

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

It's time to register for the Convention! **Here is the link to the Registration Form.** Fill it in and hit the submit button! The **final deadline** for registration is **June 1, 2024** so don't delay!

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Submit payment to LWMLC Financial Secretary, Penny Bobier, using one of these methods:

- By cheque payable to LWMLC Inc. Mail it to Penny Bobier, 7733 Lemoyne Place, Prince George, BC V2N 3N2.
- By e-transfer to financialsec@lutheranwomen.ca Include your name, contact email or phone number in the memo section.
- By credit card. Send an email with your phone number to financialsec@lutheranwomen.ca and Penny will call you with instructions.

Timelines (EST)

July 11, 2024

- 10 a.m. - Registration open
- Afternoon - Servant events
- 4:30-5:30 - Choir practice
- 7:30 p.m. - Opening worship with Holy Communion, Rev. Timothy Teuscher preaching

July 12, 2024

- Convention begins
- Free evening

July 13, 2024

- Convention continuing
- Evening banquet

July 14, 2024

- 10 a.m. - Closing worship service with installation of officers

If you are attending the convention virtually, you can submit your registration, offerings, mission movement pledges, and monetary contributions to the servant events all at once by using any of the three methods above. If you are unable to attend the convention in any fashion but still wish to contribute, we invite you to do so.

You can submit a single payment but please indicate how you wish the money to be divided, e.g.

- “Registration - \$ amount
- Offering # 1 - \$ amount
- Offering # 2 - \$ amount
- Offering # 3 - \$ amount
- Servant Event - \$ amount
- Mission Movement pledges - \$ amount

If you wish to be receipted please check the box on the registration form. Registrations are not receipted.

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.

To **book your rooms** at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel in London, Ontario, contact them at 519-681-0600 or send them an email at reservations@fourpointslondon.com and reference the **Lutheran Women Missionary League Conference** to receive the correct room rates. Rooms can be booked at any time starting now!

1 King bed \$159/room/night

2 Queen beds \$169/room/night

MEET THE SPEAKERS



Meet **Deb Burma**, our convention keynote speaker!

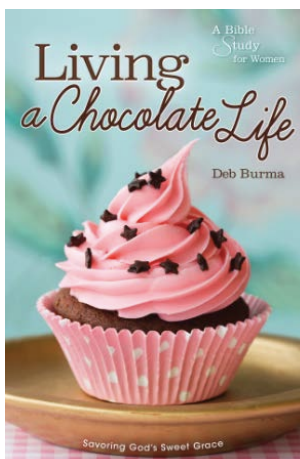
Deb plans to share a wealth of Scripture, as connected to the beautiful convention theme, "Sing to the Lord a New Song," and as we together praise the Lord with the Psalmist.

Here is a small excerpt from a related devotion I just wrote:

"Some days it's easy to *rejoice* and **sing a new song!** Other times, joy hasn't been as obvious. God's Word tells me it's there, and I believe that's true: a fruit of the Holy Spirit, joy is mine by faith. **I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy...down in my heart to stay.** (Are you **singing** these words with me now?!) So why can't I always see it? Why can't I always express Jesus' joy within me? Why don't I **"break forth into joyous song and sing praises (Psalm 98:4)?"**

By God's grace, you and I can cling to the same faith for which Peter commended his fellow believers, "Though you have not seen [Jesus], you love Him. Though you do not now see Him, you believe in Him and *rejoice* with *joy* that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls" (1 Peter 1:8-9). Joy too deep for words; joy within us that God will use for His glory; the joy of our salvation, by God's grace through faith in the One we cannot see!

Choose a Psalm and let the words be a balm for your soul. His joy is still yours, even on difficult days. What words make you **break into song**, whether from a familiar tune or brand new, from you?"



Deb Burma is a sought-after speaker whose ministry travels have taken her to twenty-nine states, three Canadian provinces, and aboard one Caribbean cruise ship. 😊 Her assortment of books and devotionals include best-selling Bible studies **JOY: A Study of Philippians** and **Be Still & Know**, along with her latest release, **Leaning on Jesus**, and more. Deb is a follower of Jesus, a pastor's wife, and a mom. She's a blogger, a women's ministry leader, and a self-proclaimed coffee/chocolate connoisseur. Above all, she is a grace-filled child of God.

(Visit Deb at her website, *Extravagant Grace*: www.debburma.com.)

INTERSESSION SPEAKERS

Rev. Paulo Brum

Rev. Brum was born in Santa Rosa, south of Brazil. He is married to Silvana Hoffmann Brum and they have three children (Isabel, Daniel and Anabel), a son-in-law (Martin Jagnow, Isabel's husband) and a dog (Kiara - nickname: Kiki).

