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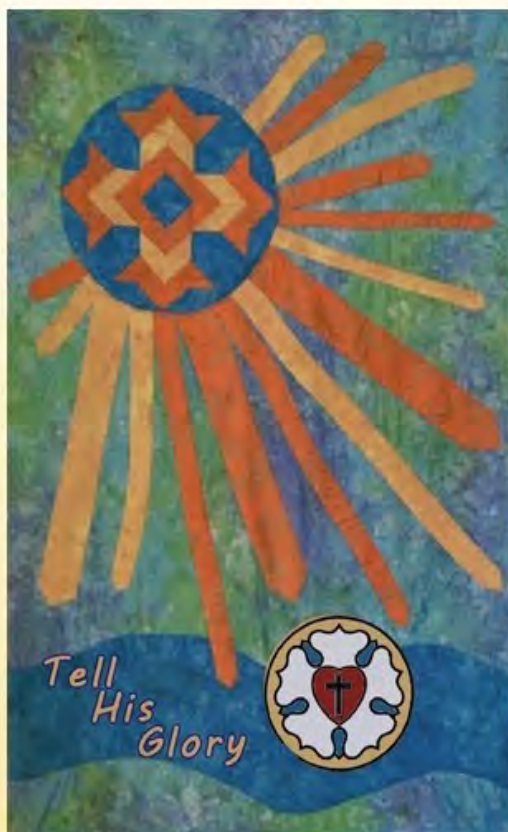
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Publications Editor



"Tell His Glory" 2020 Chesapeake District LWML Virtual Convention

September 26, 2020
9:30 am to 12:30 pm

Registration for convention is
now available on the
the district website:
www.lwmlchesapeake.org

Virtual Convention will include:

- Opening Worship Service
- LWML Report from Susan Brunkow, VP of Christian Life
- Mission Grants (*voting to be done before convention*)
- Video Greetings from SED President John Denninger
- Bible Study
- Music from Dina Vendetti

from our President

Teresa Tester

With deepest regrets, the 28th LWML Chesapeake District is cancelled for a physical location. The safety and health of our Lutheran Women in Mission is our prime concern.

This edition of the *Chesapeake Breeze* is full of details about the restructuring of the happenings that were going to be at convention, only **in a virtual format on September 26, 2020**. We are blessed to have Lynn Corker from Women of the Pearl to be our Mission speaker. LWML Vice President Christian Life, Susan Brunkow will share news from the national organization and plans for the 2021 convention in Lexington, KY.



Convention Speaker
Susan Brunkow

Remember that each group may designate two delegates as part of their Zone delegation to the convention to cast votes for officers and for mission grants for the 2020-2022 biennium. Voting will still take place electronically. There will also be a delegate orientation on September 12 via Zoom. Zone Chairs should already have been in contact with each group for the names of the delegates. This helps us to prepare for the orientation as to who will be eligible to vote and send information out ahead of time. If you haven't heard from your Zone Chair, please contact Paulette Gaines, Zone Liaison, pgainesldg@mail.com or myself (ttester9612@verizon.net) by August 22.

Please keep all of the delegates and our discernment process in your prayers over the next month. The virtual convention is a wonderful opportunity to share the excitement of LWML with other women who have not had the opportunity to attend in the past! I also encourage you to seek out the ethnic congregations in your areas and invite these women to join us in virtual convention.

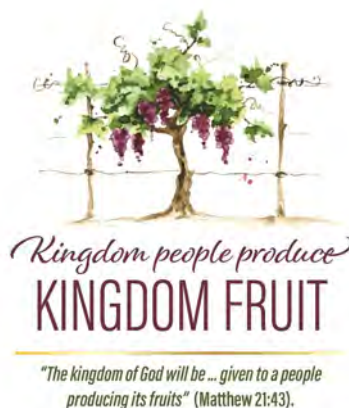
Your LWML sister,

Teresa Tester,

District President, LWML Chesapeake District

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. (Philippians 4:13)

But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. (2 Timothy 4:17)



LWML Sunday 2020

Details at www.lwml.org/lwml-sunday

from our Financial Secretary

Yvonne Brown



Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. Hebrews 11:1

“Thank You” to all who returned the self-addressed envelopes with contact information for Mites and Quarterlies.

