



PASS IT ON

February 2021



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.

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Mission Goal for 2020-2022 is \$71,000



LET EVERYTHING THAT HAS BREATH PRAISE THE LORD.
PRAISE THE LORD. Psalm 150:6



2020-2022 LWML-NED MISSION GRANTS

Mission Goal of \$71,000 allocated as follows:

\$46,150 for LWML-NED Mission Projects; \$17,750 for national LWML Mission Projects; and \$7,100 for Lutheran Womens Missionary League-New England District Administration.

Total Mite Money thru **January 31, 2021** is **\$18,546.18... 26% of Goal**

Grant 4	Lydia Comfort Dog Messiah Lutheran Church, Lynnfield, MA (Received to date \$855.22)	\$ 5,000
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We completed Grant 3 - \$1,200 for Trinity Lutheran Preschool,
Trinity Lutheran Church, Ashaway, RI.



Please **continue to save and remit your mite donations.**

Our Mission Grants enable us to share the love of Christ locally, nationally, and internationally and continues even during the COVID-19.

SEND MITES TO: Susan Lastowski, Treasurer
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FROM OUR DISTRICT PRESIDENT



Dear Sisters in Christ:

Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! (Psalm 118:1) I have wonderful news to share! We have funded our third Mission Project – \$1,200 to Trinity Lutheran Preschool in Ashaway, RI. Through your generous gifts, we have been able to help and support Trinity Preschool in its mission to serve God's children. All thanks and praise to Him! As you can see from our Treasurer Sue Lastowski's report, we are off to a great start on our next Mission Project: Comfort Dog Lydia at Messiah Lutheran in Lynnfield, MA. Please continue to share your gifts as you have been blessed and remember our District and National Mission Projects in your prayers, that the Gospel may be proclaimed and that by God's grace many more may be brought to saving faith.

This month I wanted to share information with you regarding the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* and the *Beacon* as you now can begin a new subscription. The *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* is produced by the National LWML and the *Beacon* by the LWML-NED. If you are a current subscriber, you will soon receive your renewal letter from our News Circulation Manager Priscilla Keurulainen.

Many of you receive your *Quarterly* through your society/group at church, but individual subscriptions are available. I strongly encourage each of you to consider subscribing to the *Quarterly* this year. The *Quarterly* is published four times a year at a subscription rate of just \$7.50 a year or less than \$1.90 an issue. Should you be able to join with nine other women in your church and have the *Quarterly* magazines mailed to one address, the cost drops to \$6.00 a subscription or \$1.50 an issue. Why not be the one to volunteer to coordinate a subscription order at your church? Consider including women who may not yet be LWML members. Why not think about giving a subscription as a gift to a new woman in your church or a woman you think would be blessed by it?

You may feel like you already receive too many publications so why add another? I can tell you that you will be blessed by reading the inspirational articles on missions, faith, and your mite offerings at work; as well as by the Bible studies, devotions, and prayers included. You will also be kept abreast of LWML programs and read what other districts, zones, and societies/groups are doing across the country. The *Quarterly* connects you, informs you, and inspires you as a Lutheran Woman in Mission. To subscribe or for more information, please contact Priscilla at newscirculation@lwml-ned.org.

The *Beacon* is published twice a year and is available *free* online. You can read it on our website (lwml-ned.org), or you can simply let me know you would like to be added to our distribution list, and it will be emailed to you just like the *PIO*. It is *free*! Give it a try and be sure to ask your sisters at your church if they are receiving it and encourage them to sign up! If you know of someone who would like to receive the *Beacon*, but the online option is not available to them, let them know that they can sign up for a subscription for \$5.00 a year and a hard copy will be mailed to them.

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all
(2 Thessalonians 3:16).

Serving the Lord with Gladness,

Sharon P. Dever

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LWML-NED President





Remember these Events!



June 24-27, 2021 LWML 39th Biennial Convention in the Rupp Arena at Central Bank Center, Lexington, Kentucky.

...RUNNING TO LEXINGTON — **Now** is the time to join your LWML sisters who are “Running the Race ... Looking to Jesus,” the convention theme based on Hebrews 12:1–2. Attendees will be inspired by the convention goal, “Looking to Jesus, we run the race set before us and proclaim the joy of the Lord.” [see Page 4]



November 5 & 6, 2021 **LWML-New England District RETREAT**



When: Friday 7:00 PM through Saturday 3:00 PM

Theme: “**BE THOU MY VISION (In Such a Time as This)**”

Bible Study with **Donna Snow Pyle**, Speaker and Author

Plus, a slide presentation from many of our supported Missions Double Tree Hotel at Bradley Airport 860-627-5171

www.hilton.com/doubletree More information coming soon –

If you have any questions, Call: June Merwin 860-581-0379; Email: june.merwin@gmail.com

April 29-30, 2022 **LWML-New England District Convention**

Theme: “**Let there be Light**” Genesis 1:3

- Hosted by Eastern Zone; located at Holiday Inn, Taunton, MA 508-823-0430
- Every society can send 2 delegates to vote for the Mission Goal and Mission Projects.

LWML-NED **Current** Mission Project

Lydia Comfort Dog

\$5,000

(Messiah Lutheran Church, Lynnfield, MA)



PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY

Lydia Comfort Dog brings comfort to people at schools, nursing homes, hospitals, and in disaster response situations. Funds are needed for Lydia and her handler to quickly deploy when invited to emergency or disaster sites. Sudden travel is expensive. Prior grants have helped pay for Lydia’s quick response to Parkland, FL and Santa Fe, Texas.

Breaking News!



