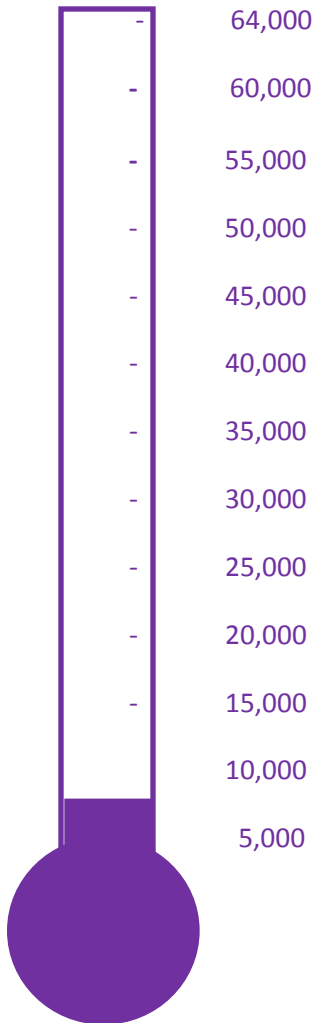




Our New 2016-2018 Mission Goal \$64,000



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

We have collected **\$7,774.60 Toward our new Mission Goal!**

We are just \$1,456.20 from paying our first Mission Grant, - SHORT TERM MISSION SCHOLARSHIPS.

**PLEASE, Send your mites to:
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May 2, 2016

Hello my dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Did I tell you how I believe I was called here? My friends Deb, Susie, and Rachel and I are in a Bible Study, reading What Happens When Women Say Yes to God by Lysa TerKeurst. One Tuesday, last November, our reading included the idea “maybe you should reconsider your *I can't*s. “Mmmm,” I thought, “I don’t think I have any *I can't*s. I don’t think I’ve been saying *No* to God.”

The very next night I read Sharon Dever’s email, asking me to consider being a candidate for President of LWML-NED! And--I had been lazy about reading my home email -- the email was 2 weeks old!

Well, a few things have changed since that night last November:

1. I did not say, “*I can't.*” to God. I said, “*I can, with the help of Christ.*”
2. I was elected to be your President at the LWML-NED Convention on April 9th. I thank you, and I’m humbled by your confidence in me. But, it’s not me – it’s Jesus, and it’s the wonderful women on our Board of Directors, and it’s you -- all of you – serving God in your family, your church, your workplace and your community, where He has placed you for His purpose. I’m humbled by your passion for serving the Lord.
3. I am not lazy with my email any more. Please contact me at president@lwml-ned.org, if I can help you in any way.

I’ll close my first letter to you with a suggestion from “The Time is Now: 75 Big Ideas” to consider doing before LWML’s 75th anniversary in Albuquerque, New Mexico next June:
#6 Women of all ages and cultures have gifts to share. The Time is NOW to use the talents of these women ... involve them in your special projects ... listen to them ... encourage them!

And this prayer from my reading today:

“I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen” Ephesians 3: 16-21 NIV

In Christ, Barb Lis