

Mite Offering Resources

Looking for a way to support the LWML Texas District mite goal? Below are several options for members and supporters of LWML to assist in funding mission grants through the mite goal. For additional information on any of the offering opportunities below, you may contact the Financial Secretary at financialsecretary@lwmltxdist.org. See the website for more information on mites and mission grants at lwmltxdist.org.

Automated Giving

JoyfulResponse[®] is the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) service that provides the ability for LWML to offer their members and supporters an electronic, automated method to donate. Offering amount and frequency is specified by the supporter. A supporter is not required to be an LCEF investor. The offerings of members will be included in their group's contribution total. For those who are unable to attend meetings regularly or at all, *JoyfulResponse*[®] provides a means of giving regularly and consistently. Please contact the Financial Secretary for the necessary forms to ensure LWML Texas District receives your donation.

Does your employer offer a charitable giving platform like "Benevity"? If so, you may be able to designate a monthly withdrawal from your paycheck for mites, and your company may also match your donation.

Donate Online

Donations to LWML Texas District may be made online via the website, lwmltxdist.org by using the Donate button at the top of every page. You can use your debit card, credit card (MasterCard, Visa, Discover) or PayPal account for the donation. Include your church name, church city, and LWML group in the note section for your group to receive credit for the donation. Also, please note the designation, whether to mites, memorials, endowments, etc. You will receive an email receipt.

Memorials and Honorariums

Wish to honor a special person or remember a loved one? Memorial and honorarium gifts can be donations to mites, Texas District mites, or endowment funds — Mission Goal, Mission Inreach or Scholarship Endowment Funds. Options for donating to the endowments can be found at lwmltxdist.org on the Endowment Gifting Options page. Memorial and honorarium remittance forms may be found on the website under Resources/Forms.

Thrivent Choice Dollars[®]

Are you a member of Thrivent? Consider directing your Choice Dollars[®] as a donation to the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Texas District (search for that exact name and verify the address is Anderson, TX). Visit the Thrivent website at thrivent.com/thriventchoice for additional information or call 800-847-4836. Can't seem to find the right webpage? Contact the Financial Secretary and she will help.

Endowment Funds

The Texas District has three endowment funds with Legacy Deo (legacydeo.org). All gifts contributed remain in the fund and the annual distribution is directed to the specific purpose. Donations can be sent to the Financial Secretary or to Legacy Deo online. Please see instructions on the website under the endowments/gifting options tab. Be sure to designate the endowment fund(s) desired.

The Mission Goal Endowment (EN334) provides funds for the mission goal of LWML Texas District. The Mission Inreach Endowment (EN165) provides funds for spiritual enrichment, member development and leadership training opportunities for members of the LWML Texas District. The Scholarship Endowment (EN057) provides scholarships for women from Texas going into full-time church work fields at an LCMS university or college.

Planned Gifts

Planned gifts provide a means of including the LWML Texas District in the distribution of your earthly blessings when the Lord calls you home. These gifts can be designated to one of the endowment funds. Discuss your options with the financial representatives at Legacy Deo by phone at 800-880-3733 or by emailing info@legacydeo.org. Legacy Deo Ambassador Debbie Curry is available for estate planning and charitable giving presentations. Contact Debbie.legacydeo@gmail.com to schedule a group or individual presentation.

Retirement Distributions

If you are eligible, you may make a *qualified charitable donation* (QCD) which counts toward meeting the *required minimum distribution* (RMD) for an IRA. The distribution must be paid from the IRA directly to a charity (such as the LWML Texas District). The distribution is not taxable, and no charitable deduction can be claimed on the federal tax return. Consult with your IRA administrator and your tax advisor to determine if this is a possibility for you. This information was obtained from the Thrivent website, thrivent.com under 6 Ways to Use Required Minimum Distributions in Retirement, item #6.

Mite Box

And, of course, the most recognizable source remains the treasured Mite Box. The Mite Box has encouraged daily offerings and prayers from the very beginning of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. These little boxes are available free for shipping costs at www.cph.org/lwml.

At any time, offerings can simply be made by mailing a check payable to LWML Texas District designated as a mite offering to:

LWML Texas District
Attn: Alissa Elley, Financial Secretary
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