



CNH LWML  
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## From the Desk of the President

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

*Lenten Blessings - During this season as we remember the suffering and death of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we keep our eyes on the cross as we look forward to Easter!*

***"He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification." Romans 4:25***

***Let me now also bring you that wonderful Easter Greeting that we all know so well, "Christ Has Risen, He Has Risen indeed!"***

***I was reminded by my editor that this will be my last Joyful Servant Message as president:***

***"God's blessings be with all as you continue to serve Him through the LWML"***

We have had some exciting times in the last 4 years, some ups and downs, and many, many blessings. Too many to count! We have lost loved ones, while others have been returned to health. We have offered prayers for those in need. We have had personal and spiritual challenges. But through His help and by His love we have survived. God is Good!

***We have used our "Hands" for Human Care; our Hearts for Gospel Outreach;***

***our "Bibles" for Christian Life; and have continued to represent "Jesus" as His Servant Resources. Do others see Jesus in you? Do they know by your actions that you belong to Jesus? Let us continue to show the Love of Jesus to all, as we continue to serve Him, always mindful of our mission to "Spread the Good News" around the world.***

## LWML NEWS . . . . .

**2010 CNH LWML Convention - "Know the Hope - Jesus Christ" - April 30 - May 2, 2010** at the Wyndham Hotel in San Jose, CA, hosted by Region III, Zones 1, 2, 7, 8, 17, 18

And where will you be on April 30<sup>th</sup>? I pray we will see you in San Jose. All details now posted to our website. If you have any questions, please let me know. See you there!

**Mite News:** As we prepare to go to print with this latest edition of "The Joyful Servant", we "Praise the Lord" that we are within \$5,000 of funding our final Mission Grant Project for 2008-2010.

**I have no doubt, that with His help, we will reach our goal and beyond. Many, many thanks to all who have participated with the LWML in funding all 15 of our projects! As always, To God Be the Glory!**

We have many exciting Mission Grant Projects waiting to be voted on at con-

## Mission

The mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League is to assist each woman of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world.

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vention for 2010-2012, bylaws to pass, and most importantly, new officers to elect. See convention information on our website for complete details.

In closing, I would like to offer my prayers and support to all of the continuing and soon to be newly elected and appointed officers of the CNH LWML. I ask you also to support them and keep them in your prayers always. A kind word goes a long way. It is easy to criticize; but remember, it is truly easier to praise them and show them the love of Jesus. May their service through the LWML always be a blessing to our league and may their service be pleasing to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**Keep your sisters in prayer, invite the women in your congregation to join you in our mission, speak well of the work of the LWML, and lift up the leaders of our organization daily. Pray, Praise, Participate, and Partner with us in this effort.**

**Remember who we are "in League with", this will remind you that the Lord would want all women to be "in League with Him".**

**What a wonderful opportunity to celebrate God's many gifts and to share the Hope! We Go, Serve, and Tell Everyone We Meet of the Hope - Jesus Christ!**

**"KNOW THE HOPE - JESUS CHRIST!"  
Going, Serving, Telling -**

**May the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace- Rom 15:13**

**Blessings,  
Sandra "Sandy" Haugner,  
President, CNH LWML**

## Gospel Outreach

### **KNOW THE HOPE – JESUS CHRIST**

At this CNH LWML convention April 30—May 2, we will have the opportunity to select mission grants for 2010-2012. I am pleased to inform you that the Board of Directors has approved 20 grant proposals for a total of \$152,060 to be put on the slate. The project goal recommended by the BOD is \$120,000. You can see that each grant proposal requires your prayerful consideration as to which ones are to be our Mission Grants for the next biennium.

Your Zone President has a complete description of each grant. A synopsis of each will also be found in the Convention material for preview. A power point will also be presented to the convention body.

The current status of 2008-2010 Grants: Project #13, Missionary Lay Training for \$10,000 has been paid. A check was delivered to St. Paul, Tracy by President Sandy on March 6<sup>th</sup>. Project #14, Hindu Outreach, India for \$7,500 is now funded and a check will be mailed soon. Project #15, Jewish Outreach by Apple of His Eye, St. Louis, is very nearly funded and will be funded by the end of March.

