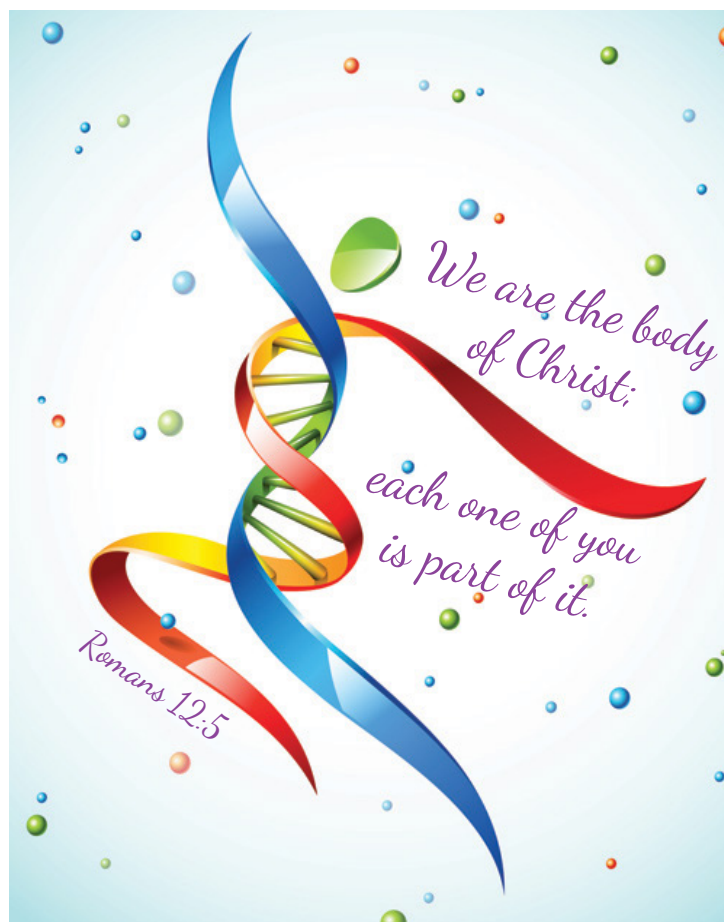


Call to the 59th Convention  
of  
the Lutheran Women's Missionary League South Dakota District



June 3 & 4, 2016  
Faith Lutheran Church  
Pierre, South Dakota

# Contents

Content	2
Convention Theme, Goal, and Objectives	3
Call to Convention from President Arlene Naasz	3
Pastor's Corner	4
Meals	4
Convention Agenda	4
Hotel Reservations	5
Mission Pledge Walk	5
Zone Banners	5
Young Woman Representatives	5
Convention Offerings	6
Servant Events	6
Gifts from the Heart	6
Special Guests	6
Delegate Information	7
Mission Grant Proposals	8
Pledge Walk-Sponsor Form	9
Registration Form	10
Delegate Registration Form	11

## Convention Theme

Bible Verse: *so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another!* Romans 12:5

Theme: "We are the body of Christ, each one of you is part of it."

### **Anecdotes from Arlene (Call to Convention)**

Have you ever tried to do a jigsaw puzzle and found you were missing one or more pieces? The picture just isn't complete. For us to have a complete picture of our LWML South Dakota District we need you to attend our convention. Our convention will be held June 3-4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at Faith Lutheran Church in Pierre, SD. Do your part and plan to drive to Pierre in June. The church is located on Highway 14.

We will be looking at our league pledge and learning how we can do our part in bringing the lost into fellowship with Christ. We will use our hands as we bring Gifts from the Heart for the Parmalee Sewing Project and the Pierre Food Pantry. We will continue to use our hands as we participate in the servant events on Friday morning.

This year we will have the opportunity to attend breakout sessions on Friday morning. Be sure to indicate your preference on the registration blank. Read more about the sessions and the topics being presented in another article in the call packet.

Use our voices as we join in singing hymns of praise during our convention and at the Communion Service Friday evening at Faith Lutheran Church. President Scott Sailer of the South Dakota LCMS will be our worship proclaimer.

