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*Behold, on the mountains
The feet of him who brings good tidings,
Who proclaims peace!*

Nahum 1:15a (NKJV)

Human Care Gifts from the Heart

Gifts from the Heart for the April 2010 Detroit convention will be **Health Kits** for the **Lutheran City Ministries in Detroit Michigan**.

Please bring the following items to the convention and we will make up kits on site:

- Soap
- Toothbrush adult/child
- Toothpaste small
- Deodorant men/woman
- Tissue packs
- Sanitize lotion/ wipes
- Q-Tips
- Shavers
- Shaving Lotion
- Sanitary Pads
- Wash cloth
- Hand towel
- Christian tract
- Children Christian tracts /arch books/
coloring book

Keep this list in a prominent place where it can be seen everyday!

LWML District Convention April 23—25, 2010

It's never too early to start planning your trip for convention. It's right around the corner of the New Year!! The beautiful picture displayed above was chosen as our logo for convention. Plan now to join us in Beautiful Feet for the Journey!! Registration materials will be sent to all zones and societies in the near future and will also be included in our next *Accent* that will be mailed in January! See you in Detroit!

“Serve our Lord through the LWML!”

Connie Johnson, President
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Your Executive committee met in Detroit in mid-September to make plans for the 2010 convention, which will be held April 23-25th under the theme **“Beautiful Feet for the Journey”**. Registration information will appear in the next *Accent* and will be mailed to your societies and zones in early January.

I am excited to share information with you regarding the great speakers that will be sharing God’s Word and their ministries with our convention body. President/Bishop Rev. Dr. David Stechholz will serve as proclaimer at our Friday evening festival worship service. Rev. Carl Gnewuch, immediate past Senior Counselor of the national LWML will be our Bible study leader. Mission Speakers will be Military Chaplain, Rev. Eric Erkkinen, Rev. Peter & Carla Kirby of Carlinville, Illinois, who served as missionaries to Jamaica from 1995 – 2003, and John Ribando representing Mission Central – A mission in the middle of a cornfield in Western Iowa where God is using ordinary people to accomplish his work. Members of the English District LWML short term mission trip will also share information about their trip to the Native Americans in the Neah Bay, Washington area. We look forward to seeing you in Detroit!

“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven.” Ecclesiastes 3:1. Our LWML Assembly of Leaders, held this past biennium, was based on this verse and titled “A time to Lead”. Our nominating committee has recently sent a letter and the nominating forms for district LWML officers. There are several positions that will be up for election at the 2010 convention. The convention body will elect a President, Vice President of Gospel Outreach, Secretary, Treasurer and Nominating Committee members.

Is 2010 your time to lead? Seek Christ in His Word. Pray for guidance from the Holy Spirit. Use the gifts God has provided you by his grace. Romans 12:6 *“We have different gifts, according to the grace given us...if it is leadership, let him govern diligently.”* Serve our Lord through the LWML.

The English District LWML is one of six districts that will host the 2013 national LWML convention in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The five other districts involved are Atlantic, New England, New Jersey, SELC and Eastern. Please plan to attend the 2011 convention in Peoria, Ill. We will be able to observe the activities of the host committee as well as formally invite our LWML sisters from all across the country to the 2013 convention. As part of the host committee, we need to raise funds for pre-convention expenses. Darlene Byrns of the Eastern District is coordinating an ink cartridge recycling program. Look for news on the web site or contact me for more information. ►

At last we have obtained a supply of round tuits so we can include one in each copy of our church newsletter this issue.

Please clip it out and save it. It’s a valuable piece of merchandise.



Some church members have been saying, “I will start going to church, or tithing, or singing in the church choir, just as soon as I get a round tuit. Now you have your very own round tuit, and you can do all those things you’ve been intending to do. With your round tuit in hand, you’ll certainly want to get more involved in the life of your church.

“LWML Support of Missions!”

