



## March 2018 NEWSLETTER

### message from our President

Edi Collis



Dear LWML sisters,

In February, the Chesapeake District Board of Directors met in LaPlata, MD for two days of Bible study, leadership training, business meetings, and fellowship. We focused our discussions on the topic of Mentoring, following the "Helpful Resources for Mentoring" program found on the LWML website ([www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org)). This is just one of the many useful resources that are available to everyone on the LWML website. If you haven't checked out the website lately, take a look! You'll be amazed at the products and resources that LWML has to offer!

Plans are ongoing for the 2018 District Convention in Richmond, September 21-23: "Our Journey With the Lord." You will find more information on the convention later in this newsletter. Registration materials will be available in the June edition of the *Chesapeake Breeze*. You'll also hear more convention details at your Spring Zone Rallies, which I hope you're all planning to attend! As we've done for the past several conventions, Zones will create baby quilts to serve as Zone banners, which will then be given to local agencies for distribution after the convention.

Does your society, church, or local faith-based charity have projects that could benefit from a District mission grant? At the convention we will vote on grant proposals for the 2018-2020 biennium and I encourage you to consider whether the District can help fund some of your initiatives. The grant proposal guidelines can be found on the District website ([www.lwmlchesapeake.org](http://www.lwmlchesapeake.org)) and questions can be sent to Martha McGlynn, our Vice President of Mission Outreach and Grants. The deadline to submit proposals is April 1.

Blessings on your Lenten preparations and Easter celebrations!

Edi

*I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel (Philippians 1:3-5).*



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## Zone Rallies

**April 7**

**Old Dominion** at Redeemer,  
Richmond, VA at 9 am

**Tidewater** at Prince of Peace,  
Virginia Beach

**April 14**

**DELMARVA** at Christ, Seaford,  
DE at 9:30 am

**Baltimore** at St. Thomas,  
Baltimore

**April 21**

**Potomac** at Calvary, Silver Spring,  
MD at 9 am

**PENMAR** at St. John, York, PA

**April 28**

Blue Ridge at St. John's, Farmville,  
VA | 10 am  
DCMARVA at Peace



Send your news and photos by  
May 15, 2018 to Linda Roscoe,  
Publications Editor

## from our

### Senior PASTORAL COUNSELOR

*Rev. Dr. John Johnson*

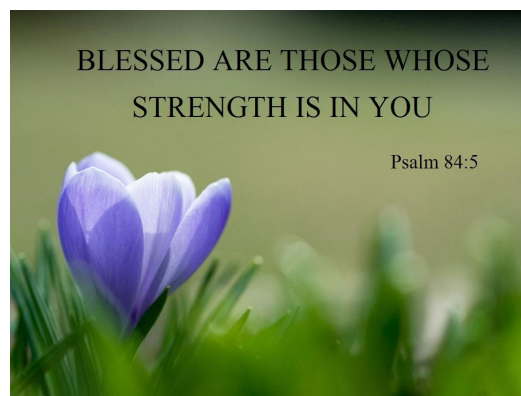
We are now inside the season of Lent, a time of contemplation when we think of many things. Most importantly, we think about the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ so that we might be saved and given the privilege to call on the name of the Lord as forgiven and innocent children. Most of us also peek ahead to the celebration of Easter and to seeing family and friends at parties and gatherings in the warmer weather.

Some of us contemplate our lives in Christ and wonder in amazement about where God's love and the Spirit's guidance have brought us. We think of all the blessings knowing they far outweigh all the problems and sad moments we have experienced.

For some, our health isn't what we would like so we cherish memories—memories of when we were more active and youthful. Some, including myself, remember how wonderful it was when our children were young and Mom and Dad were wise and “all-knowing.”

There are sadly many sisters who are bereaved and very lonely. For them, life is a great burden without the loved ones they dearly miss. However, they, like each of us, continue on strengthened by the knowledge that we are beloved by God and certain of an everlasting relationship with Him.

Being a Christian isn't always a cheerful proposition. Sometimes it takes all we have to continue on faithfully in this journey. Thanks be to God that He gave us His Son who gave His all. [O Lord Almighty] “Blessed are those whose strength is in you....” (Psalm 84:5)



