



Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS)

South Central District Pastors' Conference
Our Savior, Arlington, TX— April 24-25, 2006

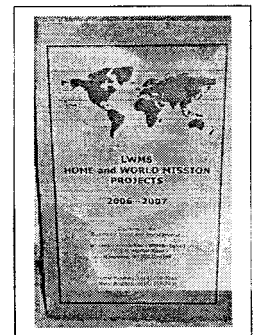
Mission Statement:

"To increase interest in and to support mission endeavors which are part of, or in the interest of, the Wisconsin Synod Evangelical Lutheran Synod."

LWMS is here to support you!

- Over 4 million dollars has been given to support WELS missions over the organization's 43-year history
- Circuit and national projects are selected from the LWMS Home & World Missions Project booklet. A new booklet for 2006-2007 has just been printed.
In a mission setting? Check what funding is available (i.e. Bible study materials, outreach materials, language training, musical assistance, etc).

In an established congregation? Encourage use of this booklet for mission support ideas for your Sunday School, day school, women's organization, etc.



Current LWMS Information

- **The 43rd Annual National LWMS Convention** is being held this year in Tacoma, WA, June 22-25. There are six mission presentations as well as seven workshops included along with worship services and devotions during the 2½ day event. Attendance is usually around 1,000 - 1,400 women and men.
- In 2002 a lay couple attended their first convention. Since then, they continue to provide generous stipends so many more may share a heart for missions! Meals and registration are covered as well as some extra for travel and lodging. **Stipends** offered this year are for LWMS Circuit Presidents, MLC & Seminary grads and faculty. Spring campus dinners for MLC and seminary grads are also funded to inform our candidates of the support we give. Applications are with your LWMS congregational reporters. Further information is available through our LWMS Central Office (414/321-6212).
- **c.a.r.e. Packets** were updated last fall. Use this professionally produced tool to share with anyone what LWMS is about...we "care about reaching everyone with the Gospel." This great visual packet comes with script, how-to, devotion suggestions, mission project list and the CD or newly added video. Yours for the asking from Central Office.
- **kids c.a.r.e.** is a new mission support endeavor especially for our children so they too may be encouraged to have a heart for missions. Current project funds go to India Project #1 - Christian Day Schools. Over \$8,000 is collected already; final amount to be presented in Tacoma. Due May 25. Take an info sheet.



- **Spring rallies** have mostly taken place, however Mid-America is still to come:

HEART OF TEXAS	Cross and Crown, Georgetown, Pastor Mark Hannah & Mr. Chad White	Sat. March 6
MID-AMERICA	Mt. Olive, Overland Park, KS Pastor Jon Micheel	Sat. April 29
RED RIVER	Prince of Peace, Flower Mound Pastor & Mrs. Roger Zehms	Sat. April 1
TEXAS GULF COAST	Abiding Word, Houston, TX Pastor Dave Sternhagen	Sat. March 11

• **Befriend a Mission Program (BAM)** has been a part of LWMS for many of years. Perhaps some of you have been recipients of cards, phone cards, small gifts, etc. Every home and world mission is assigned to an established congregation to provide that touch of extra support on a more personal level. While we rejoice in all support our whole WELS membership provides (through LWMS, WKW, Mission Partners) for our synod's mission endeavors we understand that the most effective means of motivating support is to make sure our members are clear as to who is doing what. LWMS is in place to support our synod's non-budgeted items through its local circuit mission offerings (75%) and national convention offerings (25%) and BAM program.



- Make use of the LWMS web site: www.lwms.org. Check out mission accounts (personal notes of how funding has been used), spiritual growth items, kids c.a.r.e. updates, rally info, resources.

Reminder to...

- Attend circuit fall and spring rallies to support the women who support our mission efforts
- Encourage your women to pray for missions, attend the rallies, and conventions, take advantage of the convention stipend offers
- Visit our lwms.org website
- Get to know your LWMS circuit officers
- Encourage your youth to use the kids c.a.r.e. mission boxes (Sunday School, LGP, day school)
- Encourage your congregation to support the projects listed in the LWMS project booklet
- Make use of the c.a.r.e. Packet to inform all your boards and organizations about LWMS

We keep in prayer our WELS' ministry. May your conference be a blessing to all, providing refreshment and renewed zeal to make sure that lost souls know about Jesus' love for them.

United to Serve Jesus,
LWMS National Board