

**LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE  
IOWA EAST DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Saturday, November 12, 2016**

**CALL TO ORER:** President Joan Berquist called the meeting to order in the name of the Triune God, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit in the meeting room of the District Office in Marion, Iowa at 9:30 am.

**OPENING DEVOTIONS:** Jr. Pastoral Counselor, Pastor Randolph McHone presented the opening devotions based on I Corinthians 3:1-9. We are God's servants, called by faith, working together. God acts through the LWML in amazing ways to do His work as we work together, serving the Lord with gladness.

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:** President Joan Berquist welcomed everyone and each person introduced herself. (Attendance list is attached.)

**BOD MINUTES FROM August 13, 2016:** Helen Huedepohl made a **motion** to accept the minutes of the August 13, 2016 IED BOD meeting as printed. Motion seconded and carried.

**MINUTES REVIEW:** Marcia Reints and Helen Huedepohl volunteered.

**GARBAGE DUTY:** Nancy McHone and Judith Fink volunteered.

**APPOINTMENTS:** Sharon Mulford-Hensen made a **motion** to accept the following appointments: Janelle Wollschlager, Parliamentarin for November Meeting; Sandra Lingard, Short Term Mission Coordinator (2 yr. term); Evonne Plagge, Christian Life Committee (3 yr. term) and Lavonne Hoversten, Member Development Committee (3 year term). Motion was seconded and carried.

**REPORTS:**

**TREASURER:** Gretchen Rasmussen reported – beginning balance, \$32,392.26; income received was \$13,450.90; expenses were \$24,597.52 leaving a balance of \$21,245.64 as of October 29, 2016. Full Report attached and filed. Since the report was printed a check for \$547.50 was written to the LWML Representative (from Convention), leaving a balance of \$20,698.14. The balance of our LCMS Endowment fund account is \$26,497.75 as of September 30, 2016.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY:** Elizabeth Gehle reported. Full report attached.

**VP OF CHRISTIAN LIFE:** Vickie Klinkhammer reported. The Christian Life Committee presented a skit entitled "*Exercising to His Word*". We were encouraged to print this skit from the LWML website to use for rally and society meetings. Full report attached.

**Christian Life Committee:** Lavonne Hoversten reported. Martha Hartwig set up and maintained the LWML store at the Fall Retreat in my absence. Lavonne thanked us for the opportunity to serve on this committee.

**VP OF ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES:** Janell Wollschlager reported. Full report attached. Janelle pointed us to the LWML website under, Resources, Creative Crafts to see what is available to us. One thing they have is a bookmark that you can print, color and give to someone to personally welcome them to LWML and/or make them aware of LWML.

**Member Development:** Kathy Schweer reported. She thanked the board for the opportunity to serve in this capacity, it has been a very rewarding experience. She also thanked the zones for sending seven Young Women to Convention in 2016 and encouraged them to keep in touch, mentor and encourage them to take part in LWML activities. An "*Event for Young Women*" is still a work in progress. Kathy challenged us to carry out the mission of LWML in your congregations. To do this we need to find out what gifts our fellow sisters have, we need to inform them of opportunities that are available, personally invite, mentor and encourage them to participate.

**VP OF HUMAN CARE:** Jill Fraser reported. Full report attached. Jill introduced Deb Foster, the Development Director of Mission of Hope. She gave us an overview of services offered through the Mission of Hope and thanked us for our gifts and support of this mission.

**VP OF COMMUNICATION:** Cheryl Killham – Diane Paulson read Cheryl's report. Full report attached. President Joan made available the Code of Ethics/Conflict of Interest form for new personnel to fill out and send to Cheryl.

**Historian/Archivist:** Luella Scott reported. Full report attached.

**ALIVE Newsletter Editor:** Marie McNary – Diane Paulson read Marie's report. Full report attached.

**Director of Public Relations:** Stephanie Behn reported. Full report attached. Stephanie distributed posters and bookmarks promoting "*Giving Tuesday*", which is November 29, 2016 to raise awareness for

*nonprofits nationally.* We were encouraged to support LWML Mission Grants at ([lwml.org/givingtuesday](http://lwml.org/givingtuesday)) and promote this project in our congregations.

**Webmaster:** Pat Powell reported. She is maintaining the website as materials come in. As each committee gave a report Pat led us to the website and showed us how to find documentation and/or information.

