

# The Anchor News

Lutheran Women's Missionary League Texas District

43rd Biennial Convention

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## \$403,000 2024–2026 Mite Goal adopted!

\$225,000 approved for Mission Grants, with a \$47,314 surplus from the 2022–2024 biennium, for a total of \$272,314 for the 2024–2026 Mission Grant Goal.

### Mission Grants Selected

1. New Life Children's Center Spiritual Care Program, Canyon Lake - \$20,000
2. Disaster Response Team, Trinity Lutheran Church in Tyler - \$15,000
3. Orphan Grain Train Shipping Supplies, Houston - \$15,000
4. Proclaiming Christ to People Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired (LBW) - \$20,000
5. Let It Shine Academy, Bethany, Austin, Lutheran Special Education Ministries - \$10,000
6. Adventure Woods Day Camp Outreach, Camp Lone Star, Tomball - \$20,000
7. Shepherd's Canyon Retreat Ministry Scholarships - \$15,000
8. Hereford Hispanic Outreach Program, Hereford - \$25,000
9. Offering Women Hope: Blue Blossom Pregnancy Centers and Maternal Assistance Program, Houston - \$8,000
10. Disciple and Mobilize Youth for Gospel Outreach, Glocal Mission, Houston - \$12,000
11. Little Lambs Parents' Day Out Ministry Playground Equipment, Sulphur Springs - \$10,000
12. Christian Education Scholarships K-12, Central Texas - \$25,000
13. Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care Warehouse Repairs, El Paso - \$17,314

Seminarian Scholarships for Texas Students \$60,000



LWML Texas District would like to extend Christian sympathy to Jan Struck's family. Her husband, Dennis "Denny" Struck, passed away on May 25, 2024 at the age of 80. Denny wholeheartedly supported Jan in her speaking ministry and her work in the LWML. He was a fan of the Green Bay Packers, playing cards, and line dancing (which is actually how he and Jan met). Denny enjoyed their retirement

community in Florida where he organized the R.O.M.E.O.s (Retired Old Men Eating Out). Jan and Denny were married for 29 years. Together they shared six kids, thirteen grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. If you would like to send condolences, please send to:

Jan Struck  
4089 Rolling Oaks Drive  
Winter Haven, FL 33880

### Captain's Orders

You are entering **the mission field** as you leave the convention today! Think of yourself as the faithful, hard-working sailor on a sturdy fishing boat. Throw out those nets, and see what kind of catch you pull in! Rely on Christ, your anchor, to keep you safe through tumultuous times.

**Extra copies** of the convention manuals and extra t-shirts will be on sale at the registration table.

**Lost and Found:** Please visit the Registration/Information Desk.

**Lanyards and badge sleeves** can be recycled at the registration desk for use at the next convention. Look for the poster with a pelican holding a stop sign.

### In Lieu of a 3<sup>rd</sup> newsletter...

All the photos from the convention and detailed information will be in the District Newsletter, which will be published in the first week of July.

### Teen Tide-ings

The teens have been busy learning about what the LWML is all about! They conducted their own mock vote for Mission Grants, and they have been busy serving by tying fleece blankets. They also have been enjoying the sites and sound of Corpus by visiting Bayfront Park and the two-story Whataburger! Friendships were formed while enjoying crafts, Bible study, and swimming.

## Meet Your New Officers!

Delegates have elected the following to serve the LWML Texas District:

### President

Sally Krueger, Sunshine Zone

### Vice President of Christian Life

Brianne Stahlecker, Post Oak Zone

### Vice President of Organizational Resources

Terri Wenzel, Gulf Coast Zone

### Financial Secretary

Alissa Elley, North Alamo Zone

### Pastoral Counselor

Rev. David Bailes, New Horizon Zone

### Nominating Committee

Robyn Tarnowski, Chairman, Golden Harvest Zone

Amy Velasquez, Sunshine Zone

Laura Wilson, Golden Triangle Zone

Sharon Mills, alternate, East Texas Zone

## By the Numbers

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### This Convention

Voters: 171

Non-voters: 288

Total attendance: 459

### Gifts from the Heart

Twin sheet sets - 159

Towel sets - 171

Body wash - 226

Shampoo - 208

Toothpaste - 263

Gift Cards (for New Life Refuge Ministries and Pregnancy Center of the Coastal Bend) - \$5288

**Offering #1** for LWML Texas District 2024–2026 Mite Goal - \$6,160.30

**Offering #2** for the Kleberg County Pregnancy Center - \$2,980.18

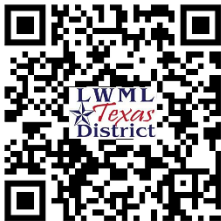
## Enduring Gifts

We are grateful to the many donors and those considering supporting the LWML Texas District Endowments. Immediate and planned gifts to the endowments are lasting gifts of legacy for the mission work of LWML women to come!



Distributions from the income earned on gifts made to our endowments provide leadership training to our zone presidents, scholarships for LCMS women studying to become church workers and adds to our mission goal.

Have you considered being a part of this exciting resource through a planned gift to the endowments?



You can scan this QR code and it will take you to the endowment page on the website [lwmltxdist.org](http://lwmltxdist.org). There you will find more information about the endowments, additional resources and committee contact information.

## In Texas

2 new groups were formed in the 2022-2024 biennium

2 new Teen groups were formed in the 2022-20024 biennium

2453 active LWML members as of December 2023.

**The convention survey** will be handed out today and will also be available on the convention page of the district website. Please go to [lwmltxdist.org/lwml-texas-district-conventions](http://lwmltxdist.org/lwml-texas-district-conventions),

## Convention Goal

Hold fast in Christ, our source of hope, living out our faith without wavering.

**A special thank you** to Alissa Elly from Seguin, who graciously drove to Fredericksburg to get the posters and newsletters for this convention.

*Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, (Hebrews 10:23–24).*

## Did you meet the objectives of our Hold Fast 2024 Convention?

- Be strengthened in faith through worship and fellowship.
- Honor God by showing love to one another.
- Witness boldly, anchored in Christ.

