

MINUTES OF THE IOWA EAST DISTRICT  
LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE  
39<sup>TH</sup> BIENNIAL CONVENTION  
June 15-16, 2018

***“Grafted to the Vine”*** based on John 15:16-17

*"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another." John 15:16-17*

The 39<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Iowa East District was held at the Marriott Hotel, Cedar Rapids June 15-16, 2018. The LWML members of the Mt. Pleasant Zone hosted the convention. Judy Westergren served as the convention parliamentarian.

**PROCESSIONAL - OPENING WORSHIP SERVICE - OFFERING**

The processional hymn, “Lift High the Cross”, opened the first session at 1:00 pm. The procession was led by DeEtta Rasmussen, Mt. Pleasant Zone President, carrying the processional cross, accompanied by Mehan Steahr, Mt. Pleasant Zone YWR followed by Angie Banko and Karen Lyons co-chairs carrying the 2018 Convention Banner. Zone Presidents followed accompanied with their Zone YWR carrying their Zone Banners; 2017 YWRs Amanda Hahn carried the IED Banner and Rachel Wegener carried the 2017 Albuquerque Banner. Appointed District Officers and Committee Members followed. The elected officers and Past District Presidents Lynn Evans, Judy Westergren, Kathy Schweer and Janice Johnston followed. LWML Representative, President Patti Ross, Clergy participating in the worship Service, LCMS IDE President, Rev. Dr. Brian Sanders and LWML IED President Joan Berquist followed. The worship service was led by Mt. Pleasant Zone Pastoral Counselor, Rev. Christopher Roepke. officiant and lector and the clergy of the Mt. Pleasant Zone. The message was delivered by Rev. Dr. Brian Saunders, proclaimer. The Convention Offering #1 was designated for the Iowa East District 2018-2020 Mite Goal.

**SESSION I – FRIDAY AFTERNOON**

*CALL TO ORDER...PLEDGE TO THE FLAGS...WELCOME...LCMS IDE PRESIDENT...LCEF*

President Joan Berquist called the 39<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Iowa East District to order in the name of the Triune God, the Father, our Creator; the Son, our Redeemer and the Holy Spirit, our Sanctifier at 2:00 p.m. DeEtta Rasmussen, President of the Mt. Pleasant Zone led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag and the Christian flag. Angie Banko and Karen Lyons Convention Co-Chairmen welcomed all attendees to the 2018 Iowa East District Convention. Betty Borchardt, President of St. Ansgar Zone, responded and thanked the host committee and zone for organizing the convention. LCMS Iowa District East President, Rev. Dr. Brian Saunders, informed us of the work our District is doing through Missions. He thanked the LWML for the support they continue to give. The power of your Mites help make the mission projects we are working on happen. Carole White, LCEF District Vice President, brought greetings from the Lutheran Church Extension Fund and informed us of some of the services they offer to our District. A new service they are offering is electronic giving for mites called “Joyful Response”. President Berquist thanked LCEF for their matching fund gift of \$500.00 that was presented for mission grants through the “Rock-a-Thon for Mites” project.

#### *ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.....INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS.....LWML PLEDGE*

