

## LWML—IOWA EAST DISTRICT NEWS

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*(Psalm 100:2).*

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### **From President Martha Hartwig:**

One of the important items of business at our LWML Iowa East District Convention this June is approving a budget for the next biennium. This budget includes funds for mission grants and scholarships, necessary operating expenses, and costs for the 2025 convention in Omaha. IED also needs funds that will be reimbursed, like money to buy items for the LWML Shop which will be sold at convention and retreats. There are also funds which need to be collected and held until payment is required, like bus costs to travel to conventions.

The IED Board of Directors set a possible budget based on costs from the 2022-2024 biennium. That budget is included in this special issue of *Alive*. Please carefully study this proposed budget and discuss any concerns with your zone president and/or delegate. Delegates will also have an opportunity to discuss this budget during delegate orientation. It is really important to study business items before the convention so our work can be completed efficiently. We have so many important and interesting items included in this convention.

Let's be ready to “Shout it Out!” and “Praise the Lord!” together!



## **From: Treasurer ~ Becky Gluesing**

Hello from your Iowa East District Treasurer,  
Becky Gluesing,

Below you will find a copy of the budget proposal for 2024-2026. Since there was significant discussion about the amounts proposed for the grants and scholarships, Annette Raebel, the Alive Editor, offered to send out this special edition of the Alive so members and especially delegates to the District Convention would be better prepared to vote.

Before getting into the specifics of this proposed budget, I'd like to explain a little about the budget in general:

- The budget is split into two sections. The first portion (in black) is the mite budget which contains mites, member donations, investment income, and other items that should be paid from those monies. The second portion (in red) is for those items that theoretically pay for themselves. In that section income mirrors expenses. The budget was split this way so members could see more clearly how their mites are used.
- In the mite budget, expenses are divided into two sections. Outreach is for those items that are funded outside our organization; such as national mites, grants, scholarships, etc. Inreach is for those items that are used for member benefits and the cost of doing business.
- Finally, in both sections income must equal expenses. For example, if we raise grants or scholarship totals, mite income will need to be raised to cover the increase, plus the 25% of the increase to be sent to nationals.

If I haven't confused you enough, let me explain how the numbers were determined.

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- The first column is easy; it's a description of the budget line item.
- The second column is equally easy; it's the amounts that were determined at the 2022-2024 Iowa East District Convention.
- As labeled, the third column is a projection of the final actual biennial amount for each line item. The budget is set for a two year period that runs from April 1<sup>st</sup> until March 31<sup>st</sup>. On December 31, 2023 we had completed 7 of the 8 quarters in a biennium. So I determined an average quarterly amount for each line item and added that amount to the existing 7 quarters. There are a few exceptions, such as the insurance premium where all payments have been made so I didn't compute that in the additional quarter. For this column only, income will not necessarily match expenses.
- For the final column, which is the actual proposed budget, inflation and historical data were used to add to the third column of the projected budget. According to the internet, inflation for 2023 was around 5.5%, so I added a 6% increase for inflation.

We currently have \$11,000 in unpaid grants for the current biennium. \$5,000 of our current balance in checking would be available to fund grants. Jeanette Kreutner is contacting the grant recipients to determine if they are still planning to request those funds. If they are, we will try to pay as many as possible before the end of the biennium (March 31) but anything remaining will need to be paid out during the upcoming biennium. That amount will need to be added into the budget proposal.

Finally, as stated earlier, I prepared the budget with numbers currently available to me. In other words, I used facts to complete it. While my heart would love to add the increases that the Grant and Scholarship Committee are requesting, I'm not sure we would be able to fund them without again running into the future biennium.

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My recommendation is to use this biennium to catch up from the shortfalls we encountered, mostly due to the Covid years. I am requesting everyone to pray on this item and decide how they would like to vote. Jeanette Kreutner will be adding the rationale of the Grant and Scholarship Committee’s requested increases. So, with God’s guidance, delegates will be able to make an informed decision on how to vote at the IED Convention this summer.

