

Open My Lips!



O Lord, open my lips and my mouth will declare your praise.
Psalm 51:15

LWML English District 39th Biennial Convention April 24 - 26, 2020

Many of you have been to the city of Pittsburgh, possibly attending a previous convention. This convention will be a new experience! It will be held in the South Hills of the city, Washington County, PA, approximately 18 miles from downtown Pittsburgh. The area is known for its beautiful rolling hills of agriculture and historic towns. The Convention will take place in a newly renovated Hilton Garden Inn. Some of the hotel highlights will be free breakfast, convention location in one area of the hotel, and a large hospitality suite with tables, chairs and couches for Christian fellowship when convention is not in session. Close to the hotel, a two-mile downhill walk (uphill coming back) you will find the business park of Southpointe. There you will find a main street of shops and various restaurants as

well as a great variety of shopping, including outlet stores and restaurants within ten miles of the hotel.

The pre-convention tour will continue to take you south through the beautiful hills and valleys of Western Pennsylvania to the Laurel Highlands of the Allegheny Mountains to *Falling Waters*. This house was designed by architect Frank Lloyd Wright in 1935 as a weekend home for the Kaufmanns, Pittsburgh's hometown millionaires. It is listed among Smithsonian's "Life List of 28 places to visit before you die". There will be lunch at the historic *Stonehouse Inn* known for offering dining and rest for weary travelers since 1822. The tour will finish off at *Greendance Winery*. Did you know that Pennsylvania is the fifth-largest grape producer and seventh in wine production and number of wineries in the United States?

Your Executive Committee is working very hard to inspire and uplift all in attendance with a Festival Worship Service at Peace Lutheran Church, Bible Study, mission speakers, singing and Christian Fellowship. Jan Struck will be the banquet entertainment and humorous interrupter. Jan always brings a fresh approach to the journey of faith and uses her sense of humor as she shares her life and the message of Christ in a way only she can do. It is a convention you will not want to miss!

The women in the Pittsburgh Zone have also been working hard and can hardly wait to see you! So, mark your calendars, invite the women in your congregation and make your plans to visit Pittsburgh and come to the LWML English District 39th Biennial Convention on April 24-26. Registration forms can be found on the website englishdistrict-lwml.weebly.com along with information about mission speakers, servant events, Ingathering, pre-convention tour and convention shirt. This information will also be emailed to all Zone and Society Presidents.

Yunz All Come Now!

LWML English District President

Darlene Keca

lwmldarlene@gmail.com

Greetings!

Maybe this edition of the *Accent* should be named the CONVENTION EDITION. Everything you need to know is in this publication as well as on the LWML English District website: englishdistrictlwml.weebly.com

When you look at the convention objectives did you catch the hidden word? **L**isten to His Word – through worship and Bible study, **I**n Peace Speak Sincerely – through love and guidance from our Lord, **P**raise the Triune God Joyfully – through music and song, **S**erve the Lord with Gladness – through the servant events.

Our convention is a great opportunity to reconnect and recharge. The LWML English District Pittsburgh zone members are working diligently to make this a growing experience for all of us. I know they are looking forward to meeting and greeting you in April! Just think of all those great LWML hugs, plus the sea of **purple**.

Please take note that the nomination deadline has been extended to January 31st. I applaud this committee for the hours of phone calls and e-mails they have already invested. However, if they aren't aware that YOU are interested in serving on the district executive committee, how can they know to contact you? A common saying within the LWML: God doesn't call the Equipped – He Equips the Called! And believe me He does. Prayerfully consider if this is how the Lord is calling you to serve.

In closing I'd like to ask for your prayers as I travel to St Louis January 22nd – 25th, for the Assembly of Leaders, previously called the Board of Directors, where we will be meeting to discuss general business, planning and training sessions. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve the LWML English District as your president.

Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days (Psalm 90:14).

Sincerely your sister in Christ,
Darlene Keca



The description of the convention logo

The heart represents Jesus' love for us, red color representing that Jesus' paid the penalty for our sins by His blood and the cross, His suffering and resurrection resulting in our salvation. Through His love and gift of salvation, our lips [represented by the singing choir], will be used by the power of the Holy Spirit, [represented by the gold glow in the cross], to proclaim Christ.