President Joan thanked all who participated in the opening of the convention. Sandi Speidel - song leader, Shari Moeller - accompanist and Hannah Thompson - flutist. Rev. Christopher Roepke, Clergy of the Mt. Pleasant Zone and Rev. Dr. Brian Saunders, Proclaimer. The District Banner was designed and made by Shirley Schweer **and features the newest logo of LWML Iowa East District**. The District Board of directors approved this banner to be used at all LWML IED Conventions. Sara Scudder, a member of Faith Lutheran Church, Mt Pleasant, designed the 2018 convention logo. The convention banner was designed and made by Mary Fitzpatrick and Marcie Johnson, members of Zion Lutheran Church, Wilton. Amanda Hahn and Rachel Wegener, who represented Iowa East as Young Woman Representatives at the 2017 LWML Convention in Albuquerque, carried the Iowa East District banner and the 2017 Albuquerque convention banner in our processional today. The Albuquerque convention banner was designed by Naomi Pfeil and made by Naomi and her mother, Angie Pfeil, from the Cedar Rapids Zone. Zone Presidents carried banners made by their zone showing their interpretation of our convention theme, "Grafted to the Vine". President Berquist introduced the Crisis Management Team and asked them to stand and be recognized. Seated at the head table were – Judy Westergren, Parliamentarian; Diane Paulson, Recording Secretary, Cynthia Kofoot, VP of Gospel Outreach and Pastor David Lingard, Senior Pastoral Counselor. Serving as the president's page was Becky Wehrspann, District Meeting Manager. Jeanette Kreutner, President of the Dubuque Zone, recognized special guests: Katie Schuermann, banquet keynote speaker; President Patti Ross, LWML Representative; Shari Moeller and Sandy Speidel, song leaders and accompanist; mission speakers Rev. Ryan McDermott and family; Deaconess Grace Rao; Gracie, the comfort dog with handler Jane Marsh-Johnson and Rev. Dr. Brent Smith, Mission Central. President Berquist recognized Zone and District Pastoral Counselors, pastors, retired clergy and all current and retired pastor's wives and widows; the nine (9) YWRs attending; the first timers to convention and the three IED LWML'ers serving appointed positions with LWML, Becky Wehrspann, Features Editor for the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly; Cheryl Killham, Leadership Development Committee and Vickie Ozburn, LWML Convention Food Services. Past IED Presidents, Lynn Evans (1990-1994), Judy Westergren (1998-2002), Kathryn Schweer (2002-2006) and Janice Johnston (2010-2014) led the LWML Pledge. Marlene Bartlett (1986-1990) and Gail Maurer (1994-1998) were unable to attend. Convention interrupter, Martha Hartwig made an appearance, encouraging us to do a "happy dance".

#### *CREDENTIALS.....ADOPTION OF AGENDA/ RULES.....2016 MINUTES*

Diane Paulson, Recording Secretary, presented the credentials report: as of June 15, 2018 at 1:00 pm a quorum is present with all 12 zones represented. Out of a possible 200 eligible delegates from 12 zones there are a total of 80 eligible delegates, nine (9) District Officers and 12 Zone Presidents for a total of 101 eligible to vote. Also attending are 17 non-voting Board of Directors and 94 other registrants for a total in attendance of 212. Paulson moved that the roll of voting Board of Directors and delegates registered as of 1:00 pm on June 15, 2018 be the official roll of the voting assembly of the convention. Motion was seconded and carried. Janell Wollschlager, Vice President of Organizational Resources, by direction of the Board of Directors moved to adopt the convention agenda as printed on pages 23-26 of the convention manual with necessary changes at the discretion of the Chair. Motion carried. Cheryl Killham, Vice President of Communication read the convention rules printed on page 22 of the convention manual. By direction of the Board of Directors, Cheryl moved to adopt the convention rules as printed. Motion carried. President Berquist announced that to comply with the convention rules just adopted, all delegates must be registered, seated at the reserved delegate tables and be wearing the delegate name badge. Since the 2016 convention minutes located on pages 31-38 in the convention manual have been reviewed, corrected and approved by the LWML IED Board of Directors and sent to all delegates and societies that did not have a delegate at the convention, Diane Paulson, Recording

Secretary, moved to suspend the reading of the 2016 convention minutes. Motion seconded and carried. A singing break took place.