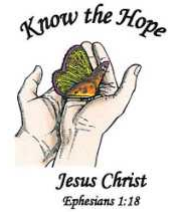
As we reach our Mission Goal for 2008-2010, we thank the Lord for supplying all that we need to make this possible. Our mission is to give others the hope in Jesus Christ that we have.

1 Thessalonians 3:12. "May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else..."

Serving Together,  
Ada Towers  
VP of Gospel Outreach



***You, On the Road to San Jose***  
***“Know the Hope – Jesus Christ”***  
**2010 CNH District LWML Convention**



The puzzle pieces are in place and all that is needed now is **You**, the attendees. **You** make up the framework of our convention puzzle. **You**, as attendees will lift this convention up to our Heavenly Father in praise and honor of Him.

**You** are who will bring life to the music and songs played by Dina Vendetti. **You** are who will be listening to our District President, Rev. Robert Newton proclaim God's message of hope at Friday evening's opening service. **You** are who will receive news from national LWML brought to **You** by Linda Arnold, VP Communication. **You** are who Rev. Kenneth Klaus will lead in Bible Study – *“Knowing the Hope and Sharing the Hope”*. **You** are who will be inspired in His hope by Peggy Turnipseed. **You** are who will hear of hope in the mission field from Rev. Dereje Fantaye. **You** will hear Heidi Floyd's story and learn of her faith walk at Saturday evening's banquet. The Zingers are coming to entertain **You** following dinner on Saturday.

Ladies have been busy sewing convention tote bags for **You**. Decorations and favors are being made for **You**. We are all excited in anticipation of **Your** arrival. Mission grant proposals for the 2010-2012 biennium will be voted on by **You**. As outreach, **You** will be bringing ingathering items for the Bethel Center, City Team Ministries, and First Resort organizations. The Christian Life Committee is planning a Worship Extravaganza for **You** featuring Rev. Kenneth Klaus and the Sounds of Grace. The Young Women's Committee has been planning a wonderful program for the **Young Women Representatives**.

What do **You** need to remember?

**When:** April 30 – May 2, 2010

**Where:** Wyndham Hotel, 1350 North First St.  
 San Jose, CA 95112

**Theme:** **Know the Hope – Jesus Christ**  
 Ephesians 1:18

**Goal:** That each woman knows and shares the hope she has in Jesus Christ.

**Objectives:**

We will share the hope of Jesus Christ through worship, Bible Study, prayer, devotions, and music.

We will experience the joy of hope through fellowship, mentoring, and service.

As we leave, we will proclaim the hope in Jesus to which we have been called.

We ask that **You** prayerfully consider joining us in San Jose at the Wyndham Hotel. Come and be the framework of the convention puzzle –  
 To God Be the Glory!

In His Service,  
 Kathy Richardson  
 VP of Convention Planning

## Human Care

Our convention in San Jose is just around the corner now and it is time to start thinking about the Convention Ingathering. Just a reminder, you may donate to all three of our recipients or you may pick just one. Also, if you prefer, you may donate money by writing a check to LWML. All money received will be divided evenly between these three groups.

Many have stated that they would like to see the Ingathering brought up front at the service on Sunday morning. We have heard you and we are going to do that this year. There will be three boxes up front on Sunday morning for your gifts. One for City Team Ministry, one for First Resort, and one for Bethel Center. Additionally, there will be a special container for your checks (all made payable to LWML, please).

On Sunday morning, each delegate will bring up a couple of items during the dedication ceremony. Extra items may be placed in the boxes prior to the start of the Sunday morning session. This announcement will be made during the convention.

The Human Care Committee will have a display table at the convention, we hope that you will come by and say hello. Come and see our new LWML brochure and other human care information sheets.

I am excited about the upcoming convention and our Ingathering. Our Ingathering recipients all do wonderful work and this is a great way for us to participate in their outreach to their communities. They fit with our theme very well, "Know the Hope—Jesus Christ".

