



# Lutheran Women in Mission



June 11, 2011  
LWML Nebraska South District  
Board of Director's Meeting



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## Peoria LWML Convention - June 23-26, 2011

**Convention Offering #1 – LWML Mission Goal 2011-2013**

**Convention Offering #2 - Three Mission Central Projects (Mission Central, Mapleton, Iowa)**

**Convention Offering #3 - Amigos de Cristo Mission Outreach Project**

**Convention Offering #4 - Specific Ministry Pastor (SMP) Program**

### **LWML to Live Stream Convention in Peoria**

Final preparations are under way for the 34th Biennial Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention held in Peoria, Illinois, June 23-26, 2011. Thousands of Lutheran Women in Mission will be attending and participating in the many activities and events at the convention. New at this convention will be the first live streaming of the convention sessions. For those not able to attend the convention in person, the streaming will allow an opportunity to catch up on all the convention sessions via the World Wide Web using home or office computers. Computer viewing will require adequate Internet speed from your Internet provider (Broadband or DSL connection of at least .765 Mb/s is recommended). If you are unable to view the convention online, or if the video has a number of pauses in it, it is likely that there is not enough speed to support the live stream. If viewing the convention live is not an option, daily updates will be posted at [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org) and on LWML Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/TheLWML](http://www.facebook.com/TheLWML). Archived videos will be included with selected portions of each day.



**Sharon: Tuesday, June 21, 3:00 p.m. LWML Board of Directors meeting begins** at the P re Marquette Hotel and will conclude Thursday, mid morning.

**Banner Procession Rehearsal** will be on the main floor of the Civic Center.

YWRs do not participate in this rehearsal. **After Banner Practice - DPs meet their Heart to Heart District Leaders and H2H Sisters** at their meeting room in the Civic Center for a brief visit and pictures. I will then be free from right before lunch until Delegate Orientation.

### Wednesday, June 22, 2011

**5:00 p.m. to 8 p.m.** – Registration Open

### Thursday, June 23, 2011

**7 a.m.** Registration Open

**9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** – Servant Connections

**9 a.m. to 6 p.m.** – Exhibits Open

**12:30 to 2:30 p.m.** – Choir Rehearsal

**3:00-4:00 p.m.** – Delegate Orientation. The Peoria Civic Center will be a busy place on Thursday afternoon. Admittance to the arena will be limited because of rehearsals and final set-up. Delegates should be in the arena at least 15 minutes prior to the 3 p.m. orientation starting time. It may be necessary to wait near the entrance until allowed inside. LWML officers will be available to assist you in locating your district delegation's seating area. Please stop by the table where the voting machines will be given out. **Be prepared**

**to show your badge that indicates you are a voting delegate in order to receive the voting box.** It is vital that everyone be seated as quickly as possible; our schedule is quite full. Following the orientation you will be asked to exit the arena as quickly as possible. District caucuses and photos are scheduled immediately after the orientation. I have been assigned to be a Teller at the convention, which means I will assist with checking name badges and distributing voting machines to voting delegates prior to Delegate Orientation on Thursday afternoon and before the session begins on Saturday morning.

**4:00-4:50 p.m.** – District Caucus is in Room 212. I would like everyone from NE South District to attend this caucus. Those who have pre-registered for meals may pick up the Thursday Box Supper in the Skylight Lobby near Exhibit Hall B located on the street level. Please pick up your box supper and proceed to our caucus room. **You must be wearing your name badge to receive your box supper.** Concessions will be open for you to pick up food to bring to the caucus. I will be presenting the YWRs with their pin at the caucus. It will also be a time for last minute questions and to get to know other better. Often this is the only time we have the opportunity to be together as a district while at the convention. It is my hope that this caucus will be informative, and it will start our convention time in a very positive and enthusiastic way.

**CONVENTION PHOTO SCHEDULE:** Nebraska South's picture will be Thursday, June 23 in Exhibit Hall A. We are in Group 2 – 5:00 p.m. Please arrive 10 minutes early. We can then all go to opening worship together. It is open seating, and would be good to go early! YWRs are in the district picture, they then need to go to the Lexus Club room in the convention center and they will walk to worship together so they can sit together at worship.

**Thursday afternoon will be a very busy time and the schedules are so tight, it will be very helpful if we encourage everyone to attend the caucus so we can then go to have our picture taken together and then to worship. Sticking together during this time will be very good!**

**6:45 p.m.** – Pre-service Music

**7:00 p.m.** – **Convention Opening and First Meeting**

Celebration Worship Service with Communion

**Gifts from the Heart** - Your *Gifts from the Heart* will be given to agencies in the Peoria area and to Orphan Grain Train. Convention participants may bring these items in unlimited quantities. When you register at the civic center, bring your gifts with you and place them in the receptacles provided. **NO MONEY WILL BE ACCEPTED** for *Gifts from the Heart* at the convention.

**The daily convention newspaper** is important to read for updated information.

**Friday Noon Info Gatherings** - P – First Timers – Q – Friends Into Serving Him® Leaders – R – Gifts of Love – S – Heart to Heart Sisters Reunion – T – Men's Network – U – Mission-Ministry Vision – V – Pastors – W – YWRs and YWR Alums –

**Friday Invitation-only Dinners:** Heart to Heart Sisters - Past LWML District Presidents - YWRs with LWML President

**“MISSION IN MOTION” Mission Pledge Walk and Exercise:** The Pledge Walk/Exercise will be held on **Saturday, June 25**, between 6:30 and 8 a.m. along the beautiful banks of the Illinois River. The Riverfront is within walking distance from the Peoria Civic Center as well as downtown hotels. Low impact Zumba® exercises will be held in the Peoria Civic Center, Exhibit Hall A, beginning at 7 a.m. Convention sessions begin at 9:15 a.m. on Saturday.