Convention Goal

Our lips will be used by the power of the Holy Spirit to proclaim Christ.

Convention Objectives:

- L**isten to His Word
- I**n Peace Speak Sincerely
- P**raise the Triune God Joyfully
- S**erve the Lord with Gladness

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January 2020

Deadline for Nominations has been extended to January 31, 2020

The offices for **Vice President Organizational Resources**, **Vice President Christian Life/Human Care** and **Secretary** are open for elections at the **LWML English District 39th Biennial Convention** to be held in Pittsburgh, PA on April 24-26, 2020. These officers serve a term of four years (2020-2024). We will also need to elect three to serve as the **Nominating Committee** for a two-year term (2020-2022).

Please pray that the Lord will guide us in finding talented women who would like to serve on the district level. Your help is needed to search your zones for women with the gifts and desire to serve. Ask them to prayerfully consider running for one of the above-mentioned positions. Possible candidates should complete and email the Nomination Form to sueflwml@gmail.com no later than January 31, 2020.

Information is available on our LWML English District website: englishdistrictlwml.weebly.com or click <https://englishdistrictlwml.weebly.com/forms.html>.

~The Lutheran Prayer of Good Courage~

Lord God,
you have called your servants
to ventures of which we cannot see the ending,
by paths as yet untrodden,
through perils unknown.
Give us faith to go out with good courage,
not knowing where we go,
but only that your hand is leading us
and your love supporting us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Young Women IN MISSION

Looking for young women, 22-35 years of age, who have not previously served as a Young Woman Representative (YWR) at a district convention! Invite these young women to join you in Pittsburgh and serve as your zone YWR.

Did you know there are provisions in the district standing rules to assist in the travel expense?

9. For District Convention the YWR may participate in Equalization, if the zone contributes to the Equalization fund on behalf of the YWR. All other expenses related to registration, food and hotel are the responsibility of the zone. These expenses may also be compensated through societies within the zone.

If interested, application forms are available on our website: englishdistrictlwml.weebly.com under the Convention Central tab.



Convention Edition

Mission Grants

#1 Camp Restore Detroit - Camp Restore Detroit was created as a ministry of Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Detroit, Michigan. Mt. Calvary is involved in bringing in volunteers to help the community clearing lots, serving at nursing homes, and local food banks. A home will be purchased for outreach programs such as Christ centered art classes, tutoring for children and parenting and finance classes for adults.

#2 M.O.S.T. Ministries Clean Water Filters - Mission Opportunities Short Term Ministries located in Ann Arbor, Michigan supplies clean water filters to 3rd world countries. Each water filter costs \$40 and can provide 170 gallons of clean water each day. 75 water filters will provide clean water for over 300 people for many years.

#3 Epiphany Lutheran Church Food Truck - Free food is given to anyone in need in the Dorr, Michigan area and beyond on the second Wednesday of every month. Epiphany opens its doors and passes our quality, healthy food along with the love of Christ. The church purchases the food from Feeding America and Hungry for Christ along with donations from church members. Personal care items and household items are also given away, the items are purchased by church members. The food truck has been going strong for 15 years, rain, snow or shine.

#4 Making Jesus Known in U.S. Ethnic Communities - Currently there are two education programs at Concordia, St. Louis, Missouri. The programs prepare Lutheran pastors and deaconesses in the Hispanic-Latino community and immigrant/ethnic communities such as Asia, Africa and the Middle East. Tuition assistance is needed to help these church workers continue with their training.

#5 Grief Share - Grief Recovery Group Program - Catalina Lutheran Church, Tucson, Arizona holds a Grief Share support program to help those who have lost loved ones. The program is Christ centered, helping individuals deal with their feelings after loss. The support group consists of a leader who experienced loss, and usually non-church members that are looking for comfort. The program is a door to share Christ with the grief stricken.

#6 Operation Barnabas Military Share Food Distribution - The Operation Barnabas Committee of Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania provides free food to veterans, active service members, families of the deployed and deceased veterans. Since October, 2017, 24,833 pounds of food have been distributed to veterans and their families.

