

Quick Facts ~ 2017
54th Annual LWMS Convention
Orlando, Florida ~ June 22-25

Around the World with Missions

Attendance

Registered attendees: 542
Number of circuits represented: 55 of 60
Current membership: 831 congregations ~ 12 individual members

Mission Presentations

Daniel Sargent ~ Zambia, Africa
Kent Reeder ~ Illumine, Rock Hill, South Carolina
Jonathan Bourman ~ Peace, Aiken, South Carolina
Thomas Spiegelberg ~ Trinity, St. Lucia, West Indies
Friends of East Asia

Worship Leaders

Thursday evening opening worship – Rev. Mark Schroeder, President, Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, Preacher ~ Rev. Paul Lindhorst, LWMS Pastoral Advisor, Presiding Minister
Friday morning devotion - Rev. Kent Reeder, Illumine, Rock Hill, South Carolina
Friday afternoon devotion - Rev. David Rosenbaum, Redeemer, Merritt Island, Florida
Saturday morning devotion - Rev. Jonathan Bourman, Peace, Aiken, South Carolina
Saturday afternoon devotion - Rev. Thomas Spiegelberg, Trinity, St. Lucia, West Indies
Sunday morning closing worship – Rev. Charles Westra, South Atlantic District President, Preacher ~ Pastor Wayne Shevey, LWMS Pastoral Advisor, Presiding Minister

Workshops

"The World Starts Where You Are" ~ Rev. Jonathan Bare, International Recruitment Director, Pastoral Studies Institute
"Multi-site Congregations" ~ Rev. Jonathan Scharf, Abiding Grace, Covington and Hampton, Georgia
"Circling the City" ~ Rev. Jonathan Bourman, Peace, Aiken, South Carolina
"Making the Most of kids c.a.r.e." ~ Ruth Schmitzer, Spiritual Growth-Mission Awareness Coordinator, and Kristen Smith, Communications Committee
"Head-on-a-Swivel Evangelism" ~ Rev. Wayne Shevey, LWMS Pastoral Advisor

Thank you to outgoing officers:

President Karen Fischer
Pastoral Advisor Paul Lindhorst

Thank you to outgoing committee members:

Communications Committee Tiffany Rivera and Wendy Wright

Present Officers

President Emily Kom, Oshkosh, Wisconsin
President-elect Cynthia Natsis, Saline, Michigan
Vice President Sheila Frey, Mobridge, South Dakota
Secretary Donna Kuehl, Schofield, Wisconsin
Treasurer Robin Christopher, O'Fallon, Missouri

Spiritual Growth-Mission Awareness Coordinator Ruth Schmitzer, Arlington, Ohio
Communications Coordinator Trish Babler, Van Dyne, Wisconsin
Pastoral Advisor James Douglas, Charlotte, North Carolina
Pastoral Advisor Wayne Shevey, Muskego, Wisconsin

Fifty-five mission flags were presented.

kids c.a.r.e.

2017-2018 World Mission Project: Feeding Jesus' Lambs in Nepal
2016-2017 Home Mission Project: Family Ministry for Outreach ~ \$37,379.45
2015-2016 World Mission Project: Central Africa Medical Mission Orphan/Infant Program ~ \$60,816.17
2014-2015 Home Mission Project: Children's Ministry Assistance ~ \$39,762.96
2013-2014 World Mission Project: Russia ~ \$64,764.55
2012-2013 Home Mission Project: VBS Camp Support ~ \$53,284.22
2011-2012 World Mission Project: Partners in Apache Learning (PAL) ~ \$81,886.25
2010-2011 Home Mission Project: Caribbean Missions ~ \$80,232.01
2009-2010 World Mission Project: Pakistan ~ \$74,606.76
2008-2009 Home Mission Project: Peace In Jesus Vietnamese Outreach, Boise, Idaho ~ \$61,813.51
2007-2008 World Mission Project: WELS Mission to the Children ~ \$65,158.90
2006-2007 Home Mission Project: Children and Adult Bible Study Material ~ \$12,239.06
2005-2006 World Mission Project: South Asia Orphanages ~ \$13,464.23

Mission Projects Selected

Ballot

Project #HM-2016-02 ~ Equipment Fund - \$39,326.56
Project #WM-2016-32 ~ Nepal - \$39,326.55

Worship Service Offerings

Project #HM-2016-15 ~ Cross-cultural Mission Conference and Training - \$13,024.61
Project #WM-2016-02 ~ Repatriation Conferences - \$13,024.61

Offering Totals

Mission Projects Offering - \$116,032.56
Worship Services Offering - \$26,049.21

Mission projects to be voted on in 2018

Home Missions

Project #HM-2016-14-Caribbean Scholarship Fund
Project #HM-2016-01-First Public Service Assistance

World Missions

Project #WM-2016-07-Cameroon Projects
Project #WM-2016-34-Academia Cristo

Future Convention Sites

2018 – 55th Annual LWMS Convention, June 21-24, 2018 ~ hosted by Paperland Circuit, Green Bay, Wisconsin