

## **Attention: Convention Delegates—From President Elaine M. Hankel**

Are you ready to serve as your society's delegate to our district LWML convention? What a special opportunity and responsibility you have! I want to thank you for your service to the LWML and serving in this capacity.

Please read the following carefully. It will tell you what you need to know as you register, as you arrive at convention, and during the convention. If you have any questions, you may contact your zone president or me, and we will be happy to assist you.

### **Registration and Certification**

According to our bylaws, each "unit" (usually this is a society) should send **two voting delegates** to the convention. I sincerely hope that each society will be represented with two delegates. You will find the registration form in the Call to Convention, in the April *HiLites*, and on our website, [www.sdlwml.org](http://www.sdlwml.org)

Please be sure to indicate "delegate" on the registration 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 this Call to Convention and on our website. 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 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 this Call to Convention. Other instructions will be given at the first convention session, Friday afternoon. All voting delegates will be seated in a designated area near the stage, along with your society's Young Woman Representative. No other individuals will be seated there.

### **Items to be Voted Upon**

*Proposed Bylaws Changes.* These are printed in this Call to Convention.

*Proposed 2010-2012 Budget.* You will receive a copy of this at registration.

*Mission Grant Proposals for 2010-2012.* Summaries are printed in this Call to Convention. They will be presented to you at convention. There are fourteen (14) grants to consider. You will vote for five (5). This is a great responsibility! As you review the proposals, it will be 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 Counselors.* The nominating committee has nominated those that you find listed in this 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 written consent of the nominee and her qualifications (resume). We do not allow nominations from the floor for pastoral counselor. You may meet the nominees personally during the coffee hour following the worship service Friday evening.

**Proposed South Dakota LWML Bylaws Amendments**

**CURRENTLY READS**

**ARTICLE IX- SPECIAL APPOINTED PERSONNEL**

**Section 1**

The special appointed personnel shall be Archivist-Historian, a Meeting Manager, a News Editor, and a Parliamentarian and shall:

- a. be approved by the President, with the approval of the Executive Committee;
- b. serve two (2) years, or until their successors are appointed, and be eligible for reappointment.

*Rationale: to add the position of Webmaster*

**ARTICLE XII- BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Section 1**

The Board of Directors shall consist of all elected officers of the District LWML, the zone presidents, and the chairmen of standing committees, all of whom are voting members. The special appointed personnel (Archivist- Historian, Meeting Manager, and News Editor) and the Pastoral Counselors shall be non-voting members.

*Rationale: to add the Web master as a voting Board of Directors member; to conform to Article IX*

**ARTICLE XIII- DEPARTMENTS AND STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Section 3**

The Communication Department shall include the Communication Committee. The Vice President of Communication shall serve as coordinator of the department and Chairman of the Communication Committee. The Communication Committee, consisting of two (2) or more members shall:

- a. regularly update the District web page;
- b. produce for use within the organization publicity and promotional materials related to the program and work of the LWML;
- c. have its chairman report to each regular meeting of the Board of Directors and to the convention.

*Rationale: to update*

**ARTICLE XVII- PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the proceedings of the District in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Bylaws, Standing Rules, guidelines, or Christian Principles.

*Rationale: to conform to LWML bylaws*

**IF ADOPTED, WILL READ**

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**Section 6**

The Webmaster shall:

- a. maintain the official Web site of the District;
- b. be eligible to vote.

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**Proposed South Dakota LWML Bylaws Amendments  
cont.**

**ARTICLE VIII-DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

**Section 4**

The Vice President of Gospel Outreach:

- d. shall serve as chairman of the Mission Advocacy and Grants Committee;

*Rationale: to conform to LWML bylaws*

**ARTICLE XI. 1. h**

**ARTICLE XIII. 1. a, 4, 4. b**

**ARTICLE XIV. 2. a**

*Rationale: Same change as above. Omit "Advocacy and" to read "Mission Grants Committee" to conform with LWML bylaws*

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## **Mission Grants Proposals**

Fourteen mission grant proposals will appear on the ballot.  
Each delegate will vote for five (5) grants.



