



U & I Together

February 2024

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Feb. 15, 2024
Newsletter deadline



Apr. 26–28, 2024
District Convention
Logan, Utah



Jul. 19–21, 2024
UI District Retreat
Camp Perkins

**Quarterly
Mites Report**
(includes online giving)

- Central Zone — \$9,243.31
- Western Zone — \$3,728.50
- Utah Zone — \$866.44
- Yellowstone Zone — \$867.40

*Deadline for biennium is to
Financial Secretary by March 15*

LWML Mission Statement

As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.

Utah-Idaho 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 Devotion by Pastor Triplet

But from now on the Son of Man shall be seated at the right hand of the power of God (Luke 22:69).

Pause for a moment and dwell upon that fact that Jesus is seated because he has completed the work that conquers death, hell, and the grave for us. He now rests on the throne of power, dominion, and victory. We, as his people, are seated with him. It is hard for us to comprehend that we are seated in a place of power, dominion, and victory, when our lives seem wrought with failure. Take heart, Jesus has overcome, and because of his victory, we are victorious as well. Whether you feel powerful or not, strength is derived from the power of Christ and accessed via faith. Remember the words of the Apostle Paul, *"when I am weak, then I am strong"* (1 Corinthians 12:10), because the power of Christ rests upon him in his weakness. Therefore, recognize that weakness is the opportunity for Christ's strength to radiate through you.



Spring Zone Events

Central Zone:
March 2 at Peace
Lutheran Church, Filer

Western Zone:
March 23 at Friendship
Celebration, Boise

Yellowstone Zone:
March 16 at Hope
Lutheran, Idaho Falls

Utah Zone:
April 6 at St Paul
Lutheran, Ogden



Are You a Sunbeam?

As I sit here at the computer, the sun is shining on me and reflecting off the snow covered hills outdoors. A song from my childhood rises back from my memory and I start to hum the tune to *Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam* to shine for Him each day. Maybe you know it. The cute sing-songy rhythm is easy for children to recite.

I am thrilled that the Lord has surrounded me with many LWML sister sunbeams. Women who are "Living in the Light" and invite others to attend the 2024 LWML Utah-Idaho Convention in Logan, Utah. Rise and Shine like our theme verse, Isaiah 60:1, to answer the call to serve the Lord with gladness.

The beautiful convention center and hotels are ready to accept your reservations and the registration forms will be out for you within the next week or so.

Find yourself a roommate and invite as many **Young Women** as are available in your group. Create ways to raise funds to pay their way. Send them with a gift or order a new shirt for them that they can pick up at convention. Special activities are planned for them so we want many young women from 20-35 (or close) to attend. Start asking them soon!

I am looking forward to seeing all your sunbeam faces in Logan this spring. We have several special guests lined up to meet you and there are always those familiar faces from past events that you will want to shine with.

Keep Living in the Light all the way to Logan, April 26–28 because I know Jesus wants you as a sunbeam to shine for Him each day!

Blessings,
Terri Bentley, President

Convention Information Coming Soon!

Convention details and highlights will be sent in a **Convention MailChimp email on Feb 10.**

Not receiving emails from us? Visit <https://www.utahidaholwml.org/newsletter-subscribe.html> to subscribe today.

Please look for the information as it is gradually being added to the convention page at <https://www.utahidaholwml.org/convention-information.html>

Memorial Slideshow Request

Please send photos and information for the LWML family we have said goodbye to during the past biennium, 2022-2024 to Caryn Elliott at lwml.carynellott@gmail.com. We want to pay honor to the sisters and brothers during the memorial slideshow.



District LWML Shirts

Order your Utah-Idaho District Logo apparel today and **pick it up at the convention!** Orders are due March 10. Order form available on page 7.

National Lutheran Women in Mission limited time apparel sale is also going on **NOW through February 12!** Visit <http://stores.inkalleyshirts.com/lwml/shop/home> to shop.

Resources At Your Fingertips

Cindy Wilson, Vice President of Christian Life

2024 is moving right along. Changes are happening. LWML events are being planned. Excitement is in the air for Lutheran Women in Mission.

I don't know if any of you make New Year's Resolutions. I don't because I am bad at keeping them. One thing *I have set my mind to*, however, is seeking out the National and District LWML websites and learning what awesome resources they take great care to provide for all of us Women who are in Mission. So here is my recommendation for y'all for 2024:

Get familiar with both of these websites:

utahidaholwml.org

Utah-Idaho District website is for district and local zone resources and information.

www.lwml.org

The website for the National Lutheran Women in Mission where you will find information about how Lutheran Women's Missionary League came into existence, how and where our Mites work for National Mission Grants, who our National leaders are, and much, much more.