Your feet can partake in the Mission Walk on Saturday morning along the Missouri River. Even if you don't want to go on the walk you might want to buy a mission walk t-shirt. Indicate the size you need on your registration blank.

Your heart and mind will be enlightened as we join in the Bible studies led by our District counselors. Deb Burma will also inspire and entertain us during her keynote address. Our national representative, Shelley Moeller, Vice President of Gospel Outreach, will bring greetings from the LWML.

The gifts of our silver and gold will be explained as we listen to the Mission in Action speakers share how our mites have been used to extend the kingdom. Our first convention offering will go to our new mite goal and our second offering to the President's Mercy Fund. Learn more about the offerings in another article in this packet.

Our minds and hearts will be used as we vote on mission grants, elect officers, and consider bylaws proposals.

Each society/unit should send two (2) delegates and is encouraged to sponsor a Young Woman Representative (YWR). Anyone up to age 35 may be your YWR. We also want the young woman to sit with her sponsoring society delegates to learn what is involved in being a convention delegate. Start working now on getting someone from your church to join us at convention. There will be special activities planned for the YWR's and they will be eating lunch as a group on Saturday. Eating is something our bodies need to do. A convention is a great opportunity to learn about the LWML and see how we strive to Serve the Lord with Gladness. Make the commitment now; you will be blessed and you will be a blessing to the rest of us.

Pastors, you are very important to the work of the LWML and we want you to attend our convention. Your registration is gratis and we will ask you to sit together at lunch on Saturday with the counselors and other pastors present.

Please come and be a part of us.

Arlene Naasz, President

***LWML SD District Call To Convention Letter  
– Pastoral Invite***

***Meals – see registration form***

I would like to invite each of you to the convention where there is worship, fun, speakers, business and the body of Christ displayed to all of us. The LWML South Dakota convention is coming and if you've never attended one, you don't know what you've been missing! If you have attended I hope to see you again. The ladies demonstrate the love of Christ in all they do, whether in a meeting or at lunch, on a mission walk or in a Bible study. You will never see a more dedicated group of Christians in any place than at the convention this summer. I look forward to seeing each of you in Pierre as we come together as the body of Christ.

Registration for the meals is located on the registration form. This meal packet includes the Friday evening and Saturday noon buffets. A Friday lunch, purchased separately, is also offered on the registration form. You may also select gluten-free meals if needed. All the motels offer breakfast and you will be able to have your breakfast at your motel before coming to convention.

Pastor Greg Lehr

## **Convention Agenda**

### **Thursday, June 2, 2016**

3:30 p.m. Pre-convention Board Meeting

---

### **Friday, June 3, 2016**

8:00-11:30 a.m.	Registration	11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Lunch Break
	Exhibits; LWML Store; CPH	1 p.m.	Convention Session #1
	“Gifts from the Heart” Ingathering	6:30 p.m.	Pre-worship service activities
	Servant Events	7 p.m.	Convention Worship Service – Faith Lutheran Church
	Young Women - servant Events and Tour	8:30 p.m.	Music by Surprise Package
	Breakout Sessions		
	Delegate Orientation		
	Coffee Break - ongoing		

---

### **Saturday, June 4, 2016**

6:30-7:30 a.m.	Mission Walk – Griffin Park parking lot	11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.	Lunch Break – YWR's with Shelly, Pastors with Counselors
7:15-8:15 a.m.	Breakfast Buffet at your motel		
7:30-8:30 a.m.	Registration and LWML Store; CPH and exhibits open	1 p.m.	Convention session #3 Installation of officers Closing

## ***Hotel Registration***

You are responsible for making your own hotel reservation. Rooms have been blocked at several Pierre motels. See the registration form for a list of motels, phone numbers and prices. When you call the motel be sure to identify yourself as an LWML or Lutheran Women's Missionary League member to receive the discounted rates. Bring a friend or two and share the cost and enjoy the fellowship. Motel reservations need to be made by April 30<sup>th</sup>.