#7 Sri Lanka - Evangelist and Catechist's Support - LCMS missionaries train several men as candidates for the next generation of pastors and deacons in Sri Lanka. The students proclaim the gos-

pel to non-Christians in the capital of Colombo and to those at the tea and rubber plantations. They also assist the pastors with the congregations or at preaching stations. Funds are needed to help the students reach out further to the people of Sri Lanka.

#8 Deaconess Training in Latin America - Reformer Lutheran Seminary and Disaster Response Mercy Center in the Dominican Republic are the homes where women from Latin America come to train to be deaconess. The women come from Mexico, Panama, Guatemala, Venezuela and the Dominican Republic. They receive 20 hours of intense training to become a deaconess. They support and encourage one another through prayer and mutual consolation. After their training they return home to share the gospel and to encourage other women to become a deaconess.

#9 Soldiers of the Cross - Soldiers of the Cross is an LCMS mercy program that helps pastors and church workers in times of personal or financial crisis. The church workers may face financial trouble when illness or natural disasters happen. Many times, help is also needed after their careers to meet basic needs. Since they have given so much to us, we need to care for our church workers in troubled times.

#10 Chaplain Scholarships for Mercy Medical Trips - Mercy medical teams who enter into the mission field have a Chaplain to help with their spiritual/emotional needs. The Chaplain also greets patients, shares the gospel with them and works with the local churches. Many times the cost to send a Chaplain is beyond the cost of the team and out of reach for many pastors. Serving on a medical team, the volunteers and pastors are the hands and feet of Christ, and they also gain a better understanding of the Body of Christ.

#11 Growing Shepherd Pastors - The Lutheran Center for Theological Studies exists to equip men to become shepherd pastors to evangelize and share the gospel with their tribal language, with the people in the French speaking countries of Togo, Burkina Faso, Benin, Burundi, Ivory Coast, Guinea, The Republic of Congo and Democratic Republic of Congo. Although sending countries and students provide some resources, help is still needed to provide scholarships to enable some students. In some situations help is also needed for their families with travel and visa expenses from their home country to Togo. Help is also needed to maintain sustenance while living at the seminary and cover costs for tuition and training materials.

Gail Arndt
VP Gospel Outreach

Proposed Amendments to LWML English District Bylaws for 2020 Convention

Proposed amendment #1: Article III -- Members Section 1b.

Rationale: To recognize flexibility in the names of local organizations. Many different names are used for LWML groups district wide such as circles, guilds, and societies. All are acceptable. This amendment will recognize all as groups of Lutheran Women in Mission.

Current bylaws read:

Women who hold membership in an LCMS congregation may form a society in a setting other than a congregation, a campus, or a resident home upon approval of the LWML District Executive Committee.

If adopted will read:

Women who hold membership in an LCMS congregation may form a group in a setting other than a congregation, a campus, or a resident home upon approval of the LWML District Executive Committee.

Conforming amendments: If the amendment is adopted, the same changes will be made in: Table of Contents Article XVI; Article III Section 1c, d, e, 2a; Article IV Section 1a; Article V Section 2a, 5b; Article VIII Section 3a, b; Article IX Section 2b, 5e, g; Article XI Section 6d; Article XII Section 4; Article XIII Section 1a; Article XIV Section 2a; Article XV Section 1; Article XVI; Standing Rules 2 & 9.

Proposed Amendment #2: ARTICLE IV – ORGANIZATION Section 1a.

Rationale: Units are the accepted measurement of zones in the current District bylaws Article IV Section 3a.

Current bylaws read:

The district shall be divided into zones consisting of groups of individual societies. The zone shall be determined by the LWML District Executive Committee and shall conform to English District LCMS circuit lines as nearly as possible.

If adopted will read:

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If proposed amendment #1 is adopted would read:

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Proposed Amendment #3: ARTICLE V – CONVENTIONS AND REPRESENTATION Section 2a and 5b

Rationale: Units are the accepted measurement of zones in the current District bylaws Article IV Section 3a.

Current bylaws read:

Two (2) accredited delegates from each society in membership;

In the event neither the delegate nor the alternate is registered or able to serve, a member of the same society may serve as delegate upon certification in writing by the LWML Zone President and presentation to the Credentials Chairman. In the case of nonzone societies, a member of the same society may serve as a delegate, upon certification in writing by the LWML District President and presentation to the Credentials Committee.

