



ONTARIO DISTRICT CONVENTION 2022 NEWSLETTER #1 - February 2022

DISTRICT PRESIDENTS WELCOME

As your District President, I am looking forward to seeing and greeting many of you at our Ontario District LWMLC Convention taking place June 9th – 11th, 2022 in the beautiful city of St. Catharines, Ontario.

We are very fortunate that Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in St. Catharines has agreed to allow us to have our convention in their lovely church; and I hope that all the ladies of the Ontario District will make a concerted effort to attend. Please remember that this will be the last District Convention to be held; going forward there will only be National LWML-Canada Conventions.

There is a lot of information included in this Newsletter and it is my hope that you will take the time to read all the information and pass it along to anyone who may not have received the newsletter. Please ensure that you make note of all the important dates indicated for registration, accommodations, etc.

In closing, it is my fervent prayer that the ladies of the Ontario District come out to this last District Convention to meet old friends, make new friends and be rejuvenated by the Holy Spirit through the Bible studies which our Pastoral Counsellors will lead.

God bless one and all and I can't wait to see you in June.

Diana Grant
President, Ontario District LWMLC

Below is important information for our upcoming Ontario District 2022 Convention. Please note that we will be abiding by all Ontario and Niagara District COVID-19 restriction that may be in place at the time of convention.

1. ACCOMMODATIONS – BY PHONE 905-641-4435

In order to get the preferred room rate at the Residence at Niagara College in Niagara-on-the-Lake you must register **on or before May 8th, 2022**. You will be able to cancel up to 24 hours before check-in. Please ensure that if you are driving that when you book your suite you tell them that you will require a parking permit so that they can have it ready at check-in. You can make your reservation by calling 905-641-4435 or via email at notl@stayrcc.com and be sure to use our promo code **21269LWM** in order to get the preferred rate.

As previously stated, the suites cost \$104.95 per night plus tax and consist of two bedrooms and an area which has a table 2 chairs and refrigerator and a microwave in the kitchenette. There is a tub with shower, towels and linens, etc. provided. A TV with cable channels is also provided. You must bring your own dishes and utensils as well as your own items for breakfast e.g., coffee, cream, yogurt, fruit, etc.

2. CONVENTION REGISTRATION

The convention registration form is in our League Tidings and is also included in this special newsletter on page 6. Zone Presidents will also have copies which they can forward, if you require a copy. Please ensure that you register **on or before May 23rd, 2022**. Our convention committee needs to provide the caterer with the number of meals required.

Also, as a note, since our lunches are going to be scrumptious box lunches, you ladies may want to bring a lawn chair so that you are able to take your lunch outside and enjoy the sunshine. Tables will be available in the basement of the church for those who wish to eat indoors.

3. DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

If your society delegate and alternate have not already done so, please have them complete the delegate or alternate delegate form. Ensure it is signed by the society president and your pastor and then forward it to Lorna Kingston as indicated on the form. In order to vote, you must have completed and have this form signed in the necessary places.

4. MISSION WALK

Due to the Covid-19 uncertainty, it was decided that each society should have a mission walk in their own area. A pledge form is included on page 7 and your delegate or someone attending from your society can bring the monies raised to the convention for presentation at the appointed time. Should your society however, want to participate in the mission walk but no one from your society will be attending the convention, you can forward a cheque to the District President at 1142 Greenlane Drive, Oshawa, ON L1K 2C6. Please ensure if you are mailing your cheque to the District President that she will received it by **May 31st, 2022**. Cheques in support of your walk, must be made out to **Ontario District Convention 2022** and indicate on the cheque **Mission Walk**.

The mission walk is in support of Gillian's Place. Information on Gillian's Place is provided on page 5.

5. INGATHERING

The ingathering at convention will be for "Medical Missions". Again, information on what is required by Medical Mission is listed on page 5.

6. GUEST SPEAKER AND BANQUET ENTERTAINMENT

The guest speaker for our convention is Jan Struck. Jan grew up in Indianapolis and got her elementary education in a two-room Lutheran school. She continued on to university and received a degree in theatre and English. Jan has a combined family of six grown children, their spouses, thirteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She is delighted to have been given a lifetime of bizarre experiences and an ability to see humor and irony in her journey through life.

