

*The History
of the*

***NORTH WISCONSIN
DISTRICT
LWML***

2009-2010 Biennium

By Elaine Hess, Archivist/Historian

**North Wisconsin District LWML
33rd Biennial Report
June 19, 2008- June 6, 2010
Archivist/Historian, Elaine Hess**

2008-2010 North Wisconsin District LWML Personnel

Executive Committee

President -	Dottie Neumann
1 st Vice President -	Leah Lehman
2 nd Vice President -	Sandra Christl
Recording Secretary-	Jeanne Braatz
Corresponding Secretary-	Darlene Buchman
Treasurer -	Arlene Jank
Financial Secretary -	Deb Schalow
Mission Grants Director -	Mary Harrington
Senior Pastoral Counselor -	Rev. Bob Selle
Junior Pastoral Counselor -	Rev. John Trewyn

Executive Board

Meeting Manager -	Carol Fuhrman
Parliamentarian -	Shirley Hein
Archivist/Historian -	Elaine Hess
Structure Chairman -	Barb Hand
YWR Coordinator -	Anne Hartman
Leader Development -	Linda Pelot
Mission-Ministry Vision -	Leah Lehman and Karol Selle
Friends Into Serving Him -	Megan Surhring
Human Care Chairman -	Jeanne Wilman
Christian Life -	Phyllis Zawnglein and Asst. Chris Voelker
Public Relations Director -	Kathy Waite
Web Developer -	Karol Selle
Mission Tidings - Editor-	Sonja Baumeister
Circulation Manager -	Dorothy Krull

Serving the lord with Gladness

ZONE OFFICERS

<i>Zone</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Christian Life Chairman</i>
1.	Linda Hansen	Ethel Guss
2.	Cathy Paul	(Asst) Phyllis James
3.	Pat Seabloom	Meerilee Van Soelen
4.	Shirley Albers	Kathy Pipkorn
5.	Nancy Voeltz	Betty Snyder
6.	Helen Wallace	Rachel Leary
7.	Jan Peil	Janet Hahn
8.	Marlena Bischoff	Betty Deutsch
9.	Lucille Behlke	Doreen Szedlak
10.	Mae Morien	Marilyn Mueller
11.	Sandi Michaelis	Marilyn Whipkey
12.	Rhonda Laatsch	Sarah Pingel
13.	Karen Baker	Lisa J. Gast
14.	Mary Rakow	Leah Giese
15.	Susan Grunlien	Pat Henke
16.	Sherry Radde	Kathleen Anderson
17.	Sharon Kreutzer	Chris Voelker
18.	Theresa Pockat	Ida Frizzell
19.	19Kathy Altergott	Debra Grothman

YOUNG WOMEN REPRESENTATIVES

These ladies performed a humorous and meaningful skit entitled "The Puzzle: Pieces of Life" on the last day of the District Convention:

Megan Reep	Melissa Linse
Mandy Tollar	Rachel Boerst
Sarah Brewer	Virginia Koepke
Wendy Nooyen	Rebecca Bangaart
Spring Wiesneski	Lisa Glessing
Heidi Mulderink	

Also providing humor at the convention were "Minnie Pearl" Betty Synder and "Ya, sure, you betcha" Trewyn.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Treasurer - Arlene Jank

Receipts -

Mites	\$148,125.13
Rallies	28,253.06
Special Gifts/Collections	3,275.02
Special Mites, Memorial	2,107.50
Supplies	4,354.86
Gifts and bequests	162.50
Quarterlies	13,599.05
Mission Tidings	671.88
2008 District Convention	6,897.84
2008 District Convention Offering	2,195.01
2009 National Convention	4,287.07
2010 Convention transportation	1,680.00
Fall Retreat	11,722.50
YWR Retreat	11,579.00
Miscellaneous	2,028.60
Total Receipts from Financial Sect.	240,989.02
Interest	29.63

Total Receipts 241,018.65

Reconciliation of Checking Account

Check Balance, 3-31-08	\$9,509.63
Total Receipts	\$241,018.65
Total	250,528.28
Total Disbursements	237,649.94
Check Balance	12,878.34
Bank Balance 3-31-2010	8,637.04
Less Outstanding checks	6,592.99
Deposit	10,834.29
Balance, end of 2008-2010	12,878.34