If proposed amendment #1 is adopted would read:

Two (2) accredited delegates from each group in membership;

In the event neither the delegate nor the alternate is registered or able to serve, a member of the same group may serve as delegate upon certification in writing by the LWML Zone President and presentation to the Credentials Chairman. In the case of nonzone groups, a member of the same group may serve as a delegate, upon certification in writing by the LWML District President and presentation to the Credentials Committee.

If adopted will read:

Two (2) accredited delegates from each unit in membership;

In the event neither the delegate nor the alternate is registered or able to serve, a member of the same unit may serve as delegate upon certification in writing by the LWML Zone President and presentation to the Credentials Chairman. In the case of nonzone units, a member of the same unit may serve as a delegate, upon certification in writing by the LWML District President and presentation to the Credentials Committee.

Proposed amendment #4: ARTICLE IX – DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS Section 1 and Section 4

Rationale: Banking regulations necessitate that signers are physically present to be placed on an account. As ours is a non-geographic district, the Vice President of Organizational Resources may not reside near the Treasurer.

Existing bylaws read:

ARTICLE IX -- DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS Section 1

The President shall:

Add new i.

If adopted will read:

ARTICLE IX – DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS Section 1

The President shall:

i. designate a co-signer for LWML District account from among LWML District or Zone officers residing near the Treasurer.

Existing bylaws read:

ARTICLE IX -- DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS Section 4

The Vice President of Organizational Resources may perform the duties of the office of President in the absence of or at the request of the LWML District President and shall:

d. be authorized to sign checks for the Treasurer in emergencies;

e. serve as liaison to Webmaster.

Delete old d. Old e becomes d.

If adopted will read:

ARTICLE IX -- DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS Section 4

The Vice President of Organizational Resources may perform the duties of the office of President in the absence of or at the request of the LWML District President and shall:

d. serve as liaison to Webmaster.

Senior Counselor Rev. Eric Carlson

This spring's convention near Pittsburgh, PA will mark the end of my service as an LWML counselor. What a privilege it has been to be part of the LWML mission! I wasn't sure what I was getting into when I was asked to serve as a Chicago zone counselor about 8 years ago. What was clear was the dedication and love shown by the women. They were an amazing support to their churches, the district, and the worldwide spread of the Gospel, so I accepted.

The first English District LWML convention I attended was in Chicagoland in 2014. It was a stressful time for the zone as they planned this important event. In the end, the convention was wonderful. The women were warm and welcoming to me and to each other, but it extended beyond that. They wanted to shine the light of Christ to hotel staff and the people passing through and they did. It was refreshing to see a group of Christians so excited about funding mission work and having fellowship time together.

When I was asked to be Junior Counselor for the district, it wasn't a hard choice. I had learned that serving in the LWML is a blessing. You get to participate in supporting important local missions. You also get to meet fellow mission minded Christians from all over the country in convention. All that and good fellowship...what's not to like?

That is when I found out how inspiring and uplifting the LWML could be. I was sent to Albuquerque, NM, for the National Convention. I will never forget serving during the opening worship service with over 60 other pastors. Thousands of attendees sang hymns, heard the Gospel, received the Sacrament of the Altar, prayed, and praised God. It was clear that the theme, *Jesus Christ Above All*, was more than a catchphrase. It was at the center of every aspect of business and worship and entertainment. Indeed, prayer was held before and after every major vote.

Jesus Christ above all. That sums up my experience with the LWML. As we prepare to meet this spring, I know what to expect. We will gather for a faith building time of service, worship and fellowship. It will be a reunion with church family. I hope to see you there. Blessings to all of you in Christ Jesus, through whom you have forgiveness, salvation and eternal life!