Ladies (and Pastor), we are a part of a MUCH BIGGER PICTURE. We might seem insignificant when we drop our mites in a tiny 3x3x2 box, but the incredible outcome of these tiny boxes (they can hold folded checks also!), is such that the Word of God is declared around our regions, states, and countries all over the world.

So go to these websites and discover who you are as a Lutheran Woman in Mission. You are definitely **not insignificant** in God's Plan. In tabbing through all the pages the sites have to offer, you can find a Bible Study to do on your own, or ask a group of ladies to join you. You can find out how to send your mites directly to the District. You can get resources for Young Women in Mission (YWRs). You might even find the next Mission God is calling you to do.

And while you are at it, don't forget to sign up for daily Mustard Seed Devotions. They just start your day off right. We are blessed to know God, have His Word in our lives and His Son, Jesus Christ as our Savior. Through the Lutheran Women in Mission, we can bless others and shine on them for Jesus sake.



Remember at the beginning of this article I said LWML events are being planned? Save the date and mark your calendar for the LWML District Retreat at Camp Perkins!

Utah-Idaho District Retreat July 19 – July 21, 2024 at Camp Perkins

*Bible Study by Pastor Kirk Triplett
from Faith Lutheran Church in Pocatello and the
Utah-Idaho District Pastoral Counselor*



Choosing a Young Woman Representative (YWR)

By Madison Elliott, VP of Special Focus Ministries

At each District Convention, we are blessed with the opportunity to select Young Women Representatives, more commonly known as "YWRs" to join us. A YWR should be a young woman with a strong connection to the Lord, aged 21-35 and should be able to commit to attending the convention in April.

A YWR will benefit from learning more about the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) from all of us. What might you prayerfully consider sharing about LWML? If you are unsure, here are a few suggestions. Our YWRs will find our mission work especially important. Our mission work may inspire her to be committed to LWML for many years to come. Many of our younger peers find activism to be an important part of their lives and are aware of many other ways to reach future missionaries on different platforms, and they may invite their friends to join in. Our YWRs will find our culture interesting, also! We have great conversations, wonderful leadership

and mentorship and we have a bond strengthened by our love for our Lord and Savior. Finally, remind your YWR that being a part of the LWML will open up opportunities for her to meet Sisters in Christ from all areas.

As you are reading this article, there may be a young woman who has come to mind. Don't hesitate to invite her to share in the convention fun; but do remind her that while convention is a fun and lovely experience, there is great work for us to do. Encourage her to be a part of this work and share in the mission that each of us love dearly. Once you have identified a YWR who is committed to attending, please inform your Zone President, District President and VP of Special Focus Ministries to help her with any questions she may have about convention, the registration process or LWML as a whole.

We are looking forward to meeting your YWRs who will be the future of our organization.



Treasurer Update

by Kim Mein, Treasurer

Heritage of Love Endowment Fund

Balances as of December 31, 2023:
In the LCMS Foundation - \$19,129.28
In the District Credit Union - \$767.99

Mites

We have collected \$62,427.40 in mites since April 2022. From this total, we have sent National LWML \$15,606.85. We have also paid for all but 1 District Mission Grant.

2023 Advent Mission Grant Offering

\$287.15

Joyful Response is an electronic payment program that allows you to give your mites even when you are not able to attend a meeting. If you would like to participate contact Kim Mein for an enrollment form. We have currently accumulated \$10.85 in interest from this account. All deposit go to mites.

Proposed Bylaw Change

By Tonya Barber, VP Organizational Resources

God's Blessings ladies of the Utah-Idaho District,
Upon review of the bylaws, the District Board has proposed these 3 changes. You will find the rationale, current wording and the proposed changes. We would ask you to prayerfully consider the changes.

Proposed 2024 Bylaws Amendments

Utah-Idaho District

1. Amend Article X, Appointed Personnel, by adding a new section and renumbering the following sections.

Rationale: To include the duties of the Social Media Facilitator in the bylaws.

Article X, Section 5 if adopted will read:

- a. The Social Media Facilitator shall:
Create an active presence for the District on social media platforms approved by the Vice President of Communication following national LWML social media guidelines;
- b. Follow national LWML social media as the Utah-Idaho District and share posts to District pages;
- c. Provide a forum for the Vice President of Communication and Public Relations Director to communicate via social media;
- d. Report to the Vice President of Communication.

The following sections will be renumbered.

2. Amend Article X, Section 1 and Article XI, Section 1, Paragraph d to include the Endowment Coordinator and the Young Woman Representative Committee and Heart to Heart Committee chairmen, and in the lists of appointed personnel and Board of Directors members.

Rationale: These women are appointed, as specified in Article VII, Section 2, and should be included in lists of appointed personnel.



These paragraphs now read:

Article X, Section 1

The appointed personnel shall be a Public Relations Director, Web Master, Editor, Archivist-Historian, Parliamentarian, Meeting Manager, and Nominating Committee Chairman. They shall:

Article XI, Section 1

d. Appointed personnel (Public Relations Director, Web Master, Editor, Archivist-Historian, Parliamentarian, Meeting Manager, and Nominating Committee Chairman).

