


Lutheran Women's **Missionary League**
CONVENTION UPDATE

THE LATEST NEWS AND VIEWS FROM LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE—CANADA

March 6 2018



Interest session speakers at the convention will enlighten and inspire us. You may choose two of the four sessions to be held on Saturday, July 7.

1 Leah Koetting Block is a family physician practicing out of Swan River, Man. Her writing and art have been featured in *The Canadian Lutheran* and *Tapestry*, and she is the recipient of two national writing awards. She has previously written about and been a guest speaker on end-of-life issues and the Christian faith. Her hobbies include playing music with her husband Mathew, dress-up with her two-year-old daughter Ada, and patty-cake with baby David.

HER TOPIC: There have been significant changes to “right to life” legislation in Canada over the last two years, culminating in the legalization of “medical assistance in dying.” Dr. Koetting will attempt to unpack this confusing terminology, provide an overview of what has changed, and describe the current national end-of-life landscape within a Christian context. What does Scripture have to say on these issues? And what steps can you take to protect yourself and your loved ones?

2 Mission trip to Nicaragua: A group of six intrepid women travelled to visit our sisters in Nicaragua in December 2016. Five of them—Iris Barta, Renate Bishopp, Pauline Huth, Christine Pollex and Barb Jurgens—will lead an interest session. The team met online to discuss what the women of Nicaragua want and need from us: how to be of one mind as women of the church. The Eighth Commandment was chosen as a basis for a Bible study: finding unity

and love in the body of Christ which we share as believers. While in Nicaragua, the team received an unexpected invitation to Costa Rica to connect with women in Cartago for an abbreviated workshop. President Iris, Pauline, Judi and Renate were excited to have this opportunity to share their faith with our Christian sisters in Costa Rica.

3 Rev. Assefa Aredo and Yeshi Olkeba from the Oromo community share their experiences as refugees and how they dealt with integrating into the Winnipeg and Lutheran communities. Rev. Aredo was the first graduate of LCC’s Pastors with Alternate Training (PAT) program.

4 Tara Lyn Hart (who also serves as keynote speaker) will speak on “Finding Peace in God’s Purpose.”

Roll and Stroll for Mission

To create more interest, excitement and involvement by our members, organize a mini mission walk! Make it more than a walk and include strollers, bikes, wheelchairs...you get the picture. Societies determine a date, a location and the distance, advertise in church bulletins, etc., and collect pledges, using the LWMLC pledge form (on the web site). Remit the pledges to LWMLC financial secretary, Rachel Kuhl, before the convention. Read more in *Staying Connected*, spring 2018 issue coming via The Link by March 15.

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SHARE UPDATE WITH FAMILY, FRIENDS AND MEMBERS OF YOUR LWMLC SOCIETY AND OF YOUR CONGREGATION

New postings on the website

lutheranwomen.ca

Updated job descriptions have been received from the Structure Committee and are now posted under <https://lutheranwomen.ca/events/conventions/business>. Please read and consider this information prior to the vote at convention (These will not be included in the Business Bulletin described at right).

The following **convention forms** and information have now been posted under <https://lutheranwomen.ca/events/conventions/forms>

- Registration form – the deadline to register is May 31
- Credit card form
- Mission walk pledge form – walk takes place on the evening of Friday, July 6
- Exhibitors form
- Properties form

A brief **convention agenda** may be found at <https://lutheranwomen.ca/events/conventions/information>.

A **PR bulletin** with from the convention PR committee and the LWMLC communication committee with lots of convention details will be posted on the LWMLC website soon. Each society contact will receive an e-mail via our e-mail service, “The Link,” when it has been posted.

Business Bulletin and additional information coming

All the **convention business** will be put into a business bulletin. It will be longer than usual as it will contain proposed bylaws as well as the usual nominees, mission grant proposals and proposed budgets. Because of the importance of the coming vote a copy will be mailed to each society as well as one being posted on our website. It should be ready by the end of March. Please use it for discussion and sharing your thoughts with your zone delegate.