Just a reminder that Lutheran World Relief-Human Care is still looking for monetary aid for the disaster in Haiti. Consider having your society hold a fund raiser to help the people of Haiti. Also do not forget that our seminary students and their families (if married) can always use food/product coupons and even money for their food bank. Both St Louis and Fort Wayne have this wonderful program.

My committee and I look forward to seeing you in April at our District Convention.

In His Service,

Georgian Sawyer,  
VP of Human Care

## Around the district with the president . . .

. . . Is there any job in this district better than mine? I think not! Not only was I "**Struck by Laughter**" in Sacramento with Jan Struck at our Women's Conference, I was also filled with great joy while representing our district at our other regional events in Nevada and in Hawaii. I think the real theme this year must have been "**dancing for joy**" since we experienced the joy of line dancing at Cowboys' Rest and the graceful hula at Camp M. What fun we had! Mary Culpepper had quite a time teaching us to "slide" not hop while line dancing; and you'll have to ask Pastor Herb Burch about his hula. A sight to see! We thank Zones 10 and 11 for hosting these regional events and inviting us to come and spend time with them.

Filled with Joy – President Sandy

## MITES AND THE LAW

**At the recent February CNH LWML Executive Committee meeting, President Sandy presented the LWML with a parking meter filled with Mites. The "First Gentlemen", Richard Haugner, had received this delightful parking meter from his mother, Peg Haugner, as a Christmas present. Peg had found it at a local yard sale and thought it a perfect gift for her retired "Police Officer" son. Richard decided it would be a great way for him to save his Mites. Month after month he filled it with his pocket change and would not give it to President Sandy until it was finally filled (14 months later . . . )**



Secretary to the President, Shelly Alba (pictured here with her best "Vanna White smile"), took custody of the Parking Meter and is having the Mites counted. The Board of Directors got into the act by each taking a guess as to how much Mite Money can be collected in a parking meter. We are now awaiting the answer to that "age old question" . . .

## SERVANT RESOURCES

The following verse from the Bible shows us the meaning of the Motto  
 “We are a **T E A M** (**T**ogether **E**veryone **A**ccomplishes **M**ore) “

It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up. *Ephesians 4:11-12*

The Structure Committee has evaluated the CNH Bylaws for changes that need to be made at the convention in 2010. The changes have also been approved by the national LWML Structure Committee. These changes were included in your convention call packet. Please review them before you come to convention.

The CNH Structure Committee reviewed all the Zone bylaws in our files and wrote a letter to each Zone President explaining mandatory and suggested changes. When you finish your review, either add the final copy to a disc and send to me or send it as an attachment to an e-mail and I will store it on a disc. We have had responses from about 6 Zones that have completed and voted on their Revised Zone Bylaws. Let’s see if every Zone can at least have a Bylaws committees working on them and have them ready for approval at your Spring 2010 Rally and completed copies to me by April 15, 2010. The goal of the current committee is to have a complete and updated file for our new Vice President of Servant Resources. We would like an update from all of the Zone Presidents by April 1, 2010, by phone, e-mail, or a note in the USPS.

If you are a new Zone President and have not received this letter and workbook please let me know and I can sent it to you ASAP. Also, even if you are not new and have misplaced your copy, I will be very happy to send you another copy.

The Leader Development Committee has gathered training resources for current and future zone and Society LWML Leaders. We have made packets with some of these materials and the Vice President has started a Library with samples of materials available from the LWML catalog. We also have printed booklets with summaries of the resources for your use.

The Leader Development Committee also developed a Packet with resources for Teen/Junior Groups. It contains everything that is needed to start a new group. The LWML Website has added several new items since we made up the packets.

Be sure to check our display at the Convention to see all of these Resources. We also have more Leadership and Teen Group Packets available. We also have samples of some of the newer products from the LWML catalog. Check out the new information for the Teen Group on [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org).

God has chosen you for the position you are now occupying or asked to occupy. Always do **“ALL TO HIS GLORY !”**

Deanna Hines  
 VP of Servant Resources



**Insights from the CNH LWML  
Young Women Representatives  
to the LWML Convention  
June 25-28, 2009 in Portland, Oregon**

This past June, I was privileged to attend the LWML Convention as one of the Young Women Representatives for the CNH District. It was such a wonderful experience being surrounded by so many extraordinary Christian women of all ages. I, along with all the YWR's were treated like princesses and showered with love, attention, and gifts.