**Saturday Special Interest Luncheons** The Special Interest Luncheons will be held on Saturday, **June 25, 2011**, from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. in various locations in the Peoria Civic Center.

**Friday night** 7:30 p.m. **Fourth Meeting** – Inspirational Speaker:  
Katie Stam, Miss America 2009

**Saturday night** 7:30 p.m. **Seventh Meeting**  
Entertainment: Sibling Harmony

**Adjournment/Convention Closing** on Sunday will be around noon.

**Heart to Heart Sister programming** At the Peoria convention, we will host our first training of district leaders who will spearhead Heart to Heart Sisters programs in the districts. We are particularly excited about the opportunity to support, network, and encourage these women leaders. Willa Brinkmeyer will be attending this training, starting on Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, through the beginning of the convention. She will also meet with the H2H participants throughout the convention.

**A little about the YWR Programming**

**Goal:** Young Woman Representatives will be engaged in a convention experience that will equip them to be involved as the face of the LWML.

**Objective:** Know they are created in His image

**Bible verse:** Psalm 139:13-14

**YWR Activity Highlights**

Gifts from the Heart – help receive and pack items

Opening worship together – (go to the Lexus Club room in the convention center)

YWR Orientation – after worship at the hotel – vital that all YWRs attend this session

Friday morning – banner procession with DP, then sit with district delegation

Friday noon – YWR Lunch and Alumni Reunion

Friday supper – Dinner with President Jan

Saturday – morning devotion and direction for the day

Mission Banner Procession

Special Interest Luncheons

YWR recognition at the sixth meeting

YWR meet to go to dinner together

Sunday – morning devotions and time for farewell

Closing meeting

District banner plans: Denise Hummel will take the banner home from the June 11 BOD meeting and give to Linda Reiser, who will bring the banner with her and Ron as they drive to Peoria on Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. Linda will get the banner to Sharon Tuesday night so Sharon can deliver the banner to the banner room on Wednesday noon. Edna Moll will pick up the banner at the banner room at the convention center between 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. on Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup> and bring it home on the bus. Denise will take it from the bus to her home, where I will pick it up at a later date.

**Please let me know if you have any questions! You can take my cell number with you to Peoria and call me anytime! I will keep it on vibrate during meetings, but you can leave a message and I will call you back. You may also send a text or e-mail and I'll try to respond right away. I will be staying at the P re Marquette Hotel. I will let you know my room number at the caucus.**

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## Delegate tips

- **Read the convention material given to you.** Become familiar, as soon as possible, with the sessions, speakers, and social functions. You should be informed about the convention agenda.
- **Study the mission grant proposals.** Study all the available information with your society/zone. You should know their feelings about the mission grants because you are representing them with your vote.
- **Study the slate of officers.** Evaluate the candidates' experience and background and ask the Lord for guidance. Your vote will help decide the leaders for the next biennium.
- **Study the proposed bylaws amendments.** Discuss them with your society/zone to determine their opinions on the proposed changes.
- **Spend time in prayer** every morning before you begin the day's busy convention schedule. Private devotions will bring the day into proper perspective.
- **Plan to circulate at the convention** and meet new people. Mealtime can be used as an opportunity to share the joys and challenges of your society's/zone's activities with new acquaintances. Contact with non-LWMLers can be an evangelism opportunity.
- **Plan to attend all sessions.** You will not want to miss an opportunity to decide an important business matter. You will want to enjoy the complete convention experience.
- **Plan to be in your delegate's seat** five minutes before the sessions are scheduled to begin. This will provide time to focus on the upcoming business.
- **Plan your convention report** during some spare time at the convention. Plan how and what you will share with your society or zone when you return home.
- **Give thanks and glory to God**, for He enabled you to be an ambassador for Him and the LWML. Renew your commitment to "Serve the Lord with Gladness.

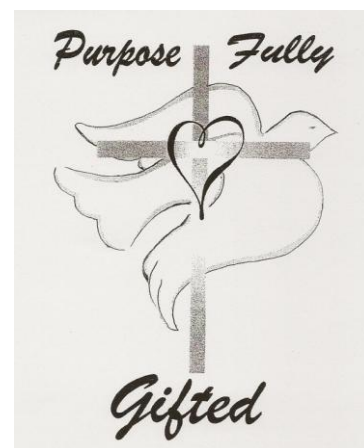
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## **LWML NEBRASKA SOUTH DISTRICT RETREAT** **September 9-11, 2011**

Emmanuel Lutheran Church  
806 N. Beaver  
York, NE

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Mary Hilgendorf  
Check the Spring and Summer issues of *The ECHO* for all information!  
Also check our website ([www.lwmlnesouth.org](http://www.lwmlnesouth.org)) for all information.

Regular Retreat Registration - \$40.00  
First Timers Registration - \$30.00



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## **2012 LWML Nebraska South District Convention**

September 14-15, 2012 – The Sandhills Convention Center, North Platte,

***JOYFUL ... PATIENT ... FAITHFUL***

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Romans 12:12

Keynote Speaker: Ruth Koch – Music Leader: Karen Reynolds

