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# The Grape Vine



Lutheran Women's Missionary League Texas District  
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## Welcome!

Greetings and welcome to the 39th Biennial LWML Texas District convention! Plan to celebrate the blessings that God has showered on our organization. We're almost 75 years old! Whether you are a first time or a seasoned attendee, I know you are going to have a marvelous time at this convention! Be assured that you will daily be lifted in prayer. Knowing this, joyfully praise His name and be motivated to share God's love with those around you. Make new friends; greet those you haven't seen in years, and everyone in between. Praise God for the opportunity and freedom to gather and encourage one another. As you interact with people you don't know, view them not as strangers, but as people redeemed by God through the precious blood of Jesus.

If you are a convention delegate, you will be participating in many business decisions of the organization such as amending the bylaws, selecting new Mission Grants for 2016-2018, and electing new officers for 2016-2020.

My fondest wish is that you will enjoy yourself so much that you'll want to come to Waco in two years, and to many other future LWML conventions after that. I'm glad you're here!

Lois Teinert, President  
LWML Texas District

The Panhandle, Heart of Texas/Mesquite, Red River, South Plains and West Texas Zones are excited to welcome you to the 39th Biennial LWML Texas District Convention!

Through the many activities we have planned for you, you will see how we, the branches, can grow and bear fruit. Jesus reminds us in John 15:5, "I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing."

I believe that by participating in the enrichment sessions or the human care servant activities on Saturday afternoon, you will have hands-on proof how you can become rooted more deeply in the Vine. You will also learn through God's Word and His grace how to branch out with His love to the world around us.

Please take the time to pray for all of the proposed mission grants to be voted on during the convention that God would bless each one. I also hope you will take the time to relax while here in Lubbock. We have invited the Country Club Band to perform for the banquet entertainment. If you have not heard them, I promise you will truly enjoy listening to their music. A special treat is planned with the appearance of Minerva and the Pearls.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve you while we are serving Jesus. This has truly been a blessing for me and my committee as God continues to be gracious and merciful to us at all times and in all circumstances.

God's blessings to you,

Corlis Norman  
2016 Host Committee Convention Chairman



### Convention Theme

I am the vine, you are the branches

### Convention Verse

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John 1:5 (ESV)

## STAY CONNECTED

The Grape Vine newsletter will be published three times during the convention. Pick up a copy of The Grape Vine on Saturday and Sunday at the entrance to the Sunset ballroom.

Let's Twitter! Share your thoughts and pictures about the Convention on our Twitter — @LWMLTX2016

## ZONE CAUCUS MEETINGS

Zone caucus meetings will be held at 9 p.m. Thursday night or on Friday morning before the first convention session. The time option is the zone's decision. It is especially important for delegates to attend their zone's caucus because this is where the Zone President (or her representative) provides pertinent information from the Board of Directors meeting, about planned convention business. Everyone is invited. Be sure to check with your zone president or look for a note on the message board, posting your zone's meeting place and time.

## Special Dietary Needs...

If you indicated a "dietary" special need on your registration form, please remember to use the slips of paper you received at the registration check-in area. These papers conveniently fit into your name badge holder so they will be available when needed. Please hand your paper to the hostess at the box lunch distribution area on Friday and Saturday, and to your table wait staff at the banquet.



The **Evaluation Form** inside your tote bag is to be completed before you leave on Sunday, and placed in the container marked "Convention Evaluation Surveys" in the Sunset ballroom. You are encouraged to complete all sections of the form (front and back), but if you prefer to only complete a portion, that's fine; all comments/suggestions are welcome.

## CHRISTMAS IN JUNE!!!



Come to the exhibitor's area and look for the Christmas display table to purchase Christian Christmas cards with 49-cents postage affixed on each envelope. Packages of 15 sell for \$5.00 or there are boxes of 20 that sell for \$8.00. All proceeds go to LWR to help pay for quilt and kits shipping expenses.