The August Mite reminder notice has been mailed to the address that we have on file. This is a 5” X 7” postcard with the LWML logo on it. It provides more space to designate where funds should be allocated, as well as a way to include a contact name and email address. The email address allows me to acknowledge that your donation has been received. If you do not have an email address, please include your cell phone number if available and you will receive a text message confirming receipt of payment. I have created an email address for responding to Mite donations received and for questions about Mites (*please see below*). If your church did not receive a notice, please contact me.

The Mite notice is mailed to each Chesapeake District Church’s LWML contact person four times a year - February, May, August and November. During the second year of the biennium, a letter is sent to each church Mite contact person, which states the amounts contributed to Mites and Quarterlies during that biennium. This year the letters also provided a blue card to update contact information for each church. My appreciation to all the churches that provided that.

Thank you to all who have submitted funds since July 2018. The Chesapeake District LWML has done an amazing job. Mites have been received from **66** churches and **six** Zones. *Quarterly* donations have been received from **20** churches. *Reminder:* effective with the Spring 2020 issue, the price of the *Quarterly* increased for the first time in nine years due to paper and postage costs. The new rates are 1-9 copies at \$7.50 each and 10 or more copies at \$6 each. LWML leaders should verify if your church has submitted 2020 *Quarterly* donations.

Finally, I would like to thank each person for your words of encouragement when sending your donations. Please keep them coming! All monetary donations should be made payable to the *Chesapeake District LWML* with a memo designating where funds are to be assigned. For questions or concerns about your donations, the fastest way is to email me at cdlwmlfs@gmail.com.

Special Gifts Endowment Fund Update

The fund has a balance of \$4,957.03 on June 30, 2020 and a CD of \$15,000.

No donations have been received since March 2020 and there have been no requests for grants since April 2020.

When donating to the Special Gifts Endowment Fund, please note if the money is in memory of someone or to honor someone, include an address where the donation can be acknowledged especially a family member if in memory of someone. Mail your **check payable to Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) with Special Gifts noted on the memo line** to Sandra O’Hedy 116 S. School Lane, Smyrna, DE 19977.

For more information and Guidelines for requesting a grant from Special Gifts Fund, go to the [Chesapeake District LWML website](#).

For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.
Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)



Chesapeake District LWML Mission Grants 2018-2020

Mission Goal \$120,000

MISSION GRANTS

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| 1. Orphan Grain Train (<i>Millersville, MD</i>)
The shipment of humanitarian aid to Duk, South Sudan. | <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; color: red; font-weight: bold;">PAID IN FULL</div> | \$5,000 |
| 2. Resurrection Lutheran Church and School (<i>Newport News, VA</i>)
Purchase a new gas stove to feed the homeless. | <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; color: red; font-weight: bold;">PAID IN FULL</div> | \$4,000 |
| 3. Faith and Work Enterprises (<i>Baltimore, MD</i>)
Provide Christ-centered training materials and Bibles. | <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; color: red; font-weight: bold;">PAID IN FULL</div> | \$5,000 |
| 4. The Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, Office of International Mission
Fund Deaconess training in Latin America and the Caribbean. | <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; color: red; font-weight: bold;">PAID IN FULL</div> | \$5,000 |
| 5. Southeastern District, LCMS
Assist with student aid grants. | <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; color: red; font-weight: bold;">PAID IN FULL</div> | \$5,000 |
| 6. Lutheran Heritage Foundation
Provide Lutheran books translated in languages of the people they serve. | <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; color: red; font-weight: bold;">PAID IN FULL</div> | \$4,000 |
| 7. Trinity Lutheran Church Preschool (<i>Richmond, VA</i>)
Tuition assistance. Bibles for each student. | <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; color: red; font-weight: bold;">PAID IN FULL</div> | \$4,000 |
| 8. The Wyneken Project (<i>Baltimore, MD</i>)
Funds for the Liberian and Hispanic Outreach and the Lutheran Blind Outreach. | <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; color: red; font-weight: bold;">PAID IN FULL</div> | \$5,000 |
| 9. Lutheran Mission Society/Compassion Place (<i>Baltimore, MD</i>)
To fund the purchase of state of the art technical materials. | <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; color: red; font-weight: bold;">PAID IN FULL</div> | \$3200 |
| 10. Redeemer Lutheran Church and Preschool (<i>Fredericksburg, VA</i>)
Repair/replace existing playground equipment to enjoy Christian fellowship. | <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; color: red; font-weight: bold;">PAID IN FULL</div> | \$5000 |
| 11. Bethania Kids for India Library Resources
Fund library resources including books, training CDs, and audio visual. | <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; color: red; font-weight: bold;">PAID IN FULL</div> | \$5000 |
| 12. Hope Lutheran School (<i>Virginia Beach, VA</i>)
Purchase musical instruments, confidence monitor, etc. for worship. | <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; color: red; font-weight: bold;">PAID IN FULL</div> | \$3800 |



