



Dear Sisters in Christ,

We will soon be gathering as Lutheran Women in Mission for our 23<sup>rd</sup> biennial district LWML convention in Indianapolis. We will join with our sisters throughout the district as we **“Stand at the Crossroads”** and **Look** to the Word, **Ask** for Discernment, **Walk** in His Way, and **Find** rest for our Soul.

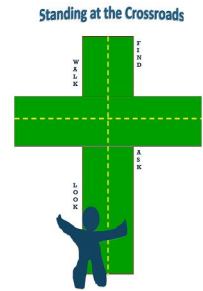
Friday provides opportunity to participate in one of the on-site servant events: assembling birthday bags, marking Bibles, or cutting and sorting stamps. You will also be able to donate the precious gift of blood at this convention. Visit the Roadside Stands in the display area and our “LWML store” for products to purchase. In the Witnessing Presentation session hear how God allows ordinary people to be present at extraordinary crossroads of life with examples from the Burmese ministry.

Our “first-timers” will have the opportunity to hear from LWML President Jan Wendorf as she shares her own experience as a first-timer.

We are asking that all Young Women Representatives who have represented our district at a national convention and all YWRs who have represented a zone at a district convention to join the young women at this convention at a special reunion breakfast Sunday morning. I understand that this breakfast will “Be Fit for a Queen!” Our song leader this year will be one of our YWRs to the 2009 Portland Convention, Jamelyn Langhammer Rigdon.

Other special breakfasts are planned by your SRD committees and the Mission Grant Committee. There’s even a breakfast for men only! We will waive the one-day registration fee if a man wants to come for this breakfast only.

Our delegates will be selecting new mission projects to support for the 2010-2012 biennium, electing new officers and accepting new bylaw changes. Information will be sent via electronic mail to each delegate prior to the convention. All delegates are to attend the delegate orientation Friday afternoon.

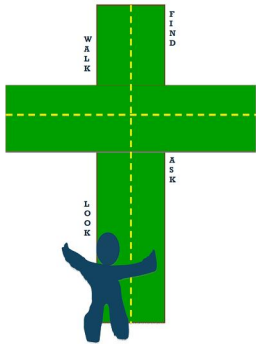


Intersection interest sessions will provide an opportunity to hear from Pat Nuffer, Allen Smith, Jan Struck, Cindy Werner, Jan Wendorf, Emily Rogers, and Brian Hamblin. Check out page 6 of the special issue of the *Good News* for their topics. There will be a special session for teens and you don’t want to miss our special speaker, Katie Stam, Miss America 2009.

Don’t forget to bring your ingathering items for Lutherwood, a local food pantry, or health kits for Haiti. Our offerings will be received for the Student Ministry at Indiana University, Bloomington, for the Wheelchair Ramp Ministry of the youth of Faith Lutheran in DeMotte, and for the Katie Retreat, a retreat for wives and widows of our district pastors.

It is my prayer that many of you will be a part of this convention. It is my hope that not only will the many “first-timers,” but that women of all ages will experience the special time of being together as Lutheran Women in Mission, serving our Lord with gladness.

**Ruth Thomas**  
President, Indiana District LWML



# CONVENTION REMINDERS

## *Standing at the Crossroads*

**June 25-27, 2010**

Sheraton Hotel, 8787 Keystone Crossing, Indianapolis

Register by May 25 for discount registration

For all registrations after May 25, add a late fee of \$10

Registration opens at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, June 25, and closes at 6:45 p.m.

Roadside Stands display area are open 1 – 6 p.m.

District LWML will have a “store”

Servant Events 2 – 4 p.m. (donate blood 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.)

Witnessing Presentation 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Delegate Orientation 5:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Convention begins at 6:45 p.m.

Remember to bring your ingathering for Lutherwood, a local food pantry, and Haiti  
(see page 5 of the convention issue of the *Good News* for specifics)

Bring your Bible

Bring a sweater as sometimes the meeting room can be chilly!

There is a swimming pool so pack your suit.

There will be three offerings  
(see page 7 of the convention issue of the *Good News* for recipients)

The convention ends on Sunday, June 27, at approximately 11:45 a.m.

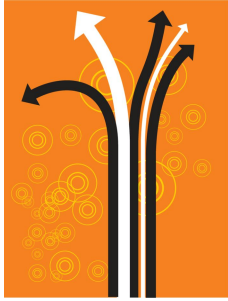
Check out our Web site [www.lwmlindiana.org](http://www.lwmlindiana.org) for all you need to know about the convention deadlines, candidates, bios of speakers, interest sessions, registration form, delegate registration form, hotel information, and ingathering.

**Room reservations with Sheraton need to be made by May 25.**

If you are a delegate, remember to complete the delegate registration form and send to Anne Hartman **AND** complete a general registration form and send to Susan Schmidt. Proposed Mission Grants and proposed bylaw changes will be e-mailed to all registered voting delegates prior to convention.