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them" (Eph. 2:10).
Pastor Eric Carlson

VP Christian Life/Human Care Ruth Crowl

Dear women of the LWML, English District.
Where can you go, attend a function and be greeted with true smiles and outstretched arms to give you a hug? Lots and lots of hugs. Automatically, there is a feeling of love in the room. You know you're in the right place – it's a function of the LWML! Whether it's in your Society, your Zone or District, God's hand directs us all to obey His Command as written in Matthew 28:19. This work is done in so many ways by so many, from missionaries to lay people. LWML is a part of God's plan and has accomplished much with our mites. But mites are not the only ingredient necessary. To continue the LWML it takes the women of our churches to come forward, and join the LWML boards on whatever level. Back in the 1980's, I was not involved but was the designated driver for two women that were on our zone board, since they could not drive. I attended the meetings, sitting in the background. Unbeknownst to me, at election time, one of my ladies put my name in for secretary! I was elected for secretary. I really did not know the other women on the board, nor did I have a clue to being the secretary, except take notes. Four years of secretary, then four years as treasurer, also other positions, and because in our zone we cannot get women to volunteer for board positions, I am still on the board!

My second term as a District board member will expire at the convention in Pittsburgh this coming April. My first term was from 2004 to 2008. Along the way and thru the years, I have met and worked with some beautiful, amazing Christian women. Their friendship and mentoring has been invaluable. It has been my extreme pleasure. Should you be asked to join a board, it means there is something in and about you that others have noticed. Always remember – God does not call the equipped, He equips those called.

VP Christian Life/Human Care
Ruth Crowl





Secretary
Sara Himler

Please pray for...

MISSION GRANTS 2018—2020

Mission Goal: \$18,000

Liberty Line Rural Transportation

Ministry—\$3000 - PAID

Montcalm County, Michigan

Operation Barnabas for Comfort Dog

Congregation—\$2055 - PAID

LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces

BOLDLY Declaring Y'shua as

Messiah in ISRAEL—\$3000 - PAID

The Apple of His Eye Mission Society

Positive Options Lakeshore

Pregnancy Center—\$2000 - PAID

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

Food Bank—\$3000 - PAID

Family of God Reading Lab—\$2000

Family of God Lutheran Church

Southwest Detroit—PAID

From Cradle to College—Lutheran

Books for Immigrant Children &

Campus Ministries—\$2945

Lutheran Heritage Foundation

As I complete my last year as secretary of the English District, I wish to reflect back on the experience that I had. This was quite the learning experience and I am so happy I had it. I am a relative newcomer to LWML, having first becoming involved when I attended the LWML Convention in Pittsburgh in 2013. That was a wonderful transformative experience that ended up inspiring me to commit to work for this organization. At about this time my church's long time LWML society and zone secretary moved out of state. I was recruited to replace her in that role. My thoughts then were that doing this will certainly help me to understand what LWML does at the local and zone level, since I must pay attention and take notes! Fast forward to 2016 when I agreed to run as district secretary, and my eyes were opened and my amazement in learning all that LWML does increased. I most enjoyed meeting the many women of faith who set such encouraging examples for me. Learning about the hard work our missionaries do and hearing about the fruits of their labor was faith inspiring. Many thanks go to President Jan Simmons who first guided me along, and Darlene Keca who has taken over with the encouragement and guidance. I so appreciate meeting and getting to know the members of the Executive Committee. Your help has been literally a godsend.

In closing, I will mention that my life has taken a turn for the better in other ways. I met a wonderful widower 3 years ago and we married 2 years ago, and I moved an hour south. This resulted in a much longer commute to my church, which led me to a search for a closer LCMS church. I discovered Concordia Lutheran in Hagerstown, and will gradually transition to this church. This church is not part of the English District, and thus I will be getting involved with a LWML group in the Southeastern District. However, I look forward to seeing you all at National conventions! God Bless.
Sara Hilmer, Secretary



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On behalf of the LWML English District Pittsburgh Zone, we invite you to register for the 39th Biennial English District Convention!

Included are the registration forms, the Acknowledgment and Release Form and the Equalization Form for you to complete and return before March 23rd. Please note that if you are interested in participating in the Pre-convention Tour, registration **MUST** be turned in by **March 3, 2020**. The tour is a lovely way to view the scenic wonders of Southwestern PA!

Delegate Registration: Each zone is represented by one delegate - the Zone President or her representative. Each society is entitled to two delegates. Convention delegates and guests should complete the registration form and return it no later than March 23, 2020. All clergy will receive the convention packets. Clergy are not charged the registration fee but do cover their own meals.