Grant check delivered to Redeemer Lutheran Church and Preschool, Fredericksburg, VA. Pr. John Kassouf, among the recipients.



VP Martha McGlynn delivering Grant #9 to Executive Director Rev. David Maack, Lutheran Mission Society/Compassion Place

from our VP of Christian Life

Christine Maconachy

“Ach, Mama”

I rarely got to see my grandparents in Wisconsin, as my military father and his assignments overseas, kept us on the move. As I got older, things always seemed different when we returned to Wisconsin to see my grandparents, but there were a few things I could always count on. At the end of the day, my Grandpa read aloud *Portals of Prayers*, and closed with Martin Luther’s evening prayer every night. My grandparents would always have discussions with each other and my grandma would worry aloud about everything and anything. Grandpa would calmly listen while smoking his pipe, and then reply, “Ach, Mama it will be okay, it is the same just different.” When my grandparents were in their 70’s my grandmother worried aloud that she was afraid....70’s was when people got cancer, strokes and all other kinds of ailments. Grandpa replied, “Ach, Mama, we will be okay, we will be different, but the same with each other.” My brother once asked at dinner whether the cherry pie was the same as the apple pie, to which my grandfather replied....”Ach, it’s the same, just little different.”



In the mail I received a wonderful note from Marian Dawgert from Fredericksburg, VA, thanking me for the LWML devotion I mailed, “Bloom & Grow.” Her LWML group held a LWML luncheon and used that devotion. The women wore masks, sat 6 feet apart, and brought their own bag lunches. The 20 women enjoyed fellowship and being together in His Word. When I read Marian’s card, I immediately thought of my grandfather’s words “Ach, Mama, it’s the same but different.”

Our Chesapeake District Convention will also be an “Ach, Mama!” We won’t be all together in one convention room, but we will be together -Virtually! We won’t be spending the night and breaking bread together, but we will be together Virtually, in His Spirit! We will all be fruits of the Spirit, baked differently with different fruits, but we will all be the same in Christ.

Our God is still the One Triune God; He is our Heavenly Father, who loves us, and will never, never leave us. **“It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; He will not leave you or forsake you. Deuteronomy 31:8**

As we continue to live day to day in this pandemic world, be at peace knowing that God is with us, holding our hands, and remaining the same.

“Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly...” Colossians 3:16

Can’t wait to see and hear you at the Chesapeake District Convention! VIRTUALLY!
Can’t wait to be with our LWML Sisters in Christ! VIRTUALLY!

