

# MICHIGAN WOMEN IN MISSION

## NEW GRANTS CHOSEN FOR 2020-2022 BIENNIUM

This year, our MI District LWML convention was a virtual one. While it was disappointing to be distanced from each other, it was encouraging to hear all the mission speakers. A **new MITE goal** of \$335,000 was approved which includes the 25% sent to national LWML level, leaving \$251,250 for our District mission grants.

Delegates at the 2020 Michigan District chose the following grants to support missions in the next two years:

1. Filling Pulpits by Providing Scholarships for Michigan Men in Seminary - \$25,000
2. Financial Assistance for Concordia Seminary, Fort Wayne Food & Clothing Co-op to Purchase Food - \$10,000
3. Scholarships for Female Students Studying to be a Deaconess or Professional Church Worker - \$20,000
4. Bringing Christ and Hope to Michigan's Urban Communities (Acts 2 Enterprise) - \$25,000
5. Providing Hope for Children with Learning Needs - LSEM - \$25,000
6. New Outreach to Hindu, Sikh, and Buddhist Communities in Michigan - POBLO - \$25,000
7. Support for Concordia Seminary's International Graduate School Students - \$10,000
8. Healing Spaces for At-Risk Children - Dakota Ranch - \$7,000
9. Outreach Community Center - St.

Paul Community Lutheran Church, Pontiac - \$25,000

10. Expanding Christ's Love with the Aging and Unchurched in Michigan through Weekly Television on "Worship Anew" - \$25,000
11. Share Missions with a Friend - MOST Ministries - \$25,000
12. Filling Haitian Tummies Opens Ears to the Gospel - \$15,000
13. Growing in Faith Together: Women to Women - LAMP - \$10,000
14. Support at Just the Right Time - Mission Central - \$15,000

**Something new: DONATE** now at: [lwmlmichigan.org](http://lwmlmichigan.org)! You will find a donate button for your contributions if you are interested.

Thank you for your continued support by the giving of your mites! LWML appreciates your contributions toward the MITE goal. You can make a difference!

## 2021 CONVENTION POLO SHIRT

### Do you have yours?

They are available now for purchase at [lwml.org](http://lwml.org). Click on the News & Events tab, then Convention Central, then 2021 Convention. Get it now to wear to your local, zone, and district events to promote the 2021 LWML Convention in Lexington, June 24-27, 2021.



### Upcoming Events:

- Sep 12 - BoD Mtg 10 am  
Virtually anything can happen, even an LWML Board Meeting

## NEWLY APPOINTED OFFICERS

### Caring Ministry Committee

Nancy Shimek - Servant Opportunities  
Sharron Murphy - Service Projects

### Christian Growth Committee

Laura Boeberitz - Christian Events  
Crystal Milutin - Christian Materials

### Communications Committee

Barb Collins - LWML in Action  
Johanna Furesz - MI in Touch  
Toni Noakes - Media

### Mission Outreach Committee

Mary Craaybeek - Gospel Outreach  
Marlene Herzog - Mission Awareness  
Nancy Reeves - Heart to Heart

### Organizational Resources Comm.

Jamie Agans - Growth & Develop.  
JoAnn Gust - Leader Development  
Carol Wenzel - Structure

Karen McClelland - Meeting Manager  
Kaye Wolff - Planner  
Nancy Klaus - Archivist/Historian  
Lynette Luksan - Special Gift Fund  
Gina Davidson - Personnel Records



## DELEGATES ELECT NEW OFFICERS



**MaryBeth Heikkinen**  
President



**Rev. Richard E. Robinson**  
Pastoral Counselor



**Sandra Newport**  
VP Communication



**Marie Riley**  
VP Organizational Resources



**Sheri Comeford**  
VP Mission Outreach



**Carol Swenson**  
Financial Secretary

## PRAY FOR OUR LEADERS

Almighty God, You have blessed the Michigan District of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League for generations, granting that mites given in faith continue to bring forth harvests according to Your will. Strengthen, equip, and uphold all who have been called to positions of leadership in the LWML. Give them courage during difficult times to hold fast to Your Word and Spirit, and bless the missions whose work the LWML will support in the coming years that the harvests would continue to be fruitful through Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen.

## VOLUNTEER WORKERS NEEDED



Have you considered being a volunteer worker at the 2021 LWML Convention hosted by our Michigan District along with the Indiana and Ohio Districts? We have an opportunity to welcome thousands to Lexington with our smiling faces in June 2021. To host the convention 200+ plus women and men are needed from Michigan.

- Do you enjoy meeting people? Think about being a hotel or airport greeter.
- Like working with children ages 6 months through 17 years, consider signing up to help with childcare.
- Do you serve on your church's Altar Guild? Sign up to help with the Thursday night opening worship and communion service.
- Are you a golfer? Sign up to help with the Golf Outing on Wednesday before convention.
- Do you enjoy writing? Sign up to be a roaming newspaper reporter.

There are lots and many areas that need both women and men. Take a look at the Call for Workers form found on the LWML Indiana District website [www.lwmlindiana.org](http://www.lwmlindiana.org) and consider where you would like to serve. Workers that volunteer to work eight (8) hours at the convention will be eligible for a registration discount. Questions: contact Ruth Thomas, 2021 Host Committee Chairman, at [laruthomas@yahoo.com](mailto:laruthomas@yahoo.com) or 812-764-5816.