

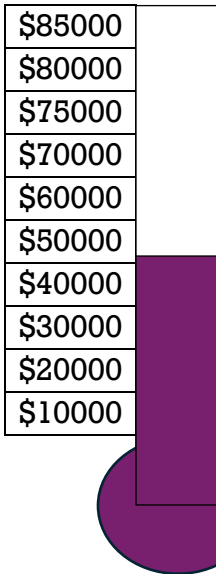


We hope you are enjoying these issues of "Pass It On" -- a tool that you can use to share the latest, most up-to-date information on what is happening in the **Lutheran Women Missionary League-New England District (LWML-NED)** * and nationally. For more news and information, visit www.lwml-ned.org

PASS IT ON

MAY 2025

LWML-NED Mission Goal for 2024-2026 is \$85,000



2024-2026 LWML-NED MISSION GRANTS

Mission Goal \$85,000 allocated as follows:

\$55,250 for LWML-NED Mission Projects.

\$21,250 for national LWML Mission Projects; and \$8,500 for Lutheran Women's Missionary League-New England District Administration

Total Mite money thru, April 30, 2025, is \$42,932.62 and is 51% of Goal.



Please **save and remit** your **Mite** donations payable to **LWML-NED**

Our Mission Grants enable us to share the love of Christ locally, nationally, and internationally.

SEND MITES TO: Barbara Lis, Treasurer
LWML-New England District
P.O. Box 932
Niantic, CT 06357



God bless you as you serve Him with gladness throughout the new year!

This is the Grant we are currently working on:

7a	Ministry/Early Childhood, Immanuel, Bristol, CT (\$1,791.20 to-date)	\$ 5,000
----	---	----------

We have completed 6a and 6b from our Mission Grant list.

PLEASE KEEP OUR MITE RECIPIENTS IN YOUR PRAYERS AS YOU FEED YOUR MITE BOX.

*The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is an official auxiliary of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod (LCMS). The LWML-New England District (LWML-NED) is a part of the National LWML. Since 1942, the LWML has been encouraging women to use their God-given gifts to serve the Lord with gladness and to support global missions.

NOTE: TO PRINT PIO WITHOUT COLOR, SELECT "GREYSCALE" WHEN YOU PRINT.

PIO – MAY 2025 THE MONTH OF MAY



What does the month of May make you think of? First and foremost – May Day. Do you remember as an elementary child, the fun of the May Day party. The pretty summer dresses for little girls, boys in shorts and baseball caps, and the delight of dancing around the May Pole.

As the month continued, the May flowers began to blossom. All the glorious colors and fragrances grabbed our attention. Then the month came to an end as we all planned for the “Decoration Day Parade”. The proud veterans marched; the boy and girls scouts led the flag ceremony at the town green - behind all the fire trucks, the school bands, the organizational floats, and the many marchers where all the children on their bicycles decorated to the hilt. Fond memories.

But the month of May also reminds us that the end of the school year is just around the corner. The carefree days of summer will soon be here. Some of our structured living may go out the window and a more relaxed lifestyle might arrive. It is all well and good but let us not forget our commitment to the Lord. He doesn't take summers off! We must remember to continue our work for His kingdom, our personal bible studies, our attendance at church and our donations for His missions. While it is wonderful to enjoy the nice weather, picnics, bike rides, trail hikes, etc. - do not forget to serve the Lord.

Hebrews 9:14 “.....so that we may serve the Living God.”

May we always commit to serve our Savior

All the jobs come in many a flavor

You can work in the harvest fields or teach

Do labor, medical work, missions or preach

All God wants is a devoted flock

Your work results in a devil who's blocked.

While our works won't buy us eternity

God will truly look down and smile on thee.

Yours in Christian Fellowship, *June*

Dr. June Rae Merwin
President, LWML NED



LWML District 2024-2026 Mission Grant #6b



7a Ministry of Early Childhood – Immanuel Lutheran School, Bristol, CT

\$5,000



The mission of our toddler and infant program is to provide a loving environment of academic excellence for children while developing in them and their families a lasting relationship with Jesus Christ. We want our programs to be furnished with the necessary equipment and educational materials needed to provide a safe and quality learning program for our community, as we share the love of Jesus. Funds will be used to purchase the equipment and educational materials required

Lord Jesus, all praise to you as we work toward our Mission Goals. Amen.

LWML National 2023-2025* Mission Grant #22

Expanding Gospel Outreach to Hispanics in U.S.

