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President's Message

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Mite Goal Poster Attached



Being with Jesus – Living on the Edge! This theme of the LWML Convention in Peoria, Illinois has me on edge! “Being with Jesus” is a comforting term. At the convention we are sure to be in the Word, of the Word and walking with the Lord. Jesus promises in Matthew 18:20: “For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.” We will be with Jesus!

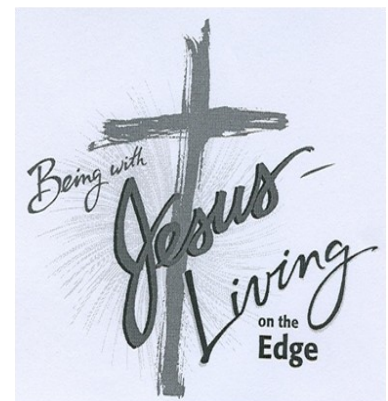
“Living on the Edge” suggests that I get out of my comfort zone, live a little, do something different, etc. That implies some risk and is a little frightening to me. However, as explained in the *Lutheran Woman’s Quarterly*, 2010 Winter edition, the Central Illinois District is making every effort to offer convention attendees a “unique and spiritual experience.” They are planning some NEW first-time events in addition to those we treasure sharing at national conventions. This sounds exciting, not too scary! Agreed?

“Living on the Edge” was recently experienced by the LWML Executive Committee and Board of Directors, but not by any planning of man (or woman). The February 2-6, 2011 LWML Board of Directors meeting was cancelled due to the massive snow and ice storm that gripped the nation that week. With the business of the LWML to be conducted, electronic voting and messaging were used and will continue until all business is complete. Nothing will replace the fellowship, Bible studies, and worship opportunities that would have occurred, but board members are looking forward to these opportunities at the convention. Yes! The LWML Board of Directors was forced to conduct business in a different way – on the edge.

God only knows what lesson will be learned by the LWML from this experience. Peter said, “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.” Romans 8:28

Make plans to attend the LWML convention in Peoria, Illinois, June 23-26, 2011 where you too will experience “Being with Jesus—Living on the Edge.” For registration and housing read the *Lutheran Woman’s Quarterly*, Winter 2010 edition or visit the LWML website at www.lwml.org
LWML Texas District President

And they realized they had been with Jesus...”For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.” Acts 4:13b, 20 (NKJV)



*Financial Secretary**Michele Tate*

Financial Reminders

Spring is in the air and most societies around the district will be electing new officers. As the “baton” and the check-book are passed to the new treasurer, encourage your outgoing treasurer to provide pertinent information on what needs to be done so a smooth transition occurs. Print the following list and include it in your treasurer’s files as a helpful reference.

1. Send all monies to the district Financial Secretary. Her address may be located in the Lutheran Witness (District News pages) or the LWML Texas District website (www.lwmltxdist.org). Societies are requested to submit mites monthly and Individual Members are requested to send in mites quarterly so mission grants may be funded in a timely manner.
2. All monies sent in should be accompanied by a completed remittance form allocating where the money is to be directed. Checks should be made payable to: **LWML Texas District**. Both Society and Individual Member remittance forms may be found on the district LWML website. Make certain you are using the correct form and enclose ONE completed form PER CHECK.
3. The Texas District does NOT send invoices. All *Quarterly* magazine subscription payments are due by December 1 of each year. Cost is \$5.00 each for 10 or more subscriptions sent to same address; otherwise, the subscription cost is \$6.50 each. The order is placed on the Society/Individual Membership form due to the Vice President of Servant Resources in November of each year. The Society President completes this form and informs the Society Treasurer the total payment due to the district. Societies may order additional *Quarterlies* throughout the year. Contact either the Vice President of Communication or the Financial Secretary for information on the cost of ordering additional subscriptions. Email addresses are located on the LWML Texas District website.
4. The LWML Texas District requests that each society help provide financial support for the District News pages in the *Lutheran Witness* magazine. Send in \$1.00 per member by December 1 along with the *Quarterly* yearly subscription payment.
5. Odd-numbered years the LWML Texas District requests financial support to send the Texas delegation to the National LWML convention. The delegation includes: District President, Zone Presidents, District Young Woman Representatives, District Junior Pastoral Counselor and recently elected district officers. The amount requested varies on travel expense so this number is provided to the Zone Presidents in January before the convention is held. This is the ONLY time that funds are NOT sent to the district, but to the Zone Treasurer. The Zone Treasurer is responsible for the collection and sending in ONE check to the district for their entire zone. Send these funds to the district NO LATER than March 31.
6. Personal regular Mite boxes are ordered through the Financial Secretary and are 10 cents a box plus the postage to mail them to you. Children’s Mite boxes are ordered through the LWML catalog.

