

MINUTES OF THE IOWA EAST DISTRICT
LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE
41ST BIENNIAL CONVENTION
June 10-11, 2022

"Anchored In Christ" based on Hebrews 6:19
"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul firm and secure." Hebrews 6:19

Banner Processional and Opening Worship – Liturgists were Rev. Michael Knox and Rev. Kevin Richter. Rev. Dr. Brian Saunders gave the sermon on anchors in the Bible, anchors in our life. The offering was for the Iowa East District 2022-2024 Mite Goal.

Session 1 Friday Afternoon

President Margaret Kistler called the 41st Biennial Convention of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Iowa East District (IED) to order at 2:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the Cross were recited by all. The Waterloo Zone Convention Co-captains gave a welcome with the Williamsburg and Westgate Zone responding. Greetings from the LCMS Iowa District East President and Lutheran Church Extension Fund were received. President Kistler gave acknowledgements and introduced special guests. The LWML Pledge was led by the past LWML IED presidents.

Lora Duncan gave the credentials report. As of 1:00 pm on June 10, 2022, a quorum was present with all 12 zones of the Iowa East District represented. Out of a possible 180 delegates there were 67 voting delegates, 4 voting past presidents, and 20 voting board members for a total of 91 eligible to vote. There were 13 non-voting board members and 73 other registrants for a total attendance of 177. Lora Duncan moved that the roll given be the official roll of the voting assembly of the convention. Motion seconded and carried.

Carolyn Zimmerman moved to adopt the convention agenda as printed in the convention manual. Seconded and carried.

Cheryl Killham moved to adopt the convention rules as printed in the convention manual. Seconded and carried.

President Kistler gave the appointment of convention tellers.

Marna Mohr presented the 2020-2022 Financial Secretary's Report as printed in the convention manual.

Becky Gluesing presented the 2020-2022 Treasurer's Report and review as printed in the convention manual. Becky moved to accept the review as printed. Seconded and carried. Becky presented the 2022-2024 Mite Budget as printed in the convention manual and approved by the Board of Directors. Total of \$152,400 with \$138,500 for outreach, including \$30,000 for scholarships and \$70,000 for mission grants and \$13,900 for inreach. Becky gave a reminder that part of the 2022-2024 mission grant budget would need to be used to finish paying for the 2020-2022 mission grants as there was a shortfall in the mites received for 2020-2022. Jeanette Kreutner moved to increase the mission grant budget to \$80,000. Seconded and carried. The amended budget motion was then seconded and carried.

Jeanette Kreutner gave the 2022-2024 Proposed Mission Grants Presentation. There was a prayer before voting. Voting members voted on mission grants. Dennis Pieper from Voices of Care gave a Mites in Action report.

Judy Westergren gave the nominating committee report and introduced the candidates. There was a prayer before voting. Voting members voted on election of officers.

President Kistler declared Session I closed.

Dr. Cari Chittick was the speaker at the evening banquet.

Session II Saturday morning

The Young Women Representative presented the opening devotions.

Offering was collected for LCMS Disaster Relief

Lora Duncan gave the report that there was an error in the credentials given in Session I. The corrected credentials were 70 voting delegates, 4 voting past presidents, and 20 voting board members for a total of 94 eligible to vote. There were 12 non-voting board members and 66 other registrants for a total registration of 172. Lora moved to accept the corrected credential reports. Seconded and carried.

The LWML Mission Statement was read.

Carol von Soosten gave a report from Gifts of Love.

Rev. Chris Roepke led the first Bible study.

The results of the Mission Grant voting were given.