*This is what the Lord says, “Stand at the crossroads and look...” Jeremiah 6: 16a*

# WHOSE SIDE ARE YOU ON?



Have you ever been caught in a situation that you had to take sides? Everything in life has two sides. You are either in or out, up or down, off or on. There are also two sides to every story.

When we get to our Christian life, there are also two sides, God's side and the devil's side. Naturally, you would assume that being on God's side is the simple and easy course of action. But often being on God's side is the more challenging aspect of any situation.

We read, "Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him."- James 1:12

We would prefer to give in to the easy path, but we must persevere through the challenges of life. Rarely is the easy path the correct path, God's path. When we understand what path God wants us to take we must persevere, even though it is not the easy path.

Paul said in Romans 5:1-5, "Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us."



This is evident in both the James and Romans passages.

- When we choose God's side and choose to live as He has taught us, life may not be easy.
- Perseverance is not the easy path, but it is the correct path.
- We must continue to persevere through the challenges that life presents us knowing that when we choose to live as God has taught us, in the end there is a heavenly reward.

Trisha Letterman  
Christian Life Committee

## OVERFLOWING WATERS



Have you ever walked by a dam when the water is flowing over the edge in full force?

- What did you see?
- What did you hear?

In our city we have a lake with a dam. After a long spring rain, the melting snow and the water from the sky cause the lake to fill up. The dam holds the water in place until the proper time to release the water to the basin below. With a loud roar and much force, the water comes plunging down, hitting the rocks below. There is so much unstoppable energy created as the water continues to rush to the basin and down the river to places beyond.

Shouldn't this be the same for us when it comes to reaching out to others? God fills us with His Word. The Holy Spirit energizes us to spread God's message. Like unstoppable waters, we go out and spread the words of forgiveness of sins and the reassurance of God's saving grace through Christ Jesus.

In Ps 119:171 NIV, the psalmist says,  
*"May my lips **overflow** with praise,  
for you teach me your decrees."*

God knows that we cannot do any of this by ourselves. We turn to Him for help in the task set before us. He gives us what we need to do His will. We **can** go out and proclaim the Good News.

*Lord, fill all of us with Your energy so that we can be Your unstoppable witnesses. Amen*

Nora Cleary  
Christian Outreach

## Earthquake = Crossroad



My business is gone;  
my home is gone; my  
family is gone. It is  
difficult to imagine a  
crossroad this  
devastating. However,  
if you lived in Haiti --

or Chili -- you might be at just such a  
crossroad.

The Rev. Matthew Harrison, executive  
director of WR-HC says of the earthquakes  
“The Lord's timing is His and His alone.  
And He knows well how to bring blessings  
out of the worst crosses. That I don't doubt  
for a moment,”

Lutheran relief organizations that have  
received donations through the "Helping  
Haiti" effort are providing food, water,  
shelter and sanitation to meet immediate  
needs. They are also committed to

continuing their support as Haiti begins to  
rebuild its economy and infrastructure.

Some of us may still ask how we can help,  
so donations to further the work may be  
made directly to:

- [Lutheran World Relief](#) (I know their  
need for quilts is great)
- [LCMS World Relief/Human Care](#)
- Not too late to support a fundraising  
effort for the disasters through your  
local Thrivent chapter.

**MOST IMPORTANT:** we must continue to  
pray for the people of Haiti and Chile as  
well as for the missionaries, doctors, nurses  
and lay people that continue to travel to help  
in the reconstruction of these countries.  
*"The Lord is at the crossroad and He will  
lead the way."*

Mary Ellen Fuller  
Human Care

### AN INVITATION TO ALL LADIES AND/OR GENTLEMEN

**You are invited to join a group of LWMLers who travel to Guatemala on short term Mission trips. We will be going again this year on October 23 and return home on October 31<sup>st</sup>. There is another trip being planned for July 16 – 24, 2011.**

**If you are interested in joining this group and would like more information please contact me at 812-529-8250 or via e-mail at [iris@psci.net](mailto:iris@psci.net).**