## ***Young Woman Representatives***

Pack your bags and get ready to join us at the SD LWML District Convention! If you are a young woman (up to age 35), talk to your local society about representing them as a Young Woman Representative (YWR) at the convention. We have some special activities planned for you. A special treat will be a tour Friday morning, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11 a.m. of the Governor's mansion hosted by First Lady Linda Daugaard herself. Before the tour Friday morning you will have the opportunity to help clean our local Pierre Food Pantry (PARS). This event will take place at the pantry where we will get down and dirty cleaning shelving and other areas of the pantry. This servant event will happen on Friday morning from 8:30 – 10:15 a.m. Please dress for cleaning; you will have plenty of time to change before partaking in the tour and rest of the convention. If you would like to bring rubber gloves for yourself you are encouraged to do so. Can't wait to spread the love of God with you in Pierre by helping the local food pantry!

## ***“OUR FEET TO GO ON HIS ERRANDS”***

A mission walk is being planned for the convention, so don't forget your walking shoes! A pledge form is attached for you to collect pledges from your family, friends and church family, before you come to convention. Upon arrival at convention you will turn in your pledge form and waiver release and receive a T-shirt for the walk (and to wear as a witness after convention). So please join us as we use our feet for mites and enjoy a time of fellowship and enjoying God's beautiful creation! Be sure to check “Mite walk” on your registration form and include the \$10.00 to order your walk T- shirt fee in your payment. Below is a picture of the T-shirt.



## ***Zone Banners***

Each zone is to bring a banner that will be carried by their zone president at the start of convention. Zones are asked not to use the convention logo for their banner, but to still depict the theme. You may have a zone banner that appeals more to children and then give the banner for use at The Puppet Place. Zone presidents have additional information.

## CONVENTION OFFERINGS

The convention offerings have been designated to the following:

1. The LWML South Dakota District 2016-2018 Mission Goal – collected during the Communion Service.
2. The SD LCMS President's Mercy fund – collected during Convention Session #2.

The South Dakota District – LCMS maintains the President's Mercy Fund to provide financial assistance to rostered church workers in the District who are experiencing extraordinary or catastrophic circumstances which require financial resources beyond which are covered by their salaries, benefits, and savings. Such circumstances may include an extremely serious health condition, accident, or other circumstance experienced by the worker or a member of the worker's family.

### *District Convention Gifts From the Heart*

Harvest Winds LLC on the Rosebud Reservation at Parmalee has been operating for well over a year sewing articles for sale to the general public. One of their projects is sewing star quilts which are selling well. According to Pastor Andrew Utecht they always need GOOD quality cotton quilting fabric and other sewing supplies. This will be one of our projects for our Gifts from the Heart at our District Convention in Pierre June 2-4, 2016. What a great way for us to help out our brothers and sisters as they work to become more self-sufficient.

Quilting fabric may be of any SOLID color of good quality 100% cotton and at least one yard in length. They need two yards of one solid color per quilt.

If you wish, you may furnish material for the backing of larger quilts in WHITE or OFF-WHITE only. The wider backing is made in either 90" or 108" widths. You would buy 2 1/2 yards of either width.

They can also use the 3000 yard cone thread in white, off-white, or light tan colors.

They buy the quilt batting on long rolls so any donations toward that or other supplies would be appreciated.

May God give us generous and caring hearts as we pray for their industry to succeed and also supply material needs as well.

We generally choose a local project for our convention as well. We want to make an impact on the community

## *Servant Events*

Are you ready to use your hands to work for Him? The servant events for the 2016 convention will give you an opportunity to use your hands to help others. Friday morning, June 3, 2016, you will have the opportunity to choose from three different servant events. They are:

1. Fleece blankets. The fleece blankets will be cut, tied and donated to the Missouri Shores Domestic Violence Shelter in Pierre, SD. The shelter assists both women and men who need to leave their current living conditions for whatever reason. If you have any two yard pieces of fleece you aren't using consider bringing and donating it for the blankets.
2. Cards for Shut-Ins. The cards will be stamped and packaged into packets. The packets will then be given to two nursing homes in Pierre for the residents to use. The residents like to send cards but often find it difficult to purchase appropriate cards.
3. Gifts from the Heart. Here you will have the opportunity to sort and box up the Gifts from the Heart that we all bring to convention. Read another article to see the items we are collecting this year. The yard goods will go to the Parmalee sewing project and the non-perishable food items to the Pierre Food Pantry. As God has blessed us so we share with others.

