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CONVENTION 2020 EDITION



# ANNOUNCING!!

## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Trish Aamoth

### 2020 LWML FL-GA DISTRICT CONVENTION

Last September I announced with great excitement that the 2020 LWML FL-GA District Convention would be part of a much larger event – **the 2020 FL-GA President's Equip Conference (PEC)**, where we would join with all the pastors, called church workers, educators and lay leaders of the Florida – Georgia District under the theme: **One Body – Many Parts**. The PEC Steering Committee was filled with great enthusiasm and creativity and plans were coming together...then COVID-19 came along in March and brought everything to a screeching halt!

In early May, it became evident that holding the event as planned at the Buena

Vista Palace in Orlando this September was simply not going to be possible. The Executive Committee had to figure out exactly how to conduct a convention, hold elections, and transition to new officers when meeting face-to-face would not be possible. Uncharted waters for sure!



We are blessed to live in this age of technology where we have the internet, webpages, emails and online meetings! And that is what we are going to do!

The Convention Packet will be published on our website, [www.flgalwml.com](http://www.flgalwml.com), and sent to the *Evangel* distribution list on July 24. This packet will contain the slate of nominees for office, Mission Grant proposals, bylaw amendments, and proposed 2020-2022 budget.

***Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.*** 1 Cor 12:12 NIV

**THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE continued****Trish Aamoth**

Paper ballots will be mailed to all the registered voting delegates on August 10. If voting ends in a tie, a second ballot will be mailed August 28.

The Board of Directors meeting will be conducted online, tentatively scheduled for Saturday, September 12.

The convention manual and other convention and LWML materials will be posted on the webpage and sent out to the *Evangel* distribution list on Monday, September 21.

The announcement of election results will be made via Facebook, [www.flgalwml.com](http://www.flgalwml.com), and email on Saturday, September 26.

Even though we are doing things in ways we never expected or could foresee, God's Hand is most certainly obvious as we go forward. We

continue to serve Him and fulfill the mission He has given us!

The FL-GA District Office has also made the decision to move the 2020 President's Equip Conference to a completely virtual event. As I write this, the planning is on-going as the committee tries to create a completely new kind of event that has never been done before. The event will still take place Thursday, September 24 – Saturday, September 26. Information will be published as the plans develop.

The LWML FL-GA District is still very much a part of the President's Equip Conference, so plan to register and participate either with your LWML group, your congregation or from home!



## President's Equip Conference - One Body, Many Parts from FL-GA District Office

We are moving the President's Equip Conference to a virtual format—a new venture for the Florida-Georgia District! We changed this because of the threat of a resurgence of the pandemic, keeping in mind the health and safety of people, along with financial concerns for our congregations and school.

We are encouraging congregations and schools to make plans to gather as a group in your church, gym or fellowship hall and participate virtually together, with proper social distancing of course! If some are uncomfortable in a group setting, all that they need is a computer or mobile device and an internet connection to attend from their home.

The conference is still scheduled for September 24-26 and will feature a great variety of speakers, including:

1. David Kinnaman, President of Barna Group
2. Donna Snow, CPH Author and Speaker
3. The Skit Guys!

So get it on your calendars now!!

As plans are developed and finalized, they will be updated on [www.flgalwml.com](http://www.flgalwml.com) and [www.flgadistrict.org](http://www.flgadistrict.org)

### MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the LWML FL-GA District is to share the love of Christ with women of all ages and diversities and to foster a recognition that the mission field exists both at home and abroad.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY****Linda Peters**

# CONVENTION OFFERING RECIPIENTS

(online or postmarked by  
September 30th.)

WE HAVE REACHED  
OUR MITES GOAL!  
MORE INFO IN THE  
FALL EVANGEL!!



OFFERING #1 - 2020-2022 DISTRICT MISSION GRANTS  
OFFERING #2 - DISTRICT ENDOWMENT FUND

The Executive Committee has chosen the above two recipients for our special offerings at our virtual convention to be held in September. Even though we will not be meeting in person, we can still pretend we are sitting in those seats and having that bucket passed around.

How can you give? There are two ways:

1. Go to [www.flgalwml.com](http://www.flgalwml.com) and donate. Indicate which offering you are donating to and give your name and email or phone number in case questions arise.
2. Mail a check **payable to LWML FL-GA District**. The check can come from you or from your society. Designate in the memo line which offering it is for. Also, provide a phone number in case I need to contact you. Mail your check to: **Linda Peters, Financial Secretary, 4090 14th St NE, St. Petersburg, FL 33703.**

**VICE PRESIDENT MISSION SERVICE****Deaconess Liz Borth**

When President Trish announced to your Executive Board our 2020 LWML District Convention would combine with Florida-Georgia District President's Equip Conference, I thought "Our servant event and Gifts from the Heart will be as big as LWML National!" Then our country succumbed to a pandemic requiring social distancing and our plans were "on hold." Leadership did not give up and now we sail into uncharted territory with our first virtual LWML District Convention. So get excited over your Gifts from the Heart, easily completed from the social distancing safety of your home.

Your gift of \$5.00 or more benefits Angel Flight Southeast. Angel Flight Southeast's mission is to arrange free flights so children and adults can have access to the far-from-home doctors that can save their lives. The volunteer pilots depend solely on donations to fund the transportation for people who reside in Florida, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Bahamas.

Our servant event is accessible and doable for all LWML members as well: we will write sympathy cards to accompany the Crosses for Losses Project of Lutheran Church Charities (LCC). A packet will be sent to every society or unit that would like to participate. This super easy project consists of writing personal messages for specific losses. Look at the LCC website for more specific information: <https://www.lutheranchurchcharities.org/crossesforlosses.html>. Very soon, Zone Presidents will contact the groups in their zone for the names of groups or individuals willing to participate and then each society or individual will receive a package of cards to complete and return. Specific instructions will accompany the cards. Isolation and an unusual form of conference will not stifle our service and gifts. We are Women in Mission showing the love of Jesus in all ways and all places.



**COMING SOON!! MORE INFORMATION IN THE CONVENTION PACKET (JULY) AND THE FALL EVANGEL (AUGUST)!!**

# 2020 LWML FL-GA District Convention Schedule

<b>Date</b>	<b>Item</b>
Tuesday, June 30	Delegate information due to Recording Secretary
Friday, July 10	Delegate Registration Fee due
Friday, July 24	2020 Convention Packet published to <a href="http://www.flgalwml.com">www.flgalwml.com</a> and emailed to <i>Evangel</i> mailing list
	Mission Grant Presentation posted online and on Facebook
Monday, August 10	Ballots with postage-paid return envelopes mailed to delegates
Monday, August 17	Ballots due back, postmarked no later than 8/17
Friday, August 28	If necessary, second ballot mailed
Monday, September 7	Second ballot, if necessary, due back postmarked no later than 9/7
Thursday, September 10	Executive Committee Pre-convention Meeting
Saturday, September 12	Fall Board of Directors Meeting
Week of September 21	Posting of Convention materials online to include Convention Manual, LWML materials, etc

**Thursday, September 24 – Saturday, September 26**

## **2020 “VIRTUAL” PRESIDENT’S EQUIP CONFERENCE**

Saturday, September 26	Announcement of balloting results, via website, Facebook, email
	New officers assume duties

Please note: Each unit/church is asked to print materials for those without online access.

**DEADLINE for the FALL *EVANGEL*: AUGUST 5, 2020**  
**Send articles & photos to: [evangel.flga@gmail.com](mailto:evangel.flga@gmail.com)**