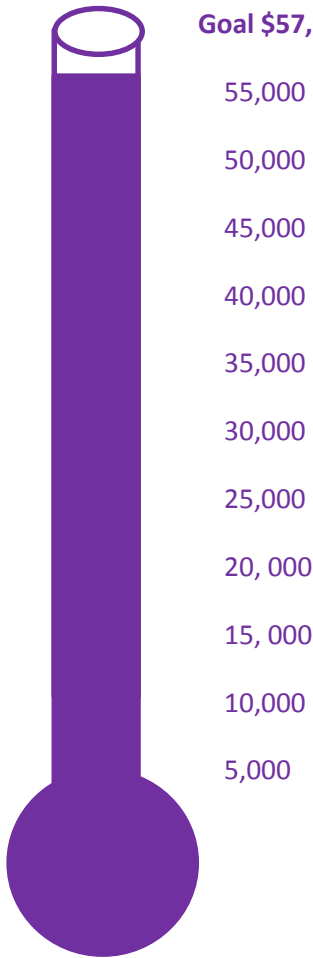




2014-2016 Mission Goal \$57,000



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

LWML-NED has fully funded Mission Project #9a, Open Arms Christian Preschool.

LWML-NED has received \$240.77 toward Mission Project #9b, Teacher Staff Development

\$55,429.94 has been given toward the \$57,000 Total Biennial Mission Goal.

Ladies, to fully fund our last two Mission Grants we need mites totaling \$1,570.06 by March 31st. How awesome is our God!

Let's Finish this Biennium Strong!

February 1, 2016

Dear Mite Collecting, Prayer Warrior, Sisters,

Although this biennium is coming to an end, our work (God's work) continues. We have a 2016-2018 mission goal to vote on; we have to choose mission grants to fund, and we have LWML-NED board members to elect. All of this will take place at the 2016 LWML-NED Convention. Has your church society or woman's group chosen your delegates for convention voting?

Each church in the New England District can have two delegates. The delegates are given both the privilege and responsibility to vote for our New England mission goal, the mission grants, and the new officers, and have the opportunity to enrich their personal and spiritual growth. I pray that each church has their delegates in attendance at convention, as well as, many other ladies from your church.

Whether you have been chosen as a delegate or not, I pray that each of you will come to the oasis, the LWML-NED convention. Why refer to convention as an oasis, you ask? Well, an oasis by definition is a small fertile or green area in a desert region, usually having a spring or well, often serving as a refuge, relief, or pleasant change from what is usual. I believe this convention with you, dear sisters, is a refuge from our busy lives. There, we may just see a fertile green purple region and a well or two. We will also all be "Quenched" by His living water. We will be diving into His Word in Bible study with Rev. Dr. Dien Taylor. And we will be worshiping, singing and fellowshiping with cherished friends, other sisters in Christ, aka "women at the well".



Also at convention we are to be blessed by Keynote Speaker: Rev. Dr. Brent D. Smith, SED Executive Director for Mission Development. And the Missions/Interest Speakers are Sandra Ravell (Bethesda work with Children with Intellectual Disabilities in the Dominican Republic), Jon Rossman (Building the Gbanga, Liberia School) and Deaconess Tiffany Manor (Introduction to Disaster Response with Lutheran Early Response Teams and working on the Survival Kit Project). Come learn how God is working through these ministries and see how, together, we may help.

At convention we, too, will be splashing others with God's love and mercy by assisting with an ingathering for The New England District Orphan Grain Train warehouse which provides relief for human needs worldwide. Sisters, THE NEED IS GREAT for God's love and mercy!

I pray that we might continue to serve the Lord through servant activities like this ingathering, **stay in His Word**, and **remember in prayer** our New England and national mission projects as well as all our sisters in Christ!

See you soon at the well,
Leslie Colligan
LWML New England District, President

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