#### *TELLER APPOINTMENTS.....FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT*

Dori Stanek will serve as election teller chairman, tellers who are not delegates will distribute and collect ballots. The tellers who are delegates cannot handle the ballots prior to voting but are eligible to count the ballots. President Berquist appointed tellers for the Mission Grants and Election of Officers. Chairman for Mission Grants tellers is Linda Jeske - Westgate Zone (serving as delegate, will count ballots only). Other tellers are Fran Magdefrau – Benton Zone, Janice Johnston – Cedar Rapids Zone, Claudia Schenk – Clinton Zone (delegate), Joyce Arndt - Davenport Zone, Janet Smith - Dubuque Zone, Sharon Akers - Eldora Zone, LouAnn Perkins - Marshalltown Zone (delegate), Deborah Roepke - Mt. Pleasant Zone (delegate), Janice Kruger – St. Ansgar Zone (delegate), Ginny Poppen - Waterloo Zone (delegate), and Gwen Timm – Williamsburg Zone. Pastoral Counselor, Rev. David Lingard. Chairman for Election of Officers tellers is Dori Stanek- Cedar Rapids Zone. Other tellers are Diane Stein – Benton Zone, Janet Peters – Clinton Zone (delegate), Michelle Warner – Davenport Zone (delegate), Tana Guetzko – Dubuque Zone (delegate), Lavonne Hoversten – Eldora Zone (delegate), Michelle Phillips – Marshalltown Zone (delegate), Jan Petersen – Mt. Pleasant Zone, Diane Joens – St. Ansgar Zone (delegate), Hannah Krenz – Waterloo Zone, Vera Hoins – Westgate Zone (delegate), and Jo Johnson – Williamsburg Zone. Pastoral Counselor, Rev. Randolph McHone. Elizabeth Gehle, Financial Secretary, stated the Financial Secretary's report is located on pages 39-41 of the convention manual. The report contains a listing of the contributions from societies, zones, and other sources of income. This report has been reviewed by LWML member Tamara McKay of the Davenport Zone and found to be in good order. Her statement can be found on page 41 of the convention manual. Gehle moved acceptance of the Review of the Financial Secretary's report. Motion seconded and carried.

#### *TREASURER'S REPORT.....MISSION GOAL.....MITES IN ACTION,,,,,,MISSION GRANTS*

Gretchen Rasmussen, Treasurer, stated that the Treasurer's Report is located on pages 42-43 of the convention manual. This report has been reviewed by LWML member Tamara McKay of the Davenport Zone and found to be in good order. Her statement can be found on page 41 of the convention manual. Rasmussen moved acceptance of the Review of the Treasurer's report. Motion was seconded and carried. By direction of the Iowa East Board of Directors, Rasmussen moved to adopt a Mission Goal for the 2018-2020 biennium of \$208,795.00 which includes \$97,000.00 for Mission Grants, \$100,495.00 for Outreach and \$11,300.00 for In-reach. Motion seconded and carried. The assembly stood and sang the Doxology. President Berquist introduced, "Mites in Action" Mission Speaker, Pastor Ryan McDermott and his family who shared with us how our mites have been used in his ministry in West and Central Africa, based in Togo, working in the deaf ministry. Cynthia Kofoot, Vice President of Gospel Outreach, presented the proposed Mission Grants printed on pages 45-54 of the convention manual to be considered for the 2018-2020 Biennium. Jill Fraser, VP of Human Care, offered a prayer before balloting. President Berquist gave the voting instruction. Delegates were instructed to vote for eight (8) mission grants. Non-delegate tellers distributed and collected the ballots. The Christian Life Committee presented a skit, featuring "Stars: Shiners, Sparklers and Fire Balls". Let your faith shine like stars.

#### *NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT...BALLOTING*

Nominating Committee chairman, Lilah Hurley, Davenport Zone, was unable to be present – Marie McNary, Cedar Rapids Zone, substituted for her and presented the slate of candidates – President: Margaret Kistler, Cedar Rapids Zone; Vice President of Christian Life: Elizabeth Roberts, Williamsburg Zone and Becky Wehrspann, Westgate Zone; Vice President of Gospel Outreach: Judith Fink, Waterloo Zone and Elizabeth Gehle, Davenport Zone; Financial Secretary: Tamara McKay, Davenport Zone and

Marna Mohr, Williamsburg Zone; Recording Secretary: Virginia Boyer, Cedar Rapids Zone, and Lora Duncan, Eldora Zone; Junior Pastoral Counselor: Rev. Tom Ogilvie, Williamsburg Zone and Rev. Christopher Roepke, Mt. Pleasant Zone. President Berquist after asking for nominations from the floor, of which there were none, declared the nominations closed. Nancy Maurer, President of Westgate Zone led the prayer before balloting for the Election of Officers. Delegates were instructed to vote for one (1) for each office. The non-delegate tellers distributed and collected ballots.

#### *LWML REPORT....ANNOUNCEMENTS*

Margaret Kistler, President of the Cedar Rapids Zone, introduced the LWML Representative, President Patti Ross. President Ross presented the LWML report, updated us on the LWML Mission Grants and encouraged us to continue to support them with prayer and monetary gifts. She shared that the LWML is a place where each woman is valued for her uniqueness in God's plan for His church and is engaged in using her special God given gifts, as she is equipped through the word. LWML is so special because its focus is on Jesus and what He has done for us; bringing the saving gospel to the world. Angie Banko and Karen Lyons offered announcements. President Berquist shared additional announcements; President Berquist declared Session I of the LWML IED 39<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention be closed. The Exhibit Hall was open from 4:30 pm - 6:15 pm.