June 24-27, 2021



LWML 39th Biennial Convention

Rupp Arena at Central Bank Center in
Lexington, Kentucky

**READ below and see the changes, especially the
voting changes as this affects every zone!**

Best News is we are on track to meet our national mission goal of \$2,100,000. Mite Offerings through December were \$1,955,388.73 leaving \$144,611.27 needed to reach the goal with three months remaining. All praise to our Lord, Jesus Christ!

Discounted Early Registration is OPEN! You can take advantage of this discounted fee until April 15, extended from the original date of March 15.

Visit [Convention Central](#) on the LWML website for information

Plans for convention are proceeding with new information being posted on the LWML website regularly. Be sure to check the site if you are planning to attend.

Proposed Mission Grants for the 2021-23 biennium have been approved and will be published soon.

Voting Change: For this convention, the **voting process for MISSION GRANTS will be done online** before the convention. The delegates will vote online in May and the results announced at convention in June. This allows Zones unable to find a delegate to travel to convention to still have representation and allow more women to vote on mission grants.

Voting for new officers and bylaw amendments will still be done at the convention.

NEW LWML Mission Statement

“AS LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION, WE JOYFULLY PROCLAIM CHRIST, SUPPORT MISSIONS, AND EQUIP WOMEN TO HONOR GOD BY SERVING OTHERS.”

Looking for Someone to design and sew our LWML-NED **convention banner**. If you or anyone in your church or even a friend is blessed with that gift and would be willing to make it, please let **Sharon Dever** know. She has banner instructions to share.

Breaking News continued!



Everyone Can Watch Convention Live! If you are unable to attend the Lexington convention in person, you can still participate by watching live video streaming of the convention. **All sessions and worship services will be streamed live, and most will also be available for viewing later.** A link to the live stream and printed material and resources can be found on the LWML website at www.lwml.org/2021-convention. If you know others consider inviting them over and making it a party!



Participate in a Virtual Mission Walk! For those who would like to be part of the LWML convention experience but are unable to attend, you are invited to **take part in a virtual Photo Finish Mission Walk in your local area.** Do everything you would normally do for a convention mission walk. Gather pledges or mission dollars and choose a time and date for your walk. Go to www.lwml.org/2021-convention for details in January 2021.



Convention Highlights and Mission Grants Videos of convention highlights and adopted 2021–2023 Mission Grants will be available in digital formats for download (at no cost) in early Fall 2021. Go to www.lwml.org/2021-convention for details. Watch for information on the LWML website, on Facebook, in eNews, and in the Fall 2021 Lutheran Woman's Quarterly.

INTRODUCING

our **Young Woman Representative** to the
National Convention in Kentucky

Please welcome MEGAN HOLLRAH from Immanuel Lutheran in Danbury, CT, as the New England District's Young Woman Representative to the LWML National Convention this June in Lexington, KY.



Megan describes herself as a peacemaker who is kind, patient, compassionate, and a good listener. At church, she is active in the young adult group, assists at the blood drives, and has been on the evangelism board. Megan has attended the LCMS National Youth Gatherings both as a youth participant and as a young adult volunteer. In college, she was president of the Christian campus ministry during her senior year. Currently, Megan is working as a paralegal. Her reference wrote, "Her heart for the Lord is apparent in everything she does. She has a light that shines and encourages those around her to see the good works of the Lord and all He does for us. Megan has a servant's heart. She is giving of her time and her gifts. Megan frequently contributes her time to helping others and inspiring all around her." Let us warmly embrace Megan and welcome her into the LWML sisterhood. May God bless her as she learns about the attributes of this wonderful organization and prepares for the national convention this summer.

Congratulations, Megan!

Dear Sisters in Mission:

Below is a thank you letter received from George Evensen, the principal at Trinity Christian School, Keene, NH, and our **third mission grant recipient**. He asked me to share it with you and all our members who gave in support of their project. It is uplifting to read how much our grant is appreciated and how all the mite offerings our women give are combining to make a difference in sharing the Gospel.

Blessings,
Sharon



February 4, 2021

Sharon Dever, LWML-NED President
president@lwml-ned.org

Re: \$5,000 Disbursement to Trinity Christian School, Keene, New Hampshire

Dear Mrs. Dever

Trinity Christian School, a mission and ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church, thanks everyone involved with the Lutheran Women's Missionary League for granting us \$5,000 for technology and social media outreach into Western New Hampshire and Eastern Vermont. This will help us "get the word out" that a quality Lutheran school is here to have families experience the love of Christ and build their faith. Vermont and New Hampshire rank #1 and #2 with no-church-affiliation; and New Hampshire ranked #3 in Opioid death rates. Trinity Christian School was borne out of a deep sense of mission to "go and make disciples". Written intentionally in the church's own vision statement, "Leading with the Gospel, we, at Trinity Lutheran Church and Trinity Christian School, will endeavor to live by faith, be known by Christ's love and rejoice in His forgiveness." We have supportive volunteers who have conducted many marketing efforts, and this grant will help us use professional methods in reaching our communities.

Trinity church congregation and the school community thank you for continuing your long-term commitments to sharing the Gospel to the world. We especially appreciate your recognizing how much New England desperately needs Christ. We continue praying the Lord will bless our community and enable more people to value the Christian faith, Scriptures, and teaching their children the Gospel. We strive diligently to have more families receive Christian education and community blessings.

Finally, do pass on to all your workers and congregations how much we value and need their prayers and support, and how much we thank you for this grant.

Enjoy all God's Blessings!

Yours in Christ,

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A "LIVELY" BIBLE STUDY