Questions? Contact the district Financial Secretary through the district LWML website www.lwmltxdist.org. She would be happy to assist you!

Depending on the society’s bylaws, a financial review of the treasurer’s books may be in order before that “baton” can be handed over. Hopefully, with this list in hand and the guidance of the out-going treasurer, the new treasurer will feel confident in serving our Lord with gladness.

God’s Blessings!



Mail all monies made payable to *LWML Texas District* to:

**LWML Texas District
P.O. Box 5552
Frisco, TX 75035-0217**

Vice President of Human Care

Sara Frank

The Melody of God's Love is heard around the world through the workings of the Lutheran World Relief. They have investigated the usefulness of all kit items and found that some changes needed to be made. This will enhance the effectiveness for those receiving your donations.

In addition to kit items being adjusted, their names have also been changed. This will allow them to know how to distribute kits during a year of transition. Let us accept these changes with a positive attitude and know that our Lord is pleased with the love in our hearts as we assemble quilts and kits for so many people in distress.

The Lutheran World Relief Bulletin was e-mailed in February to zone presidents and human care persons, individual members, district officers and anyone requesting a copy to this office. If you would like a copy, contact me or refer to the district website, www.lwmltxdist.org for the information. Forms and Stamporee instructions are also attached to the bulletin.

The collection site for San Antonio will again be held at the Texas Lutheran campus in Seguin. In an effort to assist the volunteers at the collection sites, you are encouraged to take your donations later in the day **IF** you are in close proximity to the site. Our volunteers are not young vibrant girls, so it would be helpful to take some "muscle power" to help with the loading efforts.

Personal Care kits continue to be a priority with requests received at the Lutheran World Relief warehouse. Large pieces of fabric have been deleted as you are encouraged to create a Fabric kit. However, I do have a source who needs fabric if you have any not being used.



The Stamporee project continues in all cycles of activity. This project would be unsuccessful if it were not for you saving the stamps. Millions of stamps have been sold and our grand total since it's inception is over \$11,000.00. To God be the glory for your efforts in turning trash into funds for Project Comfort.



May God bless each of you as you daily have compassion for those less fortunate than you are.



Treasurer

Ann Bamsch

As I write this, I am experiencing something unusual in Central Texas, and I'm sure most of you had it also, SNOW. For me, this is such a great reminder of all the wonderful things God has created. It is a reminder that He is in control. He is ALWAYS with us.

My devotion this morning talked about "being still and knowing He is God". How often do we fret about things? We strive to obtain the desired outcome. But, did we listen for God's instructions? Is that what He wants us to do? We need to "be still" and wait for His answer. It may not be the one that we want. God is the Master Designer, for all our good.

I encourage all of you to pray for the mission grants. There are prayers for each one on the website, www.lwmltxdist.org. National has wonderful stories about their grant recipients. Check it out at www.lwml.org/missions/lutheran-women-in-mission-mission-grants.htm

The economy has not been good. Many charities are hurting. Let's pray that our Mites will be blessed to multiply. If only one soul is saved, our prayers are answered.

It is a wonderful feeling to write the check to our grant recipient. To read the "Thank-You" note is even more heart warming.

***"Be Strong and
Courageous!
Don't tremble
or be terrified,
because the
Lord your God
is with you
wherever you
go." Joshua 1:9***

Senior Pastoral Counselor

Rev. David Symm

“A Slippery Journey”

By the time you read this most of our big beautiful state will be enjoying the arrival of Spring, but as I write my community is in the grips of yet another winter storm. Aware that the storm last week dipped very far south, I know few of you escaped its icy clutches. As for me, I found myself stranded temporarily in the Waco area, where I had ventured in order to participate in a pre-Lenten workshop. I foolishly believed I would escape the storm promised for West Texas! But when I heard forecasts to the contrary, I decided to leave my conference early. Too late! Instead, I spent a day iced in, then made a grueling 350 mile trip home that took about twelve hours. For the first 150 miles the road was covered with ice! I saw many semis and automobiles which had skidded into the ditch. But God answers prayer, and it pleased Him to bring me safely home without incident.