I should know God better by now, but I am still continuously amazed at how well He knows me, what I need, and how I need to be pushed. He showed His love, care, and desire for my growth in many different ways. He knows how much I hate to be the center of attention. As a YWR I was very often in the spotlight, yet God sent people to help me to be comfortable and cheerful, such as my lovely Co-CNH YWR, Mary (Gunishaw) Culpepper. He helped me to be an upstanding representative not only for the district, but for Him as well. Recently God has been pushing me forward into the spotlight more than I am comfortable with, but I and those who know me best can see Him working in me to make me stronger and more confident. I know God must have an amazing plan for me in the future, and I believe that God has used my participation in the LWML Convention to further His plans for me.

I believe a fitting Bible verse is John 15:2,5 "Every branch in me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that does bear fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit... I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing."

Annie Bosel, CYW Committee Member

"I lift my eyes to the hills-  
where does my help come from?  
My help comes from the LORD,  
the Maker of heaven and earth."  
Psalm 121:1-2

This June I was blessed with the opportunity, as a Young Woman Representative, to gather with women from around the country as we focused on what it meant to be women "of the Word, in the Word, and walking with the Lord". There we were in Portland, Oregon, singing songs of praise, doing dances to help us remember the words, laughing as we shared our experiences as women, and crying as we comforted each other through tough times. There was quite a whole lot to take in.

In fact, on the second day of the convention, the YWR's were asked to be thinking about why God selected us to be in attendance, as we would have the chance to share with others later. Here's a quick bit about how I learned the answer to this question. In February, I learned that my job as a second-year teacher in Stockton, California, was quite precarious. My fiancé (now husband) taught in Reno, Nevada; so we made the decision that I would move there. I was planning a wedding, losing a job, applying for graduate school, moving out of my apartment, and moving into a new apartment. HELP!

All through the convention I thought, "Great. I need help, so I will look to the hills. In Stockton, what hills in Stockton?!" Then it hit me. Sometimes, hills are not always the hills you can see. Hills can be problems or situations that you just cannot deal with on your own. Often times, our Lord calls on us to look to Him in times of trial, when our problems seem as large as mountains. It is in those times that we realize that our help, redemption, blessings, and strength come from none other than "the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth." Through Him, and Him alone, all things are possible.

As a YWR, I was blessed to have been chosen to represent our district and even more blessed to experience a weekend filled with such love, patience, understanding, and God. I was reminded

that weekend of His natural and awesome power in our lives. Now, I live in brown but very mountainous Reno. And I am not only literally surrounded by mountains, constant reminders of the strength our LORD provides, but I am re-energized with knowing that whenever I am feeling stressed or unsure or in general need of help the answer is always as simple as remembering that MY help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

Mary Culpepper (Gunishaw),  
CYW Committee Member



Young Women Representatives  
LWML Convention—Portland, Oregon  
Annie Bosel, Mary Culpepper  
(two in middle - CNH YWR's)

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Women's Conference with Jan Struck  
November 2009

### SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS

Working on the 2009-2010 District LWML Nominating Committee, I am reminded of the importance of LWMLers being willing to serve locally as well as in our zones and in our District LWML. Each of us has been given gifts from the Lord--we know that. However, sometimes we seem to get very shy about our talents, skills or abilities and are not willing to serve, even though as LWMLers we sing or say we want to "Serve the Lord with Gladness." What are your talents? Consider how you can serve the Lord in your church and in LWML, too. At our upcoming convention, we will again be electing some officers, and there will be committee positions to fill. Consider how you might serve, or consider how you might be able to help another person serve.

These words from Peter really resonated with me recently: "Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each one should use whatever gift he (she) has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in various forms. If anyone speaks, he (she) should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen." 1 Peter 4:8-11 NIV ("She" added in parentheses for emphasis to women.)

A song or prayer that addresses our wanting God to help us:

"Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me."

Lois Ellison