Please be sure to complete the Registration Form (1 page) including your Banquet Meal choice (should you be attending the Banquet), your choices for Luncheon Interest Sessions and size for convention shirt, if purchasing; and the Participant Information/Acknowledgment and Release Form for Medical Emergencies. Return your completed forms along with your check payable to LWML ED 2020 Convention for all registration costs, including pre-convention tour, meal package, extra banquet tickets and/or convention shirt if desired.

Hotel Reservations: All hotel reservations should be made directly with Hilton Garden Inn Pittsburgh/Southpointe. Call 724-743-5000 and tell them you are with the English District Lutheran Women's Missionary League convention in order to receive the special rate.

We look forward to seeing "yunzes" as we prepare to worship the Lord with our hearts and minds and open our lips and mouths to declare His praise!

Your servants in Christ,

Cinda Souer and Marion Schmidt

Registration Co-Chairmen

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LWML - Registration Form
English District 39th Biennial Convention
April 24-26, 2020

Hilton Garden Inn—Pittsburgh/Southpointe

1000 Corporate Drive, Canonsburg, PA 15317

Name _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Phone _____ Cell _____
Email _____
Zone _____

Registration	\$125	\$ _____
Late Reg. Postmarked <i>after 3/23/20</i>	\$140	\$ _____
Fri Dinner/Sat Lunch/Sat Banquet	\$85	\$ _____
Sat Banquet only (spouse/guest/exhibitor)	\$40	\$ _____
President's Luncheon (Fri-11:30 a.m.)	\$20	\$ _____
Convention Polo Shirt	S thru XL - \$27	
	2XL & 3XL - \$31	\$ _____
<i>(Circle Shirt Size: S M L XL 2XL 3XL)</i>		
Pre-Convention Tour	\$121	\$ _____

Banquet Meal Choice: *(please circle choice)*

Parmesan Crusted Chicken Miso Glazed Salmon

Deadline for Tour registration is 3/3/20 **TOTAL \$ _____**

Travel Plans: Information regarding the cost of the shuttle from the airport to the hotel will be provided with your confirmation.

Airline _____ Date of Arrival: _____ Time of Arrival: _____

Flight # _____ Date of Departure: _____ Time of Departure: _____

If you are Driving: Date of Arrival: _____ Approximate Time of Arrival: _____

Registrant: Circle all that apply

District Board Standing Committee Delegate Zone President Delegate Clergy General Registration
First Time at District Convention Young Women Rep. (YWR) Past President Guest

Special Needs: (Mobility issues, etc) _____

Dietary restrictions: _____ Vegetarian/Vegan _____ Diabetic _____ Gluten-Free

_____ Other Allergies (please specify) _____

Saturday Interest Sessions Please select 1st, 2nd, & 3rd choice

___ Rev. Eric R. Andrae - Lutheran Student Fellowship & International Student Ministry

___ Rev. Rodney A. Bendendorf - Lutheran Heritage Foundation

___ Robert Ardner Jr. - Operation Barnabas

All Attendees must complete the Acknowledgement/Release Form. You will need this form in order to register at convention.

Please make check payable to: LWML ED 2020 Convention

Print and Mail registration & check to: Cinda Souer, 644 Bower Hill Rd, Venetia, PA 15367

Phone: 724-941-5262 Email: lwml.ed.webservant@gmail.com

\$25 processing fee will be retained for all cancellations—No refunds after March 24, 2020

2020 Pre-Convention Tour!

Fallingwater/Stonehouse Inn/Greendance Winery

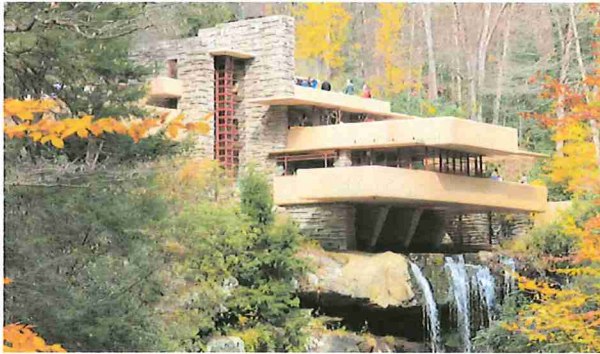
Thursday, April 23, 2020 (departing at 8:30 am and returning to the hotel by approx. 6:30 pm)

Cost per person: \$121.00

Transportation by deluxe motor coach, admission to Fallingwater (Frank Lloyd Wright-designed home) with a tour guide, buffet lunch at the Stonehouse Inn and dessert at Greendance Winery, includes gratuities and taxes. Alternatives available to accommodate dietary restrictions. Comfortable walking shoes suggested. No refunds available, tickets are transferrable.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR TOUR IS EARLIER THAN MAIN REGISTRATION!