1. **\$5000 – Land Purchases for African Churches – LCMS World Mission.** Grant would purchase land for African churches so they can become established in their cities, many of which are Muslim-majority communities.
2. **\$5000 – Missionary Kid’s Education – LCMS World Mission.** Grant would help provide education for missionary kids where needed most around the world, whether home schooling in Africa or providing college scholarships for missionary kids studying in the United States while their parents still serve in the mission field in a foreign country.
3. **\$5000 – Concordia International School, Shanghai – LCMS World Mission.** Grant would provide continued leadership and resources for Concordia International School, Shanghai as they reach out to the international community, including influential Chinese, in mainland China.
4. **\$5000 – Amy Kashenov Missionary Support – LCMS World Mission.** Grant would help provide support for Amy Kashenov as she serves the men, women and children of Kazakhstan.
5. **\$3500 – LCMS Joint Seminary Fund – LCMS Foundation.** Grant would help provide tuition assistance to seminary students preparing for the pastoral ministry of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

6. **\$5000 – Grace Place for South Dakota District Church Workers – Grace Place Lutheran Retreats.** Grace Place is a wellness program, keeping healthy church workers healthy. Grant would provide underwriting for at least five South Dakota District professional workers (and spouses) to attend a Grace Place retreat.
7. **\$5000 – Open Arms Childcare and Learning Center – Resurrection Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, SD.** Grant would help provide start up costs needed to open and operate Open Arms Childcare and Learning Center.
8. **\$5000 – Lighthouse Preschool – St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD.** Grant would help make it possible to start a scholarship fund for students attending the Lighthouse Preschool. These funds will also allow the preschool to purchase necessary Lutheran educational materials to teach the children.
9. **\$5000 – Veterans of the Cross – LCMS World Relief and Human Care.** Grant would help provide financial assistance to retired professional church workers identified as suffering acute financial distress and provide supplemental income in meaningful ways.
10. **\$5000 – Digital Duplicator for use at Liberia Bible Translation and Literacy Organization – Lutheran Bible Translators.** Grant would be used to purchase a high speed digital duplicator to print Bible story books, story charts, math, science and history books in sixteen Liberian language programs in post war Liberia, Africa.
11. **\$5000 – South Dakota Division of Orphan Grain Train – Orphan Grain Train.** Grant would help with the completion of a building project enabling the Orphan Grain Train to continue shipment of needed relief care for global human need and assist with disaster relief when called upon.
12. **\$5000 – Lutheran High School of Sioux Falls – Sioux Falls, SD.** Grant would be used for public relations, recruitment events and the purchase of a communication system software program to assist the Lutheran High School in moving forward in opening the school.
13. **\$5000 – Lutheran Blind Mission for the Work Center in Wolsey, SD – Lutheran Blind Mission.** Grant would help support the production of *Portals of Prayer*, *The Lutheran Witness* and the *LWML Quarterly* on audiocassette tapes for blind and visually impaired people.
14. **\$5000 – Life: A Better Choice – South Dakota Lutherans For Life.** Grant would help “Life: A Better Choice” ads be produced and broadcast across the state of South Dakota.



# \*Candidates for Office\*

## \*Nominees for Secretary

**Lorraine Mosemann, White Lake  
Trinity Lutheran Church, White Lake**

**LWML:**

Society: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Christian Growth Chairman  
Zone: Secretary  
District: Usher Captain on the Host Committee for the 1989 ILWML Rapid City Convention, Special Dress Chairman on the Host Committee for the 2007 LWML Sioux Falls Convention

**OTHER:**

Congregation: Bible Class leader, SS, VBS, Mid-Week teacher  
Education: Concordia Teacher's College, Seward NE  
Occupation: Caregiver, retired teacher  
Community: Lutherans For Life chapter secretary/treasurer; Lutherans For Life South Dakota board member, archivist; EMT; Aurora-Brule Pork Council Auxiliary president  
Family: Married, four children, eight grandchildren, two great grandchildren

**Mission Statement:** To be a willing servant of the Lord, using my time, talents, and treasures wherever and whenever He has need of them.

**Kerry Niederbaumer, Yale  
Mt Calvary Lutheran Church, Huron**

**LWML**

Society: All offices  
Zone: President  
District: Vice President of Christian Life, Vice President of Gospel Outreach, Treasurer, Bylaws Committee, Ushers Chairman on the Host Committee for the 2007 LWML Sioux Falls Convention

**OTHER**

Congregation: Secretary, Board of Education Chairman, choir, SS, VBS, Bible study and fellowship groups, altar guild  
Education: Teacher's degree, Northern State University, Aberdeen SD  
Occupation: Church secretary, substitute teacher, office manager/secretary at husband/son's Thrivent Financial for Lutherans office  
Community: Yale Lunch Bunch, Yale Gold Organization, Thrivent Chapter, concert series, bridge club, volunteer at school  
Family: Married, three children, two grandchildren

**Mission Statement:** To joyfully serve the Lord wherever and whenever He has need of me.

## **\*Nominees for Financial Secretary**

**Ann Cruse, Huron**

**Mt Calvary Lutheran Church, Huron**

**LWML:**

Society: Treasurer, Gospel Outreach Co-Chair, YWR to 2004 Convention  
Zone: Gospel Outreach Committee member  
District: Gospel Outreach Committee Member, Current Secretary, Pages Director on Host Committee for the 2007 LWML Sioux Falls Convention  
National: 2008 Assembly of Leaders participant

**OTHER:**

Congregation: Choir Member, Youth Board Advisory Leader, Adult Leader for 1992 and 2010 National Youth Gatherings in New Orleans  
Education: Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy, SDSU  
Occupation: Registered Pharmacist  
Community: Past President, Huron District Pharmacist Association; Consultant Pharmacist, Center for Independence; Brownie & Girl Scout Leader; Music and Soccer parent volunteer  
Family: Married, two children

**Mission Statement:** To be willing to listen and follow the Lord as He guides each day of my life. To use the talents He has given me to share His Gospel and to serve Him.