## Chesapeake District LWML Mission Grants 2016-2018

*Biennium Mission Goal : \$115,000*

<b>Faith House, Frederick MD – Women’s Shelter Startup Costs</b> Assist with start-up costs to renovate building to house homeless women and children	<b>PAID IN FULL</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Animal Husbandry Classes for Women’s Protection Center in Nepal</b> Provide classes & animals to give young women a self-supportive lifestyle	<b>PAID IN FULL</b>	<b>\$4,950</b>
<b>Establish the Bassa Community Health Center, District #3, Liberia</b> Fund community health center in poorest district of Liberia devastated by ebola	<b>PAID IN FULL</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Student Aid Grants for SED Students in Christian careers</b> Provide scholarships to SED students pursuing careers in full-time church work	<b>PAID IN FULL</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Hot Meals capability, Redeemer’s Child Development Center in Richmond</b> Assist with set-up costs to provide CDC children a hot meal daily	<b>PAID IN FULL</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Food For Haiti, Orphan Grain Train, Mid-Atlantic Region</b> Add non-perishable food to shipping container of donations for people in Haiti	<b>PAID IN FULL</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Train Bible Translators in Southern Africa to Assist LBT Translators</b> Equip nationals strong in local languages to work with LBT translators		<b>\$4,000</b>
<b>Prison &amp; Recovery Ministry, Grace Lutheran Church, LaPlata MD</b> Produce video “When Did I Visit Jesus In Prison Or Invite Him In?”		<b>\$4,000</b>
<b>Bethesda Auxiliary – A prayer book for people with disabilities</b> Publish & distribute ‘The Christ Connection’ to reach people of all levels of disability		<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>Sharing the Love of Christ with Immigrants in Detention (LIRS)</b> Spanish Bibles for those incarcerated by Immigration & Customs Enforcement		<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Community Tuition Aid, Galilee Lutheran Preschool, Pasadena MD</b> Aid local community to pay monthly tuition to send child to Christian preschool		<b>\$2,500</b>
<b>Lutheran Heritage Foundation Bible Storybooks for Asian Families</b> Print Christian books for children in heart languages of Asian families		<b>\$3,300</b>



*Returning God's Blessings*

Life insurance can be gifts to ministry **now** and then again in the future! Cash values or dividends can fund current gifts, while beneficiary designations can fund future gifts. This and many other ways to share the blessings God has so richly bestowed on you can be shared when you talk with LWML Gift Counselor, Linda Gage. Linda will be present at the Chesapeake District Convention in September, but why wait? Contact her **now** at

[linda.gage@lfnd.org](mailto:linda.gage@lfnd.org) or 800.741.4138 to begin planning or just to ask questions.

— Marge Bruning, Gift Planning Advocate for the Chesapeake District

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## Chesapeake District Special Gifts Fund

The Special Gifts Endowment Fund offers grants from a portion of the accumulated interest on funds donated as memorials, to honor an individual or occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries, or graduations. Requests for a grant from the Special Gifts Fund will be considered for a new project where one time or start-up funds are needed or to help with an ongoing or established project. Funds may be requested in increments of \$100 up to a maximum of \$300. Guidelines and application for a grant from the Special Gifts Fund can be found on the Chesapeake District LWML web-site. Some examples of past grants have been for supplies for the Pastors' wives conference, books for someone taking courses to reach out to Muslims with the good news of Jesus, help with expenses of Gifts of Love consultants. See the Chesapeake District website [www.lwmlchesapeake.org](http://www.lwmlchesapeake.org) for application procedure and form. The Scholarship fund has \$4,696.13 and the CD balance is \$15,000.

*To give a gift, make checks payable to:*

Lutheran Church Extension Fund with "LWML Special Gifts" on the memo line.

Mail to: Sandy O'Hedy  
116 S. School Lane  
Smyrna, DE 19977

Indicate whether your gift is a memorial or to honor someone and who needs to be acknowledged (complete address is needed). Thank you for your generosity!

### Memorials were given for:

- **Pat Olsen** from Lydia Circle, Peace Lutheran, Smyrna, DE; from Sandra O'Hedy; from Carol Doyle and Karen Smith
- **Lois Schmiessing** from Rev. Al & Marge Bruning; from Martha McGlynn

### Given in honor of:

- Edi Collis, for the small and great things she does for the Lord through LWML, from Lydia Berrong



President Edi Collis presenting Sandy O'Hedy a \$5,000 grant check for Food For Haiti, Orphan Grain Train, Mid-Atlantic Region. Sandy is an OGT volunteer.



### Extravagant Love Women's Retreat Cruise

*February 9 - 14, 2019*

Experience God's extravagant love aboard this women's retreat cruise! **Praise God** for His lavish love in Christ through uplifting music led by singer/songwriter Wendysue Fluegge. **Receive** His love through inspiring messages, rich in God's Word, from International author and speaker, Deb Burma. **Respond** to God's love as you engage in faith-journaling workshops, led by Connie Denninger and Pat Maier, co-founders of Visual Faith Ministry. The cruise travels to Haiti and Jamaica round trip from Fort Lauderdale, Florida on Royal Caribbean's Independence of the Seas. For more information, contact Connie Denninger at [condoit@aol.com](mailto:condoit@aol.com) or click for [cruise information](#).





