
willing to serve on the Host Com-
mittee.

*Thank you to all who have
volunteered.*



HAVE YOU ORDERED YOUR
CONVENTION SHIRT
YET?

DON'T DELAY—ORDER TODAY.
THEY WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE
AT THE CONVENTION.
BUY YOURS NOW!

ORDER FORM AND DETAILS CAN BE FOUND ON PAGE 6.



HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT THE LWML WEBSITE?
WWW.LWML.ORG

There is a PowerPoint download, poster and
information downloads, nomination forms and all
the latest information.



HAVE YOU CHECKED YOUR DISTRICT WEBSITE?
It should be loaded with all you need to know.

WATCH FOR THE WINTER EDITION OF THE LUTHERAN WOMAN'S QUARTERLY.
It will have all the information you need, including the registration form.

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HAVE YOU VOLUNTEERED YET?

WE NEED MORE THAN 500 VOLUNTEERS!

WE NEED YOU!

There are so many ways you can help—making favors, centerpieces, sewing, stuffing folders, helping with registration, hostesses for many areas, ushers, leading servant activities, transportation, child care and so much more. There is something you are gifted to do. Please prayerfully consider joining your sisters as together we joyfully "Serve the Lord with Gladness."



The Call to Workers form can be found on page 7—fill one out today; don't delay; and encourage the women and men of your church to fill one out, too.

SHARE THE NEWS

- WITH YOUR DISTRICT
- WITH YOUR ZONES
- WITH YOUR SOCIETIES

So much to do....blood drive, golf outing, mission walk, servant activities and more!

Watch for more information in the Winter Issue of the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*.



HOST COMMITTEE ROSTER

Host Committee Chairman	Maureen Consiglio
LWML Convention Programming Committee Chairman	Linda Arnold
LWML Convention Manager	Marguerite Christman
LWML President	Kay Kreklau
LWML Audio Visual Director	Rev. Bill Engfehr
Host Committee Treasurer	Debra Banks

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Publicity Chairman	Ginny Wirsing
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Staff Services Chairman	Donna Gruel

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Activities Chairman	Gail Clayton
Decorations Chairman	Barbara Giger
Music Chairman	Arlene Price

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Facility Management Coordinator	Darlene Byrns
Properties Chairman	Jan Simmons
Ushers Chairman	Dorothy Weise
Worship Support Chairman	Cinda Souer

GUEST SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Guest Services Coordinator	Dcs. Sylvia Johnson
Child Care Chairman	Jessica Sauer
Food Services Chairman	Linda Bizzaro
Packets/Registration Chairman	Karen Bombria
Tours Chairman	Heather Juzwa
Transportation Chairman	Sarah Reinstadler

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Personnel Resources Coordinator	Honey Pabst
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Hospitality Chairman	Rev. David Demera
Special Dress Chairman	Diane Olmstead
District Presidents	Ruth Mueller
	Deb Graybosch (Atlantic)
	Rebecca Bessell (Eastern)
	Shirley Holle (English)
	Leslie Colligan (New England)
	Ginger Starrett (New Jersey)
	Laura Bergmann (SELC)

2013 Pittsburgh LWML Convention Shirt Order Form



Please print clearly as this information will be used for your mailing label.

One shirt per order form please. Reproduce as needed.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Women's Sizes (please circle one size on chart below)
(women's shirts are true to size)

XS	S	M	L	XL	XXL
4	6/8	10/12	14/16	18/20	22/24

Unisex (Men's) Sizes (please circle one size on chart below)
(men's shirts are larger and longer)

XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
30/32	34/36	38/40	42/44	46/48	50/52	54/55

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

**NOTE: If you wish to have several shirts mailed to one address,
include all orders and checks in one envelope**

**Shirts are short-sleeved
embroidered white 3 button 65/35
poly/cotton pique polo style**

PRICES:

XS, S, M, L, XL	\$23.00
XXL	\$24.00
2XL	\$24.00
3XL	\$26.00

Make checks payable to:

Pittsburgh LWML Convention 2013

Send order form and payment to:

**Connie Johnson
568 Lake Street South
Forest Lake, MN 55025**

Questions: connielwml@gmail.com

Mail order (postmarked) deadline date:

May 15, 2013

Pick-up at Convention (postmarked) deadline date:

June 1, 2013

No shirts will be sold at the Convention

No exchanges or refunds

Thank you for your convention shirt order.

The Host Committee 2013
(Atlantic, Eastern, English, New England,
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Quenched! by the Water

Hosted by the Atlantic, Eastern, English, New England, New Jersey and SELC Districts

CALL FOR WORKERS

2013 PITTSBURGH LWML CONVENTION

June 27-30, 2013 – Pittsburgh, PA

Name _____ Home phone _____

Address _____ Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____ Cell # _____

District _____ Zone _____

Church _____ City _____ State _____

PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO HELP!

The members of the Northeast Coalition are hosting the 2013 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

WE WILL NEED THE ASSISTANCE OF HUNDREDS OF WILLING WORKERS (including men!).

It will not be necessary for you to attend any meetings in Pittsburgh prior to the convention.

Please complete this form and indicate how you would like to serve.

I would like to help with preparations **before the convention** - favors, centerpieces, sewing, calligraphy, flower arranging, etc. (circle areas of expertise). Other _____

Before the convention I would like to:

assemble packet materials assist the Properties Committee assist during registration

I would like to serve as a volunteer worker **during the convention**. My physical abilities are:

I must remain seated I am able to stand for long periods I am able to do a lot of walking

Workers are needed in the general categories listed below, to work in four-hour shifts. Those who volunteer to work eight (8) hours or more at convention are eligible for a reduced registration fee. Please check your area of interest by preference: 1, 2, 3, etc. **Someone will contact you by April 15, 2013 with further details.**

Hostess (assist in a variety of ways – information/directions, greeting, lost & found, special needs, etc.)

Usher (distribute handouts, gather offerings, direct people to seats)

Page (Youth to deliver messages, run errands - must be 14-17 years old)

Activities (servant activities, pledge walk, etc.)

Transportation (greet at the airport, transport special guests to/from airport, hotel hostess or charter bus)

Child/Youth Care (assist with program)

Food Services (hostesses and assist committee)

I am able to handle heavy physical work (lifting, moving, securing props, running errands, etc.)

I am willing to serve in any area

I am willing to work more than eight hours if needed

In addition, I will pray for the convention, the speakers and those serving on the Host Committee.

Please return completed form, by January 15, 2013, to:
Personnel Resources Department Coordinator
Honey Pabst
386 Grundy Avenue
Holbrook, NY 11741
(631) 589-8353
hunny.pabst@yahoo.com

Signature: _____

Please duplicate this form and share it with other members of your congregation.

Thank you.

Thank you for your willingness to serve to God's glory in this capacity.