Jan is retired from her career is as a trainer/consultant in the field of healthcare technology. She is truly blessed to serve the Lord as a popular speaker leading Bible studies, workshops, and women's retreats. Her involvement with LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) has enabled her to bring the gift of laughter to numerous district and national conventions.

Entertainment at our banquet is Dr. Eduardo Farias and his wife Daniela Cruz. Dr. Farias is a classically-trained trumpeter, a Music educator, a singer and multi-instrumentalist based in Thorold, Ontario. A native of Porto Alegre in Brazil, he is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Theological Studies from Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary in St. Catharines; he has received a Doctoral degree in Music Performance from Michigan State University, a MM in Music Performance from Valdosta State University and a Bachelor's degree in Music from Universidade Federal de Santa Maria.

Eduardo has performed as a trumpeter in France, Germany, Greece, the USA and his home country Brazil. His students have won multiple Solo and Ensemble instrumentalist awards, and have been selected to All-State bands in recent years.

Eduardo's music has been featured in multiple CDs and DVDs of Contemporary Christian Worship bands in Brazil.

7. CONVENTION OFFERINGS

There are 3 offerings taken during convention and they are as follows:

- a. Thursday evening during our opening worship service. This offering will be for Mites to support the new mission projects which we will vote for during the convention.
- b. The second offering will be taken on Friday afternoon and its support of the Seminary Cupboard and Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary in St. Catharines, Ontario.
- c. The final offering will be taken on Saturday morning and is to support the Refuge Family that Rev. Makay is working with to come to Canada. The money is to assist in funding to support this family.

GILLIAN'S PLACE

Gillian's Place was established in 1977 as an 8 bed shelter and was the first Safe Haven for abused women and children. Due to the demand for their services in 1983, they built a 3 storey 24 bed facility which now open 24 hours a day 365 days a year.

In 2007, the organization purchased the Victoria School and converted it into a shelter and named it in honor of their Executive Director, Gillian Dooley who led the organization from 1980 to 2007. This organization is proud to say that over the years they have assisted over 50,000 individuals.

Gillian's Place provides such services as:

- a. Crisis Support Line
- b. Safe Shelter
- c. Counselling
- d. Legal Services
- e. Second Stage Housing
- f. Support Services
- g. Education and Resources

Due to COVID-19, at this time they can only accept financial support.

INGATHERING FOR MEDICAL MISSIONS

Below is a list of supplies which Medical Missions use on an ongoing basis. Please ensure that you check expire dates to ensure that the dates are well into the future.

Antibiotic ointment (Polysporin, etc.)

Vicks VapoRub

Tylenol, Advil, Acetaminophen for Adults and Children

Disposable gloves

Vitamins for adults and children

Zinc Oxide/Diaper rash cream

Antihistamines – Benadryl

Q-tips

Voltarin (Arthritic ointment)

Band aids/Adhesive tape

ACE elastic bandages

Monetary Gifts made out to "LWML Ontario District Medical Missions"

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS



Thursday, June 9th, 2022

1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Registration
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Displays Open
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
6:30 p.m.	Divine Service with Communion – Rev. Marvin Bublitz
	Convention Offering # 1 – Ontario District LWML Mission Grants Mite Goal
	Presentation of Society Anniversary Certificates
	Honouring Past Presidents
	Photo Sessions

Friday, June 10th, 2022

7:00 a.m.	Registration/Displays Open
8:15 a.m.	Opening Procession/Call to Order/National Anthem/Morning Devotion
8:25 a.m.	Morning devotion/Convention Business
10:00 a.m.	LWMLC Presidents Greetings & Presentation
12:00 p.m.	Lunch/Exhibits and Resource Centre Open
1:15 p.m.	Call to Order/Afternoon Prayer/In Memoriam
2:00 p.m.	Keynote Speaker
3:30 p.m.	Announcements/Closing Prayers
5:30 p.m.	Banquet Dinner & Entertainment

Saturday, June 11th, 2022

7:00 – 8:00 a.m.	Registration/Displays Open
8:15 a.m.	Call to Order/Devotion/Convention Business
11:45 a.m.	Announcements/Lunch Prayer
12:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:15 p.m.	Call to Order/Devotion/Report on Election of Officers
1:30 p.m.	Keynote Speaker
2:00 p.m.	Ingathering
3:55 p.m.	Installation of VP District Administration and Closing
4:30 p.m.	Adjournment/Farewells – God Grant Us Safe Travel Home