

## The 39<sup>th</sup> LWML Biennial Convention Information

The BOD made the decision to hold the convention for these purposes:

- ✦ Over several days, the BOD with prayers, discussion, more prayers, discussion and, prayfully finalized it
- ✦ They felt it was time to move forward and begin to meet together
- ✦ Based with Bible Study of Numbers 13:25-33 and 14:6-9
- ✦ We will face challenges, but our Lord is greater
- ✦ Jesus Christ and the mission of the LWML is to move forward boldly
- ✦ Protocol will be followed – people will be safe
  - Sanitizing stations will be throughout the arena
  - Will do temperature check before entering
  - Masks will be required, even if Kentucky lifts the mask restrictions
  - Physical distancing
  - 4 people to a table during meals
  - Convention Hall table seating will be physical distancing
  - Block Party and LWML Store will be monitoring people of how many can enter
- ✦ There will be NO district photos
- ✦ There will be NO choir
- ✦ The displays will be spread safe distance apart and one way isles
- ✦ No one needs to attend if they feel uncomfortable and unsafe
- ✦ The LWML Convention is separate from the National Synodical Convention and therefore decisions are made differently
- ✦ We cannot mandate who gets the vaccine
- ✦ Anyone having health concerns and issues should not be attending
- ✦ The convention will be live stream
- ✦ There will be a Bus Waiver and Release Form to fill out and sign

Other Information:

### **Voting**

On April 12, National will be sending out an information letter to all those voting. This is to confirm email address.

April 19, I (President Deb) will hold a Zoom meeting with all MN South District delegates and alternates. Please let me know if you have not received a letter from National. Please make sure you check your spam box.

May 3, an email will be sent to voters concerning voting

May 23-29, electronic voting will take place for the Mission Grants and the Mission Goal

June 25, results will be announced

Bylaw amendments and Candidates will be voted on at the Convention.

### **Mission Grants**

Mission Grant #15 “Spiritual and Physical Food for Children in Peru, \$50,000 had an amount amendment. The approved amount has been amendment to \$56,750. I want to clarify this very specifically and please make this very clear to your delegate. When you look at the Mission Grant Ballot (on the website) you will find an asterisk\* alongside some of the amounts. The asterisk means that there is a Mission Advancement Fee included in that amount. This fee of 12% - 13.5% percent will go the LCMS. This is according to the LCMS Mission Advancement Policy.

The 25% of our mites that we send into National was at a ratio of 70/30. 70 percent goes towards grants and the remaining 30 percent goes to National Inreach. This will changed due to National receiving investment income and will now be 90 percent to mites and 10 percent to Inreach.

The Mission Goal recommendation for the 2021-2023 biennium has been set at \$2,150,000.

### **Hotels**

- ✦ More hotels have been added
- ✦ Bus Hotel information should be sent out in 2-3 weeks

### **Lutheran World Relief**

It was stated that because we are not partnering with Lutheran World Relief does not mean we need to stop sending supplies to them. But understand where the LWML is coming from. LWR does great mission work they do not include evangelism in their mission work.