**Judy Dockter, Milbank**

**Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Milbank**

**LWML:**

Society: President, Treasurer  
Zone: Retreat Planning Committee  
District: Treasurer, VP of Servant Resources, Parliamentarian, Treasurer on Host Committee for the 2007 Sioux Falls LWML Convention

**OTHER:**

Congregation: Altar, Library, Mission & Special Serving Circles; sew quilt tops for high school graduates; embroider totes for new members and embroider ID's for the Cradle Roll Banner  
Occupation: Retired  
Family: Married, two children

**Mission Statement:** Because I have been so richly blessed, I strive to serve my Lord so that I may be a witness to others.

**\*Nominees for Vice President of Human Care**

**Lisa Asmus, Sioux Falls**

**Memorial Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls**

**LWML:**

Society: Lydia Circle member

District: Worship Support Coordinator on Host Committee for the 2007 LWML  
Sioux Falls Convention

**OTHER**

Congregation: One In Spirit worship team participant, SS Teacher, VBS volunteer,  
Small Group Bible Study

Education: BA in Education, Concordia, St. Paul MN

Occupation: Teacher, Sioux Falls Lutheran Preschool

Community: Volunteer e-mail coordinator for GROOVE Inc.

Family: Married, three children

**Mission Statement:** Jesus loves me and forgives me. God helps me share that love  
with others. Take my life and let it be, consecrated Lord, to Thee.

**Nancy Duhachek, Mission Hill**

**St John Lutheran Church, Yankton**

**LWML:**

Society: Circle President, Society President, Human Care Committee, a variety  
of committees and programs over the years

Zone: President, Presenter, Ink cartridge recycling

District: Retreat presenter, Retreat co-chairman, Humorous interrupter, VP Mis-  
sion Education, Christian Growth Chairman, Transportation Chairman  
on Host Committee for the 2007 LWML Sioux Falls Convention

National: Assembly of Leaders participant

**OTHER:**

Congregation: Served on Human Care Committee, SS and VBS teacher, Youth Coun-  
cil, Special Events committee, Bible Study, Circle, Banner committee

Education: Wayne State College; Associates Degree, Southeast Community Col-  
lege; Real Estate License, Anderson School of Realty

Occupation: Realtor, Office manager East River Associates, Inc

Community: Mission Hill Park Committee, AARP Treasurer, Lewis & Clark Board  
of Realtors; South Dakota Auctioneers Association

Family: Married, three children, two grandchildren

**Mission Statement:** To be an example of a Woman in Mission through my love and  
service to my Lord, my family, my church, and all of God's people.

**\*Nominees for Vice President of Servant Resources**

**Melanie Kludt, Cavour**

**Mt Calvary Lutheran Church, Huron SD**

**LWML**

Society: President, Christian Growth, Co- Chair Special Serving, Secretary  
Zone: President, Christian Life, Vice President  
District: VP of Christian Life, Christian Growth Committee,  
Nominating Committee, Music Chairman on the Host  
Committee for the 2007 LWML Sioux Falls Convention

**OTHER**

Congregation: organist, choir accompanist, Pre-school aide, SS and VBS teacher  
Education: Iroquois Public School  
Occupation: semi-retired, Assistant Activity Director, Huron Adult Day Care  
Community: Rotary, retired EMT, RSVP, Beadle County Thrivent Board  
Family: 4 sons, 1 deceased daughter, 7 grandchildren, 2 step grandchildren, 3  
step great-granddaughters

**Mission Statement:** To let those around me know by my words, actions, and deeds  
what my Savior has done for me and in return, my love for Him.

**Nancy Ziegeldorf, Yale**

**Mt Calvary Lutheran Church, Huron**

**LWML:**

Society: President, Vice President, Secretary  
Zone: President  
District: Christian Life Committee, Portal Ushers Director on Host Committee  
for the 2007 LWML Sioux Falls Convention

**OTHER:**

Congregation: Organist, Choir  
Education: Wartburg College, BA in Social Work  
Occupation: Social Worker, SunQuest Healthcare Center, Huron SD  
Community: Facilitator for Alzheimers' Support Group, Huron; President, Huron  
Coalition on Aging  
Family: Married, two children

**Mission Statement:** *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.* Philippi-  
ans 4:13

## **\*Nominees for Vice President of Communication**

**Vonda Sturzenbecher, Black Hawk**

**Divine Shepherd, Black Hawk**

**LWML:**

Society: Secretary, Treasurer.

