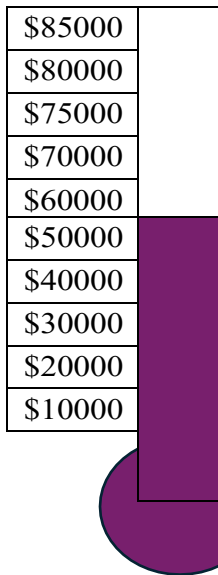




We hope you are enjoying these issues of "Pass It On" -- a tool that you can use to share the latest, most up-to-date information on what is happening in the **Lutheran Women Missionary League-New England District (LWML-NED)** \* and nationally. For more news and information, visit [www.lwml-ned.org](http://www.lwml-ned.org)

**PASS IT ON**  
**AUGUST 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, **July 31, 2025**, is **\$51,780.17**  
and is **61%** of Goal.



**WE ARE MAKING OUR WAY  
TOWARD OUR GOAL.**



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

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

This is the Grant we are currently working on:

7b	<b>PEER FELLOWS PILOT PROGRAM – First Lutheran Church of Boston (\$2,542.11 to-date)</b>	\$ 5,000
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**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.

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PIO August 2025 Omaha



How can you not get goosebumps all over when you listen to ~4000 ladies singing the 'Doxology'? That's what it was like at the opening service at the LWML National Convention. The inspiration that poured forth that night was undeniable. After a motivating sermon and beautiful music, we all partook of The Lord's Supper. The perfect way to start the convention. Over the next three days, we had thought-provoking bible studies, stories from the mission field (recipients of LWML Grants), reports from the National LWML Board of Directors, by-law updates, and comic relief. We also heard about the 2025-2027 biennium grants to be funded; and voted for new national officers. Besides the large gatherings we had time to network, meet old friends, make new ones and visit the many vendors and booths in the exhibition hall. Another exciting time was the individual district caucus. We 'pinned' our Young Women's Representative and had a group picture taken (see above). I would encourage everyone, if you are willing and able, to attend the next national convention to be held in June 2027 in Oklahoma City. However, if you are not so inclined to hop on a plane, be sure to join us at our New England District convention next April (see information in the summer fall issue of the NED Beacon magazine - coming out soon). It is smaller, less expensive, and shorter in length BUT just as exciting, stimulating and inspiring.

As we learned in Omaha – Grow in Grace!

2 Peter 3:18: But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever. Amen.

**O**maha Convention was a marvelous thing

**M**any ladies in purple who did pray and sing

**A**nd we learn about the grants we gave

**H**ow they worked God's gift as many were saved

**A**mazing, fantastic, what more can we say ----- oh I know-----

Remember God always points the way

Yours in Christian Fellowship, **June**

Dr. June Rae Merwin,  
President, LWML NED



## LWML District 2024-2026 Mission Grant #7b

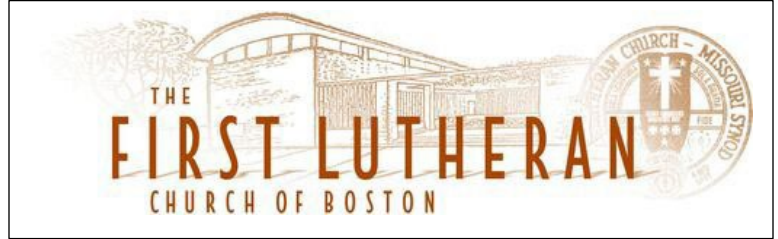


### 7b PEER FELLOWS PILOT PROGRAM – First Lutheran Church of Boston

\$5,000

The goal of the *peer fellows* is to meet students where they are, on campuses, and have a dependable presence on campuses to bring the Gospel to those who would not otherwise hear it. They will foster relationships with students through the Word and be able to

encourage further teaching or attendance at Divine Services. They will be trained and disciplined by First Lutheran Church's (FLC) director of young adult ministry and encouraged for ongoing ministry and leadership within the church. Funds will be used for the Peer Fellows stipends of \$300/month. Once the program has proved effective, a donor will support the program.



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

## LWML National 2025-2027 Mission Grant #1

### Regional Disaster Response LERT Shower Trailers — LCMS Office of National Mission, Disaster Response Ministry, U.S. **\$81,500**



Lutheran Early Response Team training events and resources are available for congregations and members of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) to serve their neighbors in times of need following a disaster.