## Mission Trip Items Needed

Maggie Harris, our Heart to Heart Sister Coordinator, is leading a group from Zion Praise Lutheran Church on a 10-day mission trip the second week of June to take at least 8-10 missionaries to Liberia, West Africa. The primary goals are:

- To expand the gospel to the needy, particular children with special need, orphans and disabled in the community.
- Use the trip as a gateway to build long-term partnerships and allow God to connect us with our new spiritual families, women groups, church workers, poor villagers, orphans in the shelter, special need facility, and disabled people
- Giving to the poor where we will distribute school supplies (backpacks, copy books, pencils, shoes, clothes) to 485 orphans, disabled, special need and other needy children.

If you would like to donate items for this trip, check out the list below. Please contact Maggie about getting the donations to her. Her contact information is listed in the directory on page 9. Thank you for your generosity.

Backpacks  
Notebook (composition)| 7/ bag  
Pencils  
Pen  
Color pencils  
Sharpeners  
Rulers  
Coloring books

Erasers  
Women's sanitary pad  
Rubbing alcohol  
Hydrogen peroxide  
tooth paste, tooth brushes  
bath soap, hand soap  
Deodorant/ roll-on

Shaving stick  
Aleve  
Tylenol  
Hand sanitizer  
First aid kit  
Rubbing Vicks



**Please join Peace DC LWML for an elegant fun affair. We will showcase the current African fashion trends and European designs by our own Sierra Leonean designers and vendors Pretty I and International Fashions Designs' by Reenski! Unique pieces will be available for purchase at the event. A percentage of each sale will be donated to Ruth International Missions. Come and be a part of the experience. All proceeds benefit the women and girls in Sierra Leone. If you are interested in attending, please contact Paulette Gaines (pgainesldg@aol.com) for tickets. Entrance fee is \$30. Refunds up to 7 days before the event.**

*Ruth International Missions Inc. pledges to help support women and girls in Sierra Leone and teenager girls and young women in Washington, DC Metropolitan area. [www.ruthmissions.org](http://www.ruthmissions.org)*

## Our Journey with the Lord

Calendars should already be marked! You are busy September 21-23 because you will be joining us at the Double Tree by Hilton (1021 Koger Blvd. Richmond, VA 23235) for the LWML Chesapeake District Convention. Check your convention fund and start adding so that you can join us for "Our Journey with the Lord." Revelations 22:13 NIV "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End." Come and reignite the spark so that you can then pass on the message that "Jesus is our Savior." More information soon!

*LaDonna Schrank, Convention Chairman*



## from our VP of Christian Life

Christine Maconachy

*"Shout for joy, O daughter of Zion! Shout in triumph, O Israel!  
Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem!"* Zephaniah 3:14

### I Love a Parade!

It is no coincidence that our celebration of Holy Week coincides with spring, the time of rebirth, rejuvenation, renewal, and resurrection. Are you familiar with the lines from a song, "I love a parade?" How many spring parades can you list— Cherry Blossom Parade, St. Patrick's Parade, Easter Parade and the Palm Sunday Parade, the triumphant procession of Jesus riding a donkey into Jerusalem. Palm Sunday is the beginning of Holy Week.

Since 1350, Holy Week in Seville, Spain has four parades on four different days, which all lead up to celebrations on Easter Day. Nearly 70 *cofradias*, (churches/brotherhoods) take part, each with a large image of Jesus or Mother Mary on floats. Nearly 3,000 participants are in the parades, which all have specific marching orders and components. People underneath the large, flowered float carry the Pasos. Parades that can last up to or more than 14 hours, as each float marches into the Cathedral, then returns to its home church. Each of the 70 Pasos is supported by large wooden beams, which are covered by a curtain that falls to the streets. Thus each very heavy Pasos seems to move (float) by itself, along the streets, as the carriers covered by curtains under the Pasos. The carriers carry support beams for the Pasos on their necks and backs, which is an honor. The pain of lifting up, holding and carrying the heavy floats is reminiscent of the pain and suffering of Christ. The Good Friday Parade, La Madruga' (dawn), which starts just after midnight on Good Friday, is the high point of all the processions in Seville. This parade can sometimes last until midday.

During Holy Week, Jesus initiated His own parade in addition to His triumphant Palm Sunday parade. During the Last Supper, Jesus gave this command, **"Love each other as I have loved you."** John 15:12. From that point on, a parade of Apostles **fanned** out, like palm branches blowing in the wind, in all directions, to share God's love.

We all love LWML because of its Mission Heart, sharing the Gospel and Christ's love around the world. How can you, me, and, others, share the love of Christ?

