

**Quick Facts ~ 2021  
Virtual Convention  
June 24–27, 2021**

The 58th Annual LWMS Convention in Sharonville, Ohio, was cancelled due to the coronavirus global pandemic. LWMS worked with event planner Erin Able to host a virtual convention.

**Proclaim God's Promises 2 Peter 3:3-9**

**Attendance**

Registered participants: 556 – All 60 LWMS Circuits had at least one registrant!  
Current LWMS membership: 794 congregations ~ 9 individual members

**Mission Presentations**

**Speakers scheduled to give mission presentation or workshops at the convention gave video presentations**

Ryan Kolander, Palabra de Vida, Detroit, Michigan  
Gary & Beth Evans, Central Africa Medical Mission  
Allen Kirschbaum, Spirit of Life, Caledonia, Michigan  
Abram Degner, Paraguay  
Brad Wright, Risen Savior, Mansfield, Ohio  
Matthew Doebler, East Asia  
Stephen Wiesenauer, East Asia  
Keith Free ~ Home Mission Update  
Larry Schlomer ~ World Mission Update

**Daily Devotions – Devotions were posted each morning and afternoon**

Rev. Joel Voss, WELS Second Vice President, Resurrection, Centerville, Ohio  
Rev. Troy Jacobs, Abiding Word, Maineville, Ohio  
Rev. Robert Krueger, Immanuel, Findlay, Ohio, Michigan Mission Board Chairman  
Rev. Alex Groth, Beautiful Savior, Cincinnati, Ohio  
Rev. Paul Schulz, Grace, Safford, Arizona, LWMS Pastoral Advisor  
Rev. Jonathan Zietlow, Grace, Crivitz, Wisconsin, LWMS Pastoral Advisor  
Rev. Snowden Sims, St. Paul, Columbus, Ohio, Michigan District President

**Business Meeting**

The business meeting was held via video conference on Saturday, June 26.  
Delegates voted to approve the proposed amendment to the LWMS Bylaws.  
Annual dues fees will remain unchanged for 2022.

**Thank you to outgoing officers:**

President Cynthia Natsis  
Pastoral Advisor Jonathan Zietlow  
Spiritual Growth Woman/Befriend A Mission Coordinator Sophie Korte  
Communications Coordinator Patty Hirthe

### **Present Officers - 2021–2022**

President Patsy Kramer, Sioux Falls, South Dakota  
President-elect Jacky Stoll, Oconto Falls, Wisconsin  
Vice President Kristine Olson, Ames, Iowa  
Secretary Mary Jo Barnes, Lomita, California  
Treasurer Rebecca Jungwirth, Appleton, Wisconsin  
Spiritual Growth-Mission Awareness Coordinator Carol Gibson, Franklin, Indiana  
Communications Coordinator Wendy Wright, Joplin, Missouri  
Pastoral Advisor Andrew Schroer, Edna, Texas  
Pastoral Advisor Paul Schulz, Safford, Arizona

### **Outgoing Committee Members**

Karen Goetzinger, LWMS Awareness Committee  
Jennifer Vik, LWMS Awareness Committee  
Jill Doering, Bylaws  
Linda Klein, Historian

### **Sixty-five mission flags were presented via video.**

### **Other Content**

The virtual convention website also included LWMS mission projects and kids c.a.r.e. introductions for the 2021–2022 projects, the presidential gavel exchange, and an invitation to the 59<sup>th</sup> Annual LWMS Convention in Rochester, New York.

Registrants also were able to participate in three “Zoom Room” discussions during the weekend. The first “**Sisters of the Round Table Discussions**” featured breakout sessions for information about Circuit Officers, Reporters, Standing Committees, and Send One Sister. Session 2 featured “**Symposiums for Sharing Brainstorming Discussions**” on the topics of the future of LWMS, Befriend A Mission, and kids c.a.r.e. Session 3 was **Continuing the Discussion with our Missionaries and Missionary Wives** with breakouts featuring Ryan and Sarah Kolander, Palabra de Vida, Detroit, Michigan; Gary and Beth Evans, Central Africa Medical Mission; and mission wives Cynthia Johnston-World and Julia Wagenknecht-Home; and Susan Wright-Home & Krista Wiesenauer-World.

### **kids c.a.r.e.**

2020–2021 Home Mission Project: Children's Ministry Outreach ~ \$26,180.53  
2021–2022 World Mission Project: Outreach to Roma ~

### **Mission Projects Selected**

#### **Ballot**

Project #HM-2020-01 ~ First Public Service Assistance - \$40,456.98  
Project #WM-2020-01 ~ Hmong Outreach in Vietnam- \$40,456.98

### **Worship Service Offerings**

Project #HM-2020-17 ~ Cross-Cultural Mission Conference and Training - \$21,427.50

Project #WM-2020-08 ~ Africa Theological Education - \$21,427.50

### **Offering Total**

Mission Projects Offering - \$107,094.49

Worship Offering Total - \$42,855.00

### **Mission projects to be voted on in 2021**

#### **Home Missions**

Project #HM-2020-05 ~ Musical Assistance

Project #HM-2020-13 ~ WELS Campus Ministry Support

#### **World Missions**

Project #WM-2020-28 ~ Latin American Special Projects

Project #WM-2020-29 ~ Native American Special Projects

### **Future Convention Sites**

2022 ~ 59th Annual LWMS Convention, June 23-26, 2022 ~ Hosted by Freedom Circuit, Joseph A. Floreano Rochester Riverside Convention Center, Rochester, New York

2023 ~ 60<sup>th</sup> Annual LWMS Convention, June 22-25, 2023 ~ Hosted by TBD, La Crosse Convention Center, La Crosse, Wisconsin.

The Virtual Convention website will be available for at least one year

[www.lwms.org/Virtual2021](http://www.lwms.org/Virtual2021).