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At our Executive Board Meeting the following mission grant proposals were ratified and will be placed on the ballot at the convention in April of 2010 in Romulus, Michigan:

1. Children's Books for Evangelical Lutheran Church

in Latvia—Few Lutheran materials exist for the growing number of children in Latvia. A grant would help provide materials to be used by pastors, teachers and parents in Lutheran churches, Sunday schools and homes as well as serving as a mission tool for outreach.

2. Concordia Seminary St. Louis Food Bank

Concordia Seminary St. Louis Food Bank makes provisions for the physical needs of future church workers and their families. Many Seminary students must obtain loans to pay for their education, household, automotive, medical and additional food costs.

3. The Continuation of "Let the Children Come - Let the Children Sing" Project

—The metro Detroit area is said to contain more than 2.5 million persons who do not know Christ. Lutheran Church Ministries enables outreach to children and teens in the City of Detroit through its music education program.

4. Luther Memorial Elementary School/Cleveland, Ohio

Luther Memorial School is in the inner city of Cleveland, Ohio where Lutheran Christian Education is losing ground. Funding will help with education.

5. Lutheran Student Fellowship LCMS Campus

Mission at the University of Arizona—University of Arizona has an English District campus ministry and reaches out to approximately 52,000 students. A grant would help support the budgetary needs of this campus mission.

6. Muslim Outreach Hospitality Program - POBLO

People Of the Book Lutheran Outreach is sponsoring the planting of a church ministry in Hamtramck, Michigan and there is need for supplies, NIV Bibles, Bible tracts and Lutheran hymnals in Bengali for those that do not speak English.

7. Team Leader Training, MOST Ministries

MOST ministries recruits and sends short term mission teams in response to requests from missionaries and national churches around the world.

8. Training of a Pastor in Bible Translation at the Theological College of Northern Nigeria

The people in Nigeria seek Bible translations in their native language and a grant would assist a young pastor who speaks Bokyi and is willing to begin training in Bible translation.

9. Trinity/HOPE (Feed the Children/Lutheran

Schools in Haiti) - This would help to meet the physical needs of the hungry children in our Lutheran Schools in Haiti so they are healthier, have more energy and are more receptive to the Word of the Lord by providing a hot lunch. There are 135 Lutheran schools in Haiti.

10. Uniforms for Nakuru School, Kenya/Angel Tear

Ministry - Children who attend LCMS school in Kenya, most of whom are orphans, must wear uniforms to be allowed to attend school. A grant would provide 40 uniforms for one class.

At the convention a vote will be taken and those proposals receiving the most votes will be funded from our adopted budget, as this is decided by the convention body in 2010. Although we still have three missions to support by March of 2010 we are confident that the Lord will provide, and our goals will be met.

Come to your convention in April. Bring the good tidings to everyone of the wonderful missions your LWML is helping to support.

"Behold on the mountains the feet of Him who brings good tidings, Who proclaims peace." Nahum 1:15a ►

Our Mission Goal for the 2008-2010 biennium is \$15,000

1. Amigas Ministry, Brazil, - \$3,000.00 PAID
2. Sierra Leone Evangelism Outreach
- \$2,500.00 PAID
3. India School Project - \$3,000 PAID
4. Asian Indian Outreach, Pennsauken, NJ
- \$3,000.00
5. Gambia Church Planting and Land
Purchase, - \$2,000.00
6. Uptown Ministry Substance Abuse Program,
Chicago, IL - \$1,500.00

“Once Cent at a Time!”

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Pennies, pennies every where! You can find them in the wash, your car, on the streets, in parking lots, not to mention throughout our homes. Lots of people today don't think that you can buy anything with a penny, after all it's only one cent !!!

Lutheran women in mission know that one cent, one penny at a time, can add up to millions of dollars when put in mite boxes. As the mites are gathered and sent to our zones, district and finally the national LWML all those mites add up to millions of dollars. And those pennies gathered all together pay our zone grants, district grants and national grants. These are grants that we all voted to support at our zones rallies, district conventions and national conventions.