#### **FRIDAY EVENING**

The Banquet began at 6:30 pm with a welcome and prayer from Pastor Randolph McHone, Junior Pastoral Counselor. Following dinner, President Joan Berquist introduced the keynote speaker, author, Katie Schuermann. Her most recent non-fiction books include, *"He Remembers the Barren"* and *"Pew Sisters"*. She is also the author of a the *"Anthems of Zion"* trilogy fiction books. Christian Life Committee Chair, DeEtta Rasmussen presented a video of District activities in celebration of the "75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary" of LWML. The closing prayer was offered by Pastor David Lingard, Senior Pastoral Counselor. Exhibits were open from 9:00 pm – 10:00 pm.

#### **SESSION II – SATURDAY MORNING**

##### *OPENING DEVOTION....CREDENTIALS REPORT...SECOND OFFERING*

The morning session began at 7:45 am with group singing led by Shari Moeller and Sandi Speidel. President Joan Berquist welcomed the assembly to Session II of the 39<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention of the LWML Iowa East District at 8:00 am. President Berquist recognized the Past District Presidents and LWML President Patti Ross. Opening devotion were led by the Young Women Representatives introduced by Lavonne Hoversten, Chairman of the Member Development Committee and assisted by committee member, Tamara McKay. The devotion was entitled, *"Love for the Vineyard"*. Seated on stage was Judy Westergren, Parliamentarian; Diane Paulson, Recording Secretary; Vickie Ozburn, Vice President of Christian Life and Rev. Randolph McHone, Junior Pastoral Counselor. Crisis Management Team members were recognized. Offering #2, designated for the LCMS Disaster Relief Fund, was gathered with the singing of *"Lutheran Women, One and All"*. Diane Paulson, Recording Secretary reported as of 8:00 am this morning there is no change in the number of the voting body, which remains at 101. Alberta Martens, President of the Clinton Zone, led the assembly in reading the LWML Mission Statement.

##### *BYLAWS..... LHM.....BIBLE STUDY*

Janell Wollschlager, Vice President of Organizational Resources, presented the Proposed Bylaw Amendments. The proposed bylaw amendments were reviewed at the November 11, 2017 BOD meeting and approved by the LWML IED Board of Directors. The changes were sent to the LWML Structure Committee and approved in December 2017. This past spring, each society was provided a copy of the

proposed amendments along with the rationale for the changes. By direction of the LWML IED Board of Directors, Wollschlager moved that the proposed bylaw amendments be approved as presented from pages 61-62 of the convention manual. Each article and section of the proposed bylaw amendments was read. Sharon Mulford-Henson, President of the Eldora Zone, led us in prayer before voting on the proposed bylaw amendments. President Berquist called for the vote from the Official Roll of the Voting Assembly. By your vote, you have adopted the bylaw amendments as presented. Janell Wollschlager informed the voting body that the bylaws will be published and distributed to the Zone Presidents at the August 18, 2018 LWML IED Board of Directors meeting, who will distribute them to the society presidents at their Zone Fall Board meeting. They will be published on the IED website. President Joan Berquist welcomed Mr. Rad Finch, Ministry Advancement Officer with the Lutheran Hour Ministries, who brought greetings from LHM. He announced that an anonymous donor, whom he has been working with and has a great love for LWML, has gifted the LWML IED Endowment Fund with a \$15,000 thank offering and also has willed from her estate an irrevocable gift of \$291,000. To God be the Glory!! The assembly stood and sang the Doxology. Rev. David Lingard, Senior Pastoral Counselor, led Bible study #1 found on page 27 of the convention manual, based on John 15:16-17, "*Grafted to the Vine*". We have been grafted into Jesus; our strength is in Him. "There is peace and joy in Jesus choosing you because it is certain and sure, your strength is not in yourself but in the one true vine, Jesus Christ, the vine you have been grafted into, now go and bear fruit!"