**VP OF GOSPEL OUTREACH:** Cynthia Kofoot reported. Full report attached. A thank-you was received from Trinity, Hope for the “*Haitian Feeding Program*” one of our Mission Projects our mites has supported.

**Endowment, Mission Grants, Student Aid:** Cynthia Kofoot reported. Full report attached. Thank-you’s were received from Isaiah Armbruche, a pre-seminary student at Concordia, Nebraska and Amanda Hahn, in the Deaconess Program at Fort Wayne.

**PASTOR COUNSELORS :** no report

**ZONE PRESIDENT REPORTS:** Zone Presidents were asked to share briefly about their rally speaker. Reports are attached.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT:** Joan Berquist’s reported. Full report attached.

President Joan shared the following updates from the National BOD Meeting:

Executive Committee: will make a recommendation to reduce the BOD from 80 to 13 members, where the Executive Committee would be the BOD.

Reviewed slate of officers for 2017, see Spring issue of the Quarterly “*Everyone His Witness*” – Regional Training on how to witness to the Mormon faith. This training will be done through the synod at six locations on a first come first served basis – they will accept 60 registrants at each location. This will be provided at no cost including an overnight stay. Three of the locations are, Omaha, NE, Rochester, MN, and Morton, IL.

**District Bylaws:** What is in our bylaws? Every officer and committee member needs to look at the bylaws to learn their job descriptions and see what is outlined for us to follow in our positions. By doing this it will enable us to do a better job, so we will be fueled to carry out our responsibilities more effectively to the glory and honor of God.

**Prayer:** Pastor McHone led us with Martin Luther’s Mealtime Prayer.

**Lunch Break:** We recessed for lunch at 12:00 noon. The zone presidents and other committees met during lunch.

**Reconvened:** at 1:00 pm

#### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS::**

**National Standing Committee Members:** Share with us what they are doing on the National Level

**Becky Wehrspann, Quarterly Feature Editor:** The Quarterly is our communication with the church. We were encouraged to order extra copies of the Quarterly so all women have access to it. Use the Quarterly to educate everyone on what the LWML is doing, what LWML is all about and what is happening in the US and all around the world. She also encouraged each of us to give a copy to the Pastor.

**LWML Short Term Mission Challenge:** Sandra Lingard reported. Full report attached.

**Speakers Bureau:** Denita Krause No report.

**Ready, Set, Recycle:** Cheryl Killham No report

**Lutheran World Relief:** Dori Stanek reported. Spring pick up date will be April 29, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to noon at Trinity, Cedar Rapids. Full report attached.

**2016 District Retreat Report:** Rhoda Baldwin and Doris Dawson, Co-chairs report was read by Diane Paulson. Full Report attached. A check of \$657.44 was presented from the Westgate Zone to the District for Mites from funds left over from the LWML IED Retreat.

**Heart to Heart Coordinator:** Nancy McHone Full report attached.

We are looking for someone who would be interested to attend the Heart to Heart Training at National in 2017, prior to the convention. Applications are due by November 30, 2016.

**2018 Convention:** Angie Banko and Karen Lyons, Co-chairs reported. Full report attached.

Angie presented the choices for the theme of the 2018 LWML IED Convention (see attached report). Betty Borchardt made a **motion** to allow everyone in the room to cast a vote on their choice for the theme of the LWML IED 2018 convention. Motion was seconded and carried. We voted by ballot. The choice that received the most votes was, “**Grafted to the Vine**”, based on John 15:16-17.

**Ideas for Speakers for 2018 Convention:** The following speakers were suggested: Deaconess Grace Rao, LCMS Board of Human Care, Katie Schuermann, author, "Gracie" the "Mites in Action"- comfort dog, Pastor Tim Bickel, PABLO Ministry in Cedar Rapids.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Bus to Albuquerque:** Bus registration forms will be in the next issue of the ALIVE. The bus will have three stops (regionally located, encouraged to car pool) as follows: starting at 7:00 am at Waterloo, Iowa City and Newton. Bus registration is \$255, which includes the gratuity. Make checks out to LWML IED by February 3 and send to Vicki Ozburn. Meals and overnight lodging are extra. We will have one 56 passenger bus to fill.