In Christ Alone,
Christine Maconachy
VP Christian Life

Be sure to check out the LWML website (lwml.org) for service projects, devotions, Bible studies and more!

from our Junior Pastoral Counselor

Rev. Keith Beasley

PHILADELPHIA — The American Bible Society has released its 10th annual “State of the Bible” report, which analyzes the Bible reading practices of Americans and their views about Scripture. This year’s survey found that only 9% of respondents read their Bible on a daily basis, the lowest figure in the decade that the research has been conducted.*

This is the opening paragraph from an article titled, “2020 ‘State of the Bible’ Report Finds Few Americans Read Bible Daily.” This article came to my attention this past week, and I was intrigued and continued to read. A few paragraphs into the article, there was a bit of an explanation as to their claim: When asked how often the participant personally reads the Bible on their own — that is, when not attending church services — only 9% said that they read it every day, the lowest figure in the 10 years that the American Bible Society has been conducting the survey.

Toward the end of the article, there was an interesting bit of analysis: Researchers again asked about Bible usage from another pool of Americans in June — to see if the pandemic had affected the nation’s practices — and found a 2% decrease in Bible usage. The American Bible Society also found that those who more regularly read their Bibles were more likely to turn to the Scriptures and prayer for comfort during the pandemic, while those who already spent less time in the Word turned to food, television or prescription drugs.

I am confident that a large percentage of us would fall into the 9% group who reads the Bible (in some way)

everyday. I am hopeful that, since the beginning of the year, we are not part of the 2% decrease in Bible usage. I pray that the comfort and peace that God’s Word gives has been **a lamp to your feet and a light for your path** (Psalm 119:105) during this time of the pandemic.

So, as we continue to live in these uncertain times, give yourselves fully to what is certain—to the Lord and His Word. We know that **“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever”** (Hebrews 13:8) and that **“the Word of our God will stand forever”** (Isaiah 40:8). As we read the Bible and daily devote ourselves to him, we agree with the apostle Paul and live out his encouragement: **“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly** (Colossians 3:16).

In Jesus, our Good Shepherd,
Pastor Keith



2021 National LWML Convention
June 24 through June 27, 2021
Lexington, Kentucky

[Click here to get free color printables at lwml.org.](https://www.lwml.org)

Chesapeake District LWML Mission Grant Proposals 2020-2022

Proposed Mission Goal		
\$90,000	\$95,000	\$100,000

MISSION GRANTS

(delegates will vote for a maximum of eight (8) grants)

(Full descriptions will be sent to the delegates in coming weeks)

- Center for Hispanic Studies (CHS); Ethnic Immigrant Institution of Theology (EIIT), Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO** - Provide support for ethnic student/church worker to meet educational costs. **\$3,500**
- Immanuel Lutheran Church, Charlottesville, VA** - Provide Bibles, Concordances, devotionals, and Bible study materials for their jail and prison ministries. **\$5,000**
- The ESL Program at Lutheran Church of our Savior, Rehobeth Beach, DE** - Replace outdated text books and provide meals and fellowship. **\$5,000**
- Our Savior's Way Lutheran Church, Ashburn, VA** - Send five ethnic leaders for training to and reach out to Muslim neighbors in the DC Metro area. **\$5,000**
- Lutheran Church of St. Andrew, Silver Spring, MD** - Funds will be used to provide music technology to expand outreach ministry to Ethiopian and Eritrean communities. **\$5,000**
- Trinity Lutheran Church, Henrico, VA** - Support to provide 150 needy families a Food Gift Certificate, a Bible and mealtime blessings during the Christmas season. **\$4,500**
- Redeemer Lutheran Child Development Center, N. Chesterfield, VA** - Purchase start-up furnishings for an additional pre-K classroom for the Center. **\$4,500**
- Orphan Grain Train, Mid-Atlantic, Smyrna, DE** - Purchase supplemental food items and pay for shipping to a country in need of food, clothing and medical supplies. **\$5,000**
- Lutheran Bible Translators, Concordia, MO** - Funds to support ongoing work in Nigeria for the Mbe translation of the Bible. **\$4,000**
- Grace Place, Calvary Lutheran Church, Baltimore, MD** - Create a computer lab as part of the newly forming Career Planning & Mentoring Center. **\$5,000**
- Faith and Works Enterprises, Baltimore, MD** - Continue community stabilization efforts toward establishing a mission to serve the Sandtown-Winchester community. **\$5,000**
- Lutheran Mission Society/Compassion Place, Brooklyn Park, MD** - To meet safety concerns, replace worn and damaged carpet in the Annapolis Compassion Center. **\$5,000**
- Our Savior Lutheran Church & Open Arms Christian Child Development Center, Laurel, MD** - Purchase cases of children's Bibles, English/Spanish outreach Bibles and Small Catechisms, providing devotional supplies for outreach in the Laurel community. **\$3,500**
- LCMS Office of International Mission, St. Louis, MO** - Help with costs for local missionaries in the Cambodian Lutheran Church including travel and materials. **\$5,000**
- Grace Lutheran School, LaPlata, MD** - Purchase a set of hand chimes to enable the startup of a children's choir to share the love of Christ through music. **\$3,450**
- Southeastern District, LCMS, Alexandria, VA** - Provide student aid for pastors and/or church workers as they prepare to journey with the Lord. **\$5,000**