The Psalm writer prays for safe journey of a different kind: “Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your way with those who love your name. Keep steady my steps according to your promise, and let no iniquity get dominion over me” (Psalm 119:132-133 ESV). In another translation the final clause reads “don’t let wrong have control over me.” Ice on the roadway can wreak havoc with travel. Most of the vehicles foundered in the median or bar ditch looked to have minimal damage, perhaps a head lamp or bumper needing repair after a brush with the guard wire or rail. In one instance though, an overturned semi-tractor was badly crushed, and I prayed for the well-being of its driver.

My trip was a poignant reminder of the dangers which threaten our journey through this life. We are constantly surrounded by sin and temptation. The devil seeks to deflect us from the course upon which we have been set by grace. But the Psalmist points us to the power in the Word and promise of God. Relying on the promise of His Father and preserved by this Word, our Savior’s steps remained sure and steady. Persevering trust and obedience to the Father’s will resulted in Christ’s living the holy life in our place. He stayed on course all the way to the cross. There He offered His life to pay for our sin, rescue us from death and hell, and place us back on the path that leads to heaven. We now know His sure hold on us. Our Shepherd binds us to Himself with His grace, holds us in His strong, sure hands, and secures our steps in the face of every peril. Strengthened by His Word and empowered by the Sacraments, our journey will culminate in heaven!



Zone membership statistics of the past sixty-five years shows that zones peaked in numbers in the 1960’s-1980’s. Currently, membership in the LWML Texas District is slightly lower than recorded in 1952. However, there are now 30 zones with a total of 261 societies compared to 1952 when there were 11 zones with 153 societies.

Some of the zones formed in the 1960’s-1970’s because circuit lines changed or they were in large zones that divided to allow more leadership opportunities. If your zone was formed to allow more leadership opportunities among its members, is it still accomplishing that goal? Has the opposite occurred? With fewer members, are fewer women willing to take the responsibility of leadership roles? Electing the same officers for more than two terms has the effect of wearing out the leaders, not building leaders.

If the number of members in a zone is less than when the zone was formed, this zone may need to merge with another zone to find willing leaders and give members more opportunities for fellowship and to develop friendships. In some areas of Texas this will result in longer driving times, but it may also encourage new ideas on how and where to hold rallies and workshops.

Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Romans 12:10-11

Vice President of Gospel Outreach

Debbie Curry

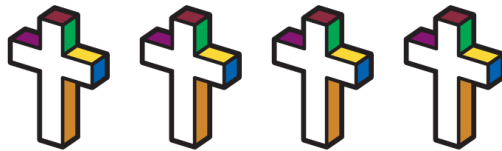
What are the mission grants for LWML Texas District? Can you tell me more about the people and programs served by our Mite money? Do you have any pictures of the current mission grants? How can I inform my society members about the mission grants at our meetings? How many mission grants have been paid?

These are all questions I have been asked as Vice President of Gospel Outreach. Maybe you have had a similar question, but just haven't taken the time to ask it. In an attempt to help societies share information about the ten mission grants adopted in 2010 for the LWML Texas District, I have created a new resource available on our website. It is titled, "**Mission Grant Insider**" and a link to it can be found on the home page of www.lwmltxdist.org. In a two-page color format with pictures and personal testimonies, it can be downloaded and printed. Currently there are two issues available, one for the Seminary student scholarships and one for Lutheran Social Services of the South. More will be made available as mission grants are funded and information is received.

There is also a Mission Grant DVD available. Most zones purchased a copy for their zone and this office has one copy for loan. Each mission grant is presented separately on the DVD making it convenient to show one at a time at your meetings.

I am also pleased to announce that Janet Hurta has created a Mite Goal Meter as a visual representation of Mite giving. It will be updated monthly on the website and in the *District News*. (A current one is included in this newsletter.)

Utilize these tools to keep those "mitey" mites coming! Contact me at gospeloutreach@lwmltxdist.org



Structure Committee

Joyce Martinets

✓ LWML Texas District website: www.lwmltxdist.org for:

Texas District Bylaws

Texas District Standing Rules

Sample "Barebones Bylaws" for societies

Sample Bylaws for zones

Updated info regarding bylaws

Email or send society or

Zone bylaw revisions to:

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Our official district name is now: Lutheran Women's Missionary League Texas District or LWML Texas District. District bylaws have been revised and approved to incorporate this change required by national LWML.