**Convention Shirts:** Order forms will be in the Quarterly and/or available online.

**Convention Manager Position/Convention Guidelines Update:** No report.

**Ministry Mission Vision Consultant:** The MMV Consultant position is no longer active on the National level. Kathy Schweer said it has served its' purpose, what should we do about it now. Marcia Reints made a **motion** to remove the position of the MMV Consultant from our roster. Motion was seconded and carried.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Disbanded Society, Trinity, Millersburg** as of August 26, 2016. President Joan will fill out the necessary forms to send to LWML National.

**Appointments of Zone Presidents:** *Human Care:* Sharon Mulford-Hensen, Sandi Duncan; *Speakers Bureau Coordinator:* Betty Borchardt; *Structure Committee:* Margaret Kistler, Cheryl Killham; *Mission Grants:* Judith Fink, Nancy Mauer; *Endowment Fund:* Marcia Reints, Alberta Martens, Elaine Haren; *Student Aid:* Marcia Reints, Elaine Haren; *2017 Retreat Co-Chair:* Helen Huedepohl, Karen Kuesel. Cindy Kofoot made a **motion** to accept these committee appointments. Motion seconded and carried.

**District Banner for Albuquerque Convention:** Guidelines for the banner were distributed to the Zone Presidents. Bring the banner designs to the February Meeting to enable us to vote on a banner design.

**Gifts from the Heart for February meeting:** Watch for details later.

**Set Spring 2017 meeting date:** May 6, 2017

**75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration:** a power point presentation was shown.

**February Meeting:** We will meet at the District Office on February 11, 2017 (snow date February 18). The Westgate and Williamsburg Zones will provide snacks.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.

**CLOSING DEVOTION:** Jr, Pastoral Counselor, Pastor Randolph McHone, presented the closing devotions with the theme of "Learning to Delegate". When looking for those to serve with us in His Kingdom we must look to our sanctified sisters (active and faithful in worship). First pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, then personally ask and explain the position and be willing to train them. Then be actively involved to work with them; "I will walk beside you".

Diane Paulson

Recording Secretary

**SUBMITTED REPORTS:**

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Elizabeth Gehle**

**Deposits:** (Mites, Memorials, Periodicals)

August	\$ 6,579.22
September	\$ 5,799.35
October	\$13,450.90
TOTAL	\$25,829.47

For the Winter *ALIVE* I submitted the Society Receipts Report.

Robin Duling and I were the speakers for the Davenport Zone Fall Rally and gave a presentation on the LWML IED mission trip to Kenya.

As part of my personal devotions, I read the readings found in the *Treasury of Daily Prayer* (CPH publication). These are daily readings from the Psalms, Old Testament, New Testament, Writing for the day or date, Hymnody, Prayer of the Day for the day or date, and a reading from the Book of Concord.

**VP of CHRISTIAN LIFE: Vicki Klinkhammer**

The Christian Life Committee will need one new member to fill out the committee of three. Please submit any names to President Joan. During the lunchbreak be sure to work your way back to the store and see what we have for sale. An article was written for the *ALIVE* on "Come and See". Today we are going to do a sketch called, "Exercising to His Word". This is one of many new sketches that can be found on the LWML website under resources as a free download. Everyone will be participating in our sketch this morning. I would like my committee members to spread out among you, so I know who is participating and most important, having fun.

With Thanksgiving coming we can all use exercise for our physical body to keep our condition in good shape but let us not forget to find spiritual strength in his word.

**VP of COMMUNICATION: Cheryl Killham**

**Board of Directors Directory:** The directory has been updated for new Zone Presidents that I am aware of. Please make sure your information is correct. Thank you for informing me when there are changes.

**Zone Officer and Society Officer Forms:** Zone and Society packets were distributed at the August BOD meeting. Thank you to those who have filled out and returned the 2017 forms to me, please get them sent in as soon as possible after your elections. These forms are very important because they have the names of officers in case someone needs to be contacted, the number of members, and the number of *QUARTERLY & ALIVE IN IOWA EAST DISTRICT* subscriptions being distributed to each society each year. I am in the process of reviewing the current *ALIVE* and Quarterly subscription list to make sure they align with our society forms.

**Communications:** Stay in touch with the latest LWML happenings with LWML e-news, and national news, and go to [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org). For Iowa East District news go to <http://www.lwml-ied.org/>. For Facebook you can join in the conversation with our Lutheran Women by going to [www.facebook.com/theLWML](http://www.facebook.com/theLWML).