Zone: Secretary

District: Publicity Chair on Host Committee for the 2007 LWML Sioux Falls Convention

**OTHER:**

District: *Lutheran Witness* South Dakota supplement editor

Congregation: VBS Director, choir, SS substitute teacher

Education: Marion High School, Augustana College

Occupation: Medical receptionist

Family: Married, two children

**Mission Statement:** *Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men.*  
Ephesians 6:7

## **\*Nominees for Nominating Committee**

**Melissa Brock, Pierre**

**Faith Lutheran Church, Pierre**

**LWML:**

Society: Secretary

Zone: President

District: YWR to the 2009 LWML Portland Convention

**OTHER:**

Congregation: SS Superintendent, Mid-Week teacher, Bible School teacher, Circuit Bible Camp counselor

Education: T. F. Riggs High School, Mortuary Science Degree, Arapahoe Community College

Occupation: Funeral Service

Community: Countryside Hospice Duck Derby Committee, Board of Directors for the Miss Oahe/Capitol City Organization, assist with Miss South Dakota Pre-Pageant

Family: Single

**Mission Statement:** To glorify God in my church life and personal life.

**Marlys Larson, Vermillion**

**LWML:**

Society: President  
Zone: Vice President  
District: Human Care Committee, Hotel Hostesses Director on the Host Committee for the 2007 LWML Sioux Falls Convention

**OTHER:**

Congregation: Organist, SS Superintendent, Altar committee, Lutheran Student Fellowship  
Education: BA Degree, Augustana College, Sioux Falls; MA Degree, Northern State University, Aberdeen  
Occupation: Teacher, Vermillion  
Community: 4-H Leader, Food Bank, Civic Council  
Family: Married, two children

**Mission Statement:** To serve our Lord and others with love and joy, doing everything for God's glory.

**Kathy McKinney, White  
Zion Lutheran Church, White**

**LWML:**

Society: President, Vice President, Christian Growth, Historian, Mission Outreach  
Zone: President, Vice President, Christian Growth  
District: Vice President of Human Care, Food Services Chairman on the Host Committee for the 2007 LWML Sioux Falls Convention

**OTHER:**

Congregation: Treasurer, SS Superintendent, Youth Group Leader, Financial Secretary  
Education: HS Graduate, Business College degree  
Occupation: Financial Aid Assistant, SDSU, Brookings SD  
Community: Fireman's Auxiliary, White Community Club, assist with activities of clients of Advance, Brookings  
Family: Married, two children, four grandchildren

**Mission Statement:** To encourage women to grow in their faith through Bible study, human care and mission outreach to others, and realize the impact they can have on someone else's life. With the help of the Holy Spirit, spread the Good News of God's love for all.

**June Ring, Norris**

**St John Lutheran Church, Norris**

**LWML:**

Society: All offices  
Zone: President, Secretary-Treasurer  
District: Various committees, Main Floor Ushers Director on the Host Committee for the 2007 LWML Sioux Falls Convention

**OTHER:**

Congregation: SS superintendent and teacher, Director of Children's Christmas Eve service, Assistant Treasurer of congregation, Cleaning Committee  
Education: BA Degree, Concordia Teachers College, Seward NE  
Occupation: Homemaker, substitute teacher  
Community: Norris Extension Club, Mellette County Cattlewomen, write Norris News for four county papers  
Family: Widowed, four children, seven grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, two great grandchildren

**Mission Statement:** To serve the Lord joyfully wherever I am.

**Mary Jo Stier, Onida**

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church**

**LWML**

Society: All offices  
Zone: Pierre Zone President (2 terms) and Secretary/Treasurer  
District: Vice President of Human Resource,  
Vice President of Communication, Guest Services  
Chairman for the Sioux Falls Host Committee  
National: Currently serving on Friends Into Serving Him® Task Force

**Other**

Congregation: Congregational Secretary, Congregational Treasurer, Youth Group Director, Sunday School Teacher, Vacation Bible School Director, Thrivent Chapter board member and congregational coordinator  
Education: University of Minnesota, Morris  
South Dakota State University graduate  
Occupation: Employed as an administrator assistant with Agar-Blunt-Onida School District, employed at Don's Food Center and employed as church secretary at Holy Cross Lutheran Church

**Mission statement:** "To use the gifts and talents the Lord has given me in whatever way he sees. *By the Grace of God, I am what I am.* 1 Corinthians 15:10