Committee on Young Women

Kristine Wendorf, chairman

Spring... Fresh Air... Fresh plants... a Fresh look at your LWML society! It's spring and NOW is a great time for you personally to invite one new woman to your LWML. That's right just one. Don't just rely on a general announcement, focus on one woman who you know would enjoy being a part of LWML. You can personally extend an invitation by phone or face-to-face to your Spring Event/ Rally or a specific project your society has planned. Remember to invite for just the one event- don't make someone sign up for membership on their first visit! Have her try out a meeting or two where you know she has an interest. Be proud of the work your society does for your congregation, Zone, District and Nation. Many women don't know about the work of LWML and how your society supports people and missions in your community and throughout the world. So get the news out and invite someone to a specific place, time, and event. But remember, young women want to be involved in meaningful projects and their time is one of the most valuable things that they have so make sure to respect it and use it in a meaningful way. Be sure to streamline your meeting and look forward to what is coming up instead of dwelling on the past. Remember if each person in your society personally invites one person you can make a big difference.

Zone YWR check-up!

How are your Zone YWR's? What's happening in their lives? Have you talked with them since convention? Do they know more women in your zone now? Here are a few suggestions that would let them know you are happy they are involved with LWML! Send them a card, take them out for coffee, send them a little gift from the LWML store, ask their ideas for projects in your zone, find out their passions and get them involved in the right areas. Please use the time they are serving to prepare them for future service if they are interested. Let them know you love them as a Sister in Christ and as a Sister in LWML!

The Committee on Young Women is proud to announce the 2011-2013 Texas District Young Woman Representatives.

***Meet the new
District
Young Woman Representatives***



Jennifer Frosch
Friendship Circle President at
Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings, TX

Jennifer has been active in the leadership of her society for a number of years. She feels passionate about getting young women and teens involved in the LWML. In the midst of her daily activities of being a wife, mom, teacher, reading tutor, and student she relies on God and chooses to serve the Lord with gladness.

Whitney Lee

Vice-President of Faith LWML
at Faith Lutheran Church in Stephenville, TX



Whitney enjoys organizing and planning activities, events and fundraisers for her society. She wants to reach out to parents and young families to encourage them to get connected to God and the church. As a mother of four her goal is to provide a living example of service to her children.

Our District Young Woman Representatives (DYWR's) will be attending the National LWML Convention in Peoria, IL in June. They will attend convention meetings with the Texas District President Kathy Lowman and will spend time getting to know the other DYWR's in special sessions designed just for them. Jennifer and Whitney are excited to experience the Peoria Convention and look forward to sharing their experiences with Zones and Societies after they return.

Vice President of Communication***Rosanne Capdeville***

Welcome to Janet Hurta of Waco who is already using her talents to serve as our LWML District Webmaster. Thank you Janet for your willingness to share your creativity.

Zones are encouraged to send their names of officers, newsletters and pictures of events for the “Around the District” tab on the website. Take a look to find out about projects of other zones. Zone information may be sent to me at communication@lwmltxdist.org.



National LWML is promoting several Mite-raising initiatives to reach their mission goal. Your Board of Directors at Camp Lone Star raised \$859 for the Flat Jan project. Another project is “Have you seen the five dollar bill? The U. S. Mint has made the 5 purple! Send in those purple ‘5’ dollar bills. Societies and zones and individual members send your donations to our LWML Texas District Financial Secretary by March 15. Mark it ‘Mite Marathon’.

Do you have a great idea or something you have done to help gather mites? Please share it.

**W H E N ? ? ?**

April 25, 27, 28, 29 — Lutheran World Relief Drop Off

June 23-26 — National LWML Convention, Peoria, IL

October 1 — District Mission Grant Proposals Due

October 7-9 — ‘Spirit of Hope’ Retreat, Glen Rose, TX

November 1—District Officer nominations

December 1—Quarterly Subscriptions

MISSION GRANT UPDATE

	Grant	Paid	Balance
Scholarships for Seminarians Texas District	\$50,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
Guiding God's Little Lambs – A Spiritual Care Program for Abused Children Lutheran Social Services of the South	\$20,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Concordia University Texas - DCE Scholarships	\$24,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
Lutheran Braille Workers, Inc. - Texas	\$26,800.00	\$ 7,900.00	\$18,900.00
LINC, Houston—Center for Hispanic Studies	\$14,387.50	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,387.50

75th Anniversary Endowment Campaign

Pat Biar

Each Link with Purpose!