Deadline for Tour registration is **TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2020.**



You are responsible for making your own Hotel reservations. Mention that you are with the English District LWML Convention.

Hilton Garden Inn Pittsburgh/Southpointe

1000 Corporate Dr., Canonsburg, PA 15317

(724) 743-5000

Room Rate: \$89 + applicable state and local taxes - up to 4 per room

2 Double Beds per room

Complimentary WiFi, 24-hour business center, fitness center and Breakfast included

Must reserve by March 23, 2020 to receive LWML pricing

In-Gathering: Gifts from the Heart

Pittsburgh Lutheran Center for the Blind, Pittsburgh Lutheran Deaf Ministry

Personal care items: Shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, lotion, tissues, etc.

Pittsburgh Campus Ministries

Personal care items: Shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, lotion, tissues, etc. Bibles, snacks/goodies etc.

First Trinity Homeless Ministry

Towels, washcloths, energy bars, socks, underwear.

Our Convention Shirt is a double pique poly/cotton blend Women's Polo that has a contoured silhouette with side seams and side vents, contoured collar and cuffs with the Heart and Cross part of our Convention Logo embroidered on the front upper left side of the shirt.



Servant Activities

Assembling care packets for First Trinity Homeless Ministry

Assembling items for Pittsburgh Lutheran Deaf Ministry

Assembling items for Pittsburgh Lutheran center for the Blind

Packing care boxes for Campus Ministries

Saturday Interest Sessions

Meet our Speakers...

Rev. Eric Andrae

Lutheran Student Fellowship & International Student Ministry of Pittsburgh (LSF-ISM) extends Christian friendship to all domestic and international students, faculty, staff, and their families, offering the love of Christ in Word and deed. It helps those served to grow into and mature in the Christian faith through worship, study, community, service, and much more! Other examples of specific activities include weekly Divine Service with the First Trinity Congregation, weekly student Bible Study/dinner/compline, retreats, social events, ongoing pastoral visitation and care including counsel for various life-changing decisions and crises, English as a Second Language, adult catechesis leading to baptism and confirmation, etc.

Rev. Rodney Bendendorf

Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF) has been translating, publishing, distributing and introducing books that are Bible-based, Christ-centered and Reformation-driven, for over 25 years. From children's Bible story books to Luther's Small Catechism to "academic" books, LHF has been translating our Biblical, Lutheran theological books into other languages worldwide and giving them away. LHF has published over 1,000 titles in over 100 languages and has distributed them in over 80 countries. Missionaries will come and go, but a book can last forever.

Robert Ardner Jr.

Operation Barnabas. In 2007, The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod's Ministry to the Armed Forces launched Operation Barnabas. Through this program (the only one of its kind in the U.S.) together with our congregations, we accomplish three key goals: 1) Care for Reserve chaplains and their families and congregations; 2) Train and assist local congregations in the care, support and outreach to all military connected people in their congregations and their communities; and 3) Serve as a resource to other organizations that provide care to military connected people.



Name _____
(Please Print) Last First

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE
2020 ENGLISH DISTRICT CONVENTION PITTSBURGH, PA
PARTICIPANT INFORMATION, ACKNOWLEDGMENT, WAIVER, AND RELEASE FORM

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

The purpose of this participant information form, acknowledgment, waiver, and release is to identify each person ("Participant") who wishes to volunteer with the Lutheran Women's Missionary League ("LWML") or participates in LWML-sponsored activities. As a condition to becoming a Participant, LWML requires each person to provide the following information and to release LWML from any liability for his or her safety and well-being when volunteering for LWML and while participating in any LWML-sponsored activities including optional activities scheduled in conjunction with the LWML English District Convention may copy this form for use at optional activities. Please scan and email back to lwml.ed.webservant@gmail.com