Thanks be to God! We are HIS!

We are:

- Held by God's Word
- Inspired to share HIS Gospel
- Surrounded by HIS Grace

NOMINEES FOR 2020-2022 BIENNIUM

Their Biographies:



Treasurer – LaDonna Schrank, Roanoke, VA (4bigsis@cox.net)

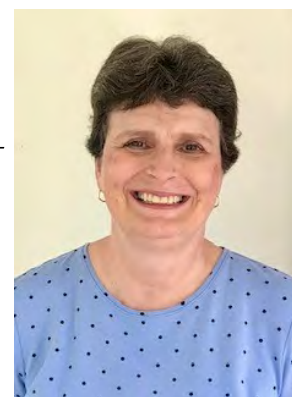
LaDonna is a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Roanoke, VA, in the Blue Ridge Zone. She has been the President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Christian Growth Chairperson for her LWML Group; at the Zone level, she has held the positions of President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer. LaDonna has had the pleasure of being a member of four different LWML Districts: Washington-Alaska, California, Oregon, and Chesapeake. In her church, LaDonna has served as a Sunday school teacher, Youth Leader, Chairman - Board of Christian Education, Chairman – Stewardship Committee, and Treasurer. In her community, she has served as PTA President. Most of her work

history has been in small businesses which involved all the skills required to run a small business. LaDonna would like to thank her husband of 55 years, Dennis Schrank, for all the help and support he has given her over the years they have been married.

VP of Organizational Resources – Claire Carlson, Powhatan, VA

(patchtroop546@aol.com)

Claire is a member of Trinity, Henrico, VA, in the Old Dominion Zone. She has held positions at all levels in LWML. At the national LWML level, Claire is currently the LWML Convention Transportation and Tours Manager. She has also served on the Nominating Committee, Christian Resources Editor Committee, and the 2013 Host Committee Communications Department Coordinator. At the District Level, Claire has served as the Eastern District President and was a member of LWML Board of Directors, Mission-Ministry Vision Consultant. Claire also served as First Vice Present of the Structure Committee as Chairman, and on the Nominating Committee, Editor, Mission Projects Chairman and Public Relations Director. At Zone Level, Claire was the Buffalo Zone Secretary, the Treasurer, PR Chairman, District Convention Host Committee Co-Chairman and the Zone delegate to LWML conventions. At the Society level, Claire is currently Hannah Circle member at Trinity, Henrico, VA. She has also served as president, secretary and treasurer for the Salem, Buffalo, NY Society. At her home church, Claire is currently serving on the Trinity Communications Board. Claire is a retired preschool teacher's aide and a retired church newsletter editor. She earned her BS in Biology and Chemistry at Valparaiso University. She has also served as a Girl Scout Leader. Claire is married to David and they have two daughters, Stephanie and Jennifer. Stephanie is married to Rev. Nycholas Greig, who are parents to Riley and Henry.