Lutheran Early Response Teams (LERT) serve thousands of individuals and families who are suffering from loss in the wake of disasters like hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, fires, and tornadoes. When deployed, LERT teams traditionally use congregations in the disaster areas as their base camps. The host congregations provide a place for the LERT teams to sleep, eat, rest, recover, and receive spiritual care during their time of service. Host congregations are incredible to work with as the teams help them rebuild their communities and share the life-changing message of the Gospel. One challenge for team members has been the lack of showers and laundry facilities at a

host church. LERT members have showered at national gym chains, in members' homes, in personal campers, or even under cold garden hoses. This grant will fund half the cost of two combination bathroom/shower/laundry trailers to be used during disaster response work.





# THE 41<sup>ST</sup> BIENNIAL CONVENTION

## Omaha, Nebraska

### June 26-29, 2025

## *41<sup>st</sup> Biennial Convention Highlights*

**Mission Goal for 2023–2025 Biennium: \$2,350,000.00**

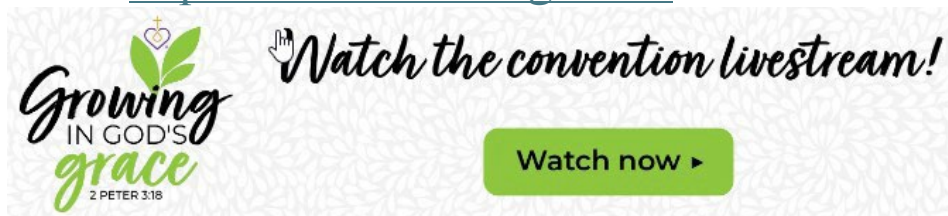
**Amount Received: \$2,742,337.04**

**New 2025-2027 Biennium Mission Goal: \$2,622,270.00**



## **33 New Mission Grants!**

You can **recap the Convention** and **play** each day by going on-line to <https://www.lwml.org/home> and **select**



**We invite you** to watch the convention, share what you learned and enjoy the many special activities associated with the Convention.

## CONVENTION (Continued)

Looking at this picture you can almost “feel” this working day at convention. There was nothing like seeing a room of almost 4,000 Lutheran women singing together, enjoying, and connecting. The 2025 Lutheran Women in Mission Convention, gracious hearts united to support four



vital offerings. The **first** offering raised \$61,056.85 for the 2025-2027 LWML Mission Goal, supporting mission grants that further the spread of the Gospel and service around the world. The **second** offering collected \$45,934.92 to aid Camp Linn Haven and Mountainside Lutheran Church in Newland, North Carolina, as they recover from over \$2 million in damage caused by Hurricane Helene. The **third** offering provided \$35,251.15 to the Grace Point Institute for Relational Help, supporting pastoral care and counseling services for church workers across Nebraska. The **fourth**

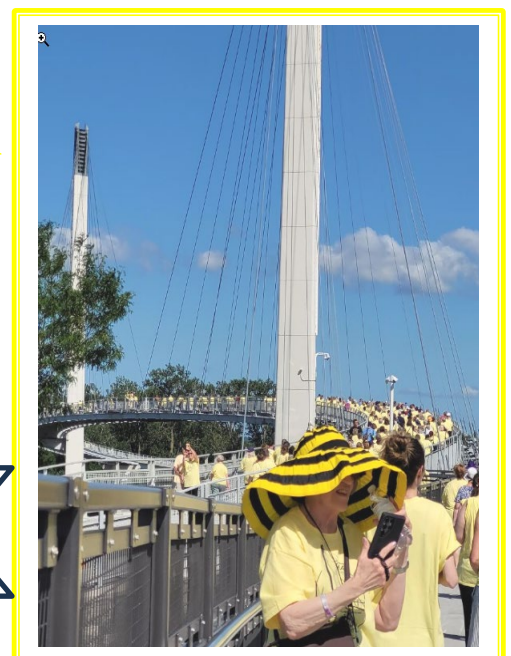
offering garnered \$36,866.88 for the Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) in the Oklahoma District, helping fund essential equipment for disaster relief and debris removal.



