



PASS IT ON

June 15, 2020

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 LWML New England District and nationally.

For more news and information, visit www.lwml-ned.org



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



ALL PRAISE TO OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST!

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 LWML-NED Administration.

Total Mite Money thru **April/May, 2020** is **\$3,137.35** toward our \$71,000 Goal.

1. Orphan Grain Train, New England **(Received to-date: \$2,039.28)** \$ 5,000



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 in the midst of the COVID-19.

SEND MITES TO: Susan Lastowski,
LWML-NED Treasurer, P.O. Box 626, Holyoke, MA 01041



The **LWML-NED Executive Committee** is pleased to announce that we now have a **RECORDING SECRETARY** and a **CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN**! The Lord, according to His will and perfect timing, has led **Doreen Wiese** to accept the Recording Secretary position and **Delberta Novicki** to accept the Christian Life Committee Chairmanship. They are women with servant hearts and a love for the Lord and the mission of the LWML. We know they will be a wonderful addition to the Board and a blessing to each of us and the LWML-NED. **Please welcome them!**



A LETTER FROM OUR NEW DISTRICT PRESIDENT

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 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 in this PIO and on the website.

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 us 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,

Sharon P. Dever

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LWML-NED President

LWML-NED Current Mission Project



Orphan Grain Train

New England Branch - located in Terryville, CT

The Orphan Grain Train volunteers help people locally and throughout the world through collection and shipment of medical equipment, clothing, food, hygiene kits, school supplies, and other aid to meet real needs.

The Orphan Grain Train movement is a loving response to Jesus Christ's example as a servant and His love for us. Last Christmas the **New England Branch** packed and drove a 53-foot trailer to Eastern Kentucky with more than 50,000 Harvest Pack meals, 800 pounds of non-perishable food, 300 Bibles, 400 Christmas gifts, clothing, furniture, household items, medical supplies & equipment, beds, toys, bikes, and tools for families in this impoverished area. This grant of \$5,000 will help with the **costs** associated with one shipment for the OGT New England Branch in Terryville, CT.



LWML-NED Church Worker Scholarships



DEADLINE IS APPROACHING – **August 1, 2020**

Who is this Scholarship for? All scholarships are for one academic year, paid directly to the school. Applicant must intend to enter the service of the LCMS as an ordained or commissioned

Church Worker and must attend an LCMS college or seminary. Applicant must be a communicant member of a congregation affiliated with the New England District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS).

How do I apply? The application is on the **LWML-NED.org** website under Departments; Gospel Outreach the link is at the bottom of the page. Complete and submit to: Donna Madonna, LWML-NED Vice President of Gospel Outreach via email to **GospelOutreach@lwml-ned.org** - **To mail** your application, please contact Donna for her address. Applications must be received or postmarked by August 1, 2020.



LCMS and LWML LINKS TO USE DURING THIS COVID-19 TIME

(Shift and click on link below)

For **LCMS Sermons** use this link: <https://www.lcms.org/worship/sermons>

For **LCMS Bible Studies** for congregation and individuals use this link:
<https://www.lcms.org/worship/bible-studies>

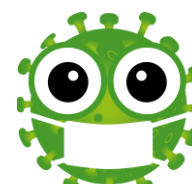
For **LCMS Kids-in-Divine-Service** use this link:

<https://www.lcms.org/worship/kids-in-the-divine-service>

For **LWML Bible Studies** use this link: <http://www.lwml.org/bible-studies>

For **LWML June 2020 Program Helps** use this link: <http://www.lwml.org/featured-program-helps>

For **LWML Growth & Development** use this link: <http://www.lwml.org/growthanddevelopment>



2019-2021 Mission Grant 11

Touching the Living Word -- Lutheran Braille Workers -- \$100,000



A number of LBW's volunteers stuffing multiple Zinc Plates before being sent through the Braille Press.

Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW) has been bringing the gospel to blind and visually impaired people around the world since 1943. In its 76-year history, LBW has produced and distributed for free over 14 million volumes of braille, large print, and audio materials. Many volunteers help produce these Bibles and other materials using zinc plates, braille presses, specialized paper, covers, and spiral bindings. Currently the materials are published in 11 languages and sent to over 130 countries. They have published over 220,000 volumes over the last 42 months to meet increasing demand. This incredible volume takes its toll on production equipment since each page requires separate zinc plates which are produced

by a plate embossing device. The challenge facing LBW's goal is having the machines and technology available to produce the zinc plates.

With this grant LBW will purchase a PUMA plate embossing device capable of creating the necessary number of zinc plates to meet production needs. It will allow the production of more plates in different languages, reaching more people with the Good News of Salvation.

Save the Date(s):

July 31, 2020

DEADLINE when **all articles** for the Summer/Fall issue of the *Beacon* are **due to Jennifer Gierke**, *Beacon* Editor.

November 6 & 7, 2020

LWML-NED RETREAT (Fri 7:00 PM & Sat until 3:00 PM)

"BE THOU MY VISION (In Such a Time as This)"

Bible Study with Donna Snow Pyle, Speaker and Author

Plus, presentations from our supported Missions

Double Tree Hotel at Bradley Airport 860-627-5171 www.hilton.com/doubletree



FALL GATHERINGS

At this time it is difficult to plan a Fall Gathering so ALL the LWML-NED Zones are in a "wait and see" mode.