



U & I Together



In Mission Points with Pastor Stephen

Mark your Calendars!

Executive Committee Meeting
February 8-9, 2019
Immanuel Lutheran
Twin Falls

Central Zone Event
March 2, 2019
Immanuel Lutheran
Twin Falls

Utah Zone Event
March 16, 2019
Grace Lutheran
Sandy

Western Zone Event
March 30, 2019
Christ Lutheran
Meridian

Yellowstone Zone Event
April 6, 2019
Hope Lutheran
Idaho Falls

38th Biennial Convention
June 20-23, 2019
Mobile, Alabama

Camp Perkins Retreat
July 19-21, 2019

Cheers!

Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." John 2:6-7

The Epiphany season is for unpacking the gift of God's Son wrapped inconspicuously in human flesh. The water pots at the wedding in Cana were ordinary, too, and could hold 160 gallons collectively. Normally the water was ladled out for guests to wash their hands and feet.

With wine running low, Jesus directs the host's servants to fill the pots, draw some out, and then to take it to the master of the feast. "You have kept the good wine until now," the master says after tasting. The wine Jesus miraculously made was no *vin de maison*. Jesus uses the ordinary and fills them with best-in-show quality.

His first recorded miracle cured no disease or congenital disorder. You see, Jesus cares about our daily, human lives. He even cares about friends experiencing joy at an extended celebration. He cares about a young couple wanting to avoid embarrassment.

We are a lot like those jars that Jesus used. Filled with baptismal water and filled by God Himself, Jesus uses us to convey beautiful things to others. Yes, God takes the ordinary, you and me, and fills us with the best there is. Now we have the privilege of seeing the good *He* brings through us!

To life!

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, we are so grateful you have come and have stepped into our neighborhood, even our lives. Please fill us that the overflow of your love will bless others. We pray this in your name. Amen.

GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR 2020 U-I DISTRICT CONVENTION

Now is the time to be thinking about mission endeavors in our area and in other regions around us that could use our financial support.

Please contact VP of Gospel Outreach, Patty Bennett, for the application form and other pertinent information, at pjeanben@yahoo.com.

Purpose for Huddles
Equipping Team Members
Reinforcing Commitment
Giving and Receiving Help

U&I Huddles equip ladies to share the Gospel!



U-I District Mission Statement

The mission of the Utah-Idaho District Lutheran Women's Missionary League is to develop and maintain a mission consciousness among the women of the district and to assist them in using their gifts to the glory of the Triune God.



A Letter from Lois...



Dear Friends,

When the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League was formed, the name came about after much thought. Then another shorter name was introduced – Lutheran Women in Mission. Do you see any similarity in the two names? Of course you do! “Mission” is the heart of our organization, thereby, it appears in our name.

Our lives reflect what Christ has done for us. In response, we live our lives in active mission ministries and supporting global missions. God has blessed us with this opportunity to join our hearts, hands, and voices to proclaim His saving grace to the world.

The LWML’s mission goal of \$2,075,000 provides for many people to be nourished in body and soul. Our prayer is that in the next two months \$449,159.01 will be lovingly given through Mite Offerings to reach this goal by March 31, 2019, thus funding the remaining mission grants.

Pray for the grant recipients and for generous resources and gifts needed to reach this goal. Consider an additional Mite Offering gift, perhaps in honor of a dear friend or in memory of a loved one. Thank you for your commitment to the Lord’s work through the LWML.

God bless you!
Lois

Mites



Mites offerings for the October-December 2018

Central Zone	\$ 2319.13
Utah Zone	\$ 923.63
Western Zone	\$ 2942.99
Yellowstone Zone	\$ 556.11

Mites Offerings Notes!

Due to personal reasons, I am requesting that the February Mite Offerings be sent early.

LWML's current biennium ends on March 31.

Please send your Mite Offerings to me by **Friday, March 15**. The deposit will be made before the end of the month so that Treasurer Naomi will have time to send in our Mites to national to help reach the biennium's goal.

A total of \$1169.15 was received from the 4 Fall Zone Events

A silent auction for a quilt was held at the Western Zone Fall Event that brought in \$550 for Mites.

Sincerely,
Barbara James, Financial Secretary

District Grants

Mission Grants 2018-2020 Biennium

Grant Name	Amount Granted	Funded
Nichelle Dykema, LCMS Missionary to Peru	\$5,000	\$5,000
Zion Lutheran School, Nampa, Idaho school curriculum	\$5,000	\$4,300
MOST Short-term Mission Scholarship for Women of the Utah-Idaho District	\$5,000	\$0
Worship for Shut-ins, Peace Lutheran Church, Filer, Idaho	\$5,000	\$0
Clover Christian Lutheran School: Funding the Future Scholarship	\$5,000	\$0
Support for Teenage Mothers and Victims of Sexual Abuse in Cameroon, West Africa	\$3,000	\$0
Total	\$28,000	\$9,300

Thank you for your continued offerings to Mites! We look forward to reaching our

Societies please send in your **Mite offerings by March 15th**, it will count towards our current Biennium goal.