1697 walkers  
Bi State walk  
Nebraska to Iowa

Bridge on  
Saturday night lit up  
in purple for LWML

WELCOME  
LWML



# Lutheran Womens Missionary League New England District

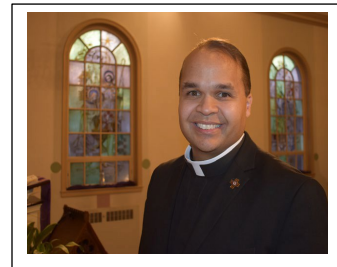


 **FALL** RETREAT 2025  November 7-8, 2025

**Theme: Praying and Serving in Hope**

**Speaker: The Most Rev. Dr. Dien Ashley Taylor**

*The Most Rev. Dr. Dien Ashley Taylor is the Bishop and President of the LCMS Atlantic District, Pastor of Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church in The Bronx, New York, and the LCMS President's Voting Representative on the Board for National Mission.*



**Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**

Linda Arbesman from Orphan Grain Train (OGT) in Terryville, CT will speak to us on OGT's work in Ct and around the world.

**COME, JOIN US!**

**Hilton-Garden Inn**

35 Major Taylor Boulevard,  
Worcester, Massachusetts, 01608, USA

Retreat Registration is \$65.00 per registrant (\$60 for first timers). Includes Saturday lunch.

- Friday dinner/Saturday breakfast are on your own. Program begins at 7:00 PM.
- Registration Forms should be completed and accompany your Registration Fee.
- Registration starts at 4:00 PM on Friday/7:30 AM on Saturday.

## Retreat Hotel Information:

- ROOM RESERVATIONS SHOULD BE MADE **ASAP**. **Hotel** desk phone number is **508-753-5700** ask for Kaitlyn. You **MUST** tell *Registration* you are using **Corporate Code 987005** to get the **LWML room rate**. **Check and save** your **confirmed** registration to **ensure you got the rate!**  
**NOTE: if the Confirmation check is not done, you could be subject to full room rate-\$319.00.**
- Hotel rooms are \$152.00 plus tax.
- Hotel parking will be \$15.00, charged on your hotel bill.
- On *Saturday only* parking will be \$10.00, pay at hotel desk as you enter.
- Check-in time Friday any time after Noon.
- Check-out time is 11:00 am.

**GIFTS FROM THE HEART** – Our 4 LCMS-NED Lutheran Schools - see your Registration Form on Page 10 for more information.



## LWML-NED CALENDER OF EVENTS

Date	Location	Function	Other Info
Sept 6, 2025 10:00 AM–2:00 PM	St. Johns Lutheran Church, Holyoke, MA	<b>LWML-NED</b> <b>District Board Meeting</b>	For information contact: June Merwin <a href="mailto:June.Merwin@gmail.com">June.Merwin@gmail.com</a>
Nov 7-8, 2025 Friday PM/ Saturday until 3 PM	Hilton-Garden Inn Worcester, MA	<b>LWML-NED Retreat</b> <b>Speaker: Rev. Dien Taylor</b>	For Information contact: Christina Anop <a href="mailto:jmansgram@aol.com">jmansgram@aol.com</a>
April 17-18, 2026 Friday PM/ Saturday until 3 PM	Spring-Hill Suites, Devens, MA	<b>LWML-NED District Convention</b> <b>"Known by God"</b> (Psalm 139:13-14)	



## Looking Ahead

## National Youth Gathering Recap

### The Future is Bright



The National Youth Gathering in New Orleans was a tremendous event, bringing together around 25,000 young men and women from across the country. The excitement was palpable as the gathering filled the 3-million-square-foot convention center and later packed the Superdome for evening worship and live music. It was an inspiring opportunity to share **the mission of Lutheran Women in Mission** with the next generation, as thousands of people visited our booth.

One of the most impactful moments came when each young person learned about the meaning behind the **MITE BOXES** at their church. Their faces lit up upon realizing that we are the organization behind them and the impact they have across the world. Many were eager to learn how to start their own group and were amazed by the mission grants Lutheran Women in Mission plans to fund in this biennium. We are grateful to all the women who left such a positive impression back home for these children and teens. After this **new generation graduates** from high school and college, many of them will become **future YWRs** and **active supporters** of **Lutheran Women in Mission**.

### "A NOTE FROM YOUR TREASURER.

Dear friends, I am blessed to be a witness to your consistent generosity of Mite Donations. Speaking for our past and future Mission Grant recipients -- Thank you!!