Lutheran Hour Ministries — \$100,000



The Sentido Latino weekly podcast is hosted by Rev. Luciano Vega-Ayala and Deaconess Noemi Guerra. The program addresses issues and values that directly impact U.S. Hispanics' family, spiritual, and community life.

About This Mission Grant

Hispanics have become the second largest ethnic population in the United States and Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) realizes that there are many opportunities to reach out with the Gospel using Christian resources that are available through media and outreach technology.

LHM is not simply translating English materials into Spanish, they are crafting programming, media content, and written materials for Hispanics by Hispanics. These are applicable to daily life in the American culture and help to spread the Gospel. Working with LCMS ministry leaders, churches, districts, universities, and seminaries, LHM has been able to reach out to more of the Hispanic

population.

This grant will share God's message of salvation with the Hispanic people through technology in their own language, which will help strengthen their faith and encourage them to seek to learn more about Jesus.

***ALL 2023–2025 National Mission Grants are PAID IN FULL**



IT'S THE 41ST BIENNIAL CONVENTION Omaha, Nebraska June 26-29, 2025

Read all about it at: <https://www.lwml.org/convention>

A Prayer for those preparing for Convention: God, our Father and Creator, open our hearts to receive Your grace. Cultivate the spiritual soil of faith and productivity in us. Grow in us a strong commitment to living a life that glorifies You. Bless this convention and all who gather here to grow in Your grace. In Jesus' holy name we pray. Amen.

Gifts From the Heart

Shopping for Gifts from the Heart (GFTH) via **Amazon Wish Lists!**



These **links will be live through the week of the convention** in Omaha. Shopping through Amazon allows our recipients to have continuous restocking of their top items all the way through convention. As items are filled, new items could be added. Use the Amazon links to review all the items needed for our **three selected GFTH recipients** for Omaha. Get creative! Set up shopping times during your group meetings.

The Gospel Outreach Committee will also **accept VISA gift cards** at the convention. Please make sure to write the dollar (\$) amount on the outside of each card. These will be dropped off at the GFTH collection location at the convention.

Go to AMAZON WISH LIST and check it out!

CONVENTION OFFERINGS

Convention Offering #1 LWML Mission Goal 2025–2027

The Standing Rules of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League state: The offering received at the convention Communion Service shall be designated as a contribution to the mission goal of LWML.

Convention Offering #2 Camp Linn Haven/Mountainside Lutheran Church, Newland, NC

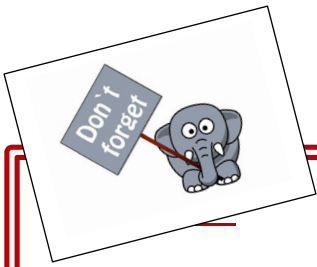
Support Camp Linn Haven/Mountainside Lutheran Church and provide funds to help them with repairs to recover from the catastrophic damage inflicted by Hurricane Helene. Camp infrastructure damage estimated at over \$2 million.

Convention Offering #3 Grace Point Institute for Relational Help, Lincoln, Omaha and Columbus, Nebraska

Support Grace Point Institute for Relational Help to provide pastoral care and counseling for pastors and church workers.

Convention Offering #4 Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT), Oklahoma District

Support Lutheran Early Response Team, Oklahoma District in their disaster relief efforts throughout Oklahoma and the nation by funding the purchase of large equipment for debris removal to reduce the manual work of the volunteers.



TO ALL LWML-NED SOCIETIES/MEMBERS

We received and distributed to the Zones the **PROPOSED 2025-2027 MISSION GRANT LIST**. The list assigns a number to each Grant; the amount of the Grant; and an accompanying explanation.

ALL members should review the list and identify the Grant(s) they would like to see adopted. They should **communicate their choice(s)** to the Delegate representing their society **before Convention (June 25th)**.

Your Zone Delegates:

Eastern – Christina Anop;

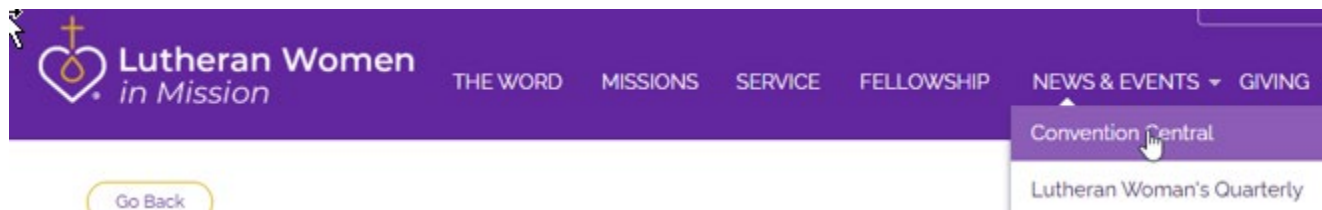
Koinonia – Sharon Dever;

Mid-Valley – MaryAnne Hansen;

Mt. Laurel – Janine Fagan; and Northern – Kathy Schnitger

Delegates should consider the suggestions from their members when prayerfully putting together the list of Grants they will be voting for.

