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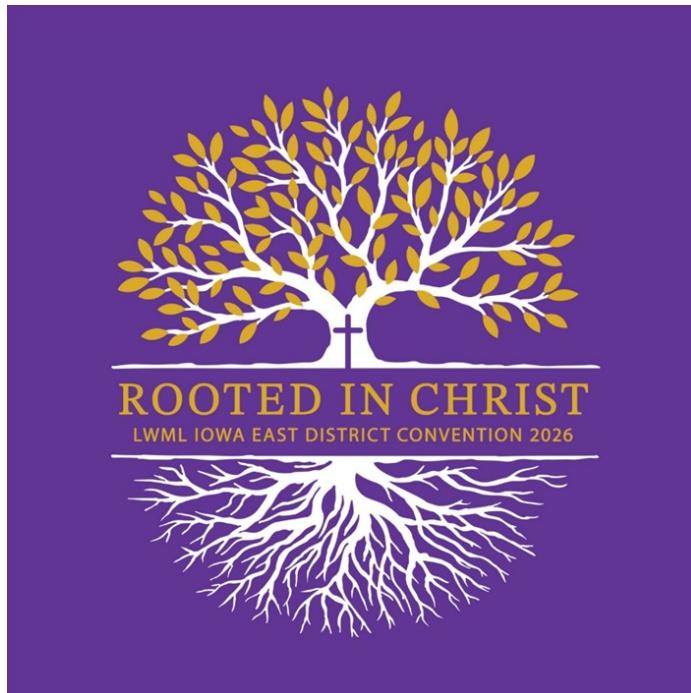
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LWML—IOWA EAST DISTRICT NEWS

You Are invited To The **LWML Iowa East District Convention 2026**

Dates: June 12-13, 2026

**Location: The Graduate by Hilton Iowa City,
210 South Dubuque St., Iowa City, IA 52240**



ROOTED IN CHRIST

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(Colossians 2:6-7 ESV).

ROOTED IN CHRIST The Convention Committee is excited to welcome you to Iowa City in June! We have asked God to lead us as we plan this event to:

+ PRAISE HIS NAME +

+ THANK HIM FOR THE GIFTS HE GIVES US +

+ PLAN HOW TO USE THESE GIFTS +

+ WORK TOGETHER TO TELL OTHERS ABOUT JESUS +

+ ENJOY THE COMPANY OF OUR SISTERS IN CHRIST +

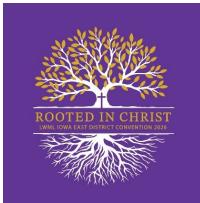
- ◊ Registration will be **ONLINE ONLY** at the **LWML IED** website and goes live on March 1st. Individual Registration assistance is available if needed.
- ◊ Hotel reservation link is attached to the registration on March 1st. The Graduate Hotel has a lovely spacious convention venue with unique and interesting guest rooms. The hotel is near the University Campus, shops, museums, and restaurants.
- ◊ Keynote Speaker is The Most Rev. Dien Ashley Taylor, Bishop and President of LCMS Atlantic District, as well as Pastor at Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, The Bronx, New York.
- ◊ Convention Choir will receive their music via email and have a rehearsal on Friday morning. The YWR's and girls are also welcome to sing with us.
- ◊ The Graduate Hotel's chef is planning a special meal for our banquet.
- ◊ Young at Harps will provide music that evening.
- ◊ Servant Events include the opportunities to donate blood, make cards and assemble mats for the homeless.
- ◊ Gifts from the Heart will focus on children by collecting diapers and Christian books for babies and children and gift cards to buy books. These items will be distributed to shelters and women/family centers in Benton, Linn, and Johnson County.

Questions for the Co-Chairs? Contact: Sheryl Dermody at smayderm@gmail.com -or- Bonnie Thompson at blthompson.ars@gmail.com

Convention Apparel ~ For Sale on your Reservation starting March 1st

Short or Long-sleeved T-shirts – Super Soft 100 % cotton
Full Zip Hoodies – Cozy Soft 50% Cotton/50% Polyester





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Tentative Agenda for the LWML IED Convention 2026 – June 12-13

Hosted by Benton and Cedar Rapids Zones

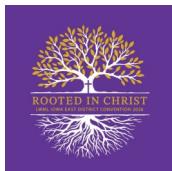
Schedule: Friday, June 12

8:00 AM Registration/Gifts From the Heart
9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal, Servant Events, Exhibits
10:00 AM Delegate & YWR Orientations
11:30 AM Pastor's Luncheon
12:00 PM Box Lunch
1:00 PM Opening Worship
Session I - Banner Processional / Call to Order
6:30 PM Banquet and Program Banquet
Speaker: Rev. Dien Ashley Taylor

Schedule: Saturday, June 13

7:00 AM Registration, Gifts From the Heart, Exhibits
7:45 AM Group Singing
8:00 AM Session II
12:00 PM Lunch
1:00 PM Session III
3:00 PM Closing Service

PASTOR'S LUNCHEON: Please encourage YOUR pastor to attend the Pastor's luncheon on Friday, June 12th at 11:30am!



ROOTED IN CHRIST MEMORIAL

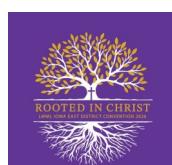
You are invited to participate in a special opportunity to memorialize the faithful women who served and honored our Savior with a life rooted in

Christ. These women gave us a model of faith, love, and dedication to the work of the church and the LWML. We will celebrate and remember these faithful servants at the 2026 LWML IED Convention in June with a Memorial Display of their names and photos.

To Participate:

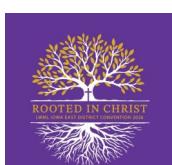
- ◊ You may send a \$20 IED mites donation for each woman that you would like to include in the Rooted In Christ Memorial.
- ◊ Please send honorees name, a 4x6 photo, and one line about their LWML service. Also, include who has given the memorial.
 - ◊ Honoree Example #1: Sally Smith, LWML President 1968-1974, St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, VanHorne, by St. Andrew's Ladies Aid.
 - ◊ Honoree Example #2: Sally Smith, LWML member, St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Van Horne, By Emma Smith, granddaughter.
- ◊ Mail picture, small article, and your check payable to: LWML Iowa East District Mites to: **Ev Weibke, PO Box 357, Van Horne, IA 52346**

*** If you would like your photo back, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.



“Fill the Watering Can”

Challenge: Be sure to bring your “Mites” to help us to “Fill the Watering Can” while at the LWML IED Convention in June! Let us raise additional donations towards IED Mite Offerings!



YWR's YOUNG WOMEN'S LUNCH

ALL Young Women of the LWML including all previous YWR's are welcome to join in the fellowship!

*YOU are invited to grab your box lunch on Friday of convention for lunch from 11:30 am-12:30 pm and join us!

*Bring a friend!

*More details are being planned at this time. Contact Karen Boehme at boehmekj@msn.com or call 319-239-3463 for more information and to register as soon as possible. Hope to see you then!

Misty Lutz and Karen Boehme