



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)

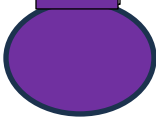
**PASS IT ON**  
**NOVEMBER 2025**

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



## 2024-2026 LWML-NED MISSION GRANTS

\$85,000	
\$80,000	Mission Goal \$85,000 allocated as follows:
\$75,000	\$55,250 for LWML-NED Mission Projects.
\$70,000	\$21,250 for national LWML Mission Projects; and
\$60,000	8,500 for Lutheran Women's Missionary League-New England
\$50,000	District Administration
\$40,000	
\$30,000	Total <b>Mite</b> money through <b>October 31, 2025</b> , is <b>\$57,690.66</b>
\$20,000	and is <b>68%</b> of Goal.
\$10,000	



**God bless  
you as you  
serve Him  
with  
gladness!**

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:

8a	<b>Lutheran Books for Southeast Asia Lutheran Heritage Foundation</b>	\$2,500
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**PLEASE KEEP OUR MITE RECIPIENTS IN YOUR PRAYERS AS YOU FEED YOUR MITE BOX.**

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PASS IT ON NOVEMBER 2025 SHOPPING LIST

Here we are. Two weeks before Thanksgiving and a zillion things to do before everyone arrives. Granny & Grandpa; Mom & Dad; the boys from college; Aunt Mable; Cousin Bruce; sister & her family and the three dogs! One by one I check off the activities and finally it is down to my last item (The Shopping List) to be completed by the Wednesday before Turkey Day. Hurray, we always manage to get it all done.

While writing out my November list, I started thinking about what kind of a list a Christian might have. You might write down: keep the Ten Commandments; pray daily; love our neighbors; teach Sunday School; become active in LWML!!!! BUT I am certain you are thinking the same thing as I am. This is all very nice but none of it will gain us salvation. That is received by grace alone. Christ smiles when we work for His church. He is happy when we serve Him. However, God loves us regardless of what we do or do not do. Our list can have just one item on it.

My 2025 SHOPPING LIST: Item #1: Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ!

**S**erve the Lord with gladness  
**H**elp eliminate the sadness  
**O**ffer to clean the parish hall  
**P**ut away the book, the toys & ball  
**P**lant the garden, cut the grass  
**I**nvolve yourself in every task  
**N**o really, this all helps the church for sure  
**G**iving of yourself, intensions are pure. BUT  
**L**et's think – what does God really say  
**I**t's easy – simply take every day  
**S**ay “God, I believe, forgive my sins”  
**T**hat's all it is, and everyone wins!

Yours in Christian Fellowship, **June**

Dr. June Rae Merwin,  
 President, LWML NED



## LWML District 2024-2026 Mission Grant #8a



### 8a Lutheran Books for Southeast Asia Lutheran Heritage Foundation

\$2,500

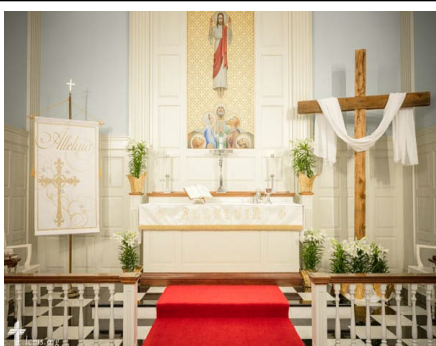
In the Buddhist stronghold of Southeast Asia, introducing the Christian faith is a difficult task, due to pressure from family and even persecution. However, LHF translators have found that younger people are more open to learning about Christianity. As seeds of the Gospel take root throughout SE Asia and among US immigrants, new needs have arisen for the books of the Lutheran Faith in the people's own heart languages. With LWML help, LHF stands ready to answer this call. For only \$5/book, 500 books can be provided through our grant of \$2,500.