*MISSION GRANTS REPORT.....MISSION SPEAKERS.....LWML PRESIDENT.*

Linda Jeske, Mission Grants Teller Committee Chair, reported the number of votes each grant received. The mission grant total for the 2018-2020 biennium is \$104,500 (\$97,000 plus a carryover of \$7,500 from 2016-2018 biennium).

No.	Title of Grant	Amount Requested	Votes	Grant No.
1.	Concordia Seminary Student Aid	\$10,000	67	2
2.	Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca	\$ 5,000	64	4
3.	Lutheran Family Services (Turn Hearts to Life)	\$10,000	61	13
4.	Concordia Undergraduate Student Aid	\$15,000	59	1
5.	LCMS Mission Central	\$10,000	50	5
6.	LCMS Operations Barnabas	\$ 3,000	50	20
7.	LCMS Campus Ministry, UNI	\$ 2,000	49	17
8.	Lutherans for Life, Post Abortion Crisis Hotline	\$ 5,000	42	12
9.	Lutheran Special Education	\$ 5,000	37	7
10.	Seminary Education for Pastors in So. Sudan	\$ 5,000	37	11
11.	Phil's Friends, Support for Cancer patients	\$ 8,000	36	8
12.	Concordia Sem., Ft. Wayne, Food & Clothing Co-op	\$ 5,000	35	18
13.	POBLO Int., "Unequally Yoked" - Resource Kits.	\$ 8,000	28	15
14.	Valley Lutheran School Student Transportation	\$ 6,476	27	14
15.	Concordia Deacon/Deaconess Graduate Student Aid	\$ 5,000	25	3
16.	LCMS Missions, Soldiers of the Cross	\$ 4,000	24	22
17.	Lutheran Braille Workers (partial)	\$ 1,024	23	9

The assembly was led in singing. Judith Fink, President of Waterloo Zone, introduced Mission Speaker Gracie, the Comfort Dog with her handler Jane Marsh-Johnson. Gracie is a trained Comfort Dog used in nursing homes, hospitals, classrooms, police departments and in disaster response situations. Her primary function is to be used as a bridge to touch others with mercy, compassion and to proclaim Christ, as she interacts throughout the community. A ten (10) minute break was taken.

President Joan Berquist introduced LWML President Patti Ross, who encouraged us with "Grafted – Now Growing". Why should we be a part of LWML? Ephesians 2:10 says, "*We are God's workmanship*,"



*created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God has prepared in advance for us to do.*” We are sometimes pushed out of our comfort zone because God has things for us to do and wants us to grow. In LWML we are a team having the same focus - our faith in Jesus, we want to make a difference, we want to give back for what the Lord has done, we enjoy helping others, it’s a joy being a mentor, and we are given a bigger outlook in life. Let us get on board and join the team because “Together Everyone Accomplishes More.” Interrupter, Martha Hartwig appeared. Helen Huedepohl, President of Williamsburg Zone, introduced our next Mission Speaker, Deaconess Grace Rao, Director, Deaconess Ministry LCMS Offices of International and National Missions. Grace works with LCMS districts, congregations, and other church partners to increase awareness of human care needs and deaconess ministry. She also helps to lead the development of deaconess ministry curriculum and education overseas and supports national LCMS deaconess training programs. The work of the deaconess program focuses on the word and sacraments, serving the Lord through His love and sharing His compassion and mercy through those who He brings to us.

#### *YWR REPORT....ELECTION OF OFFICERS REPORT...ANNOUNCEMENTS*

Rachel Wegener and Amanda Hahn, Young Women Representatives to the 2017 Albuquerque Convention gave us their YWR report and thanked the LWML for sending them to convention. They were kept very busy but had a great experience and were very grateful to have the privilege of representing IED. Dori Stanek, Teller Chairman for Election of Officers, reported 101 votes were cast as follows:

President	Margaret Kistler	101
	Illegal Votes	0
Vice President of Christian Life	Elizabeth Roberts	35
	Becky Wehrspann	66
	Illegal Votes	0
Vice President of Gospel Outreach	Judith Fink	35
	Elizabeth Gehle	66
	Illegal Votes	0
Financial Secretary	Tammy McKay	38
	Marna Mohr	63
	Illegal Votes	0
Recording Secretary	Virginia Boyer	22
	Lora Duncan	79
	Illegal Votes	0
Pastoral Counselor:	Rev. Tom Ogilvie	79
	Rev. Christopher Roepke	22
	Illegal Votes	0

President Joan Berquist declared these officers duly elected: President – Margaret Kistler; Vice President of Christian Life – Becky Wehrspann; Vice President of Gospel Outreach – Elizabeth Gehle; Financial Secretary – Marna Mohr; Recording Secretary – Lora Duncan and Pastoral Counselor – Rev. Tom Ogilvie. Co-chairs Angie Banko and Karen Lyons shared announcements. President Berquist declared Session II of the 39<sup>th</sup> LWML IED Convention closed.