**Iris Wittman**

## Indiana District LWML Mission Grants

2008-2010 Biennium - \$117,500

	Grant Total	Disbursed	Balance
American Bible Society	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	PAID
CTS Food Co-op	10,000.00	10,000.00	PAID
Worship for Shut-Ins	10,000.00	10,000.00	PAID
Cambodia Battambang School & Outreach	10,000.00	**	Withdrawn
Lutheran Disability Outreach	10,000.00	10,000.00	PAID
Lutherwood Spiritual Growth Program	3,500.00	3,500.00	PAID
Kentuckiana Zone Prison Ministry	1,000.00	1,000.00	PAID
Hands of Mercy Training Center	10,000.00	10,000.00	PAID
Word & Sacrament Outreach -So. Central IN	10,000.00	10,000.00	PAID
Blind Mission Outreach Directors	4,500.00	4,500.00	PAID
Ligonier Hispanic Ministry	9,000.00	9,000.00	PAID
LDM - Missionary Intern Matching Grant	10,000.00	10,000.00	PAID
IN Dist Guatemala Trip	8,000.00	6,000.00	*PAID
LCMS World Relief - Deaconess MMEs to ELC - Latvia	9,000.00		*****9,000
Missions and Outreach - Ellettsville, IN	9,999.00	9,914.60	****
St. John's Church and Preschool Improvements	1,501.00	***10,000.00	PAID
	117,500.00	104,914.60	\$9,000

\$2,500 has also been sent to the Indiana District Flood Relief fund

\*Only \$6000 of the \$8000 was needed for the trip to Guatemala. The grant stated that any unneeded funds be returned to mites. The Executive Committee and Board of Directors voted to add the remaining \$2000 to St. John's Church and Pre-school grant.

\*\*The grant for Cambodia Battambang School and Outreach was withdrawn because Pastor Charles and Jeanette Groth returned to the United States.

\*\*\*Since the \$10,000 was withdrawn from Cambodia, the Executive Committee voted to grant St. John's Church and Preschool Improvements an additional \$6,499. The remaining \$3,501 from the Cambodian grant will be placed with the available mites for the next biennium.

\*\*\*\* \$84.40 of this grant was not used and will be placed with the available mites for next biennium.

\*\*\*\*\* LCMS World Relief -- Deaconess MME's to ELC-Latvia has been given an extension and will not be paid until 2010-2012 biennium.

Note: Total disbursements will be \$113,914.60 when fully paid.

Serve the  
Lord with  
Gladness!

Psalm 100:2

## The ABC's of How to Get the Most Out of a LWML Convention

### **A-Attend, ask questions**

- B-Be on time, bring others
- C-Celebrate with sisters in Christ
- D-Decide to participate, deliver ingathering materials
- E-Elect new officers
- F-Find activities you can do in your church, forgive others
- G-Give to missions
- H-Hug each other
- I-Invite others to come with you
- J-Join into activities joyfully
- K-Keep a good attitude
- L-Learn, listen, laugh, love
- M-Mingle, be mission minded, make mites a priority
- N-Nurture, network
- O-Organize a group to come with you, order resources
- P-Pray for God's blessings on the convention
- Q-Question others to learn more
- R-Rejuvenate yourself, rejoice over God's blessings
- S-Serve, sing in the choir, sing, attend servant events
- T-Talk, teach, tell others about Jesus
- U-Urge others to get involved, use what you've learned
- V-Vote, volunteer, vow to take action
- W-Witness, worship, work, walk
- X-Expect to have a great time, expect to be uplifted
- Y-Yearn to learn more about missions
- Z-Zestfully report about the convention when you get home

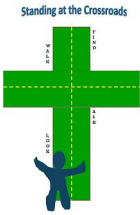


“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them,” Matthew 18:20.

Emily Rogers  
Leader Development Chairman  
March 2010

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# Public Relations



Want to know what is happening at the **Indiana District Convention** in June? Check out the information on the Indiana District website, [www.lwmlindiana.org](http://www.lwmlindiana.org). You will find the complete issue of

the Good News convention issue there. Spread the word! The convention is June 25-27 in Indianapolis at the Keystone Sheraton!

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## DEADLINES ...

**May 15th** is the deadline for the delegate registration. You will need to complete the delegate form and a convention registration form.

**May 25th** is the deadline for convention registration. After May 25th the price increases \$10.00. After June 15th, you could receive a 50% refund, if requested.

**Hotel registration is open...**see the hotel registration page for information on the hotel and how to reserve a room. Reservations may be booked, modified or cancelled until **May 25th**.

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**Webmasters, Young Women and Team Leaders...**if you have not already done so, check out these, they will possibly help you in your job. **Webmasters** did you know that there is a place for you to find newsletters for webmasters on the LWML site? It is called "CYBER SCOOP for webmasters". **Young Women** there is also a place for you go find current and past newsletters. It is called "Impressions". **TEAM LEADERS**, we have not forgotten you. Yours is called "The Team Leader". You can all find your newsletters out on the LWML Web site. Just go to [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org). You will find

the links in the lower right hand corner of the home page.

Also, remember to check out the LWML store on the Web site. You will find **new and clearance items** here as well as the **web special** for the month. There are hundreds of items at your fingertips.

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As you can see there are lots of things to find on the LWML Web site. Take a minute and look around...there is lots of information out there. Just go to [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org) and start "surfin'".

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