



June 2020

Dear Sisters in Christ,

It was an honor to be elected LWML-NED President, and it will be a true privilege to serve this wonderful, mission-minded organization. I am looking forward to serving with all of the newly elected and returning Officers, Chairmen and Board members. God has blessed each of us with unique gifts and brought us together to serve Him at this time and place to further His Kingdom.

Since I just finished my term as Vice President of Organizational Resources, I am taking this opportunity not to disappoint my fellow Board members and share something from the Bylaws. Article 2 lists the "Object" of the LWML-NED and it reads, "to promote Christian fellowship and maintain a greater mission consciousness among the women of the LWML-NED" and "to gather funds for mission grants."

Regarding "to promote Christian fellowship," Dr. June Merwin, Vice President of Christian Life, and her wonderful team are moving forward in their preparation for our annual November Retreat. We are all in for a treat with our speaker, Donna Snow (Pyle). You can find details here on the website and in the June PIO.

The other objectives focus on raising awareness of missions and collecting mites to fund those missions! Our delegates set the example for us as they approved a \$71,000 Mission Goal and selected twelve Mission Projects for us to fund over the next two years. I ask that you pray for our Missions Grants and give to mites as the Lord has blessed you.

In a "normal" year, when we actually meet in Convention, we designate one of our offerings to be used for the Mission Grants for the new biennium. At the 2018 Convention, that offering totaled, \$1,628.04. Do you like a challenge? Can we set aside the rest of this month and the month of July as our "Convention offering" month? Can everyone send to our Treasurer, Sue Lastowski, what they would have contributed with gladness to our Mission Grants had we met in Convention? Even during this pandemic, the Lord has richly blessed us. Let us give back to Him what He has so graciously given to us. We currently have collected \$2,039.28 of the \$5,000 needed to fund our first project, Orphan Grain Train, New England Branch. Let's get our mite collection for our Mission Projects off to a great start! Offerings can be sent through your Society treasurer or directly to our LWML-NED Treasurer Sue Lastowski at P.O. Box 626, Holyoke, MA 01041. Sue is looking forward to finding a full box!

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Please feel free to contact me at: president@lwml.org with any questions, concerns or suggestions!

Serving the Lord with Gladness,
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LWML-NED President