To view proposed documents (Proposed Mission Grants; Proposed By-Law changes; and, Candidates for office go to LWML.org website and select News&Events, Convention Central



Scan the list of topics to find the needed documents to open and read through.

All of us should keep in mind the work to be done at convention by our delegate(s) and pray that God will guide them through each day.

REAL ID (Travel - Convention)

IMPORTANT

As you plan to travel by plane to the Lutheran Women in Mission Convention in Omaha, Nebraska, this June, we want to help ensure your travel goes smoothly! **Starting May 7**, the U.S. Transportation Administration (TSA) will require all travelers to present either a REAL-ID compliant U.S. driver's license or a valid passport to board their flight.

OUR NED ZONE **SPRING** RALLY'S

SATURDAY, APRIL 26TH



Spring Rally
April 26, 2025
Messiah Lutheran Church, Fitchburg, MA.



Showing off our Shirt and
Sweater fashions are –
Lois Moyo, Ruth Scheumann,
and Dr. June Merwin



LOOK at all the purple shirts! Looks
like everybody came prepared.
And this is only ½ the room!



Our First Timers

MORE CONVENTION INFORMATION:

HELP NEEDED: People coming from New England, would anyone like to help man the *Gospel Outreach* booth. There would always be a committee member present and a "cheat sheet". We would like to know when they could help. **Contact:** [Lynn Batchelder \(Lynnbatchelder1997@gmail.com\)](mailto:Lynnbatchelder1997@gmail.com)
The Exhibit Hall will be open: Thursday 9 AM - 6 PM Friday 10:30-1:45 Sat 12-2

VIEWING CONVENTION ONLINE will be available the week of convention at Convention Central (<https://www.lwml.org/convention>). There is **nothing to link to yet** 🙏 There will be instructions to assist those viewing online. eNews will provide announcements.

Dear New England District LWMLers:

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the ladies who serve the LWML-NED zones. We have new officers in three of our zones.

Welcome aboard!

- Mid-Valley: Linda Slozak (President), Sue Lastowski (Treasurer), Jan Krampitz (Recording Secretary).
- Mt Laurel: Janine Fagan (President).
- Northern: Lois Moyo (President) and Jo Schiebel (Secretary).
- We thank Sue Dow (President of Koinonia) and Leslie Colligan (President of Eastern) for their continued service.
- We thank Vickie Bohn for her years as Mid-Valley President and Ruth Scheumann, Jennifer Gierke and Lynn Batchelder for their guidance to the Northern zone after the unexpected loss of Peggy Wang.

Thank you all for your service to the Lord and to LWML New England District.

Yours in Christian Fellowship, *June*

Dr. June Rae Merwin
President, LWML NED



LWML-NED CALENDER OF EVENTS

Date	Location	Function	Other Info
May 4, 2025 Registration 2:00 to 2:30 PM Program: 2:30PM	Immanuel, Danbury	Koinonia Spring Rally Theme: Women's Contributions to Lutheran Service Book Speaker: Rev. Greg Wismar	For Information contact: Sue Dow suepdow@aol.com Using Lutheran Service Builder for the music accompaniment, a brief presentation on how it works, what is included, and how to obtain it through Synod.
JUN/26-30/2025 <i>It's time to plan your days at Convention!</i>	Omaha, Nebraska	41st Biennial LWML Convention "Growing in God's Grace," <i>But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. (2 Peter 3:18)</i>	Hosting Districts – LWML Nebraska North & LWML Nebraska South Go to: LWML.org – News & Events – Convention Central for up-to-the- minute NEWS
Nov 7-8, 2025 Friday PM/ Saturday till 3 PM	Hilton-Garden Inn Worcester, MA	LWML-NED Retreat Speaker: Rev. Dien Taylor	For Information contact: Christina Anop jmansgram@aol.com
April 17-18, 2026 Friday PM/ Saturday till 3 PM	Spring-Hill Suites, Devens, MA	LWML-NED District Convention "Known by God" (Psalm 139:13-14)	