Disbursements

Board meetings	\$7,589.39
Rallies	1,088.19
Christian Life	1,326.93
Fall Retreat	9,719.42
Other meetings	325.30
General Office	2,174.42
LWML Mites	37,373.01
Quarterlies	36,081.70
Other LWML Expenses	3,154.80
Mission Tidings	5,490.24
YWR Retreat	6,589.22
2008 District Convention	6,537.61
2009 Transportation	10,089.74
2010 District Convention	6,232.28
2006-08 Mission Project	12,500.00

Total Mission Projects \$73,500.00

Supplies	671.15
Web Site	1,451.17
Transfers out	162.50
Miscellaneous	1,212.82
Total Disbursements	\$237,649.94

Gifts and Bequests

Balance 3-31-2010	250.40
Gifts & Bequests	162.50
Interest	8.63
Balance 3-31-2010	421.53

Financial Secretary - Deb Schalow

Statement of Cash Receipts for 2008-2010 Biennium, NWD :WML April 1 '08-March 31, '10

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Gifts and Bequests

Roger Hoffmans for Marvin & Althera Klosterman
Robert Braatzes for Georgia & LeRoy Wiegert
Coral Paul for Mother Myrtle Teska's 95th Birthday
St. John's LWML in Memory fo Arliss Fairfield

Total \$162.50

Mission Grants Director - Mary Harrington

We were “Blessed by God’s Plan” when in this biennium, 2008-2010, with a goal of \$92,500, we again paid all of the following Mission Grants.

1. NWD Professional Church Work Student Grants -	\$20,000
2. Telling the Next Generation: Children’s Bible Story Books for Southeast Asia -	\$20,000
3. Help for Disaster Victims - Orphan Grain Train, Wisconsin Division -	\$5,000
4. Food and Clothing Co-op - Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN -	\$10,000
5 Bibles for International Students - Peace Campus, Stevens Point, WI	\$5,000
6. Training Material for Deaf Mission Outreach Centers In NWD	\$9,000
7. Hmong Ministry in Appleton and Eau Claire	\$12,000
8. Ministry of Hope at Victory Lutheran, Gwinn, MI	\$10,000
9. Seminary Expansion in Madagascar	\$10,000
10. East Central Lutheran High School, Wolf River, WI	\$10,000

At the District Convention, June 4-6, the following Mission Projects were adopted as a goal for 2010-2012 with the total again of \$92,500:

1. NWD Professional Church Work Student Grants -	\$25,000
2. Seminary Student Tuition Assistant Grant -	\$5,000
3. Food Bank - Concordia Seminary, St. Louis -	\$10,000
4. Lutheran Blind Mission Tract Outreach -	\$4,000
5. Central Asia Medical Mission-Kyrgyzstan-	\$15,000
6. Special Times of Need Program - LCFS -	\$10,000
7. Empowering Campus Outreach - NWD LCMS -	\$10,000
8. Arabic worship Books for Sudan -	\$7,650
9. East Central Lutheran High School, Wolf Rive, WI	\$5,850

The most important accomplishment of Mary during this biennium was to compile a complete history of all the Mission Grants given by our NWD LWML since its beginning, 1944 through 2010. This can be found on the website, www.nwdlwml.org.

President Dottie Neumann-

Among the many duties fulfilled by President Dottie were chairing the District Board meetings and attending many rallies and national LWML Board meetings. She helped select the Assembly of Leaders Team, attended the Assembly weekend in St. Louis, and helped prepare the presentations to give at zone rallies. She lead the NWD delegation, carrying our banner, in the Portland LWML Convention. She secured the WND convention mission speaker, put together the special luncheon programs, planned the agenda, and chaired the NWD Convention at Houghton, MI. Dottie also made plans for the 2012 district convention in Appleton, and met with the site committee for 2014 convention. She has earned her freedom now to spend more time with her grandchildren.

First Vice-President - Leah Lehman

Besides the usual attendance at LWML meetings, Leah shared her long experience in previous conventions with the planning committees for the 2010, 2012, and 2014 conventions. As district consultant for Mission Ministry Vision, she answered questions and helped guide struggling societies. As 1st Vice President she chaired the Gifts and Bequests Committee and took care of the CCLI contracts as needed.