## SESSION 111 – SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Shari Moeller and Sandi Speidel led the pre-session group singing. President Joan Berquist thanked these song leaders for sharing their talents with us during this convention.

### *OPENING PRAYER.....MITES IN ACTION,,,ROCK-A-THON REPORT*

President Berquist opened Session III of the 39<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention of LWML Iowa East District by introducing individuals seated at the head table – Judy Westergren, Parliamentarian; Diane Paulson, Recording Secretary; Elizabeth Gehle, Financial Secretary and Rev. David Lingard, Senior Pastoral Counselor. Sandi Duncan, President of Marshalltown Zone, offered the opening prayer for Session III. President Berquist introduced our next “Mites in Action” speaker, Rev. Dr. Brent Smith from Mission Central, who works alongside Gary Thies. Their mission is to inform congregations and their members the work of LCMS National and International Missions; while also connecting people with opportunities to support missionaries and projects with prayer, encouragement and voluntary giving. Janell Wollschlager, “Rock-a-Thon” coordinator gave us an update. We have collected \$3,201.80, from the “Rock-a-Thon for Mites”, with more funds coming. The final total and winning zone of the contest will be announced at the August BOD meeting.

### *BIBLE STUDY....MOBILE CONVENTION SKIT*

Rev. Randolph McHone, Junior Pastoral Counselor led Bible Study #2 found on page 29 of the convention manual, entitled, “*Grafted to the Vine: Chosen in Love, for Love*” based on John 15: 16-17. **I chose you ....to abide-----so that you will love one another.** We love because He first loved us, this is the focus of our faith. We love as we open our eyes to see the needs of others and serve them, so let us “love with the love of Jesus.” A skit inviting us to the 2019 LWML Convention in Mobile, Alabama, June 20-23, 2019 with the theme “*In Praise to the Lord*”, based on I Chronicles 16:23:24a, “*Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations..*”, was presented by Becky Wehrspann and her cast.

### *INGATHERING REPORT - DEDICATION.....ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF HOST ZONE*

Jill Fraser, VP of Human Care, thanked everyone for their Gifts from the Heart of baby shower items. Fraser reported receiving 244 packages of disposable diapers, 14 large boxes of disposable diapers, 15 packages of wet wipes, 109 sleepers, 62 onesies, 47 bottles of baby lotion, 57 bottles of body wash, 34 packages of baby washcloths, 78 fleece blankets, 49 toys, 4 diaper bags (2 of them filled with items), 32 packages of socks, 8 shirts, 3 short pants, 23 long pants, 3 pair of shoes, 12 caps, 10 burp cloths, 15 bibs, 1 bag of mittens, gifts cards totaling about \$85.00 plus \$254.00. Junior Pastoral Counselor, Rev. Randolph McHone led the Blessing of the Ingathering Devotion found on page 63 of the convention manual. President Berquist acknowledged Angie Banko and Karen Lyons, Co-Chairs, and all their Committee Chairmen, the Mt. Pleasant Zone members, Pastors, husbands, and others who have helped with this convention. The assembly demonstrated their appreciation with a resounding round of applause.

### *INVITATION -2018 LWML CONVENTION...ZONE TRANSFER...MOTION TO DESTROY BALLOTS*

Betty Borchardt, St. Ansgar Zone President, issued an invitation to the 2020 LWML IED Convention to be hosted by the St. Ansgar Zone. Judith Fink, Waterloo Zone President, made a motion to transfer Peace Lutheran Ladies Aid of Peace Lutheran Church in Shell Rock, Iowa from the LWML Westgate Zone to the LWML Waterloo Zone. Motion was seconded and carried. Sandi Duncan, Marshalltown Zone President, moved that the ballots from the Mission Grants and Election of Officers be destroyed. Motion seconded and carried. President Joan Berquist directed the chairman of the Teller Committees to destroy the ballots.