Pennies add up, one cent at a time. Let's keep collecting those little pennies and encourage our family and friends to help us. We have six months before our next district convention and to pay our last three grants. Let's work hard at filling our mite boxes, one cent at a time, and pay off the promises we made when we voted on the six chosen grants at the district convention in Pittsburgh.

Pennies, pennies every where! One cent at a time can reach out to people in need and spread the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus throughout the world.

May the true spirit of Christmas be with you and your families this Christmas!!!►

Equalization for the District Convention In Detroit!

Equalization for the English District Convention

Have you asked yourself, “What is Equalization?” And when you find out, “How can my society participate?” Following are some answers to your questions:

Equalization helps get our delegates to the convention by paying transportation expenses. Each zone and society is responsible for sending delegates and this fund helps pay their way, *if they have paid into the fund. Each zone is entitled to reimbursement for one delegate and societies two delegates.*

We must all participate for the Equalization Fund to work properly. Those delegates who live close to the convention site and have minimal transportation expenses must pay the \$160 per delegate, to help defray the cost of those far away. *That's what makes it equal!*

Equalization forms were sent to your zone and society treasurers. Equalization payment for delegates and zone presidents is due no later than April 1, 2010. However, the sooner the better!

Please contact our Equalization Chair, Cheryl Gruenwald if you need forms or information about Equalization.

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“Mite Box Devotions”

Jan Simmons, vice President of Servant Resources



It's hard to believe that it is almost two years since the English District LWML Convention was in Pittsburgh. Do you remember the inspirational music, the uplifting Bible studies and worship services, plus the wonderful Christian fellowship with friends? But are you remembering the Mission Grants and our Mite goal?

Our mite collections are low and it will soon be time to close the books on this biennium. Does your society need ideas for inspiring mite giving. I know just where to go, and it's free! Go to www.lwml.org and the resources are limitless. For example you can download the monthly Mite calendar. Every month the calendar highlights a mission project for LWML and everyday a suggestion for mite giving. Also on the website, there are Monthly Mite Box Devotions and stories to encourage mite giving. The best part is, every month there is a new calendar, a new mite box devotion and a new story, the ideas are unending. Plus there is a new mite devotion titled, “*Mighty Mission Mites.*” It's # 5124 under printable program helps, on the website. Hopefully you will use this information to inspire mite giving in your societies.

Take an extra moment to pray as each coin enters your Mite Box and remember the real reason for giving, is to spread the WORD of Christ's love.▶

“Warmth and Friendliness in Detroit!”

Corrine Compton, Vice President Christian Life - toniccc@yahoo.com



In the Midwest and East, the palate of color that God provides is simply breathtaking—the red, orange, and yellow hues that paint the landscapes make me reflect on God's glory even more.

At this time of the year, LWML Zones in the English District should be “*getting ready*” for our Convention in Romulus, Michigan, the weekend of April 23, 2010, Metropolitan Hotel (near the airport). Please plan to attend and bring as many from your church and zones as possible. We want a full House (smile).

After the board meeting in Romulus and experiencing the wonderful hospitality of the LWMLers from the Detroit area and Angelica Lutheran Church in Allen Park, I can personally attest to the friendliness and warmth that will greet you when you arrive at our District convention. “*I guarantee* that you will enjoy this convention.” Your Executive Committee has taken every step to see that the program and workshops are interesting and relevant. Information about pre and post convention excursions are forthcoming, so leave your schedule flexible to take part.

Our mission mites are in dire need of your helpful donations to complete our commitments. Please put every effort forward to increase your mite box offerings. Every nickel, dime, quarter gives full support to our missions around the world and at home.

Looking forward to seeing you in Michigan—On His Mission Field!▶



**We thank thee, God, for blessings, the big ones and the small—
Thy tender love and mercy, that guards and keep us all.**



“Three Grants to Pay!”