**\*\*Retreat News\* \*** From the contributions received at retreat we were able to pay Grant 7c...thus enabling us to distribute Grant 7a/Ministry-Early childhood, Immanuel Lutheran, Bristol, CT; Grant 7b/FLC Peers Fellows Pilot, First Lutheran, Boston, MA; and Grant 7c/Elaine's Lift, Christ Lutheran, Amston, CT

***PRAISE AND THANKS TO OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST.***

## LWML National 2025-2027 Mission Grant #4

### The Perpetual Call for Pastors and Teachers LCMS Office of Pastoral Education, U.S. \$100,000



The heart of *Set Apart To Serve* (SAS) is the formation of church workers to ensure that LCMS continues to proclaim and teach the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our congregations and communities until Christ returns. Pastors and professional church workers are indispensable to accomplishing each of the Synod's seven mission priorities.

#### About This Mission Grant

*Set Apart to Serve* is a Synod-wide program focused on forming and recruiting full-time pastors and church workers. Supplying the church with church workers is one of the highest priorities of the LCMS, since pastors and commissioned church workers preach and teach the Word of Christ through which the Holy Spirit creates and sustains faith. The demand for more pastors, Lutheran school teachers, and commissioned church workers is urgent.

*Set Apart to Serve* is providing resources to encourage intentional conversations with youth to pursue a church work vocation. This is leading to increased enrollment in the church worker formation programs at the LCMS Concordia universities and the seminaries. Districts and churches are being encouraged to reach out to their youth through workshops and conferences.

This grant will help to cover a part of the expenses of creating resources, travel and presentations at workshops and conferences, and staffing.

## LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MADISON, CT

On Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> the women gathered and put together 37 Blizzard Boxes. These boxes include staples to be used when a blizzard prevents delivery of meals on wheels.



### Featured Program Resource

#### Comfort in the Psalms/Women of the Bible

Get cozy for November's program resources. A new Bible study compares the gifts of Mary and Martha, exploring how Christ desires us to serve Him. Accompanying this is a new devotion, "Coziness in the Psalms," which finds comfort in God's sheltering love. These materials help believers seek, pray, and serve in their daily faith. <https://www.lwml.org/featured-program-helps>





# RETREAT 2025

November 7-8, 2025

Theme: Praying and Serving in Hope

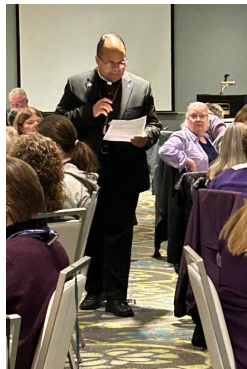
Speaker: The Most Rev. Dr. Dion Ashley Taylor

On these pages are pictures covering this retreat.  
We had 69 attendees this year.



**Rev Dr Dion Ashley Taylor**

*The Most Rev. Dr. Dion 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.*



**Rev. Dr, Dion Ashley Taylor**  
"Praying and Serving in Hope"



**Rev. Kevin Mongeau**  
Junior Pastoral Counselor, LWML-NED  
Message on "Grace"

**Bill Meyer**  
Gbarnga Lutheran Mission



**Christina Anop with our First Timers: Melody Wirgau, Lutheran Church of Madison, Ct and Colleen Tank, Lutheran Church of the Savior, Bedford, MA**



**Ruth Scheumann**  
VP Gospel Outreach



**Linda Arbesman**  
Orphan Grain Train (OGT) Terryville, CT  
Overview of the help they provide by distributing aid given them.

We serve the Lord with gladness that is grounded in **hope** that does not disappoint.

# HOPE IS A VIEW OF THE FUTURE, BASED ON THE PAST THAT AFFECTS THE PRESENT.



L-R: Christina Anop,  
Jennifer Gierke,  
Lynn Batchelder, Lois Moyo



Time to Count: Barbara Lis  
and Doreen Weise



Gift Baskets Silent Auction

Since we have **been justified by faith**, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in **hope** of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces **hope** and **hope does not put us to shame**, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through **the Holy Spirit who has been given to us**.