## CHOIR PRACTICE!



The choir will be singing on Friday evening and on Sunday morning at both worship services. Please come to practice on Thursday, June 23 at 2 p.m. in Sunset A. It is very important that everyone attend so we are prepared and feel comfortable with the music. If you didn't sign up for the choir on your registration form, but would like to sing, check with choir director Rebecca Winston a little before 2 p.m. for her guidance. More information will be given to you at the practice. Thank you for sharing your talent and enhancing our worship services.

## Hold the Phone!

All cell phones and pagers must be turned off or set to silent or vibrate while you are attending meeting and worship sessions. If you must make a phone call, please step outside the room to use your cell phone. Delegates, make EVERY effort to be at your place when all voting occurs. Thank you for your consideration to others.

## REMINDER

What can you do to prevent losing or having your valuables stolen? Make sure all personal items are not left unattended at any time. Always be aware of your surroundings and report any suspicious persons or activities immediately. Lost and found is located at the registration desk.





## CONNECTED TO THE VINE THROUGH PRAYER

The Prayer Room for this convention will be located in the Moody Foundation Board Room, on the second floor of the hotel. This room will be open for prayer on Thursday, from noon until 5:00 pm; on Friday from 7:30 am – 5:00 pm; and on Saturday from 7:30 am – 5:00 pm.

Prayer volunteers will be available in the Prayer Room on Thursday afternoon; from 7:30 – 8:30 am on Friday and Saturday mornings and during the lunch break on both Friday and Saturday. These ladies will help you with resources, pray with you, and will pray for the convention.

The Prayer Room will be open all day on Friday and Saturday, from 7:30 am until 5 pm; however, there will be no prayer volunteers in the Prayer Room during the convention sessions. Please take advantage of this quiet place for contemplation and prayer.

Prayer Request Cards are included in your tote bags; additional cards are available in the Prayer Room and at the back of the convention meeting room. Baskets are available at the entrances of the meeting room and in the Prayer Room for your completed prayer requests. Please note that your prayers can be included in the corporate prayers led by our pastoral advisors; please indicate on the prayer card that you wish to have the pastors include your prayers and include your contact information in case they have questions about your request.

Praying God's richest blessings on our convention, its leaders, and all the participants!

### CONVENTION BADGES

For your own welfare, please complete the form that appears on the opposite side of your name badge, providing important information for others to help you should the need arise. It is important that name badges be worn throughout the convention.

### HAVE QUESTIONS - JUST ASK!!

Ask any volunteer you see wearing a purple scarf/ bandana, or any member of the Host Committee wearing a purple and green bandana. We want your time here to be as pleasant as possible! We're here to help!

### Who's Up For Breakfast?

Did you know that as an LWML convention registrant, you can receive \$2.00 off the cost of the Breakfast Buffet? The offer is available at the Pecan Grill, located at lobby level, each morning you are here. Your convention badge, indicating you are with LWML, enables you to take advantage of \$2 off the breakfast buffet.

## ENRICHMENT SESSIONS

**1:00 p.m.**

Sunset A –  
**Being a Fried to Those Who Do Not Yet Know Him**  
Haleh Kersten

Sunset B –  
**Daily Survival of a Christian Woman**  
Kathy Kabell

Sunset C –  
**Heart to Heart Sisters Program**  
Margo Dupre

**2:15 p.m.**

Sunset A –  
**Walking Humbly, We Serve**  
Jennifer Rasch

Sunset B –  
**Fruit That Will Last**  
Cindy Steinbeck

Sunset C –  
**Missional Prayer Support**  
Rev. Steve Misch

**3:30 p.m.**

Sunset A –  
**Vines, Branches, and Buds**  
Carol von Soosten

Sunset B –  
**Fruit That Will Last**  
Cindy Steinbeck

Sunset C –  
**Responding and Witnessing to Mormons in Love**  
Sue Fuessel

### Nominating Committee

THANK YOU to all societies and zones who sent in nominations for the officers to be elected at this convention. Your Nominating Committee was truly blessed to have 44 names submitted and 21 willing to serve. For those not selected as candidates, allow the Lord to lead you to service in other areas of His ministry. Please allow your name to be considered again in the future.