Elsiena Velazquez, Treasurer
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May our 'Beautiful Feet' lead us to do our work in the Mission Field

Let us look toward the mountain in prayer and Praise the Lord for all he has done to help us in our mission work. While our economy seems to go downhill, I hope and pray that we will be able to meet our goals before our District Convention in Detroit next April. Mite giving over the summer has been slow but now that the society meetings are back on schedule, I know I will see an improvement in Mite giving very soon.

As you know we have three projects left to pay by March 31, 2010. We have been successful in paying our grants in the past and I feel with many prayers and your diligence filling mite boxes, we will pay all the grants before convention.

Quarterly and Accent subscriptions notices will be going out at the end of the year. Please be prompt in getting them back to me in a timely manner. It is important that we have any changes in subscriptions as soon as possible.

Holidays are approaching fast and I pray that everyone will have a Blessed Christmas and a very Prosperous New Year! ►

“Do We Think of Feet as Beautiful?”

Pastor Keith Johnson, Senior Counselor

Beautiful Feet for the Journey” is the theme for the English District LWML 2010 Convention. The thought is based on Nahum 1:15a: “Behold, on the mountains The feet of him who brings good tidings, Who proclaims peace!” (NKJV)

Do we think of feet as beautiful? We may talk about a beautiful face, beautiful eyes, beautiful legs, beautiful body, a beautiful smile, a beautiful personality. The prophet speaks of feet as bringing good tidings and words of peace. Think of people you know. Are they searching for meaning in life, affirmation, forgiveness, hope, reassurance? Can we use our feet or our talents to be the messenger of good tidings? In our baptism we identify with Christ’s death and resurrection. We have good tidings to share. That’s what makes our feet beautiful.

Sometimes good news brought by beautiful feet is hard to believe. Remember the women coming back from the tomb with the news: The Lord is risen! No one believed them. Sometimes the news is hard to believe because the messengers seem so unlikely. The disciples did not believe the women!

Sometimes people fail to hear, believe and comprehend the Good

News we bring. Remember the prophets and even Jesus Himself was doubted. God entrusts the message of good news and the victory over death by Jesus with us to share. We are the messengers with beautiful feet to share the Good News with longing, waiting people in our world.

The prophet Nahum described God in this way: “The Lord is ‘in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of His feet’” (Nahum 1:3 KJV) The Son of God had dust on his feet crossing the countryside, spending Himself for people, stopping to talk and to touch and to heal, to give life and love and hope and joy. Do our feet get dusty and worn and torn and tired, not from our “feet in the clouds,” but from spending ourselves for people—standing to cook and iron and clean, stopping to care for those in need—at home, down the block, at work, in the community? Beautiful feet look like Jesus’ feet.

The frightened disciples recognized Jesus their resurrected Lord by His beautiful, bruised and wounded feet, which were marked by the print of the cross. Our feet have bruised heels and wounds—Satan’s little victories over us, our weaknesses, the wounds we’ve received from someone stepping on our toes, our tramping on others, life tragedies or from our foolishness trying to follow Christ’s footsteps. All of these wounds and bruises are already covered up by the imprint of Christ’s cross.

Remember the Gospel hymn: “God be with you till we meet again...Till we meet at Jesus’ feet.” Mary met at Jesus’ feet to hear His Word of forgiveness and purpose and new life. Beautiful feet met at Jesus’ feet for healing from “foot problems” and other diseases. We can bring all of our deepest disappointments and anger and anguish and sorrows to the feet of Jesus knowing He can handle them all. Think of Jesus Himself stooping down to wash your feet—to serve you. Think of the touch of Christ healing power and His coming to us that makes our feet beautiful. God never seems to grow tired of washing our feet, loving and forgiving us again and again. May what we have learned about God’s grace, love and forgiveness through our Lord Jesus bless you as a bearer of Good News! ►