We can be a discipler, role model, sponsor, teacher, guide, coach or counselor -- we can be **MENTORS!** Read in the Bible about the mentor/mentee relationships of Paul and Timothy, Moses and Joshua, Jesus and the Apostles, Eli and Samuel, and Naomi and Ruth. At the February Chesapeake District Board of Directors Meeting, we focused on Mentoring and explored "Helpful Tools for Mentoring: the Mentor/Mentee Relationship." [Check out the LWML website for more ideas.](#)

Thankfully we don't have to carry a Spanish float for 14 hours, or be part of the Exodus Parade and wander for 40 years. Instead, encourage yourself and others to bring people to join the greatest parade ever, the Procession to Christ. Raise high your palm branch and **fan** others with the love of Christ. As we live a Christian life, loving our Lord and Savior, we share (mentor) Christ's love to others around us. For encouragement, inspiration, ideas, motivation, follow St. Paul's mentoring example to Thessalonica: *"we were gentle among you, like a mother caring for her little children. We loved you so much that we delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us"* 1 Thessalonians 2:7-8.

PS. An "easy way" to share Christ's Love: Bring someone to one of the Chesapeake District's Spring Zone Rallies. (It doesn't have to be your zone.) **After Easter, every Saturday in April**, there is a Zone Rally. Check out the Chesapeake District website for specific details and they can be found on page 2 of this issue. Enjoy, share and **REJOICE!**

*But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in YOU.*  
Psalm 40:16



Procession of the Palms

## Seeking Nominations for Chesapeake District Offices

We are asking your assistance in providing recommendations for the leadership of the Chesapeake District LWML for the 2018-2020 biennium. We are in the process of assembling the candidates for the ballot that will be presented at the District Convention in Richmond, VA, September 21-23, 2018. Nominations are being requested for the offices below (with brief descriptions):

**District President:** Member of national LWML Board of Directors, provide leadership and coordination for the District, write Chesapeake Breeze articles, assist inactive societies and new groups, review all contracts, lead Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings.

**VP of Communications:** Oversee all work within the District on presentations, hard copy and electronic means to promote the LWML and its mission and to encourage others to do the same. In charge of the display rooms at the District convention and promote the District LWML at Pastor's and professional church workers conferences, Southeastern District conventions and at group meetings. Attend the LWML Assembly of Leaders meetings when they are held.

**VP of Human Care:** Select and oversee Gifts from the Heart projects for all District gatherings, become aware and inform zones about opportunities and challenges to provide human care, write articles for Chesapeake Breeze, assist with planning District Leader's weekend.

**Recording Secretary:** Take, transcribe and distribute minutes of all District meetings, work closely with the President.

**Financial Secretary:** Mail Mite box notices on a quarterly basis; receive, record and deposit all monies for the District, maintain financial records.

**Zone Liaison:** Serve as a contact between the Executive Committee and the Zone Chairmen, maintain list of all societies and zones within the District, and maintain statistical records.

**Pastoral Counselor:** Responsible for Bible study at District conventions, attends national LWML convention, proclaimer for worship service at District convention, plan and present Bible studies, and devotions as requested, write a Pastor's Message for the Chesapeake Breeze every other quarter, and assist in an advisory capacity. Please prayerfully consider women who have previously served or currently are serving in society, zone or district leadership positions for these offices.

- Submit their name for nomination on the enclosed form (see back of this page) before **March 1, 2018**.
- Give brief description of the individual's gifts and talents as they relate to the position.
- The nominating committee will contact them and provide more information about the position and its responsibilities.

*How about you?* If you feel called to serve the Lord at the District level, you may submit your own name for nomination and give a synopsis of your gifts and talents as they relate to the office.

Send nominations to a member of the Nominating Committee:

Teresa Tester, Chairman  
1809 Taylor Avenue  
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Sylvia Shives  
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Sandy O'Hedy  
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## Chesapeake District LWML Nominee Form for 2018 Election

The District Nominating Committee is looking for assistance in preparing the slate of officers for the election taking place at the 2018 district convention. The following offices are to be filled:



**President, Vice President - Communications, VP Human Care, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Zone Liaison, and Junior Pastoral Counselor.**

Each office is for a four-year term and an individual is not eligible to be re-elected to the same office. Requirements for nominees are: at least two years experience as a society or zone officer; they should be actively involved in the work of their society, women's ministry, or zone at the time of nomination for district office.

The Pastoral Counselor is elected for a four-year term and may not be reelected to a consecutive term.

**Please return this form no later than March 1, 2018** to the Nominating Committee at one of the addresses on the reverse side. You may phone or preferably email if you have questions. In email correspondence, please use LWML preceding the subject on the subject line.

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The following name is submitted for consideration:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

For the position of \_\_\_\_\_

*(More than one position may be listed.)*

List the individual's service to LWML:

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

*(Person submitting the name.)*

*Form may be copied to submit additional names.*

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