If adopted, these paragraphs will read:

Article X, Section 1

The appointed personnel shall be a Public Relations Director, Web Master, Editor, Archivist-Historian, Parliamentarian, Meeting Manager, Nominating Committee Chairman, Endowment Coordinator, Young Woman Representative Committee Chairman and Heart to Heart Committee Chairman. They shall:

Article XI, Section 1

d. Appointed personnel (Public Relations Director, Web Master, Editor, Archivist-Historian, Parliamentarian, Meeting Manager, Nominating Committee Chairman, Endowment Coordinator, Young Woman Representative Committee Chairman and Heart to Heart Committee Chairman).

3. Amend Article XV, Section 2, Paragraph c to limit the District’s obligation for convention expenses to the budgeted amount.

Rationale:

1. As we develop the 2024-2026 biennium budget in early 2024 we cannot reasonably predict travel costs for the 2025 national convention. If this amendment is adopted the District’s expenses will be limited to the amount budgeted. We anticipate encouraging fundraising at the zone level to support delegate travel expenses and soliciting donations for YWR travel expenses.
2. Since the original bylaw was written we have sent first one, then two YWRs to the national convention. We anticipate sending a H2H sister in the future. The proposed amendment allows flexibility in who attends convention in an official District role.

These paragraphs now read:

Article XV, Section 2

The District President, zone delegates, and Pastoral Counselor shall attend the national LWML convention at District expense.

If adopted, these paragraphs will read:

Article XV, Section 2

The funds budgeted to support District representation at the national LWML convention shall be divided among the District President, zone delegates, Pastoral Counselor, YWR(s), and any others requested by the Executive Committee to attend the convention. The Executive Committee will establish criteria for allocating the funds among eligible persons.

District LWML SHIRT ORDER FORM

| Style | Sm-Xl | XXl | XXXL |
|--|-------|------|------|
| T-shirt w/ screenprinted logo | \$15 | \$17 | \$19 |
| Hoodie w/ embroidered logo | \$30 | \$32 | \$34 |
| 3/4 neck Sweatshirt w/ screenprinted logo | \$62 | \$64 | \$66 |
| Denim Long Sleeve w/embroidered logo left pocket | \$62 | \$64 | \$66 |



Orders
Due
March 10!

Tax is included in prices

Shirts will be available for **pick-up at the convention registration desk.**
We will NOT be mailing. If you want a shirt and are NOT attending the convention, please make arrangements for someone to pick up for you and note it on your order form. Thank you

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| Name: | ZONE: |
| Address: | |
| PH. No: | Email: |

| Shirt Style | SIZE | PRICE | QTY | Pick up Person | TOTAL |
|--|------|---|-----|----------------|-------|
| T-shirt w/ screenprinted logo | | | | | |
| Hoodie w/ screenprinted logo | | | | | |
| 3/4 neck Sweatshirt w/screenprinted logo | | | | | |
| Denim Long Sleeve w/embroidered logo left pocket | | | | | |
| SUBTOTAL | | | | | |
| TOTAL | | | | | |
| Make check payable and Mailed to: | | GLC-LWML c/o Rhonda Johnson 743 Wayne Ave Pocatello, ID 83201 | | | |

FEBRUARY



This is a monthly prayer guide for your daily use. Each day as you pray, please feed your Mite Box in support of district and LWML Mission Grants. As you lift up the countries and mission grants listed, pray that the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ would be heard by those who live there or are served by our mite offerings. Each country listed has been a recipient of a mission grant from LWML at some time since 1942. What a joy it is to bring these prayers to our Father's listening ears!

1. For your LWML sisters.
2. For LWML Mission Grant #4.
3. For Bolivia, one of the 83 countries where LWML has supported a grant.
4. For your church organist.
5. For those fighting cancer.
6. For our Lutheran Women in Mission Vice President of Christian Life.
7. For the country of Botswana.
8. Pray the LWML Pledge.
9. For the needs of those on the mission field.
10. For the country of Brazil.
11. For those in the Armed Forces.
12. For the President of the United States.
13. For love in your heart for your neighbor.
14. For Christ's sacrifice for us.
15. For the country of Cambodia.
16. For the LWML Kansas District.
17. For those who are caregivers.
18. For an opportunity to share your faith.
19. For the country of Cameroon.
20. For those who write devotions and Bible studies.
21. For LWML Mission Grant #5.
22. For those facing the loss of a loved one.
23. For the country of Canada.
24. For the LWML Missouri District.
25. For your LWML district officers.
26. For the country of Chile.
27. For your LWML group members.
28. For the lonely to feel God's presence.
29. For God's gift of another year of your life.