

# **Guidelines for Selecting and Serving as an LWML Young Woman Representative (YWR)**

- Any mature young woman, preferably 22-35 years of age\*, who is a member of the LCMS and has not previously attended a district convention as a Young Woman Representative is eligible to become a YWR.
- A YWR candidate should have a deep love and devotion for her Lord Jesus Christ and is able to participate in the full scope of the convention.
- A YWR candidate will fill out the application completely and honestly and return it to the district by the date it is due.
- A YWR candidate is able to be away from home/work/children for the entire convention and the travel time involved\*\*.

## **The YWR should:**

- Have a strong relationship with her Lord. Her faith will encourage her as she participates in the convention and carries out her YWR duties and responsibilities.
- Have some knowledge of the LWML. She will gain much from her district convention experience if she understands the basics of the organization. Each zone should make an effort to provide education and information for the YWR prior to the convention.
- Know what is expected of her on the zone level after the district convention, whether that is speaking engagements, attendance at zone/district events, or YWR committee work.
- Be willing to participate in the following areas after convention: speaking, leading, recruiting, or encouraging. She is expected to impact others with her convention experience; skills in these areas are helpful.

- Have a desire to make a difference and serve in a sincere and dedicated manner. Enthusiasm to learn and be involved is a must!

\* While 22-35 is the suggested age, we welcome women who are slightly outside of the age range as we look to further the reach of the LWML. We rely on the zone board to know if the young women selected are the right representatives.

\*\* We wish to make all young women, including their children, feel welcomed at convention. If a YWR wishes to bring a young child(ren), all arrangements must be made between the YWR and the district president through the Member Development Committee.

The Member Development Committee would be notified of the intent to bring a child through the YWR rooming form submitted and approved by the district president.

### **What is expected of a Young Woman Representative?**

- A YWR will attend all sessions of the convention, sitting in her designated area, though she will not be eligible to vote.
- A YWR will be asked to report on her convention experience either orally or in written form to the district, zone, or society that nominated her.
- A YWR will commit to being involved in her local LWML as well as encourage other young women to be active in the LWML.

These guidelines are suggestions to empower your YWR program to have the greatest effect on the young women of your district. May the Lord lead and guide you in your selection process!