

NEWS RELEASE

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41st Biennial Convention in Omaha, Nebraska

Lutheran Women in Mission welcomed 3774 participants to the 41st Biennial LWML Convention in Omaha, Nebraska, June 26–29, 2025, under the theme "Growing in God's Grace", based on 2 Peter 3:18. Delegates adopted a \$2,600,000 mission grant goal for the 2025–2027 biennium. This goal, by the grace of God, will fund 33 mission grants as women and men respond in prayer and offerings during the next two years. A motion to increase the Mission Grant Goal to \$2,622,270 to fully fund mission grant #33 Reaching Out With God's Love in a Safe Place, Forward, a Ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church, Lincoln, Nebraska was adopted. Details can be found at *Iwml.org*.

Officers elected in Omaha include Vice President of Christian Life Sharon "Shari" Miller, Helena, Montana, Vice President of Communication Linda Guteres, Medford, New York, Vice President of Gospel Outreach Anne Hartman, Eau Claire, Wisconsin, Recording Secretary Dianna Just, Vinita, Oklahoma, and Junior Pastoral Counselor Rev. Michael Schmidt, Manhattan, Kansas.

A nominating committee was also elected with Deaconess Raquel A. Rojas, The Bronx, New York, as chairman and as members Nicole Dowdell, Cincinnati, Ohio, Karen Drury, Oak Ridge, Missouri, Katy Gifford, Wheaton, Minnesota, Patricia "Patty" Peters, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Worship services, Bible studies, mission speakers, and entertainment provided an inspirational background for the convention business. To read more about the convention go to **lwml.org**.

For more information, contact the Lutheran Women in Mission office at **Iwml@lwml.org**.

About Lutheran Women in Mission

Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) is the leading women's organization of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Since 1942, Lutheran Women in Mission has focused on affirming each woman's relationship with Christ, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries, and to support global missions. We're a non-profit that encourages women to joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and to honor God by serving others.