



GENERAL CONVENTION INFORMATION

AGENDA

Thursday, June 5:

6:30 PM Board of Directors Meeting
 “On your own” activities for anyone arriving on Thursday—see suggestions on the NEW for 2008 page.

Friday, June 6:

8:00 – 9:45 AM Registration; Exhibits - Mission Fair - LWML Store - “Gifts From the Heart” Ingathering
 10:00 AM Opening Worship Service with banner procession
 First Convention Session
 Lunch break Lunch; YWR Luncheon; Past District Presidents Luncheon
 Exhibits - LWML Store - Mission Fair
 1:30 PM Second Convention Session
 Servant Events
 Dinner break Exhibits - LWML Store - Mission Fair
 6:30 PM Banquet, Talent Show, Dessert
 Reception, Vespers
 Young Women’s Activities, TEEN
 “Friends Into Serving Him” Activities

Saturday, May 6:

6:30 AM Mission Pledge Walk & Alternative Exercises
 7:30 – 8:15 AM Breakfast; “Pastors Only” Breakfast
 7:30 – 8:15 AM Registration continues; Exhibits - LWML Store - Mission Fair
 8:30 AM Third Convention Session
 Interest Sessions
 Lunch break Lunch; Exhibits - LWML Store - Mission Fair
 1:30 PM Fourth Convention Session
 Installation of officers
 Mission Trip Sending Service & Closing

CHILD CARE

Convention child care will be provided at “The Children’s Ark,” a licensed daycare located at 112 West 16th Avenue, Chamberlain. Take Exit 263 off I 90, go north onto Main Street, then west on 16th Avenue. Open on Friday from 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM, and Saturday during convention hours as needed. Ages 4 weeks to 12 years are welcome. Snacks and lunch provided. Bring favorite blanket, etc., if desired. Free-will offering.

Please specify on the Registration Form if you desire child care, the number of children and ages. You are responsible for bringing your own children to

The Children’s Ark before convention sessions, and for picking them up afterwards. You will be asked to sign a consent form when you bring your children.

CONVENTION OFFERINGS

1. The South Dakota LWML 2008-2010 Mission Goal (received during the Friday morning opening worship)
2. South Dakota Native American Ministries (received during the Saturday morning convention session)

DELEGATES

Registration and Certification

- According to our bylaws, each “unit” (usually this is a society - check with your zone president for the definition) should send *two voting delegates* to the convention.
- You will find the registration form in the Call to Convention, in the April *Hi-Lites*, and on our Web site, www.sdlwml.org.
- Please be sure to indicate “delegate” on the form.
- Your society should support you financially, in order for you to attend.
- In addition to your registration form, complete and send the “Delegate Registration Certification” form, found in the Call to Convention and on our Web site.
- If you are unable to attend, your alternate should report to the Registration Chairman for proper certification in the voting process.

Responsibilities as a Delegate

- As you prepare, pray for a *joyful* heart and for God’s will to be done in all our convention proceedings! Study the items you will be voting on, and discuss with your fellow society members to know the wishes of those you represent.
- There will be no pre-convention delegate orientation. You are receiving important information in the Call to Convention. Other

instructions will be given at the first convention session on Friday morning.

- All voting delegates will be seated in a designated area near the stage. Only those identified as delegates may be seated there.

Items To Be Voted Upon

- *Proposed Bylaws Changes.* These are printed in the Call to Convention and can be found on our Web site.
- *Proposed 2008-2010 Budget.* You will receive a copy of this at registration.
- *Mission Grant Proposals for 2008-2010.* Summaries are printed in the Call to Convention and on the Web site. They will also be presented to you at convention. There are eleven grants to consider. You will vote for five. This is an awesome responsibility! As you review the proposals, it will be *most helpful* if you prepare and bring with you a list of those you wish to vote for. This will help the voting process go more smoothly for all.
- *Officers and Counselor.* The nominating committee has nominated those that that you find listed in the Call to Convention. At this writing, there are some nominations that are still open. According to our bylaws, nominations may also be made from the floor of the convention. If you intend to nominate from the floor, you must present the written consent of the nominee and her qualifications (resume). We do not allow nominations from the floor for pastoral counselor. You will have the opportunity to meet the nominees personally at the dessert reception on Friday evening following the banquet. (Purchase the meal package or the separate banquet/ reception ticket.)

LODGING

You are responsible for making your own hotel reservation. Rooms have been blocked at Cedar Shore Resort and Convention Center. You must register by **April 30th** to receive the special rate of \$89.95 plus tax for single or double occupancy. Call toll-free, **888-697-6363**, and **identify yourself as LWML.**

Everyone is encouraged to stay at Cedar Shore. With enough sleeping rooms reserved, as well as meals, we will receive a huge discount on the use of the meeting rooms. Your cooperation is appreciated.

MEALS

Register for the meal package, Pastor's meal package, or Banquet & Dessert Reception only. The meal package includes Friday lunch, Friday banquet and dessert reception, Saturday continental breakfast and Saturday lunch.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE MEAL PACKAGE IS MAY 15TH. NO MEALS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE CONVENTION.

REGISTRATION

The form for registration may be found in the April issue of *The Lutheran Witness*, in the call letter, and on the South Dakota LWML Web site, www.sdlwml.org.

YOUNG WOMEN REPRESENTATIVES

We are looking for young women, ages 18-35, to apply to the Lutheran Women's Missionary League of their congregation to be representatives to the SD LWML Convention. Special activities are planned for all YWR's. Applicants should apply to their Society President by April 30, 2008. If societies wish to send more than one young woman, they are encouraged to do so and pay registration and/or whatever other expenses are decided by the local society.

ZONE BANNERS

There will be a banner processional as part of the Opening Service on Friday morning. The banners will be on display during the rest of the convention. After the convention, each zone may donate their banner quilt to the recipient of their choice.