Our Friday morning will be divided into two different time slots, from 8:30-9:30 a.m. and then from 10-11 a.m. During these times you will have many choices. Select from three different break-out sessions or three different servant events. Delegates, note your second time slot will be chosen for you, the delegate orientation. On your registration blank, number your preferences for the different events. Some of the opportunities are limited by space available; register early to get your first choice. Our Young Woman Representatives will have a special servant event just for them.

Please come and participate in the servant events as you use your hands to Serve the Lord with Gladness.

Shelly Moeller  
Vice President  
Gospel Outreach  
LWML



Deb Burma  
Keynote Speaker

## **Attention: Convention Delegates—From President Arlene Naasz**

Are you ready to serve as your society's delegate to our LWML South Dakota District Convention? What a special opportunity and responsibility you have! I want to thank you for your service to the LWML and serving in this capacity.

Please read the following carefully. It will tell you what you need to know as you register, arrive at convention, and during the convention. If you have any questions, you may contact your zone president or me, and we will be happy to assist you.

### **Registration and Certification**

- According to our bylaws, each "unit" (usually this is a society) should send **two voting delegates** to the convention. I sincerely hope that each society will be represented with two delegates. You will find the registration form in the Call to Convention, in the April *HiLites*, and on our website, [www.sdlwml.org](http://www.sdlwml.org)
- Please be sure to indicate "delegate" on the registration form.
- Your society is encouraged to support you financially, in order for you to attend.
- In addition to your registration form, **your society president should sign, complete and send the "Delegate Registration/Certification" form**, found in this Call to Convention and on our website to Susan Swanson. If you are unable to attend, your alternate should report to the Registration Chairman, for proper certification in the voting process.

### **Responsibilities as a Delegate**

- As you prepare, pray for God's will to be done in all our convention proceedings! Study the items on which you will be voting and discuss these with your fellow society members in order to know the wishes of those you are representing.
- There will be a pre-convention delegate orientation on Friday, June 3 at 10 a.m. This orientation will be held in the sanctuary at Faith Lutheran Church, Pierre, SD. All delegates should sign-up for the delegate orientation on the registration blank. Other instructions will be given at the delegate orientation. All voting delegates along with your society's Young Woman Representative, will be seated in a designated area near the front of the church during the business portion of the convention.

### **Items to be Voted Upon**

- *Proposed 2016-2018 Budget*. You will receive a copy of this at registration.
- *Mission Grant Proposals for 2016-2018*. Summaries are printed in this Call to Convention. They will be presented to you at convention. There are eleven (11) grants to consider. You will vote for five (5). This is a great responsibility! As you review the proposals it will be helpful if you prepare and bring with you a list of those you wish to vote for. This will help the voting process go more smoothly for all.
- *Officers and Counselors*. The nominating committee has a list of nominees found attached to this Call to Convention. According to our bylaws nominations may also be made from the floor of the convention. If you intend to nominate from the floor you must present written consent from the nominee and her qualifications (resume). We do not allow nominations from the floor for pastoral counselor.
- *Bylaws Revisions*. The proposed revisions to our district bylaws are attached to this Call to Convention. Further explanations will be given at the delegate orientation.

