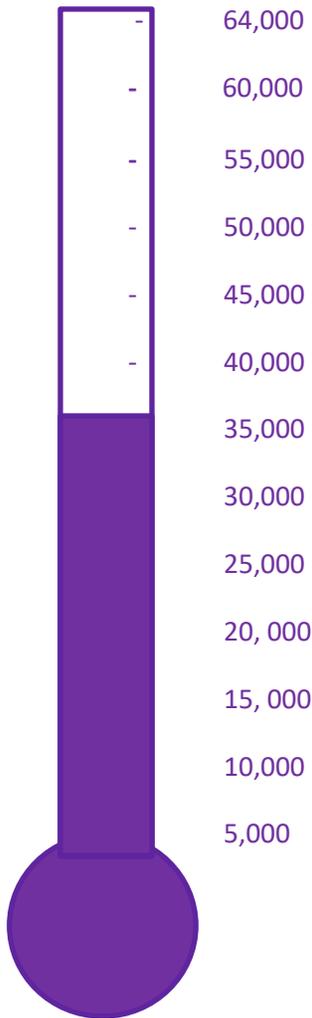




Our 2016-2018 Mission Goal
\$64,000



We are praising God for the continued generosity of our New England, Mite Collecting, Prayer Warrior, Sisters in Christ!

We have collected \$36,397.87 toward our Mission Goal as of 7/31.

**Grants PAID: 1,2,3, 4a-not disbursed
Total \$ PAID: \$21,000**

**Next: #4b Hands of Grace
\$2,658.63 of \$4,000**

**Please, send your mites to:
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August 2, 2017

Dear Mite Collecting, Prayer Warrior, Sisters in Christ,

I am moved to share this message from one of the Young Woman Representatives to the Convention:

My sisters in Christ, I was extremely blessed to be able to represent our district as one of the Young Woman Representatives (YWRs) at the National LWML Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico. It was there that I got to serve the Lord with gladness alongside other young women from across the country as we collected and sorted the plethora of ingathering items. I got to hear the testimonies of former and current LWML grant recipients and hear how our "Mighty Mites" have helped build schools, provide tutoring to at-risk kids, provide for the physical and spiritual needs of refugees in Lebanon, train pastors, and oh so much more. More importantly, I got to watch as we voted to fund 22 national mission grants which will impact so many lives during the next biennium.

As I have returned to the real world and reflected on my experience; I was surprised by how long it took me to really adjust and grasp what we have done for 75 years and what we do as an organization. I think there are others who struggle with explaining who we are and what we have done as well. In the same way that the Church is made up of people who have been touched by the love of Jesus, the women of the LWML have been touched as well. As Lutheran Women in Mission we are active in the Mission of the Church in reaching the lost and the erring.

By ourselves we are women who deal with the ups and downs of our various situations and try to make a difference in the world. By ourselves we deal with grief and heartbreak while trying to pull up those who have woes much greater. By ourselves we donate a few dollars each month, maybe just two pennies. By ourselves we can cook a meal, give a hug, teach a child, and make a blanket. By ourselves we might be a hand, or a foot, or an eye, accomplishing one task alone. But together?

Together we are Lutheran Women in Mission. Together we can walk to the ends of the world, seeing the needs of God's people, and reach out with a loving hand (or hug). Together we can raise \$1,582,250 for mission grants and together we can change the world by spreading the love of Christ. Together, by the guiding of the Spirit and with God's grace, we can serve Jesus Christ above all. Together we are the LWML. (Lisa Rhonemus, shared by Patti Ross)

Sisters, LWML is seeking women to serve on committees this biennium. Please see the *Personnel Resource Profile* on the LWML website at www.lwml.org, under Service, Get Involved.

Please faithfully continue your mite donations. We are \$6000 short of where we should be. At this rate, we will not meet our goal and some mission grant recipients will be disappointed.

Your partner in the Gospel,
Barbara Lis, President, LWML-NED

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