Vice President of Mission Outreach and Grants – Portia Tomlinson, Roanoke, VA (pstomlinson@cox.net)

Portia is a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran, Roanoke, VA, in the Blue Ridge Zone. She served as Registrar for the 2018 District Convention. She is currently the President of the LWML group at Good Shepherd. In her home congregation she is Choir Director and has served as Sunday School Superintendent and Director of Christian Education. In her community Portia is an active member and leader for several Physician Assistant's organizations, including serving as President of the Virginia Academy of Physician Assistants and Continuing Medical Education Chair, as well as with the American Academy of Physician Assistants as Delegate for Virginia and a Distinguished Fellow. She has coordinated large conferences with over 300 attendees, dozens

of speakers, multiple workshops, and up to 60 exhibitors, this year preparing a Virtual Conference. Portia continues in her full-time career as a Physician Assistant at Salem VAMC, and as the Coordinator of Hospice and Palliative Care, PA for Psychiatry Cross Cover. Portia has three adult children, and three grandchildren.

VP of Christian Life – Christine Dennis-Johnson, Ft. Washington, MD (gzd0519@yahoo.com)



Christine is a member of Mount Olivet Lutheran Church, Washington, DC, in the DCMARVA Zone. She is a member of the Chesapeake District Christian Life Committee and has been a presenter at the District Leadership Retreat. She attended the National Assembly of Leaders (AOL) in 2018 in St. Louis, MO. In her church, she established a Mite Collection Sunday every fifth Sunday, in addition to LWML Sunday, organized and recruited members for hosting LWML rally. In her home congregation, Christine has served in many positions – Altar Guild Chair, Boards of Elders & Trustees, Financial Secretary, Nominating Committee, Candace Ladies Group, and as Co-Chair of the Youth Group. Christine and women of her church partnered with women from Peace Lutheran Church (DC) to provide meals and a Bible study for women of N Street Village. Christine has served in the U.S. Army, has worked in healthcare and as a jewelry stylist. She is married to Rev. Dr. John F. Johnson and has a daughter, Tabitha.

Corresponding Secretary – Leslie Jaseph, Crownsville, MD (jaseph@aol.com)

Leslie is a member of St. Paul Lutheran, Annapolis, MD, in the Baltimore Zone. She has held positions at all levels for LWML. From the National level as most recently as Meeting Manager and Convention Site Committee Chair. Serving the District as VP of Communication, on the Nominating Committee, Mission Grants Committee. In the Zone as Chairman, Co-Chairman, Retreat Planner, and Retreat Leader. In her church group she has served as President, Vice President, and Treasurer. In her home congregation she has served on many committees and positions. She is a former Director of Community Ministry for LMS Compassion Place and taught Lower School Science. Leslie and her husband Jamie have two grown sons, Phil (married to Rachel), and Rob.



Junior Pastoral Counselor – Rev. Michael Thress, (revthress@gmail.com)



Faith Lutheran Church, Bear, DE, in the DELMARVA Zone. Rev. Michael Thress is a graduate of Valparaiso University and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He has served as the pastor of Faith Lutheran Church in Bear, Delaware, for almost 20 years. During that time, he has supported his congregation's Priscilla Circle LWML group and has participated in many Zone Rallies of the DelMarVa Zone as a host pastor, program presenter, Bible Study leader, and musician. Pastor Thress has also served in the community on the Board of Trustees of Lutheran Community Services in Wilmington, Delaware for six years. His parents, the late Rev. Ed Thress and wife Ellen Thress, were active supporters of the LWML in Delaware. He has four children: Raychel (21), Luke (19), Allison (16), and Leah (13).

Junior Pastoral Counselor – Rev. Gary R. Pomrenke (pastorgary.pomrenke@gmail.com)

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Mechanicsville, MD, in the DCMARVA Zone. He is a native of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and served for 25 years in the US Air Force, ending with assignments at Andrews Air Force Base. After working for more than fifteen years as a pastoral assistant for several congregations in southern Maryland, he completed a BA in Religious Studies and entered the colloquy program of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. He was ordained as a Specific Ministry Pastor (SMP) in January 2019 and placed into ministry at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Mechanicsville, MD. He is involved in the community as well, including as the Pastoral Coordinator for the Sunday services at the Charlotte Hall, MD, Veterans Home; on the Pastoral Board of Directors for the Catherine Foundation in Waldorf, MD; and as Pastoral Advisor for the Capitol District of Lutheran Hour Ministries. Rev. Pomrenke is married to Tracie years) and they have 5 children together: Jacob (Erin), Jordan (Holly), Erika, Jordan, and Jillian (Lorenzo). They welcomed their first grandchild, Alice, in September 2019.