*ATTENDANCE REPORT....OFFERINGS REPORT*

Convention Registrar, Jan Lange, presented the final convention attendance report: 21 Voting Board of Directors members, 81 Delegates, 17 Non-voting Appointed Personnel/Committee members, and 98 other Registrants with a total attendance of 217. Gretchen Rasmussen, LWML IED Treasurer, reported the Friday afternoon offering #1 for the 2018-20 LWML IED Mite Goal was \$2,944.27. The Saturday morning offering #2 for the LCMS Disaster Fund was \$2,347.86. The total convention offering was \$5,292.13. Thanks and praise to God for His incredible blessings!

*FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS....CLOSING RESOLUTIONS*

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Convention Co-Chairs, Angie Banko and Karen Lyons, shared final announcements. Angie announced that we collected \$125.00 for mites from the eye glass cases. She thanked everyone who served in preparing for this convention and for all who attended and participated. Interrupter, Martha Hartwig and the Christian Life Committee led us in participating in a questionnaire of LWML facts. President Berquist thanked Darrel Petersen and David Petersen who shared their gift of electronics as our Technical Support Team. Kay Berry, Davenport Zone President, and Elaine Haren, Benton Zone President, presented the closing resolutions as follows:

**Whereas** the members of the Mt. Pleasant Zone under the leadership of Angie Banko and Karen Lyons have planned this inspirational LWML Iowa East District Convention and

**Whereas** Pastor Roepke, Mt Pleasant Clergy, President Saunders, Pastor Lingard and Pastor McHone led us in worship, devotions, and Bible Study and

**Whereas** Shari Moeller and Sandi Speidel led our singing and provided music for our worship service, and

**Whereas** Katie Schuermann, inspired us with her message, and

**Whereas** the 75 years video presentation entertained us at the banquet, and

**Whereas** we were enlightened by the mission of the LWML national group by President Patti Ross, and

**Whereas** the Christian Life committee entertained us with skits, and

**Whereas** the Young Women Representatives shared their time and talent to the Glory of God led by Member Development Lavonne Hoversten and Tammy McKay and

**Whereas** Amanda Hahn and Rachel Wegener shared their experiences as YWRs at the Albuquerque Convention and

**Whereas** Rev. Ryan McDermott, Gracie the comfort dog and handler Jane Marsh-Johnson, Rev. Brent Smith from Mission Central, Deaconess Grace Rao and others shared information about their mission work through our Mites in Action, and

**Whereas** the staff of the Cedar Rapids Marriott have been wonderful hosts and

**Whereas** outgoing officers Vickie Ozburn, VP Of Christian Life; Cindy Kofoot, Vice President of Gospel Outreach, Elizabeth Gehle, Financial Secretary, Diane Paulson, Recording Secretary, Rev. David Lingard, Pastoral Counselor and Joan Berquist, President have faithfully and joyfully served the Lord with gladness **be it therefore**

**Resolved** that this convention assembled here rise and extend its heartfelt thanks to all who have worked in any way to carry out the work of the Lord in this place and be it finally



**Resolved** that above all – we leave from this convention with new insight that we are “Grafted to the Vine” and remembering daily to put our trust in and HOPE in the Triune God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit from who comes our strength to continue to serve

*RETIRING OFFICERS REFLECTIONS...INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS*

President Berquist thanked the retiring LWML IED officers for their service. They shared their personal reflections of their time of serving the LWML. The Rev. Randolph McHone, Junior Pastoral Counselor installed the new officers: Margaret Kistler, President; Becky Wehrspann, VP of Christian Life; Elizabeth Gehle, VP of Gospel Outreach; Marna Mohr, Financial Secretary; Lora Duncan, Recording Secretary and Rev. Tom Ogilvie, Pastoral Counselor.

*ADJOURNMENT.....CLOSING DEVOTION*

President, Margaret Kistler declared the 39<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League Iowa East District adjourned. Rev. Christopher Roepke, Mt. Pleasant Zone Pastoral Counselor led the closing devotion.

Diane Paulson  
LWML IED Recording Secretary  
June 15-16, 2018

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