Rev. Brum graduated with bachelor's and master's degrees in Theology and Music. He stopped his doctorate degree in Education to accept the pastoral call to New Beginnings Lutheran Church in Regina, SK, Canada in 2019.

Before that, he worked as a Pastor at Saint Paul Lutheran Church (Traditional Church) and Touch of Life Lutheran Church (Contemporary Church) in Canoas, RS, Brazil. Rev. Brum worked for 22 years at ULBRA (Lutheran University of Brazil) as a University Chaplain, professor of Pedagogy, Liturgy, Music, and Religious Culture and Chapel Master (responsible for the services in the University Chapel).



"Sing to the Lord a new song" (Psalm 149) is the expression of our Christian Lutheran faith in new and different ways but with the same content - the Holy Word of God. In this presentation, we want to remember traditional hymns, work with our current songs and talk about creating new songs in different ways and instruments.

The Apostle Paul in Colossians 3:16-17 wrote his counsel to that congregation, and to us too: ***"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him"***. This gives base for us to retain our tradition ("Psalms"), to continue to esteem our current songs ("hymns") and to encourage new songs ("spiritual songs") with the Word of Christ in our hearts and minds.

Rev. Walta Clercius



Rev. Walta Clercius was born in Los-Palis, Hinche, in central Haiti and grew up in a Christian family of 11 children. His father organized daily devotions at home. Each child was responsible for officiating and preaching them a week at a time. The guidance received from his parents at an early age gave Walta a foundation for a good Christian education.

Walta entered Concordia Theological Seminary in Haiti at the age of 20 at the same time as his brother. Walta became a Lutheran pastor at the age of 25. He married Marie and from this union two children were born: Brian, 13, and Sarah, 3.

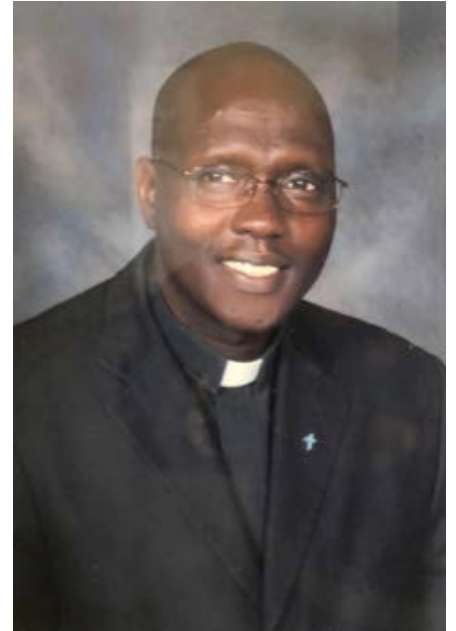
In 2010, after the earthquake, Rev. Clercius went to Central Province of Haiti to preach the Gospel and established the First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Laotchikit. To date, guided by God, through his active leadership, 12 churches and 12 Lutheran schools have been planted to preach the Gospel and promote Christian education. The schools have more than 5,000 children in attendance. A seminary has also been established in Laotchikit to train leaders for these Lutheran churches and schools. The courses are online with the help of Rev. Dr. David Somers, of "Institut liturgique francophone international" and Rev. David Milette of the LCC. There are more than 140 students from nine countries: Haiti, Canada, USA, France, Burundi, Rwanda, Dominican Republic, Congo, and Togo. Thanks to this program, Haiti will have Lutheran deaconesses for the first time. Rev. Clercius places particular emphasis on the education of girls in the Central Plateau of Haiti.

In addition to these responsibilities, Rev. Clercius has studied in Haiti, Martinique, France, and Canada. He is currently pursuing a PhD in Education at Laval University, Quebec. Rev. Clercius serves as the Assistant Missionary at Large for LCC French Ministries. He serves LCC congregations in Quebec City on a part time basis. He is instrumental in the educational work being done by LCC in Haiti.

Rev. Walta Clercius will share how the French mission in Quebec is supporting Franchophone students in Haiti as well as other countries in the learning of French Lutheran liturgy.

Rev. Peter Gatluak

Rev. Peter Gatluak came to Canada through Ethiopia on November 10, 1999. He studied at Centennial College in Scarborough, ON, prior to attending Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary in St. Catharines, ON. He concluded his theological education with a vicarage at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Burlington, ON. Lutheran Church-Canada (LCC)'s former East District Board of Directors called him to Sudanese Lutheran mission work at Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Hamilton, ON, in 2020 as associate Pastor. Rev. Peter Gatluak has six children, most of whom are grown young adults.