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Nominating Committee: Linda Nau, Chair, Paulette Gaines, Leslie Jaseph, Christine Machonachy, and Deb Poesé
If there are any additional nominations, the delegates must provide the names to Linda Nau by September 5.

Mission Pledge Walk In Your Neighborhood



What could be more rewarding than taking a walk in your neighborhood while raising donations for Mites? You will have the opportunity to do exactly that by taking a walk in your neighborhood by yourself, with friends, family, or ladies from your LWML Group before the Virtual Chesapeake District LWML Convention on September 26th. What a wonderful opportunity to see God's hand in everything He has created!

Our Mission Pledge Walk will give everyone the chance to raise money for Mites by pledging to support a ***"neighborhood walker."***

Use the form below to list pledges/donations. All monies collected will go to pay Mission Projects in our District. Checks should be payable to Chesapeake District LWML with **Mission Pledge Walk** in the memo line.

So, put on those walking shoes and take that walk in your neighborhood between now and September 19. Please send your donations to our Financial Secretary so the total can be announced during the Convention. This will not be the same as walking with your LWML sisters – but our Mite Projects will benefit from your efforts.

Yvonne Brown, Financial Secretary
LWML Chesapeake District
9111 Alcona Street
Lanham, MD 20706

Your Name _____

Congregation _____

Pledges for "Mission Pledge Walk in Your Neighborhood"

Name	Amount Pledged	Name	Amount Pledged
1. _____		5. _____	
2. _____		6. _____	
3. _____		7. _____	
4. _____		8. _____	
Total Donations _____			

Summary of Proposed Bylaws Changes 2020

The full text of all of the proposed bylaws amendments will be available on the website and sent to delegates in the coming weeks, but for your information, here is a summary of the major changes to be made if approved by our delegates:

- In order to align with national LWML, the terms “society” or “societies” will be changed to “group” or “groups.” This does **not** mean that any women’s groups in your congregations who meet under the LWML umbrella need to change names; in fact it is designed to allow for a variety of names, such as circle or guild, which can be referred to generally as a “group.”
- The Vice President of Mission Outreach and Grants will be renamed Vice President of Gospel Outreach to align with national LWML.
- At the end of their current terms of office in **2022**, we will be retiring the positions of Zone Liaison and Vice President of Human Care, and adding the Vice President of Special Focus Ministries along with the connected department. The Special Focus Ministries Department will contain Heart to Heart Sisters, Young Women Representatives and Deaf Ministry Liaison.
- The position of Corresponding Secretary will be retired effective at the **2020** convention. The Communications Department will then be in charge of keeping track of Quarterlies orders. The M & M Store will keep a supply of Mite Boxes and will bring them to Board Meetings, Executive Committee meetings, Retreats and Conventions.
- Duties were added or reassigned to numerous departments to be in step with national LWML.
- We were also asked by national LWML to add an amendment stating in the event of pandemic, war, or national disaster we could run a convention virtually.

Some other minor editing and process changes were also made and can be reviewed in the full document.



Suggested Gifts:

\$_____ Convention Offering

To be designated for District Mite Projects (replaces offerings taken at a live convention)

\$_____ Gifts From the Heart (Seminar Cards)

Will purchase \$25 gift cards for the seminarians.

\$_____ Pledge Walk Whether you walked for Mites *or not*, you can donate.

\$_____ Donation to national Mites

Total \$_____

Send your check, payable to **LWML Chesapeake District** to the District Financial Secretary
Yvonne Brown
9111 Alcona St
Lanham MD 20706

And you could have a local gathering for a need in your community!



[Click here for all details related to our District Virtual Convention](#)