| No. | Title of Grant | Amount Requested | # Of Votes | Priority Rank |
|-----|---|------------------|------------|---------------|
| 1 | Mozambique Dorcas Sewing Project | \$ 5000 | 42 | 5 |
| 2 | Matongo Seminary Chapel | \$ 5000 | 33 | 9 |
| 3 | Indonesian Hymnal Project | \$ 5000 | 22 | 14 |
| 4 | Hope for the Hopeless | \$ 5000 | 45 | 4 |
| 5 | IDE Cross Cultural Outreach Ministry Training | \$ 5000 | 31 | 11 |
| 6 | Comprehensive Efforts to Address the LCMS Pastor Shortage | \$ 5500 | 48 | 3 |
| 7 | “Feed My Lambs” Library Program at Community Lutheran School, Readlyn | \$ 3000 | 31 | 11 |
| 8 | Wartburg Walther League LCMS-U | \$ 2500 | 36 | 7 |
| 9 | Let us sing unto the Lord: Enriching Camp Worship with Beautiful Music | \$ 8000 | 64 | 1 |
| 10 | LERT Team, Immanuel Lutheran, Cedar Falls | \$ 8000 | 36 | 7 |
| 11 | Financial Aid for Concordia Theological Seminary Food and Clothing Co-op | \$10000 | 54 | 2 |
| 12 | Different Languages, Same Savior: Lutheran Books for Missionaries | \$ 5000 | 29 | 13 |
| 13 | Bringing Spanish Braille Bibles to Central and South America | \$10000 | 19 | 15 |
| 14 | Internet Infrastructure Improvement – Valley Lutheran School, Cedar Falls | \$10000 | 40 | 6 |
| 15 | East Side Mission – Faith Based Programs | \$ 2500 | 32 | 10 |

Jeanette Kreutner reported that Mission Grants with priority rank of 1 through 10 would be fully funded and the grants tied at 11 would be partially funded at \$4316 for Cross Cultural Outreach Ministry Training and \$2590 for “Feed My Lambs” Library Program. Carolyn Zimmerman moved to increase the approved mission grant budget by \$1,094 to fully fund the

last two mission grants. Seconded and carried. Cheryl Killham moved to destroy the ballots. Seconded and carried.

Susan Brunkow, National LWML Vice President of Christian Life, gave a report from the National LWML.

Judith Fink gave a presentation on the 80th anniversary of the LWML.

The exhibitors were introduced and gave greetings.

President Kistler declared Session II closed.

Session III Saturday Afternoon

The session opened with prayer.

Hilary Brech, YWR to the 2021 National LWML Convention, gave a report on the convention.

Results of the Election of Officers were given:

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| President | Martha Hartwig | 65 |
| | Cheryl Killham | 27 |
| | Illegal Votes | 0 |
| Vice President of Christian Life | Janet Brown | 28 |
| | Elizabeth Roberts | 64 |
| | Illegal Votes | 0 |
| Vice President of Gospel Outreach | Betty Borchardt | 37 |
| | Jeanette Kreutner | 55 |
| | Illegal Votes | 0 |
| Recording Secretary | Sheryl Zinda | 92 |
| | Illegal Votes | 0 |
| Financial Secretary | Jennifer Determan | 51 |
| | Tamara McKay | 41 |
| | Illegal Votes | 0 |
| Junior Pastoral Counselor | Rev. Jon M Ellingworth | 91 |
| | Illegal Votes | 0 |

President Kistler declared these officers duly elected: President – Martha Hartwig; Vice President of Christian Life – Elizabeth Roberts; Vice President of Gospel Outreach – Jeanette Kreutner; Recording Secretary – Sheryl Zinda; Financial Secretary – Jennifer Determan; Junior Pastoral Counselor – Rev. Jon M Ellingworth. Becky Gluesing moved to have the ballots destroyed. Seconded and carried.

Rev. Tom Ogilvie led the second Bible study.

Christian Life committee present a skit for the 2023 National LWML Convention.

Angie Banko gave the Gifts from the Heart ingathering report. Rev. Tom Ogilvie led the dedication of the Gifts from the Heart.

President Kistler acknowledged the members of the Waterloo Zone that helped with the 2022 convention. Liz Roberts and Faith Swenson invited all to the 2024 LWML IED Convention. Becky Gluesing gave the offering reports. Offering #1 was \$3123.06 for the 2022-2024 Mission Grant Goal. Offering #2 was \$2350.10 for LCMS Disaster Relief Fund
Laura Woebeking and Jan Miller reported on other mites gathered before and during the convention. LWML 80th anniversary mite challenges collected \$7471.63 with Waterloo Zone collecting the most. Fishing for Missions: Penny Wars collected \$1085.33 with Davenport Zone collecting the most. The Anchored Memorials collected about \$1200.
President Kistler appointed Hannah Raebel and Judy Westergren to review the minutes. Cheryl Killham and Darlene Bodermann gave the closing resolutions.
Retiring LWML Officers gave reflections on their service.
Rev. Chris Roepke installed the newly elected officers.
President Martha Hartwig declared the 41st Biennial Convention of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Iowa East District adjourned.
Rev. Kevin Richter led the closing devotion.

Lora Duncan
LWML IED Recording Secretary