Second Vice-President - Sandra Christl

The two LWML Retreats at Camp Luther are the main responsibilities for Sandra. In 2009 she headed up the planning for that Retreat held Sept. 10-12 with the theme, "Here I am, Lord". Gary (Woody) Vought led the Bible Study, "With Gladness We Serve the Lord". The 68 attendees especially enjoyed the pleasant warm weather for outdoor meditation, conversation, and evening bonfire song fests.

On September 9-11, 2010, the Fall Retreat will feature the newest Mission and Mites workshop and Bible Study, "Faith Talk", aiming to help women become more comfortable with sharing the gospel with others. Senior Counselor, Rev. Bob Selle will lead this study. The "Grazing Table" will once again warm the hearts and tummies of the campers.

Corresponding Secretary - Darlene Buchman

Darlene has found that her office has changed since she took on the duties of Corresponding Secretary. No longer does she distribute "fall packets" to Zone presidents since they now have on-line access to society information and Quarterly subscription forms. As corresponding secretary, she also keeps the district video resource library which is listed on our website, www.nwdlwml.org.

She reports that five societies have disbanded this biennium:

Zone 9 - St. Matthew's Lydia's Ladies - Eau Claire, WI; Zone 13- Hope Ladies Aid - Cecil, WI; Zone 15 - Dorcas Society - Augusta, WI; Zone 16 - Christ Ladies Aid - Chili, WI; Zone 19 - St. John's LWML - Luxemburg, WI

However, we were blessed to welcome a new society into our community:

Zone 9 - Hmong Kajsian St. Matthews LWML - Eau Claire, WI

Current statistics:

19 zones; 197 units; 212 societies; 3,677 members

Recording Secretary - Jeanne Braatz

Jeanne faithfully keeps the minutes of the Executive Committee and the Board, sends them on via the website, and supplies hard copies for the archivist/historians.

Junior and Senior Pastor Counselors - Rev. John Trewyn and Rev. Bob Selle write Bible Studies, lead devotions at District Board meetings, and help with many zone and district projects.

Structure Chairman - Barb Hand

Barb and her committee members, Dottie Neumann, Leah Lehman, Shirley Hein, Pastor John Trewyn, and Laura Anderson, revised the former leaders helps section of the Handbook to be become a user-friendly tool for all.

At the Houghton convention, Barb supervised the replacing of the old District Leader Helps to the new 2010 NWD Leaders Helps. This successful transition should insure that all Handbooks will contain the same information.

Young Women Representative Coordinator - Anne Hartman

Anne, together with her committee of Julie Kallies, Crystal Voth, Megan Suehring, and Tricia Grimm, planned and led two very successful Young at Heart Retreats. The first was held on April 4, 2009, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Bonduel. The Theme was "Faith in the Midst of a Jungle", and Elaine Bickle inspired and entertained the ladies of all ages. On April 20, 2010, Anne led another successful Retreat. Jan Struck was the well-received speaker and a large crowd enjoyed the music and fellowship. The YWR's are taking a more active part in the conventions, and many show promise of future LWML leaders. Megan Suehring has now replaced Anne as coordinator since she has taken a position on the national level.

Leader Development - Linda Pelot

As part of her responsibility to help develop leadership within our district, Linda attended the Assembly of Leaders at St. Louis, October, 2008, to receive training to present helpful information at the fall and spring zone rallies entitled "What is New for the Women in the Pew". Dottie Neumann, Crystal Voth, and Karen Benz attended the Assembly also and traveled around the district to make presentations to the societies and zones.

Public Relations Director - Kathy Waite

Kathy publicized the work of LWML by taking her display boards to rallies, LLL convention, NWD Church Workers convention, YWR Retreat, and the District LWML Convention. This information included Mite Box projects, pamphlets about LWML, info about MMV and Young Women's programs. In charge of the LWML store, Kathy sold Bible Studies, inspirational books, Clothing, and gifts at these gatherings.

Archivist/Historian - Elaine Hess

As a record-keeper for the district, Elaine received Zone Rally minutes, Executive Board minutes, and other important information for future reference. She will be replaced in Sept. 2010 by Ellen Krohn who also lives near the archives in the Lutheran Building.

Meeting Manager - Carol Fuhrman

Carol arranged meeting places for Board meetings along with housing and meals. A big task was arranging air and land travel to the Portland and Houghton Conventions.