WHO ARE THE CANDIDATES? Look for the 15 ladies and 2 pastors who are "branching out!" Encourage these people and thank them for their willingness to serve in leadership roles in our district.

Candidates will be introduced Friday morning with balloting in the afternoon.

*I am the vine, you are the branches.* John 15:5

### GEMS (Girls Embracing Mission Service)

We are blessed this weekend to have many teen girls experiencing convention with us. They will be participating in some teen specific mission activities as well as combining with adult LWML attendees for other activities, worship services, and banquet. If you see a teen, welcome them to LWML and ask them about their experiences so far. Watch the passion in their response and see if you don't agree that they are truly Jesus' GEMS!



## Are you ready for the thankoffering?

The LWML Texas District has opportunity to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the LWML by gathering a thankoffering to help fund two endowments managed by the Lutheran Foundation of Texas (LFOT):

- The Scholarship Endowment which offers scholarships to women studying for full-time church work and, The Inreach Endowment which helps fund leadership training activities for LWML women.

The 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee of the LWML celebrated in 1992 created the Scholarship Endowment. So it is altogether fitting that we continue to thank our gracious God by adding to this endowment and the Inreach Endowment at this convention. The purpose of LWML has always been to advance the mission given to the church by our Lord. The Scholarship Endowment fulfills that goal, in part, by helping to train young women who will touch the hearts of the next generation with the sweet message of salvation. The Inreach Endowment helps train leaders and frees up our mission monies to fund more mission grants.

Estate planned commitments and cash gifts will continue to be welcomed by the LWML to continually increase the endowments. Cash gift envelopes are available in your convention tote bag and extra envelopes for your society are available at the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary booth. Pick some up for yourself and for LWML supporters at home. They are wonderful ways to honor a friend, church-worker or to memorialize someone.

While you are at the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary booth, please take time to fill out a form to have someone from LFOT contact you to arrange for a planned gift. This will make you eligible for a booth prize – a basket containing a gift certificate to CPH for \$75.00. Wow! You could have a terrific time shopping with that! If you have already made a commitment, you are also eligible to place your name in the drawing.

Look for ladies wearing purple hat stickers on name tags. These signify being a campaign participant. Are you a participant and have no sticker? Stop by the booth to pick up yours. If asked why you have a sticker, give your reason and invite them to prayerfully consider supporting the campaign.

Then prepare yourself for the Thankoffering Gathering and dedication on Friday afternoon. What a wonderful opportunity to thank God for His mercies!

### REGISTRATION HOURS

Thursday - 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Friday - 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Saturday - 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday - 8:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

## Human Care Opportunities "Branches" of Service

### Gifts from the Heart

Bring your Gifts from the Heart donations to Horizon Room B (2nd floor) during these hours:

Thursday 10:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.

Friday 8:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

Saturday 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Recipients of Gifts from the Heart will include:

Neighborhood House—Lubbock, TX  
The Stockings Project—Lubbock, TX  
Lutheran World Relief

### On-Site Servant Activities

- ♦ Tying fleece blankets for Lutheran World Relief (LWR)
- ♦ Trimming stamps for LWR
- ♦ Writing encouraging notes of appreciation and support to LCMS missionaries
- ♦ Creating Christmas cards and writing Christmas greetings to military personnel for The Stockings Project
- ♦ Purchasing stamped envelopes and Christmas cards for LWR

### Off-Site Servant Activities

Saturday, June 25

All off-site servant activity groups will gather in Horizon Room B at 12:45 p.m. on Saturday and will be transported to their activity location. Groups will return to the Overton Hotel by 4:45 p.m. For additional information, please visit the Human Care room.

*Jesus is the vine...We are the branches!*

### Let's Mingle!

Don't miss out on the Meet & Greet event Thursday evening from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Sunset B (center section of the main ballroom) and in the prefunction areas on both 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floors of the Overton. All registered convention attendees are invited to mingle with fellow LWML sisters and brothers, visit the displays, meet the candidates for district offices, and shop the CPH and the LWML stores. Light refreshments will be provided.