**Personal Devotion:** I read the daily devotion that is published by the Lutheran Hour Ministry (<https://www.lhm.org/dailydevotions>).

**HISTORIAN/ARCHIVIST: Luella Scott**

On September 16<sup>th</sup> I sent the biennial reports of our District to Concordia Historical Institute, marked LWML, for storage there.

The zone board and rally minutes are coming to me rather slowly. Checking my files, I was mistaken; one zone didn't send in their Spring report (Dubuque Zone).

Personal devotions are Portals of Prayer and Around the Word devotions; also on the computer LHM and WELS daily devotions

**ALIVE NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Marie McNary**

We are working on the Winter Issue of the *ALIVE*, with the theme of “Come and See”, from Psalm 66:5, which was the verse from LWML Sunday. We have the first draft back from the printers. Stephanie Behn and I are reviewing the edits before we send it out to the review team

**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS: Stephanie Behn**

I have submitted an article, along with photos, highlighting our IED convention from June to Jonathan Kohlmeier, the LCMS IDE’s contact person for the IDE Today publication. I’m hoping this article will appear in the fall/winter edition.

I attended the Fall Retreat at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca and set up a display table with LWML posters, an up-to-date listing of our IED mission grants and amounts funded thus far for the 2016-2018 biennium, and of course some chocolate kisses☺.

Also, please see the flier and bookmark left at your seats announcing the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Giving Tuesday to be held on November 29<sup>th</sup>! Please announce this to your societies. You can find more information at the LWML website, specifically, [www.lwml.org/givingtuesday](http://www.lwml.org/givingtuesday). I can also send you the link to these fliers and bookmarks if you wish. Just let me know.

My personal devotions consist of the Lutheran Hour Ministries daily devotion via email and LWML devotions via Facebook.

**VP of GOSPEL OUTREACH: Cynthia Kofoot**

I attended two Zone Fall Rallies in October, St. Ansgar Zone on October 8<sup>th</sup> and Marshalltown Zone on October 22. They were both enjoyable and the speakers were outstanding.

Several grants have been paid since August. Concordia Undergraduate Student Aid, Concordia Seminary Student Aid, Concordia Graduate Deacon/ Deaconess Student Aid, and Lutheran Indian Ministries, “Equipping Natives Americans to Proclaim God’s Might” have had partial payments made. The two grants that have been fully paid are: LCMS Missionary Rev. Duane Meisner, “Bringing Christ to Belize” and Trinity/Hope, “Haitian Feeding Program”.

An article was submitted to the *ALIVE* for the winter issue.

Student Aid forms are being reviewed for possible revision and work continues on the updated Endowment Fund pamphlets.

**VP OF HUMAN CARE: Jill Fraser**

I have been contacting various organizations and asking for items of need that we can collect for “Gifts from the Heart”. I had a request to find information about Orphan Grain Train collecting used Portals of Prayer and found the following statement, “No, we do not have enough requests for English language materials to collect them at this time. However, we are always collecting new and good used Bibles (with both Old and New Testaments) in English and Spanish. We request that covers and pages be intact.”

My article for the *ALIVE* is based on Psalm 66:5, “*come and see what God has done – His awe-inspiring deeds....*”

As representative from the LWML IED, I attended the Waterloo Zone Rally on Saturday, October 8, 2016 to deliver the District President’s report. I was graciously welcomed and met some “old” friends. It was interesting to see how a rally, different from my own zone, was conducted. I learned from the difference and enjoyed the likeness of my zone.

The next “Gifts from the Heart” will be announced at a later date.

My daily devotions are my Bible, Portals of Prayer and LWML Mustard Seed Daily Devotions.

**VP of ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES: Janell Wollschlager**

I had a wonderful time attending the Friday evening session of the LWML 2016 Fall Retreat at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. It was a nice time to reconnect with my sisters in Christ and get my GPS recharged with a wonderful bible study. Sandra Lingard’s presentation made me want to join in on future mission trips.

I had the privilege of attending the Benton Zone Fall Rally on September 29<sup>th</sup> as the District Representative. While there, I delivered the President report to the zone. The bible study was based on St. Michael & All Angels day which I found very interesting. The guest speakers were missionaries Martin and Joan Weber who had been in Africa.

I have received the final copy of bylaw updates from Dubuque and Williamsburg Zones. Zones who need to consider updating their bylaws within the next year are: Benton Zone (2012), Cedar Rapids Zone (2013), and Eldora Zone (2013).