Christian life Chairman - Phyllis James

Phyllis was in charge of the Christian life Workshop where upcoming topics were presented to the Zone Chairmen. The 2009 Workshop featured Pastor Trewyn's study on "Mentoring" along with a presentation by the Assembly of Leaders Team. Pastor Selle presented "Three Billy Goats Gruff- Parable on Victorious Living". Both studies were presented in spring and fall in alternating zones. In 2010 Pastor Trewyn's presented his study on "Forgiveness and Pastor Selle on "The Three Little Pigs: A Parable on Stress.

Human Care - Jeanne Wilman

Jeanne promoted and collected items for "Gifts of the Heart" and updates the Speakers' List. She also oversees getting items for and to Victory Lutheran church at Gwinn, MI.

Publication Staff- Sonja Baumeister and Dorothy Krull

As editor of the Mission Tidings , Sonja compiled information and arranged it in an easy-to-read manner to inform all NWD members. Much money was saved this year by publishing the Tidings on the internet. Now societies can download copies to print the number they need. Dorothy was in charge of ensuring delivery of these copies to the different societies and necessary recipients.

Web Site Administrator - Karol Selle has made the website, www.nwdlwml.net the place to go for district news.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CONVENTIONS

LWML 33rd Biennial Convention - June 25-28, 2009, Portland OR

- President Janice Wendorf opened the convention followed by the Proclaimer, Dr. Warren Schumacher, preaching on the theme, “Look to the Hills - God Reigns” at the evening communion service.
- Dr. Mary Hilgendorf led the Bible studies on both days.
- Ruth N. Koch, National Certified Counselor, gave the keynote address in the third meeting.
- The dinners were followed by an Evening with Heidi Floyd, and Musical Interludes by Lauren Randall and on the next evening the Pride of Portland Chorus entertained.
- Singing was again led by the popular Dina Vendetti throughout the convention, and Jan Struck entertained and inspired the convention-goers.
- The Sunday session began with a worship service led by Proclaimer Rev. Carl Gnewuch.
- The Mission Grant goal for the 2009-2011 biennium is \$1,825,000, and the following projects were selected for payment:
 - 1. Defray cost of shipping Quilts by Lutheran Worth Relief - \$80,000
 - 2. Concordia Seminary, St. Louis Food Bank - \$50,000
 - 3. The Carpenter’s Hands- Youth Refurbish Florida Homes - \$26,000
 - 4. Emergency Disaster In TX, OK, LO - \$25,000
 - 5. Digitize Classes for Concordia Seminary, Ft. Wayne - \$36,000
 - 6. 10 Chapels, Transportation and Training in Tanzania - \$25,000
 - 7. Body & Soul Care for Children in India - \$50,000
 - 8. LCMS Prison Ministry Devotional Materials - \$50,000
 - 9. Lutheran Braille Workers - Africa - \$50,000
 - 10. Kyrgyzstan Locals Evangelism - \$50,000
 - 11. Hope Center for Refugees and Immigrants - Ohio - \$90,000
 - 12. Human Care Developed in Latvia and Lithuania - \$43,750
 - 13. Mission to Disabled Children-Dominican Republic - \$50,000
 - 14. Students in Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology - \$70,000
 - 15. Humanitarian Care in Kazakhstan - \$45,000
 - 16. International Student Ministry Bibles & Resources - \$15,000
 - 17. Earthquake Relief and Church Plants in Peru -\$100,000
 - 18. Light of Christ Chinese Lutheran Mission, St. Louis \$75,000
 - Humanitarian Aid in North Korea \$82,482

North Wisconsin District LMWL Convention - June 4-6, 2010, Houghton

- After President Dottie Neumann called the meeting to order, Edie Norris, Public Relations Director gave the LWML President’s Message.
- Rev. John Trewyn led the Bible Studies on “Refined by God”.
- Mary Harrington, Mission Grant Director, gave the Mission Grant Presentation and Balloting for the Mission Grants followed. The selected Mission Grants for 2011-2012 are printed in her earlier report.
- Balloting for Officers resulted in the following new officers for 2011-2012:

President -	Linda Pelot
First Vice President -	Annette Schmidt
Treasurer -	Allison Hein
Junior Counselor -	Rev. Robert Selle
- Because of travel delays, Dr. James Lamb gave his talk on “For Life” at the banquet after entertainment provided by Nyt Naura, “Now Laugh”
- Keynote speaker, Rachael Leary ,gave her report on “The China Mission Challenge”.
- The convention ended with a Service of Celebration with Holy Communion.