Becky Gluesing, Treasurer

<b>MITE BUDGET</b>	<b>2022-2024 BUDGET</b>	<b>2022-2024 PROJECTED BUDGET</b>	<b>2024-2026 PROPOSED BUDGET</b>
<b>INCOME</b>			
Mites & Memorials	122,500	112,865	120,000
Mites IED Only	31,596	22,655	24,000
Endowment Donation	500	0	500
Endowment Distribution	7,000	10,150	11,000
Thrivent Choice	1,900	785	850
<b>TOTAL MITE INCOME</b>	<b>163,496</b>	<b>146,455</b>	<b>156,350</b>
<b>EXPENSES OUTREACH</b>			
Mites to National	30,750	29,152	30,000
Grants	81,096	66,068	73,250
Scholarships	30,000	30,000	30,000
Endowment Donation	500	722	850
Endowment Distribution	7,000	10,142	11,000
<b>OUTREACH TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>149,346</b>	<b>136,084</b>	<b>145,100</b>

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<b>EXPENSES INREACH</b>			
BOD Mileage	7,500	2,040	4,000
Postage & Supplies	1,100	322	550
Insurance Premium	600	689	750
YWR Nat'l Convention	2,200	2,912	3,200
Pres/Couns Nat'l Conv	2,000	936	2,000
Quarterly Non-reimbursed	500	0	500
Assembly of Leaders	250	0	250
<b>INREACH TOTALEXPENSE</b>	<b>14,150</b>	<b>6,899</b>	<b>11,250</b>
<b>TOTAL MITE EXPENSES</b>	<b>163,496</b>	<b>142,983</b>	<b>156,350</b>
<b>NON MITE BUDGET</b>	<b>2022-2024 BUDGET</b>	<b>2022-2024 PROJECTED BUDGET</b>	<b>2024-2026 PROPOSED BUDGET</b>
<b>INCOME</b>			
Quarterly & Alive	31,500	12,736	16,000
Rallies & District Convention	11,000	8,785	8,900
National Convention Bus	7,500	8,525	9,500
National Convention Other	500	0	750
Christian Growth (LWML Store)	2,000	2,933	3,000
<b>TOTAL NON MITE INCOME</b>	<b>52,500</b>	<b>32,979</b>	<b>38,150</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Quarterly & Alive	31,500	21,518	16,000
Rallies & District Convention	11,000	8,041	8,900
National Convention Bus	7,500	8,892	9,500
National Convention Other	500	688	750
Christian Growth (LWML Store)	2,000	1,410	3,000
<b>TOTAL NON MITE EXPENSES</b>	<b>52,500</b>	<b>40,549</b>	<b>38,150</b>
<b>OVERALL BUDGET TOTAL</b>	<b>215,996</b>	<b>183,532</b>	<b>194,500</b>



## **From: VP of Gospel Outreach ~ Jeanette Kreutner**

The scholarship committee asked the IED Board of Directors for an increase in scholarships from \$30,000 in the 2022-2024 biennium to \$35,000 for the 2024-2026 biennium.

This year we had six scholarship applicants. Dividing the \$15,000, we gave each student \$2,500. We will have at least 9 scholarship applicants for the 2024-2025 school year. We have three young men who are doing their vicarage this year and will return for their final year of seminary this fall. Dividing \$15,000 by 9 would give each student only \$1,666.66. We can be proud that eight of these nine students are either in seminary or pre-seminary. Dividing \$17,500 by nine would give each student closer to \$1,950. Our young people are answering the call to church work. We would like to support them.

The mission grant committee is asking for an increase from \$70,000 to \$75,000 for the coming biennium. Our actual mission grant commitment for 2022-2024 was \$81,096. You will see the list of mission grants posted on the website soon. We have 20 mission grants for your consideration. Many of these will support ministry in our district.

You can choose to raise either the scholarship or the mission grant budget without raising the other.

Please contact me if you have any questions at  
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Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Jeanette Kreutner, VP of Gospel Outreach

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Amen!*