I reached out to Debbie Larson, the LWML VP of Organizational Resources, with a question about retention of records. She sent me the LWML Records Management Policy and Procedures file in which each zone will be receiving a copy.

I also submitted an article for the Winter *ALIVE* with information on records retention and inviting new ladies to your LWML meetings.

My daily devotion includes Mustard Seeds and Portals of Prayer.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Joan Berquist**

Since I last reported to the BOD, I have attended and/or led a GoToMeeting, attended two Zone Fall Rallies, attended a 2023 LWML convention meeting in Des Moines, and have met one on one by phone with Gretchen Rasmussen and Jill Fraser. I wrote and submitted an article to the *ALIVE* and prepared to review the first proof.

I have spent time on a regular basis corresponding to emails and various inquiries. It has been exciting to see what new situations show up on any given day.

Due to my husband Roy's illness, I was unable to attend the Retreat Sept. 9-10, the Williamsburg Zone Rally and I also missed the LWML BOD meeting Oct. 26-29 in St Louis. My absence required special permission from President Patti Ross. I have made inquiries with LWML about items that need to be shared from that meeting. The meeting in St Louis was held to plan for the future of LWML.

I worked on the Iowa District East Pastors Wives Retreat and was able to attend. Thank you for keeping October 14-15 open on the rally schedule so that Pastors Wives would not have a conflict. This however caused five rallies to be scheduled on October 8<sup>th</sup>. We would like to hold a maximum of four rallies on any given date so that the district can be represented. It seemed to work out ok this time!

Since August 1, I have spent a great deal of time in hospitals due to my husband's illness. I thank you for your prayers and your understanding during this difficult time.

I use the Portals of Prayer and the emailed Mustard Seeds for my daily devotions.

**MEETING MANAGER: Becky Wehrspann**

New name tents have been created and folders updated, following personnel changes at the Zone and District Level.

The room arrangements for our board meeting were made and requested for set-up to the District Office.

I met with President Joan to discuss items to include on the agenda.

A Spring Rally schedule has been started and will continue to be updated.

My daily devotion time - reading the Today's Light Bible verses and devotions in the morning, Mustard Seed devotions that I receive by email each day and Portals of Prayer in the evening with my family.

**SHORT TERM MISSION Challenge: Sandra Lingard**

I was honored to be one of the speakers at the IED Fall Retreat at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca in September and the guest speaker at St. Ansgar's Fall Rally. Elizabeth Gehle was the guest speaker at the Davenport Fall Rally. We gave a presentation on the LWML IED grant funded mission trip to Migouri, Kenya that we took this last summer. If you need a speaker for your zone or society meeting, there are several members of the group who are available. Contact me for information.

Migouri Lutheran Church, where we worked this summer, will dedicate their sanctuary next week. They wanted to have the church painted before hosting this special celebration.

We are planning to hold StayCation Mission Trips in the summer of 2017. Staying in Iowa East, there will be three mission opportunities – early-June, mid-July and early-August. Tentative projects being considered are for New Hope Lutheran, Charles City (north) and Valley Lutheran, Cedar Falls (central). We need suggestions for the southern area (Davenport or Muscatine area). Each area will need a local assistant to help with project planning. I am hopeful that dates and locations will be set by the November meeting.

Looking ahead, there are two possible overseas mission opportunities. Through my friends at St. Paul Lutheran in Lakeland, Florida, we are investigating the possibility and interest in going to the Watoto Children's Orphanage, Uganda in the summer of 2018. The children's choir from there has been performing at the school for over 15 years. More information about the orphanage can be found at [www.watoto.com](http://www.watoto.com).

A return trip to Migouri, Kenya is being considered in the summer of 2020. A possible project is to work with members of the Migouri Lutheran Women's Circle as they plant a sister circle at a nearby new church plant in Mibodi. Other projects would be based on talents of those going. For African mission trips,

the average cost would be in the \$2500-\$3000 range. If you are even slightly interested, start saving now so that barrier is not part of your decision.

**HEART to HEART COORDINATOR: Nancy McHone**

Since our last meeting, I have done an article for the "ALIVE". My primary focus has been working with a Liberian sister who has been attending my church. Thank you, Martha Hartwig, for all your support and encouragement!