Name/Address: _____

Allergies and Other Known Health Risks/Problems: _____

Special Diet Restrictions (not preferences): _____

Reaction to Diet Restriction/Medication Needed: _____

Person to Contact in the Event of an Emergency (Name, Address, Telephone Number(s), Relationship): _____

Health Insurance Carrier/Policy Number: _____

Medications: _____

ACKNOWLEDGMENT, WAIVER, AND RELEASE

I understand that to become a Participant, LWML requires me to acknowledge and agree that LWML assumes no, and disclaims all, liability for my safety and well-being while acting as a Participant. In consideration of LWML permitting me to be a Participant:

- (a) I acknowledge that the information set forth above is complete and accurate.
- (b) I recognize that there are certain risks inherent in events including servant activities and the mission pledge walk and will register for, and participate in, these optional events only if I am medically able and I assume the responsibility for personal injury to myself as a result of such activities.
- (c) I acknowledge and agree that LWML is an auxiliary agency of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and cannot and does not accept any (and expressly disclaims all) responsibility for my safety and well-being while I am a Participant.
- (d) I hereby waive, on behalf of myself and my heirs, executors and assigns, all claims arising from my participation in LWML-sponsored activities. I release and discharge LWML, its directors, officers, employees and agents from all claims, demands, actions or causes of action that I may have, now or in the future, relating to or resulting from any illness or injuries (including death), loss or damage suffered by me while I am a Participant.
- (e) I consent to any medical treatment that LWML (or any of its authorized representatives) deems to be necessary or appropriate in the event of my illness, accident or other medical emergency, and I accept full financial responsibility for any fees or expenses relating to this treatment.
- (f) I further grant permission to LWML and/or agents authorized by them to use any photographs, in web cast, video, or audio recordings or any other record of this event for any purpose.
- (g) I hereby acknowledge that I have read this document and understand it. I further acknowledge that by signing below I voluntarily surrender certain legal rights.

DATE: _____ PRINTED NAME: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

(If under 18) PARENT'S SIGNATURE: _____ PARENT'S NAME: _____

EQUALIZATION INFORMATION AND FORM 2020

EQUALIZATION...is a method of endeavoring to equalize travel costs for LWML District convention delegates. In order to make the plan function it is necessary to have as near 100% participation as possible from all zones and individual societies in the English District. Even if a unit will not be sending a delegate to the convention (though you will miss a lot if you don't), you should still send in the amount set for equalization...that's what makes it EQUAL! **Each zone is entitled to send one delegate and societies two delegates to represent them at convention.**

BECAUSE...of the high cost of airfares, we are encouraging all zones and societies within a fair driving distance (300 miles) of Pittsburgh, to drive, and/or car-pooling when possible. All travel arrangements will be the responsibility of each delegate. The mileage allowance for a delegate driver is calculated using the current IRS mileage rate. Reimbursement can only be requested by the delegate driving; unless there are extenuating circumstances, which would need to be reviewed on a case by case basis. No other passengers will be entitled to compensation for travel. Maximum payment will not exceed the lowest available coach airfare. The equalization chairman will reimburse your mileage with documentation of the round trip using mapping software (MapQuest etc.)

BECAUSE...women's attendance at LWML conventions is really leadership training for local congregations, we encourage you to ask your congregation's finance committee to include funds for equalization in the convention and conference segment of their annual budgets.

PARTICIPATION...for the 2020 LWML English District 39th Biennial Convention in Pittsburgh, PA. is \$200.00 per delegate, and zone president (\$400.00 total for the two delegates each society is entitled to send). We are encouraging all zones and societies to send in their payment as soon as possible. The deadline for the total payment is March 31, 2020.

Thank you for your cooperation in this joint stewardship effort.

Everyone sharing makes for a stronger LWML!

LWML English District Executive Committee

Zone _____ Zone President _____

LWML Unit Name _____ Church Name _____

Church Address _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Amount Enclosed _____

Sent by _____ Phone # _____

Address _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Indicate if payment is for:

Society Delegate/s(1-2) _____ Zone President _____

Remit completed form with payment to: Elsieña Velazquez, 2121 S. Pantano Road #326 Tucson, AZ 85710

Questions – contact Elsieña at: 520-241-5339 or velazquez36@yahoo.com

Please make checks payable to: **LWMLLED Equalization**