When I ponder the word “Linked,” one thing that comes to mind is the construction- paper-link chains we used to make in grammar school. A chain of many colors, each link glued to the next with Elmer’s Glue, often used to decorate the Christmas tree.

A few hours ago, I attended the funeral of a very faithful LWML sister who was dearly loved by me and by many others across the Texas District. Beverly Morris of Winnie served as the Secretary to former district president Marcella Gaus Olivier from 1984-1988. One special Link of the District LWML has been taken from our chain to live forever with her Lord and Savior, Jesus. The message of the pastor reflected what we as her friends already knew, Beverly lived her life to serve others and to do what she could to further God’s Kingdom. During her illness, her constant prayer was, “Thy will, not mine, be done.” The faith of this Link was not to be shaken!

Our District LWML is a chain of over 4,000 backgrounds, with varied gifts and talents, employed faith with one purpose—to spread the Gospel, and glue that keeps us linked to each other and to Him,



Links of different colors—from different economic in numerous careers—but linked together united in joined together by the love of Jesus. He is the our Lord and Savior.



Each Link has an opportunity to become **even after being called home** by our Heavenly Father. Participate in the 75th Anniversary Campaign, “*Endowing Tomorrow’s Lutheran Women in Mission*,” by making provision for a portion of your estate to be designated to help our Scholarship and Mission Inreach Endowments grow in value after we are in heaven. The principal of the endowments is never distributed, only the accumulated interest. In this way the funds generated will grow and continue for the life of the endowments—prayerfully until Jesus returns.

a **permanent Link** in the Texas District LWML

Visit the LWML web site, www.lwmltxdist.org and click on the “Celebrate LWML 75th” bar on the left side of the screen or choose to call Lutheran Foundation of Texas at 1-800-880-3733 or 512-926-4272. Speak to either Larry Ohls or Brian Hamilton for more information or invite either of them to make an informational presentation to your zone or society.

We welcome the 146th **permanent Link** who is now an anniversary campaign participant: Ms. Barbara Mauldin. Thank you, Barbara!

Let us **encourage one another** to bring to fruition the \$1,000,000 goal of estate-planned gifts by 2017. To God be all thanks, praise, honor and glory!



Parliamentarian

Karen Avenson

Greetings to the ladies of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League Texas District!

I am so blessed to be able to serve as your District LWML Parliamentarian. As your Parliamentarian I am here to serve you in any way and feel free to contact me with any questions. If you are unsure how matters should be handled at a meeting or event, don’t hesitate to ask. My husband and I have moved into a new home this past year. I am available at a new phone number and address. The e-mail address remains the same.

Karen Avenson

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*Mission-Ministry, Vision**Eloise Kuhlmann and Diann Higgins***Have you Contacted to your MMV lately?**

MMV's are facilitators to guide you through MISSION or MINISTRY brainstorming, planning or implementation. MMV's listen and make suggestions when you are VISIONING for the future. MMV's can offer a fresh perspective when the same old routine just doesn't spark any interest in your activities.

MMV's don't tell you what to do, take over, or boss you around. MMV's are a resource to help societies and zones focus, redirect, and reignite excitement about serving the Lord with gladness.

MMV Facts and Questions –

How does an MMV work with a group?

Ideally, an MMV would meet face to face with a group; however, email and telephone contacts can work well too.

Is there a cost for the MMV's assistance?

There is no cost for her services. If possible, a gift to mites in honor of your MMV is always appreciated. Depending on your needs, there could be some expenses. If you want her to come to your location, arrange for a host to provide her with meals and lodging. Reimburse her for travel expenses and provide supplies for the event. Your MMV will work with you to keep your meeting/event low cost or no cost.

How long will our MMV work with a group?

Your MMV will help you decide what your goal is and the steps that will be taken to accomplish that goal. Your MMV will walk beside you until your goal is achieved.

We don't want to bother our MMV, what if our need is too small or too big?

It is impossible to bother your MMV. She loves you and the LWML. She stands willing and ready to serve any need under any circumstances.