We are 16 months into our current biennium with only 8 months remaining. We are slightly behind budget, but I'm not worried or anxious because we know *God's Got This!*

Barbara Lis, Treasurer

**NEEDED** →  
Themed Gift Baskets  
for **CRAFT TABLE**  
at  
LWML FALL RETREAT  
NOV 7-8th Worcester



proceeds go to **MITES**

REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR **CRAFTS; BAKED GOODS;** and  
**Canned (jellies, pickles, etc.) Goods!**



# Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday 2025

Traditionally celebrated the first Sunday in October, Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday can be celebrated any time.

This year's theme begins a four-year cycle focusing on the LWML Mission Statement — As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others. For Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday 2025 we focus on Proclaiming Christ.

Everything we do as Lutheran Women in Mission begins with Christ's message of repentance and forgiveness. The Ascension text of "GO" (Luke 24:44–53) is the mission emphasis for Lutheran Women in

Mission Sunday 2025. On Ascension Day, Jesus gave his followers an assignment "that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations." We, as the church of the Lord Jesus Christ, have a responsibility to proclaim the message of Christ, to be that body which proclaims repentance and forgiveness, showing forth the merciful Christ in what we do and say. As Lutheran Women in Mission we continue to support, encourage and uplift missionaries, and also provide physical support and compassion to all people. It is the proclamation of repentance and forgiveness of sins in Jesus' name that motivates us to do this work. All Glory be to Jesus!

**2025 Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday downloadable materials, authored by Rev. Mark Maas, are available below.**

All worship and devotional materials have received approval from LCMS Doctrinal Review.

Materials can be found on <https://www.lwml.org/lwml-sunday>



**LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE - NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT**  
**2025 FALL RETREAT REGISTRATION**  
**NOVEMBER 7/8, 2025**  
**HILTON GARDEN INN, WORCESTER, MA**

**SPEAKER: THE MOST REV. DR. DION ASHLEY TAYLOR**  
**THEME: PRAYING AND SERVING IN HOPE**

Send CHECK (payable to LWML-NED) - Registration Form to: Patricia Heather, 606 Waverly Road, Middleboro, MA 02346 email: [patheather47@gmail.com](mailto:patheather47@gmail.com) Cell phone: 781-690-4150

REGISTRATION FEE: **\$65** FIRST TIME ATTENDEES: **\$60** REGISTRATION STARTS AT 4:00 PM FRI./ 7:30 AM SAT.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zone \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_

LWML Zone: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday - Pavilion Lunch Bar: Chef Special Pasta Salad; Wraps & Pitas: Turkey Club w/Cranberry Mayo; Albacore Tuna; Tuscan Antipasto.**  
**Includes: Iced Tea, Lemonade, Premium Coffee, & Seasonal Selected Desserts.**  
**Included in registration.**

**If you have food allergies/health issues, please inform Patricia Heather at registration desk.**

Your Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Make Hotel Reservations by calling 508-753-5700 – MUST GIVE EXECUTIVE CODE: 9870005 – YOU ARE WITH LWML RETREAT, *CODE IS FOR ROOM DISCOUNT* PRICE OF \$152.00. **BOOK ASAP AS ROOMS GO QUICKLY** NOTE: ASK FOR KAITLYN IF YOU HAVE TROUBLE BOOKING AT HOTEL DESK. OTHER HOTELS NEAR OUR CONVENTION HOTEL: AC HOTEL BY MARRIOTT, WORCESTER; HAMPTON INN & SUITES, WORCESTER; COURTYARD WORCESTER.

**FRIDAY OVER NIGHT PARKING IS \$15.00 WHICH WILL BE CHARGED TO YOUR HOTEL BILL.**  
**ONE DAY SATURDAY PARKING IS \$10.00 – YOU WILL PAY AT THE HOTEL DESK AS YOU ENTER.**  
**PARKING GARAGE IS ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE HOTEL!**

**GIFTS FROM THE HEART:** Please support our four LCMS-NED Lutheran Schools. Bring any of these items with you to the retreat: Gift cards to Walmart/Staples, boxes of tissues, sanitizing wipes, poster board, poster paint, packages of construction paper, colored highlighters, colored pencils, and crayons Please

**NOTE: FRIDAY NIGHT SUPPER AND SATURDAY BREAKFAST ARE ON YOUR OWN!**

**CHECK HERE IF YOU ARE A FIRST TIME ATTENTEE: \_\_\_\_\_**