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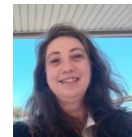
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National Convention

The triennial convention of Lutheran Women's Missionary League – Canada Inc. (LWMLC) will be held July 15-18, 2027, in Regina, Saskatoon. "Go and Tell," based on Mark 16:15, has been selected as the theme.





VICE PRESIDENT DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, ONTARIO

REPORT



These past months have been busy for the zones as they have their rallies. Many guest speakers have come into our churches to share with our ladies what they do for the community and for our congregations. As we come closer to the end of our triennium we are reminded to “Sing to the Lord a New Song” (Psalm 149:1) and get ready to “Go and Tell” (Mark 16:15).

July 15-18, 2027 will be here before we know it! At that time we will gather as one body to hear about what has been taking place nationally, in our districts and our zones. Not only will we hear from other people we will have a chance to meet up with old friends and make new friends! What a blessing for us, as Lutheran women, to be able to meet up with other women who share the same beliefs and mission goals. A chance to Go and Tell!

Until then we need to continue to Sing to the Lord a New Song! Sharing what the Lord has done for His people. In the fall the Ontario District will be hosting the seminar “The Lord is My Song”. Please consider coming to this event. It is a blessing for the women of the Ontario District to come together to sing, worship, learn and pray together. It is also a wonderful opportunity to visit with friends from across the district. The date and location have yet to be determined.

Sharlene Procknow
LWMLC Inc., VP District Administration,
Ontario



HANOVER ZONE REPORT



Our spring rally was held on May 23, 2026 at Faith Lutheran Church in Desboro with an attendance of 16. The theme was “The mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace” *Romans 8:6b*. Pastor Dunlop led the Opening Devotions .

Everyone made a bookmark and we enjoyed a skit “This Little Light of Mine”.

Pastor Rinas led us in the Prayer Service 2026 “Hark Jesus is Calling”

The ingathering was for the Chatsworth Food Bank. Afterwards everyone enjoyed a delicious potluck lunch.

Hanover Zone LWMLC
President, Henny Derbecker



LONDON ZONE



London Zone held a Spring Rally/Prayer Service, April 27, 2026 at St. Peter's, Simcoe. We had a short business meeting with reports and announcements. Attendance was 15. Rev. Dan Abraham led us in the beautiful LWMLC Inc. Prayer Service for 2026, "Hark Jesus is Calling." A delicious pot blessing lunch was enjoyed by all. Myself and 3 other ladies attended the Niagara Zone Rally on May 2nd. It was held in Fisherville. I encourage others to attend neighbouring Zone Rallies. I know often distance is a problem. Car-pooling works. It is nice to see what other zones may do differently. Also nice to meet friends that you may only see at conventions and retreats. We had a beautiful drive and saw God's blessings all around us.

This is the day the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24

Eva Becht

Picture from London Zone Spring rally/Prayer Service
Submitted by Eva Becht





NIAGARA ZONE

Our LWML-C Spring Rally for Niagara was held on Saturday May 2, 2026. It was hosted by the ladies at Trinity, Fisherville. There was a catered lunch and the day was well attended (it's always good when numbers are doubled from previous rally attendance).

Our theme for this rally was Encouragement. Based on *Romans 12:5-8* “..so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.”

We started with the favourite hymn sing and an opening led by Pastor Cottrill (pastor of Trinity and also our Pastoral Advisor) and of course the Business meeting of the Niagara Zone.

It was my pleasure to hand out on behalf of VPDA Ontario Sharlene Procknow, the Anniversary Certificates for 2026 : 65 years for Prince of Peace Burlington, 65 years for St. Peter's Port Colborne, 70 years for Grace Lutheran, St. Catharine's, and 60 years for Pilgrim Lutheran, Hamilton.

It was wonderful to have 3 members from the London Zone attend our Rally. Thank you for taking up the invitation.

We decided to try something different for the presentation this time. Have a panel. The Christian women panelists were a pastors' wife; a case-manager from Ontario Works (social assistance); and a Niagara Public Health nurse. Questions asked brought out examples from the panelists of how they were Encouraged by others, how they Encouraged others in both their personal lives and professional lives. They shared moments from their careers and stories of how God used them to serve and how they received encouragement from their faith.

Lunch was catered and left plenty of time for fellowship for all and of course an enjoyable meal. A free will offering was taken with monies to help send our delegate to the National Convention in 2027.

June will be our Executive Planning meeting for the Fall Rally.

Hallelujah ! He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Hallelujah!

Submitted by Sharon Mills

Niagara Zone President,





TORONTO ZONE REPORT



The Ontario District Board met in January to finalize plans for their upcoming Spring Rally. It was decided that the Principal from Faith Lutheran Christian Academy in Windsor would be invited to speak to the ladies on the wonderful work the school is doing in teaching Christian values and how they are using the funds provided to them by LWMLC Mission Grant.

Each society is continuing to collect a \$5.00 remuneration at the beginning of each physical year which is turned in to the Ontario District Treasurer and deposited into our delegate fund. This fund is used to pay the expenses of sending our delegate to the LWMLC National Convention in 2027.

Our Spring Rally was held on May 2, 2026 at Risen Christ, Mississauga. At our Rally's we continue to have an ingathering for the organization or speaker who provides a presentation as well as an offering for our Zone

Treasury. All societies active and inactive are invited to attend; and they continue to contribute Mites during the course of the year.