Naomi Hopkins, Utah Idaho District Treasurer

Zone Notes

Western Zone - Sherrie Prien



"Caring for All"

The Western Zone Spring Rally is fast approaching. Ladies will worship together as Pastor Matt Henry leads them in the new LWML Prayer Service, "God Cares for You," followed by a guest speaker from INsideOUT Cares. This organization brings awareness and understanding of human trafficking to our communities instilling a commitment for action to benefit those impacted.

Mark your calendars for: **March 30, 2019** (registration begins at 9am)

Place: **Christ Lutheran Church, Meridian, ID**

Ingathering: Gift cards from Walmart, Target and/or Uber. These will be given to the young women who are coming out of trafficking to get clothing, food, or transportation as needed.

Thank you to U & I!



A note from Zion Lutheran School

We are so pleased to have been chosen to be a recipient of a grant. We are using the funds to purchase items for the Preschool classes. Both classes got a full set of Arch Books, new felt story boards and other items. The older kids have benefited with advanced curriculum. Thank you so much for helping us bring the saving truth of God's Son Jesus Christ to the students of Zion Lutheran School.



God's blessings,
Tonya Barber
Admissions Director

National Note



Mite Offerings Received

Amounts as of December 31, 2018

Mission Goal for 2017-

2019 Biennium: \$2,075,000.00

Amount Received: \$ 1,625,840.99

Total Mites Still Needed: \$ 449,159.01

[Details on the LWML Mite Report Page](#)



YOUR MITES AT WORK

Restoration Programs for Native Hawaiians

2017-2019 Mission Grant 18 — \$75,000

Hawaii to most Americans is a vacation paradise with beautiful beaches, warm sunshine and carefree days. But to the native Kanaka people life has been full of pain and suffering since the island was colonized. Many were victimized in ways similar to that of the Native Americans of the mainland during the expansion to the west. Many are hardworking people but can't afford the extremely high cost of living. One of the Kanaka men, Clarence, has completed two years of theological training. He is working with Lutheran Indian Ministries (LIM) to be a witness of God's love to his people, to train new leaders in the faith and to address the spiritual, social and emotional needs of his people. For more information about this grant, go to www.lwml.org/2017-2019-mission-grant-18

National



MOBILE BOUND!

The LWML's 38th biennial convention will be held in

Mobile, Alabama, June 20-23, 2019. The Host Committee invites us to "Come on down and join us **In Praise to the Lord!** Ya'll come! So let's accept their warm invitation! Our reserved seating is waiting for us as a reward for hosting the Albuquerque convention. We'll also have the opportunity to thank the many Mobile volunteers, greeters, ushers, etc. We've been there and done that! We realize the dedication needed, and what a blessing it is, to host a convention. Now it's our turn to say "Thanks!"

Hotels are filling up fast so get on board and make your reservations now! Early discounted registration is open; all will receive a \$25 credit from the LWML Endowment dividends. All convention information can be found in the winter issue of the *LW Quarterly* insert or on the LWML's website at lwml.org/2019-convention under the heading "Convention Attendee Information."

Enjoy a pre- or post-convention tour to learn more about the southern culture. There are half-day or full-day tours planned for your enjoyment – even a five-day cruise to Costa Maya and Cozumel.

Ya'll come to hear these inspirational convention personalities:

- Keynote Speaker – The Rev. Dr. Brent Smith from Mission Central
- Bible Study Leader – Donna Pyle
- Humorous Interrupter – Jan Struck
- Song Leader – The Rev. Dr. Dien Ashley Taylor from The Bronx, NY
- Inspirational Performer – Joe Castillo (amazing sand artist!)

Stay tuned! More information will follow in the next issue of the *U & I Together*.

<http://www.lwml.org/2019-convention>

U & I Tidbits



Key words from the AOL. How are the words linked together? Take a moment and strategize what areas are the focus. No worries, the U&I Huddle will break it down into a game plan.

U&I Huddle is looking forward to sharing insights and tools from the Assembly of Leader's Training. U&I will all learn new insights and techniques!

Can you guess the areas?

We are writing our plays, studying our resources, and gearing up to deliver the game plan for equipping the U&I Ladies! So, gear up and be ready to "Follow our Leader" to the U&I Huddles! Watch for opportunities at 2019 Spring and Fall Gatherings and Camp Perkins Retreat.

Have you noticed the links in the U&I Together? Check one out and see the resources available to you!