I use the LWML Mustard Seed Daily Devotions and the Portals of Prayer in my devotions.

**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF: Dori Stanek**

<i>Fall 2016 Report</i>	<i>ELCA</i>	<i>LCMS</i>	<i>OTHER</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
<i>Congregations Participated</i>	37	21	2	60
<i>Quilts, Each</i>	1480	943		2423
<i>Boxes</i>	289	196		485
<i>Personal Kits</i>	422	304		726
<i>Boxes</i>	41	32		73
<i>School Kits</i>	2877	919		3796
<i>Boxes</i>	342	118		460
<i>Fabric Kits</i>	189	47		236
<i>Boxes</i>	16	5		21
<i>Baby Kits</i>	316	173		489
<i>Boxes</i>	65	38		125
<i>Soap, Pounds</i>	101	122		223
<i>Boxes</i>	7	7		14

*NUMBER OF KITS*      7670  
*POUNDS OF SOAP*    215  
*TOTAL BOXES*        1107                    \$2,558 for LWR

**2016 IED Retreat Report: Rhoda Baldwin, Doris Dawson, Co-Chairs**

68 campers came together at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca on September 9-10, 2016 for the District Fall Retreat. We worshipped, studied God's word, played, sang, ate, walked and worked together, all under God's Divine love, protection and grace.

We were blessed by having our two District Pastoral Counselors, Pastor David Lingard and Pastor Randolph McHone, with us to give wonderful guidance in Bible study and Worship leadership, respectively.

Nancy McHone, our District's "Heart to Heart" Coordinator, also a camper, had been secured as the nurse go-to person for any medical issues. Thankfully, there were none.

Keynote speaker, Martha Hartwig, blessed us with a very moving presentation and also aided us in identifying our own opportunities for servanthood.

Because of an extra block of time, Sandra Lingard's brief travel summary was able to be stretched, to the joy of the campers.

Marcia Reints, "The Purple Lady", dropped in a couple of times and really livened up the group. God has blessed Marcia with such a spark, that she uses to His glory.

Servant Event: 50 Blessing Bags were assembled, to be distributed to homeless veterans of the Cedar Rapids area. We are grateful to Thrivent for the \$250 Seed Money to make this possible.

In-Gathering: Many tangible gifts, brought by the campers, were given to Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. Monetary gift of \$115.80 were included in the In-gathering. Camp Director Daniel Sanchez stated that "ever since LWML has been holding their Retreat at camp, no paper toweling has had to be purchased."

After all the bills were paid, a sizeable balance remained in the Westgate Zone Retreat Fund. Remembering the shortage of new hymnals at camp \$300 was sent to the camp to be used for purchase of more hymnals.

We thank the LWML IED Board of Directors for their prayerful support and guidance this past year. We now pray for the Williamsburg Zone as they make plans for the 2017 LWML District Fall Retreat.

**2018 LWML IED Convention Report: Angie Banko, Karen Lyons, Co-Chairs**

The contract for the Cedar Rapid, Marriott has been signed. The convention will be June 15-16, 2018. On June 14 the Executive Committee and Board of Directors will meet.

The Mt. Pleasant Zone will meet January 21 at the Marriott for an organizational meeting to form committees and outline duties for the convention.

Ideas were submitted from zone members for convention theme ideas. Out of 8 choices 4 were chosen to bring to the Board of Directors for a vote.

Choices are:

**1. "Grafted to the Vine"** 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.

**2. "Follow Me"** Ruth 1:16 But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God."

**3. "We Are the Lord's"** Romans 14:8 For if we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. OR

1 Peter 3:21 Baptism now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ OR

2 Corinthians 12:9 My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.

**4. "Focus on Jesus"** Hebrews 12:2 Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. OR

Colossians 3:2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

#### **ZONE PRESIDENT REPORTS:**

##### **Benton Zone: Elaine Haren**

2016 Fall Rally

**Location:** First Lutheran Church, Belle Plaine

**Date:** September 29, 2016

**Bible Verse:** Revelation 12:12a

**Theme:** "Angels"

**Speaker:** Martin & Joan Weber, Mission work in Cameroon, Africa

**Attendance:** 44

**Offering:** \$602 – \$301 to Benton Zone, \$301 to speakers

**Ingathering:** items for Benton County Food Bank

**Other:** Newly Elected Zone President: Elaine Haren

##### **Cedar Rapids Zone: Margaret Kistler**

2016 Fall Rally

**Location:** Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Iowa City

**Date:** October 29, 2016

**Bible Verse:** Romans 12:13

**Theme:** "Disney Hospitality from the Theme Park Gates  
to the Pearly Gates"

**Speaker:** Pastor Brent Hartwig

**Attendance:** 68

**Offering:** \$453.61

**Ingathering:** Items for Domestic Violence Shelters –  
\$113 monetary gift, \$50 Gift Cards, 50 Items

**Other:** Newly Elected Zone President: Margaret Kistler

##### **Clinton Zone: Alberta Martens**

2016 Fall Rally

**Location:** Trinity Lutheran Church, Clinton

**Date:** October 8, 2016

**Theme:** Youth Ministry

**Speaker:** Steven Preus, "The Influence of the Home"

**Attendance:** 47

**Offering:** \$203.00

**Ingathering:** Items for local Food Pantry



**Davenport Zone: Marcia Reints**

2016 Fall Rally **Location:** Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Davenport  
**Date:** October 22, 2016  
**Bible Verse:** Jeremiah 29:12  
**Theme:** "Come and Pray"  
**Speaker:** Elizabeth Gehle & Robin Duling. Kenya Mission Trip  
**Attendance:** 49  
**Offering:** \$87.40 to Zone Treasury  
**Ingathering:** \$405 for Lutheran Family Services

**Dubuque Zone: Denita Krause**

2016 Fall Rally **Location:** St. Paul Lutheran Church, Delaware  
**Date:** October 8, 2016  
**Bible Verse:** Job 19:25  
**Theme:** "I Know my Redeemer Lives"  
**Speaker:** Mary Christensen, Missionary Nurse to Madagascar  
**Attendance:**  
**Offering:** \$155.00  
**Ingathering:** Monetary Gift for Missionaries - \$575.00

**Eldora Zone: Sharon Mulford-Hensen**

2016 Fall Rally **Location:** Immanuel Lutheran Church, Iowa Falls  
**Date:** September 24, 2016  
**Bible Verse:** Matthew 10:32  
**Theme:** "I know the plans I have for you."  
**Speaker:** Pastor John Wegener, Campus Ministry  
**Attendance:** 49  
**Offering:** \$497 for Mites  
**Ingathering:** For Cedar Falls Campus Ministries

**Marshalltown Zone: Sandi Duncan**

2016 Fall Rally **Location:** St. John Lutheran Church, Melcher  
**Date:** October 22, 2016  
**Bible Verse:** Luke 10:29  
**Theme:** "The Good Samaritan"  
**Speaker:** Molly Christensen  
**Attendance:** 47  
**Offerings:** \$385.25, Mite Offering: \$133.20 Love Off. for Molly, \$553  
**Ingathering:** Items for Orphan Grain Train

**Mt. Pleasant Zone: Angie Banko**

2016 Fall Rally **Location:** Zion Lutheran Church, Wilton  
**Date:** October 8, 2016  
**Theme:** "Be Kind and Compassionate"  
**Speaker:** Chaplin Don Johnston of Beacon of Hope Hospice  
**Attendance:** 50  
**Offering:** \$190 for zone treasury  
**Ingathering:** Monetary Gift for Hospice of \$202

**St. Ansgar Zone: Betty Borchardt**

2016 Fall Rally **Location:** Trinity Lutheran Church, Osage  
**Date:** October 8, 2016  
**Bible Verse:** Isaiah 6:8  
**Theme:** "Here I am, Send Me"  
**Speaker:** Sandra Lingard, Kenya Mission Trip  
**Attendance:** 49  
**Offering:** \$410 for zone treasury  
**Ingathering:** School Kits and other items for Orphan Grain Train

**Waterloo Zone: Judith Fink**

2016 Fall Rally **Location:** St. John Lutheran Church, Denver  
**Date:** October 8, 2016  
**Bible Verse:** Micah 6:8 & Joshua 1:9 & Story of Good Samaritan  
**Theme:** "Who is my neighbor? GOD'S people in a remote place."  
**Speaker:** Helene Kuempel – Medical Mission Team to Kenya  
**Attendance:** 36  
**Offering:** \$205.00 for zone treasury  
**Ingathering:** Monetary Ingathering for Lutheran for Life of \$154.00