Many ladies attended Guild Day at the Seminary in St. Catharine's on April 11, 2026 and our LWMLC President Marilyn Witte was also in attendance.

Our Fall Rally will be held at St. Matthew's in Scarborough on October 2nd, 2026.

I have asked our society President's to begin to advertise the 2027 LWMLC National Convention and to encourage our ladies to attend. Since we no longer have District Meetings, our National Convention is a great opportunity to meet with our sisters in Christ to praise the Lord and to renew friendships and create new friendships.

*In Christ
Diana Grant*

Feeling renewed and blessed after our spiritual rally.

Spring Rally May 2, 2026
Hosted by Dearest ladies from Risen Christ Lutheran Church

Ingathering was monetary for First Lutheran Christian Academy Windsor, Ontario

I had such a blessed time at our church's Women's Spring Rally this weekend, surrounded by a wonderful group of godly ladies. It was truly a refreshing time of fellowship, encouragement, and sisterhood. I especially enjoyed hearing our guest speaker share an inspiring message regarding the importance of Christian education

for our children and how to cultivate their hearts in school. Leaving the rally feeling filled with joy and renewed in my faith, I am so grateful for this dedicated community of women who love Jesus and are striving to pass that love down to the next generation.

My heart is truly overflowing with gratitude for these godly sisters. What a blessing to walk this path together.

*In Christ, I remain,
Nagina Khan*

President - Local Society
Chairman-Christian Growth of the Executive Board -Toronto Zone
Archivist of the Executive Board -Toronto Zone



Vice-President of the Seminary Guild
Pictures from Toronto Zone Spring Rally Submitted By Nagina Khan



WATERLOO ZONE

No Report





WINDSOR ZONE REPORT

Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sarnia

The recently, reactivated LWML group hosted the Spring Rally, April 18. Thirty-two ladies from 4 societies enjoyed Director Cheryl Hodgson's, very interesting presentation about Safe Families Sarnia-Lambton. A monetary ingathering was made for Safe Families. Several boxes of items containing baby bundles, re-useable feminine hygiene pads, assorted bandages and medical supplies, along with knitted stretch bandages were donated and given to Ardith Pollex for distribution to various foreign mission fields. Several ladies took home cotton thread to knit or crochet the bandages which are given to leprosy clinics.

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Chatham

We were asked to make Busy Bags for youth staying in the hospital. Nineteen bags were made for different age groups.

A High Tea Celebration for Mother's Day was well attended.

This is our 80th Anniversary year in Chatham.

*In Christ
Tina Griffiths*



A NOTE OF THANKS



I wish to thank the Lord for all the wonderful women in my life for being there for me. I've been a member of the LWML since I was 16 years old and all my friends from Grace Lutheran Church, Locksley to Grace Lutheran church Oshawa have always welcomed me, helped me and made my life better and easier. Now that I'm nearing the end of my life, I can look back and see some of the plans God had for me. My dear friends are joining Him before me and it saddens me. Through my life of early marriage and family, you all have been my strong supporters and given me such joy in the Lord from our conventions to our Rallies to our monthly meetings. You have kept me out of a lot of trouble, filled my heart with song and made me a better person. Of course, without the Holy Spirit, Jesus and God's Grace, none of this would have happened.

Good memories like going to International Convention with Elizabeth Nuijoks and meeting Ruby Smith at the church's doorstep in Forth Worth, Texas. It felt just like coming home. To go to National Convention and meet Hilda Marion in Ottawa, with my Mom, at St. Luke's. All over Canada and the States, it's been a joy to gather with our Sisters-in-Christ, singing in the choirs, listening to our gifted Pastors and Speakers.

I pray you all will continue to support this wonderful group of devoted women that they may continue to keep the Lord at the Top of their list and life.

*Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord.
Submitted by Carolyn McLeod*





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A JOYFUL UPDATE AND GRATEFUL THANKS

Greetings in the name of our risen Lord. With a thankful heart, I am delighted to share how God continues to work through the love and generosity of His people.

During Easter, a parcel of baby items lovingly prepared by the women of Peace Lutheran Church in Tillsonburg arrived safely at International Hope of Care Organization, the ministry of the Lutheran Church in Northern Tanzania, Moshi, Kilimanjaro. Its arrival during the Easter season was a gracious sign of God's perfect timing and His faithful provision. Through the kindness of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League of Canada (LWMLC), new mothers at the hospital received these precious gifts, and what may have seemed like simple clothing became a powerful expression of Christ's love reaching families in need across the ocean. The moment our ministry directors in Tanzania, Dr. Urrio and Mrs. Ngowi, distributed the items was deeply moving. Some mothers were brought to tears, overwhelmed by gratitude, while others expressed joy

through their smiles and heartfelt thanks. For many families facing daily hardship and limited resources, even basic baby clothing is out of reach. Through your generosity, these mothers were reminded that they are not forgotten and that God's love reaches them wherever they are.

As a member of First Lutheran Church in Windsor and through the work of International Hope of Care Organization, I continue to witness how God unites His people through acts of compassion and service. This mission is not only about meeting physical needs but also about sharing the hope and love of Christ. I extend my sincere thanks to all who contributed through giving, packing, praying, and supporting this mission, every act of kindness has become a blessing to mothers and children in Tanzania.

May the Lord continue to bless you as vessels of His love. Your generosity is bringing hope, strengthening faith, and sharing the compassion of our risen Savior.

*Yours in Christ, Sophia Owenya
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Tanzania Founder of International Hope and Care Organization*

