



# Laurentian District Newsletter

Spring 2018

## Pat's Ponderings

*Dear Members of the Laurentian District of LWMLC,*

The national convention will be held in Winnipeg on July 5-8, 2018. The registration cost is \$360 which covers most meals & registration; accommodation for standard room is \$149+/night for 2 people or \$179+/night for 4, and transportation.

We have three delegates planning on attending the convention (Marlene Godden from Rockhaven Zone, Claire MacNevin from the Valley Zone, and Allison Kuhl from the Capital Zone). Your district president will also attend convention but our pastoral counselor is unable to attend this year.

As of this writing, the delegate fund is low, so it would be great if we could help these women out with their expenses as they represent you at convention. We ask for your prayerful consideration for donations (personal or societal) to the delegate fund of the Laurentian District.

All cheques should be made payable to: LWMLC Laurentian District. Please write Delegate Fund on the cheque memo and note/receipt stub sent to financial secretary Joan Kovach. Her address is: 585 Algonquin Blvd. East Apt. 802, Timmins, Ontario P4N 7N6.

Also, if you're not able to support the mission walk at convention, it has been suggested that societies could have their own prior to convention. All you would need to do is send your cheque to Rachel Kuhl and mark it for the mission walk and from whom it's sent. Her address is: 2 Tiffany Cres., Kanata, Ontario K2K 1W2.

Enjoy celebrating 25 years of LWMLC on June 20. Take pictures and tell us what your event entailed.

God's Blessings to All!

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## LWMLC Valley Zone RETREAT

*The women of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, Petawawa  
invite you\* to a PARTY  
celebrating the 25th anniversary of LWML-Canada*

**Thursday, June 7, 2018**

4:00 pm mix & mingle  
4:45 pm supper  
6:00 pm guest speaker Christine Pollex



*SISTER 2 SISTER — After the Visit*

Freewill offering will be collected in support of  
the Laurentian District Delegate Fund

RSVP to Elaine 613-687-6620 by June 1

\*non-LWMLers (and men) are welcome

## From the Pastoral Counsellor

### Remember that God Is Omniscient

***Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the Lord. (Jeremiah 23:24)***

God knows all things. He knows all events of the past, the present, and the future. All our thoughts and plans lie uncovered before Him. Thus we read in Psalm 139: *O Lord, You have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, You know it altogether. ... Your eyes saw my unformed substance; and in Your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them. (1-4, 16)*

God knows all things without making inquiry. Nothing is hidden or obscure to Him. His eyes are in every place. He knows all our thoughts. He knows our every transgression. We therefore keep aloof from sin, standoffish, because we know that everything is known to God; everything is opened unto His eyes. We know that He is a Judge of our thoughts and of the secrets of our hearts. We therefore pray with David: *Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults. (Psalm 19:12)*

However, this truth — that God is omniscient — also affords us sweet comfort. God knows our every need. We may confidently trust in Him, the Omniscient, Whose *eye is on those who fear Him, on those who hope in His steadfast love. (Psalm 33:18)* God's infinite omniscience is all the more comforting because it is an infinite wisdom. *Oh the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! (Romans 11:33)* By wisdom He formed all the works of creation; in wisdom He planned our salvation; in wisdom He guides us throughout our life to a blessed eternity. He says: *I will counsel you with My eye upon you. (Psalm 32:8)* Therefore answer with David: *To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in You I trust; let me not be put to shame. (Psalm 25:1)*

### Let us pray:

O omniscient Lord and God, in You we live and move and have our being, in life and in death. (Acts 17:28) With David, we praise You, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are Your works; our souls know it very well. (Psalm 139:14-15) You have nourished us and kept us and protected us in many ways — all for which we thank and praise You.

Gracious Father in heaven, long ago Your holy Word was taught to both Lois and Eunice, who in turn instructed Timothy. Today we give thanks to You for the work entrusted to and undertaken by the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, Canada, this past 25 years. Through the Gospel, continue to motivate Christian women to bear abundant fruit among Your people.

Fountain of all wisdom and knowledge, source of all concord, grant your presence and Your blessing upon our upcoming national convention in July. Enlighten and guide the participants by Your Word that in all matters of deliberation they may always consider the best interests of Your Church. Let Your Holy Spirit rule and direct their hearts that, in the spirit of Christian love, all may present and discuss matters peaceably and be kindly disposed toward one another, to the end that all they say and do may please You.

Lord Jesus Christ, You have promised to be with us always. We pray You watch over all who are traveling to Winnipeg to take part in our national convention. Bless the fellowship the convention participants experience with compassion, joy, patience, and understanding. Protect from harm the loved ones who remain at home and grant a joyful homecoming to all; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Rev. Bill Stanfel*

## Vice-President Christian Service

<b>MISSION GRANTS</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>PAID TO DATE</b>	<b>REMAINING</b>
To provide funding for live video streaming for remote congregations	\$2,000.00	-----	\$2,000.00
To provide funds for developing and printing an outreach brochure for Our Saviour Lutheran Mission—Kingston, Ontario	\$1,500.00	-----	\$1,500.00
To Provide for Mission Opportunities Arising During Triennium	\$3,500.00	\$500.00 \$700.00 \$250.00 \$250.00	\$1,800.00
To help with the costs involved in enhancing and expanding LCC East District’s work in Atlantic Canada	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	0
To Support a “Take Wing” programme at Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary, St. Catharines, to provide seminary students with varied parish experiences	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	0

Total Grants approved for Triennium	\$12,000.00
Paid to Date	\$ 6,700.00
Remaining to be Paid	\$ 5,300.00

No further requests for funding have been received to date. All Mission Grants undertaken by LWMLC for the 2015-2018 triennium have been paid in full, excepting those grants designated for Cambodia. The reason that these grants have not been paid is outlined on Page 21 of the Spring 2018 edition of Tapestry. We thank God for providing us the resources to pay out these grants and ask His continued blessings as the work undertaken by these projects are completed to His glory; and we pray God’s blessings of wisdom and grace upon the Cambodian Lutheran Church as it restructures.