Dottie Simonides and  
Sharon Schmidt



Ladies of the Lutheran  
Church of Madison, CT

May the God of **hope** fill you with all joy and peace in **believing**, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in **hope**. (Romans 15:13)



**Young Woman Representative to the  
Lutheran Women's Missionary League  
New England District 29<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention**  
Friday & Saturday, **April 17-18, 2026**  
SpringHill Suites, Devens, MA



**WHO:** a mature young woman, preferably 22-35 years of age, who is a member of the LCMS and has not previously attended a district convention as a Zone Young Woman Representative, who has a deep love and devotion for her Lord Jesus Christ and is willing to participate in the full scope of the Convention.

**WHAT:** The **Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) New England District Convention**. The Convention includes missionary updates, business meetings, break-out sessions with interesting speakers or servant opportunities, Bible study, and lots of Christian sister fellowship!

**WHEN:** Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> @ 1 pm to Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> @ 4 pm

**WHERE:** SpringHill Suites, 27 Andrews Pkwy, Devens, MA 01434

**HOW:** Compliments of the LWML-NED! We will pay for your hotel room on Friday night (shared with another YWR), plus dinner on Friday, and breakfast and lunch on Saturday.

**WHY:** Because we love the LWML, we love you, and we'd like you to love the LWML! LWML is also known as **Lutheran Women in Mission** and we think that phrase and our mission statement describe us perfectly: *The mission of the Lutheran Women in New England is to continue glorifying our God through acts of love, service, and encouragement toward each other and those whose lives we touch.*

**NEXT STEPS:** Fill out an **application (next page)**, scan, and submit it to our Young Women Committee at [mrs.sage@veino.com](mailto:mrs.sage@veino.com).



# Zone Young Woman Representative Application

LWML New England District 29<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention

Friday & Saturday, April 17-18, 2026

SpringHill Suites, Devens, MA

Theme: Known By God Hebrews 13:13-14



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Home Congregation \_\_\_\_\_

Zone \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/email \_\_\_\_\_

Please answer the following questions on a separate page:

- 1) The LWML motto is “Serve the Lord with gladness” (Psalm 100:2). How do you do this in your life?
- 2) What groups and activities are you involved in or have you been involved in at your church?
- 3) What do you know about the LWML? Have you been involved at any level?
- 4) Why do you desire to be a Young Woman Representative for your zone?
- 5) What do you feel your special interests, talents, and gifts are?
- 6) Your district is making a financial commitment to send you to the LWML convention. It will be an exciting and spiritually inspiring event. Do you intend to joyfully participate in the full scope of the convention?

Please have someone who knows you well, perhaps the person who encouraged you to apply, answer the following question, “Why do you feel this woman would make a good Young Woman Representative?”

Have them forward their response along with their name and relationship to you to one of the contacts below. Thank you!

By March 1, 2026, please remit to President Dr. June Merwin at [President@lwml-ned.org](mailto:President@lwml-ned.org) or Sage Veino at [mrs.sage@veino.com](mailto:mrs.sage@veino.com). We’re looking forward to meeting you.



# LWML-NED CALENDER OF EVENTS



Date	Location	Function	Other Info
<b>February, 2026</b>		<b>LWML-NED Board of Directors</b>	<b>Date to be determined</b>
<b>April 17-18, 2026</b>  Friday PM/ Saturday until 3 PM	Spring-Hill Suites Devens, MA	<b>LWML-NED District Convention</b>  "Known by God" (Psalm 139:13-14)	Application for Young Woman Representative (YWR) in this PIO.

Check Out these Upcoming Activities within our New England District		
<b>December 6, 2025</b> <b>9 am to 2 pm</b>	<b>Christmas Craft Fair</b> Lutheran Church of the Resurrection 36 Cool St. Waterville, Me	Crafts, Cookies, Breads, Candy, White Elephant, Chili, Baked Beans, Muffins Coffee, Tea <b>Contact: Dorthy McAllister</b>
<b>December 6, 2025</b> <b>2 pm</b>	<b>Northern Zone/ADVENT TEA</b> Lutheran Church of Our Savior Bedford, MA	
<b>December 6, 2025</b> <b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Christmas Craft Fair</b> Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 8 Maple Street Terryville, CT	