## LWML South Dakota Mission Grant Proposals

1. **LCMS Mission Central Current & Urgent Grant - \$4,000** - to fund missionaries who are in the field or who have been called by the LCMS. At the current time, Mission Central is seeking prayers and funding for 11 of the newest missionaries and is also promoting 3 projects: Vietnam Food, Medical Van and Leipzig. Both of these categories are always growing and changing.
2. **Shepherd's Canyon Retreat - \$3,500** - participant scholarships for 'in crisis' professional church workers to attend healing retreats. This grant would cover a scholarship for 1 couple.
3. **Stronger Pastors for Southeast Asia with the Book of Concord- \$5,000** - this grant will be used to translate and publish the Book of Concord in the native languages of Southeast Asia.
4. **Witness & Outreach Ministry/Revitalization Office of National Mission (re:Vitality) - \$2,500** – re-Vitality is a comprehensive revitalization program being developed to assist congregations to either begin, revitalize or expand their outreach ministry to help them to reach the lost – a mission we share with Jesus, who came to seek and save people who are lost (Luke 19:10). re-Vitality is a comprehensive revitalization program comprise of self-assessment, action-oriented training, and outreach-integrated witnessing modules, training events and workbooks.
5. **Mercy Medical Team – Chaplain Scholarships - \$3,000** – LCMS Mercy Medical teams bring urgently needed medical and spiritual care to countries around the world. Each Chaplain offers prayer and pastoral counseling to the patients and medical clients along with providing encouragement and Christian support and fellowship to our brothers and sisters in the partner church(s). This grant will aid in the expenses for a Chaplain to participate in a mission trip with the Mercy Medical Team.
6. **Concordia Seminary, St. Louis Food bank - \$5,000** – the Concordia Seminary, St. Louis Food Bank makes seminary preparation more affordable by providing healthy food and personal care items at no cost to seminarians and their families.
7. **The Confessional Lutheran Education Foundation E-Reader Project - \$5,000** – The CLEF International Lutheran Electronic Reader Project can provide each subscribing student and pastor and professor in our partner churches with a potential of 2000 books and documents, including Bibles, commentaries, text books, course outlines, doctrinal papers, Biblical language books, catechisms, hymnals, agendas, lectionaries, liturgies, theological magazines and journals, sermons and Bible Studies.
8. **Little Lambs Lutheran Preschool, Sturgis - \$5,000** – the board of Little Lambs seeks financial help to continue the mission work begun in Little Lambs Preschool.
9. **Gospel Hands – VBS for Deaf Children - \$4,500** – to help fund the Gospel Hands VBS, allowing Lutheran Friends of the Deaf to partner with local congregations to provide Vacation Bible Schools for Children who are Deaf so that they may learn God's Word.
10. **Peace Lutheran Church and Educational Ministries - \$5,000** - to help finish rooms to make them classrooms as well as add another playground for the school.
11. **POBLO International - \$5,000** – funds will be used to train churches in South Dakota for cross cultural outreach. Trainers from POBLO International will travel to South Dakota to conduct cross cultural training workshops, and spend time with South Dakota LCMS congregations, helping them to learn and explore how they can begin effective cross-cultural outreach.



USING OUR FEET FOR MITES!

LWML SD PLEDGE WALK PARTICIPANT

Name:	Per lap/Flat Fee \$	Total Donation	Paid Y/N
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			
9			
10			
Total			

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION, ACKNOWLEDGMENT, WAIVER AND RELEASE FORM

The purpose of this participant information form, acknowledgement, waiver and release is to identify each person ("Participant") who wishes to participate in LWML-sponsored activities. As a condition to becoming a Participant LWML requires each person to provide the following information and to release the LWML from any liability for his or her safety and well-being while participating in any LWML sponsored activity.

Name/Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies and Other Known health Risks/Problems: \_\_\_\_\_

Person to contact in the event of an emergency (Name, Address, phone numbers, relationship) \_\_\_\_\_

Health Insurance Carrier/Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Medications: \_\_\_\_\_

I UNDERSTAND THAT TO BECOME A Participant, LWML requires me to acknowledge and agree that LWML assumes no, and disclaims all liability for my safety and well-being while acting as a Participant. In consideration of LWML permitting me to be a Participant:

1. I acknowledge that the information set forth above is complete and accurate.
2. I recognize that there are certain risks inherent in events and I will participate in these events only if I am medically able and I assume the responsibility for personal injury to myself as a result of such activities.
3. I acknowledge and agree that LWML is an auxiliary agency of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and cannot and does not accept any (and expressly disclaims all) responsibility for my safety and well-being while I am a Participant.
4. I hereby waive, on behalf of myself and my heirs, executors and assigns, all claims arising from my participation in LWML-sponsored activities I release and discharge LWML, its directors, officers, employees and agents from all claims, demands, actions or causes of action that I may have, now or in the future, relating to or resulting from any illness or injuries (including death), loss or damage suffered by me while I am a Participant and;
5. I consent to any medical treatment that LWML (or any of its authorized representatives) deems to be necessary or appropriate in the event of my illness, accident or other medical emergency, and I accept full financial responsibility for any fees or expenses relating to this treatment.
6. I further grant permission for LWML, and/or agents authorized by them, to use any photographs, video recording or audio recording or any other record of this event for this purpose.
7. I hereby acknowledge that I have read this document and understand it. I further acknowledge that by signing below I voluntarily surrender certain legal rights.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ PRINTED NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

(If under 18) PARENT'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ PARENT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

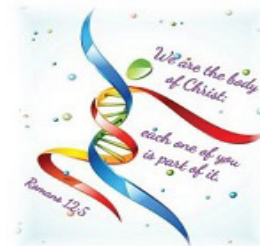


# 59th LWML South Dakota District Convention

June 3-4, 2016

Registration Form

Deadline for registration and meals - April 30, 2016



Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_  
 State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Church & City \_\_\_\_\_ Zone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Emergency Contact & Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Please check all that apply:

- First time attending District Convention
- Young Woman Representative
- Pastor
- Past LWML District President

## Servant Events-Breakout Sessions

(Friday morning number by your preferences)

Friday 8:30-9:30 am	Friday 10-11 am
<input type="checkbox"/> Deb Burma	<input type="checkbox"/> Deb Burma
<input type="checkbox"/> Shelley Moeller	<input type="checkbox"/> Shelley Moeller
<input type="checkbox"/> Pastor Spiehs	<input type="checkbox"/> Pastor Spiehs
<input type="checkbox"/> Fleece Blankets	<input type="checkbox"/> Fleece Blankets
<input type="checkbox"/> Cards for Shut-ins	<input type="checkbox"/> Cards for Shut-ins
<input type="checkbox"/> Gift fom the Heart	<input type="checkbox"/> Gift from the Heart
	<input type="checkbox"/> Delegate Orientation for all delegates

## Registration Status

Check one

- Voting member of Board of Directors
- Delegate
- Past District President
- Non-voting member of the BOD
- LWML Member
- YWR

**Housing Information** – You are responsible for making your own hotel arrangements. Ask for LWML rates. Rooms are blocked at:

Super 8 Motel \$65-\$70 605-224-1617

Quality Inn \$85 605-224-0377

Club House Hotel and Suites \$129-\$139

605-494-2582

Governor's Inn \$83 605-224-4200

Americinn Lodge and Suites \$105 605-223-2358

**Deadline for room reservations is April 30, 2016**

## Registration Fee

	Quantity	Fee	Total
Registration	_____	\$30.0	\$ _____
Pastor gratis	_____	\$0.00	\$ _____
Friday Lunch	_____	\$13.00	\$ _____
Meal Package	_____	\$27.00	\$ _____
I need my meals Gluten-Free			_____
Walk T-Shirt	_S_ _M_ _L_ _XL_	\$10.00	_____
	_XXL_ _XXXL_	\$12.00	_____
Total Enclosed			\$ _____

## Meal Package

The meal package includes Friday Evening and Saturday lunch. **The deadline for the meal package is April 30, 2016**

Make checks payable to:

**LWML SD District Convention**

Mail check and registration form to:

**Marla Mosiman, Registration Chairman**

**PO Box 414**

**Onida, SD 57564**

[mmosiman@venturecomm.net](mailto:mmosiman@venturecomm.net) 605-258-2683

# Delegate Registration/Certification

## LWML SD Convention

LWML ZONE \_\_\_\_\_

Society \_\_\_\_\_

Society President's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Delegate #1 \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone and email \_\_\_\_\_

Delegate #2 \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone and email \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone and email \_\_\_\_\_

**Return by April 30<sup>th</sup> to:**

**Susan Swanson**

**34864 251<sup>st</sup> St**

**Pukwana, SD 57325**

**smswanson@midstatesd.net**