If LWMLC restructuring is approved at the upcoming National convention; any District projects not paid by the predetermined date will be assumed by national.

Anne Taylor,  
 Vice President Christian Service



**Laurentian District LWMLC  
Financial Secretary Report**

April-01-16-Mar.31-18

Mites		\$14,334.20
Equalization	\$0.00	\$100.85
Delegate Fund	\$0.00	\$1,393.75
Convention	\$0.00	\$1,798.96
Spanish Bibles	\$0.00	\$0.00
Misc	\$0.00	\$356.00
		\$0.00
<b>Total deposits:</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$17,981.76</b>
<b>Note: Total Delegate Fund:</b>		<b>\$1,612.24</b>

Laurentian District LWMLC Financial Secretary

Joan Kovach  
Financial Secretary

**Treasurer Report  
Laurentian District LWMLC**

**Reporting Period:** 01-Apr16 -31-Mar-2018

Opening Balance	\$3,456.57
Total Deposits	\$17,981.76

**Quarterly Report**

	<u>01-Jan-18 -31Mar-18</u>	<u>Tri to Date</u>	<u>Tri Budget</u>	
Expenses				
LWMLC Mites	\$2,520.32	\$5,733.68	\$11,600.00	
Equalization	\$0.00	\$151.25		
Mission Grants	\$1,000.00	\$7,700.00	\$12,000.00	
Convention Attendance	\$0.00	\$65.00	\$3,000.00	
Travel	\$0.00	\$342.00	\$1,000.00	
Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	
Convention Expenses	\$0.00	\$1,724.64		
Delegate Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Communication	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	
Misc	\$0.00	\$456.00	\$200.00	
Bank Fees	\$0.00	\$34.50	\$90.00	
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$3,520.32</b>	<b>\$16,207.07</b>	<b>\$28,000.00</b>	<b>\$16,207.07</b>
<b>Bank Balance</b>				<b>\$5,231.26</b>

Mary Thorstensen-Woll  
Treasurer  
31-Mar-18

## Convention News

### *from the Nominating Committee*

The deadline for nominations ended on February 28, 2018.

At this time we are still looking nominees for the following:

- ◆ Proposed format: President, Vice-President and directors for B.C., Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Northwestern Ontario, Ontario and Laurentian.
- ◆ Present format: President, Vice President Christian Growth and Vice President Member Development.

We would love to hear from you so please prayerfully consider letting your name stand. If you have any questions, please contact Elaine Stanfel, Laurentian District representative on the nominating committee.



Lutheran Women's Missionary League—Canada  
Tenth National Convention, July 5-8, 2018

**WALK FOR MISSIONS**  
Friday July 6, 5:30 pm

**DUPLICATE FORM AS NEEDED**

Name (full)	Complete Address	Postal Code	Phone	Amount	Received from Donor	Require Receipt

**TOTAL AMOUNT** \_\_\_\_\_

All donations support the Continuing Education for Deaconesses in Central America Program through LWML—Canada. Donations received via society/congregation cheques must be receipted by the congregation. Charitable donation receipts will be issued for other donations of \$20 or more with full name and address of donor, if requested. Charitable donation receipts will be mailed to the walker for distribution. **Cheques should be made payable to LWML—Canada.** Please write WALK on the memo line. If you are unable to bring all donations to the convention, please mail cheques to Rachel Kuhl, Financial Secretary, 2 Tiffany Cr., Kanata, ON, K2K 1W2. Thank you for your participation.

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Amount received \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Recorded

Walker \_\_\_\_\_ LWML—Canada District \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

## Society News



### Grace, Locksley

This quilt was made by the ladies of Grace Lutheran Church, Locksley for Grace Fiess (wife of Rev. Philip L. Fiess, who served in Locksley from 1952-56) when Pastor Fiess accepted a call to Stratford. Each of the ladies appliqued a square for the quilt which included their name at the bottom of each square (block). Grace Fiess passed away on March 26, 2016 at the age of 86 from Alzheimer's. Her daughter Nori (Norwynne) Frape donated the quilt back to Grace, Locksley. Nori said that Grace appreciated the quilt very much and kept it with her treasures in her cedar chest.

Three of the ladies who quilted a block are still members of Grace, all now residing at Supples Landing in Pembroke. Pictured are Emma Fox and Berndena Karau; missing from the picture is Myra Witt.

### Upcoming events...

National March for Life, Parliament Hill, Thursday, May 10

Valley Zone Retreat, Christ, Petawawa, Thursday, June 7, 4:00 pm

LWMLC National Convention, Winnipeg, July 5-8

Capital Zone Fall Rally, St. Luke, Ottawa, September 29, registration 10:00 am

Laurentian Region-wide Event, Christ, Petawawa, weekend of April 27, 2019

The Laurentian District Newsletter is published twice yearly by the Communications Committee of the Laurentian District, Lutheran Women's League—Canada.

Sharing news about what your society or zone is doing helps others see the fellowship and opportunities to serve our Lord that are available through LWMLC. Send news and photographs to district editor, Elaine Stanfel ([elaine.stanfel@gmail.com](mailto:elaine.stanfel@gmail.com)), 509 Airport Road, Pembroke ON K8A 6W7.

Visit the LWMLC webpage [www.lutheranwomen.ca](http://www.lutheranwomen.ca).