**Westgate Zone: Nancy Maurer**

2016 Fall Rally **Location:** St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Readlyn  
**Date:** October 8, 2016  
**Theme:** "Gather With Thankful Hearts"  
**Speaker:** Pastor Tim Rossow, Lutherans for Africa  
**Attendance:** 52  
**Offering:** \$144.00 **Mite Offering:** \$25.00  
**Ingathering:** Community Lutheran School  
**Other:** Newly Elected Zone President Nancy Maurer

**Williamsburg Zone: Helen Huedepohl**

2016 Fall Rally **Location:** Hope Lutheran Church, Sigourney  
**Date:** September 29, 2016  
**Bible Verse:** Matthew 19:14  
**Theme:** "Let the Little Children Come to Me"  
**Speaker:** Rachael Gray, Swaddling Clothes Program  
**Attendance:** 42  
**Offering:** \$354 for IED Mites & Zone Delegate Fund  
**Ingathering:** For Swaddling Clothes Program

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**IED Board of Directors Meeting Attendance – August 13, 2016**

**Executive Board:**

President	Joan Berquist	P
VP of Organizational Resources	Janell Wollschlager	P
VP of Christian Life	Vickie Klinkhammer	P
VP of Gospel Outreach	Cindy Kofoot	P
VP of Human Care	Jill Fraser	P
VP of Communication	Cheryl Killham	A
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Treasurer	Gretchen Rasmussen	P
Financial Secretary	Elizabeth Gehle	P
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Jr. Pastoral Counselor	Pastor Randolph McHone	P

**Zone Presidents:**

Benton Zone	Elaine Haren	P
Cedar Rapids Zone	Margaret Kistler	P
Clinton Zone	Alberta Martens	P
Davenport Zone	Marcia Reints	P
Dubuque Zone	Denita Krause	A
	Diane Tory	P

Eldora Zone	Sharon Mulford-Hensen	P
Marshalltown Zone	Sandi Duncan	P
Mt Pleasant Zone	Angie Banko	P
St Ansgar Zone	Betty Borchardt	P
Waterloo Zone	Judith Fink	P
Westgate Zone	Nancy Maurer	P
Williamsburg Zone	Helen Huedepohl	P
<b>Appointed Officers/Committees</b>		
Archivist/Historian	Luella Scott	P
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Webmaster	Pat Powell	P
Christian Life, Chr.	LaVonne Hoversten	P
Christian Life	Martha Hartwig	A
Christian Life	DeEtta Rasmusen	P
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Member Development	Tammy McKay	P
Human Care, Chr.	Jill Fraser	
Human Care	Sharon Mulford-Hensen	
Human Care	Sandi Duncan	
LWR, Co-Chr.	Dori Stanek	P
LWR, Co-Chr.	Rose McDonald	A
Speakers Bureau	Betty Borchardt	
Program Resources	Vickie Klinkhammer	
Parliamentarian	Janell Wollschlager	
Structure Committee	Janell Wollschlager	
Structure Committee	Cheryl Killham	
Structure Committee	Margaret Kistler	
Mission Grants Committee, Chr.	Cynthia Kofoot	
Mission Grants Committee	Nancy Maurer	
Mission Grants Committee	Judith Fink	
Endowment Fund, Chr.	Cyntia Kofoot	
Endowment Fund Committee	Marcia Reints	
Endowment Fund Committee	Gretchen Rassmussen	
Endowment Fund Committee	Elaine Harens	
Endowment Fund Committee	Alberta Martens	
Student Aid Committee, Chr.	Cynthia Kofoot	
Student Aid Committee	Marcia Reints	
Student Aid Committee	Elaine Harens	
Young Women Rep.	Gretchen Licht	A
Young Women Rep.	Samantha Nelson	A
IDE Short-Term Mission Coordinator	Sandra Lingard	P
Ready, Set. Recycle	Cheryl Killham	
Heart to Heart Coordinator	Nancy McHone	P
Meeting Manager	Becky Wehrspann	P
2016 Retreat Co-Chr.	Rhoda Baldwin	A
2016 Retreat Co-Chr.	Doris Dawson	A
2017 Retreat Co-Chr.	Karen Kuesel	A
2017 Retreat Co-Chr.	Helen Huedepohl	P
2018 Convention Co-Chr.	Angie Banko	P
2018 Convention Co-Chr	Karen Lyons	P

