

CONVENTION CONNECTION



LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE - CANADA

Twelfth Regular
Convention
July 11-14, 2024

Four Points by
Sheraton,
London, Ontario
or online via
livestream

As a woman who loves our Lord and Saviour do you love to sing praises to Him? Do you love to grow through studying His Word and glorify Him in song? When you have the same focus as many other people who are singing praises to Him, then the Lutheran Women's Missionary League–Canada convention is where you need to be.

It is my privilege and delight to invite you to come to 'Sing to the Lord a new song' as our convention theme expresses. The theme is based on Psalm 149:1a.

Many women of the Lutheran Church in Canada will be gathering together from July 11 – 14, 2024 in London, Ontario, where we will be hearing from our Keynote Speaker, Deb Burma who is a Christian author and LWML seminar leader. We will also hear from Special Interest Speakers who will be telling us of their cross-cultural ministry with the use of much singing and music.

The mites that were gathered throughout the past three years provided such great blessings to people around the world, from local support for a Bethlehem Walk in BC to international support of deaconesses in Nicaragua and Cambodia. Rev. Mark Smith will bring us news of the work that is happening through those missions. And then, you can support your delegates as they vote on the Mission Grant requests that have been received for the next triennium.



When you attend the convention, as you get to know your sisters in Christ through fellowship and worship, you will also get to know the women who have agreed to let their names stand in the roles of officers on the LWMLC Board of Directors. You will be the first to know the outcome of the ballot and the first to lift them up in encouragement.

I pray that you will become excited, along with the Board of Directors and the Convention Committee and join us in London as we gather knowing we will 'Sing to the Lord a new song'.

Linda Long - President

WELCOME TO ONTARIO!

On behalf of the ladies of the LWMLC Ontario District I want to invite you to attend the upcoming Lutheran Women's Missionary League-Canada Convention being held July 11-14, 2024, in London, Ontario. It is my sincere hope that many of you will take this opportunity to join us at convention, but also, to take time to visit our beautiful province and the City of London which has many wonderful attractions.



The theme of our convention is "Sing to the Lord a New Song" and I am looking forward to having the opportunity to sing many songs of praise to our Lord. Our convention committee is working extremely hard to make this convention one to remember. So please plan to come and join us as we sing the praises of our Lord and Saviour.

I look forward to seeing old friends and making new friends during our time together at this convention. I hope to see you all in London, Ontario, in July 2024.

God's blessings to all – Diana Grant, VP District Administration, Ontario

Convention Speakers

Deb Burma, Christian author and speaker, shares Christ's redeeming love in a creative, engaging style, touching the hearts of women with God's Word. She brings this to us as she serves as keynote speaker. Learn more about Deb at <https://debburma.com/>



Learn about missions, music, singing, and worship in other cultures as three LCC pastors share their interest and experiences in cross-cultural ministry during the convention's interest sessions:

- Rev. Paulo Brum, from Brazil
- Rev. Walta Clercius, from Haiti, French Ministry
- Rev. Peter Gatluak, Sudanese Ministry

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 The beautiful city of London, Ontario, is proudly known as the Forest City with over 200 parks in its midst. Boasting a population of more than 410,000 people, it is home to Western University and Fanshawe College as well as being an important centre for medical research, manufacturing and technology.



More than two years ago, when we were approached to co-chair the 2024 LWMLC convention, it seemed like a long way off with lots of time to prepare but we were excited to begin the process. Well, the time of preparation for our members, presenters, and guests to gather in London, Ontario is drawing nearer and nearer.

God has blessed us with hard working and capable committee members, and we are well on our way to welcoming all of you, as we will gather July 11-14, 2024, to “Sing to the Lord a New Song.”

The program is set and we as a committee will strive by God’s grace to meet the physical and technical needs of all who attend. We pray that, as you make plans to attend, there will be a song in your heart as you anticipate once again being able to meet in person and reconnect with our sisters in Christ.

May God bless your plans and preparations to attend.

Pam Oelke and Janice Buchner

Convention Committee Co-Chairs

Servant Events

Servant Events are chosen as a means for us to fulfill one of the LWMLC's focuses to "SERVE God's people." Three worthy options have been chosen:

- **Cup of Blessings** - We all have an overabundance of cups in our cupboards. Fill one of them with a tea bag, hot chocolate, cup-of-soup, grocery gift cards (London has President's Choice, Sobey's, Food Basics, Giant Tiger), Tim Horton's gift cards, or London bus tickets. The cups will be donated to My Sister's Place, a drop-in centre for women who are homeless or less fortunate.
- **Blessings in a Bag** - Homeless kits with a twist. Fill large freezer bags with items for the homeless. Needed are rain ponchos, flashlights, socks, granola bars, hard candies, and basic toiletries. These kits will be donated to the homeless shelters across the city.
- **Living Hope Ministry** - This monetary ingathering will support the outreach ministry of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Mississauga, Ontario. These funds are greatly needed for their work with First Nations families with children who travel great distances from their communities to receive intensive or ongoing medical care. Many times they arrive late at night. The ministry provides them with emergency items such as blankets, food, and toiletries until accommodations can be found. Support is also provided with shopping trips for clothing if needed, as well as comfort, prayer, and friendship.

Mission Movement

In place of the traditional Mission Walk, for this convention we will have Mission Movement! We encourage societies and zones to engage in activities prior to convention. This can be walking, biking, yoga, swimming, etc. Use your imagination! At the convention we will have a time slot for Mission Movement which can be done either sitting or standing so that everyone can participate! Pledges will support the work of LWML-Canada.

Offerings

- Offering # 1 - LWMLC Mites
 Offering # 2 - Will be divided equally between Concordia Lutheran Seminary, Edmonton, Alberta, and Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary, St. Catharines, Ontario.
 Offering # 3 - Community Cupboard of Historic St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Kitchener, Ontario.

Lutheran women love to "Sing to the Lord a New Song" and we missed singing at our last virtual convention. We promise that there will be lots of music this time and we encourage you to attend the convention in person. If that is not possible, you will have the option to attend online via livestream feed. Details and registration information will be provided soon.