



Pass It On

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*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 New England District and nationally.
For more news and information, visit www.LWML-NED.org.*

Mission Goal Update

As of August 15, 2012, we have collected **\$33,469.67** toward our goal of \$55,000.

We continue to work on project 4B: **\$4,000 for Schooled in Our Savior**

The funds for "Schooled in Our Savior" will be used to provide tuition assistance for at-risk children in the Bristol, Connecticut community to attend Immanuel Lutheran School where they can hear the Gospel on a daily basis.

Send all donations (large & small) along with your remittance forms to: Donna Gruel, LWML-NED Treasurer
Be sure to check our website at www.lwml-ned.org for updates to our mission goal progress.

More Short Term Mission Trip Scholarships have been awarded

The New England District has awarded two \$400 Short Term Mission Trip Scholarships to Karen Nawoichik from Our Savior Lutheran Church, Topsfield, MA to assist her trip to the Congo and to Rev. David Batchelder to assist him with his trip to Moore, Oklahoma.

Karen is assisting the Lutheran Church of the Congo right now leading Sunday School teaching training and participating in youth and women's ministry, as well as, providing and training in drama and creative arts.

Pastor Batchelder will be going in October to help with the clean up and assist with rebuilding homes and churches that were devastated in the May 2013 tornado.

Please pray for safe travel for both Karen & Pastor Batchelder and that the Holy Spirit will work through them to bring the **joy of Jesus** to the people of the Congo and to Moore, Oklahoma.

2013 Retreat: Encouraged in Heart/United in Love



The theme of this year's Fall Retreat is based on Colossians 2:2-3::
*"My purpose is that they may be encourage in heart and united in love,
so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding,
in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely Christ,
in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."*

The 2013 LWML New England District Retreat will once again be held at the Holiday Inn in Enfield, CT.

When? Friday, November 1 & Saturday, November 2, 2013

Early Registration of \$40 which includes Saturday lunch will end September 30, 2013

First Timer Attendees receive an additional \$5 off the Registration Fee!

Led by Dr. Mary Hilgendorf, we will celebrate God's Words of encouragement for women. His Words for women in Bible times are just as timely for women today as we face challenges of the 21st Century.

We unite across the ages with our sisters in Bible times and with one another as faithful followers of Jesus for the **one purpose that all may know the mysteries of Christ.**

For the Gifts from the Heart, we will once again be collecting Wal-Mart gift cards. These will sent to our two seminaries to be distributed to the students and their families. These gift cards allow the students to purchase items not available in the food coops at the schools.

2014 2014-2016 Mission Grant Applications Needed! 2016

Does your society or church have a special mission that needs extra funds?
There is still time to submit a 2014—2016 mission grant project proposal.
The application is available on our website. **The deadline is September 1, 2013.**
Applications should be sent to Sharon Dever, Vice President of Gospel Outreach.

Have you ordered you 2013 LWML Sunday material?

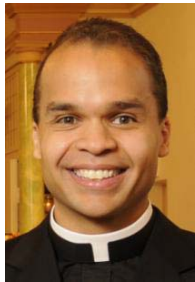
Packets for the 2013 LWML Sunday have been mailed to LCMS congregations and LWML units across the United States.

The first Sunday in October is the traditional date for the celebration of LWML Sunday; however, the observance may be any Sunday.

The LWML is honored to have the Rev. Dr. Dien Taylor as the author for this year's LWML Sunday materials based on the theme, "You Are My Witnesses."

The service focuses on the Scripture verses from Luke 24:44-53.

The graphic design for this year's service was created by Janet Hurta from Waco, Texas.



Those of you who were at the LWML convention in Pittsburgh last month were given the privilege to hear Pastor Taylor as the proclaimer in the opening service.

And many of you might remember Pastor Taylor as a past retreat speaker.

Some LWML Sunday materials are available as a free download on the LWML website at www.lwml.org/resoruces/lwml_sunday. To ensure availability and delivery, all orders should be postmarked no later than September 1, 2013.

Contact the LWML office at 800-252-LWML (5965) for more information or to place an order.



More 2013 LWML Convention News

Did you know that over \$137,000 was collected in June during the convention in the four offerings?

The women & men at the convention showed once again how generous God has been in their lives as they shared just some of His bounty.

Offering #1—Mission Goal 2013-2015: \$52,837.98

Offering #2-Pittsburgh Lutheran Center for the Blind and Camp Bethesda in Cypress, Texas: \$28,049.70

Offering #3-LCMS Disaster Response-Hurricane Sandy Relief: \$30,654.22

Offering #4-LWML Heart to Heart Sisters Program: \$25,660.53

In addition, \$69,554.60 was collected for the Mission Goal during the Mission Walk, \$363.72 was collected in the Mite Jar in the Exhibit Hall and \$265.00 was collected in the Mite Box placed on the stage by the song leader, Dr. Vendetti.

Be sure to check the LWML website at www.lwml.org for more convention highlights!

Another small thought...

Though you may ask God to do something for you, He generally wants to do something in you.

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.

See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. *Psalms 139:23-24 NIV*

Continue to share information you think would be important for others to know... communications@lwml-ned.org