Rev. Gatluak will speak on Church mission work, “Becoming All Things to All Men to Save Some,” based on 1 Corinthians 9:19-23.

***19** For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. **20** To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. **21** To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. **22** To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. **23** I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.*

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.

If you do not wish to travel with the items for # 1 or # 2, or are attending virtually and wish to contribute, you can order through Amazon and have them delivered to Pam Oelke, 27 Banting Cres, London, ON N6G 4G1.

1 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.



2 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.

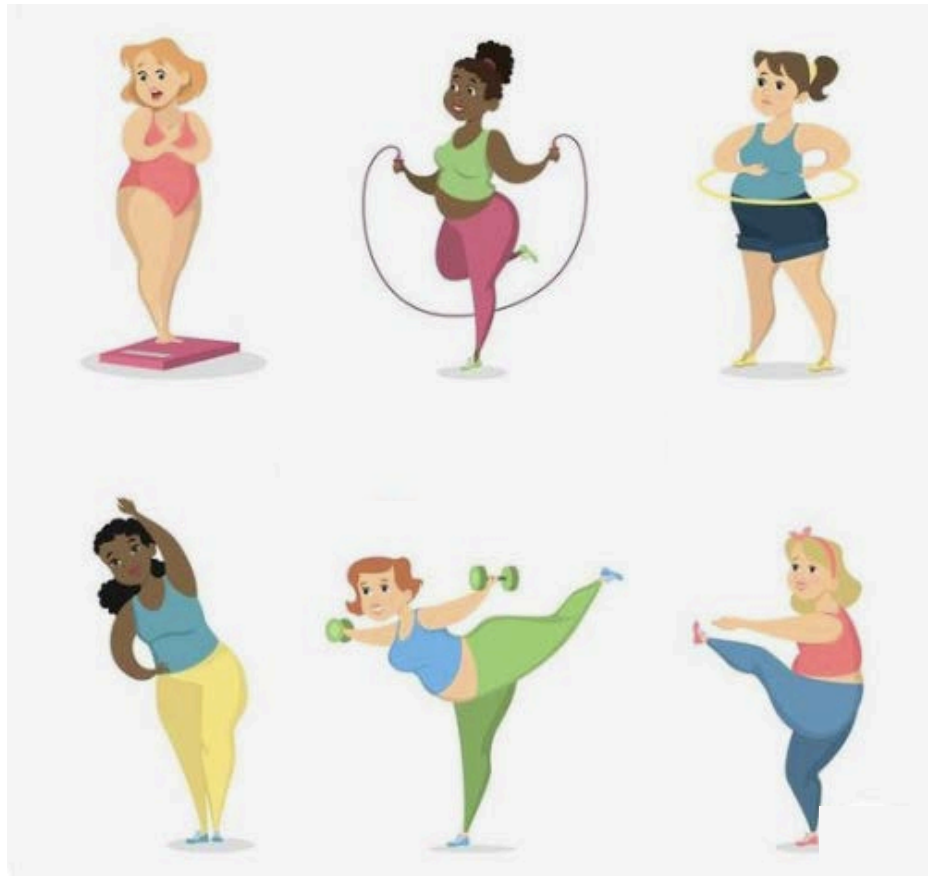




3 Living Hope Medvac Ministry - This monetary ingathering will support the outreach ministry of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Mississauga, Ontario. These funds are greatly needed for their work with First Nations families with children who travel great distances from their communities to receive intensive 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, 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!





Lutheran Women's Missionary League-Canada

*Our Mission: Equip, Motivate and Encourage Women
to Grow in God's Word, Share God's Son, and Serve God's people.*



LWML-Canada 12th National Convention Pledge Form

Full Donor's Name	Mailing address	Phone	Email	Pledge Amount	\$ Rec'd
TOTAL: \$				_____	

Mission Movement! We encourage societies and zones to engage in activities prior to convention. This can be walking, biking, swimming, etc. Use your imagination! Share pictures of your pre-convention activities to bdosgood@protonmail.com. 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.

Make cheque payable to: LWML Canada Inc. with memo "Mission Movement".
Mail cheque and copy of Pledge form to: Penny Bobier, Financial Secretary 7733 Lemoyne Place, Prince George, BC V2N 3N2
E-TRANSFERS to: financialsec@lutheranwomen.ca with Memo or comment "Mission Movement" and email copy of Pledge Form.

Please indicate if you would like a donation receipt issued for tax purposes. Yes ___ No ___ Thank you for your participation.

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