Our MMV's are:

Eloise Kuhlmann

REK68@aol.com

Diann Higgins

diann.higgins@att.net

2010-2012 Mite Goal Poster

A Mite Poster to track mite giving and payments to mission grants is now available. It includes a graphic based on the theme of the Austin Convention, "Melody of God's Love." The center of the guitar has been partially filled to indicate progress as of January 31, 2011 towards the work program goal of \$328,280 by March 31, 2012. Progress can be tracked on the website at www.lwmltxdist.org on the Mites page each month.

There is also a listing of the mission grants adopted for this biennium with a total mission grant goal of \$185,187.50 (includes overage from previous biennium). As grant payments are made they are also updated on the website on the Mission Grants page. A column has been included to write in the amounts as they are paid.

Note that Mites fund the entire work program goal of the LWML Texas District. This includes 75% to fund all aspects of the mission of the district and 25% to national Mites for its work program. A separate travel fund is maintained for the Board of Directors to attend the national conventions with funding coming from a travel assessment to each zone. In addition district conventions are funded separately from the work program.

Share this Mite Poster with members of your society and church. May God continue to richly bless our Mites as they share the "Melody of God's Love" throughout Texas and the world.



SHORT-TERM MISSION TEAM WANT AD

- WANTED:** Mission-minded women seeking a short-term mission opportunity
- WHERE:** Poland
- WHEN:** July 14-25, 2011
- WHAT:** Reach out to the lost in Poland with the assistance of Polish Lutherans through English Bible Camps. During the first 3 days in Poland, the team will learn about mission work in Poland, experience some of Polish culture, work on final lesson planning and travel to their location. Monday through Friday the English camps will be conducted. Morning sessions will focus on learning English and Bible study. Afternoons will consist of activities such as crafts, music or sports depending on the team.
- WHO:** Alice Klement, Team Leader, is looking for team members. Alice served on the LWML team to Macau in 2009. She is a member of Shepherd of the Hills LCMS, San Antonio. Alice has a passion for the benefits of service on a short-term mission team and would love to speak to groups about the experience.
- COSTS:** \$750-\$950 per person (airfare not included). LWML Texas District members may apply for mission grant money to assist with costs.
- HOW:** Contact Debbie Curry at gospeloutreach@lwmltxdist.org to join this team, get more information, apply for grant money or invite Alice to speak.

It is estimated that the Gospel was shared with 295 people as a result of the 2009 summer mission events in Poland. You could be part of exciting results for 2011 by joining this team. LWML Texas District is also seeking anyone interested in forming another team. Contact Debbie Curry if you know of someone thinking about a short-term mission experience.



Mission team from New York at St. John Lutheran Church in Mikolow, Poland last summer



District Officers and Zone Presidents at Camp Lone Star



*Vice President of Servant Resources**Lois Teinert***ZONE PRESIDENT'S ORIENTATION**

The Zone President's Orientation (ZPO) was held November 12-14, 2010 at Camp Lone Star in LaGrange. District officers and the Leader Development Committee – Kelli Alsop of Temple and Angela Wetuski of San Marcos – provided information to help the Zone Presidents in their role as leaders and to further the mission of the LWML.

Zone Presidents received the reminder to “Lead with the Melody of God’s Love.”

**OFFICER & ADDRESS CHANGES**

Just a reminder that zone officer contact information changes and society president and society treasurer contact information changes need to be sent as they occur to:

Lois Teinert

LWML Texas District Vice Present of Servant Resources

2401 Walsh Drive

Round Rock TX 78681

E-mail: servantresources@lwmltxdist.org

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT

As of December 31, 2010, the reported membership of LWML Texas District members was 3,894. We praise our loving God for all the willing “Mite box supporters” and the tireless efforts of the gifted and talented women in our District. Our membership has decreased from last year and there has been a slight decrease in the number of congregations which we serve, but we’ve had an increase of Individual Members.



If your society is considering going inactive because your members are finding it increasingly difficult to come to monthly meetings, please consider some of the alternatives. Your society can be flexible in structure, with members participating in the object of LWML individually or as a group, but having none or only some of the following: schedule of meetings, officers, bylaws. However, members of such groups are invited and encouraged to attend zone, district, and national events when possible. Remember that your society is not required to meet monthly. Your meetings can be scheduled quarterly, on different days of the week, or simply periodically when needed, and at a mutually convenient time for your members. Combining your meeting with another church activity (immediately after the last worship service at your church) saves a trip. If none of these options suits your society, you can become Individual Members. Feel free to call, write, or e-mail me at the above address if you have any questions regarding this.