

**LWML NID**

**A COMMUNICATION  
FOR WOMEN OF THE  
NORTHERN ILLINOIS  
DISTRICT OF  
LUTHERAN  
WOMEN IN MISSION**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
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**Convention Special !**

# NID-Bits

## Conventions

*By Barb Belanski, President LWML NID*



Lutheran Women in Mission have the opportunity to attend two kinds of conventions – those at the local or district level and those at the national level. They are pretty similar in that they both select mission grants, elect officers and offer a lot of fellowship. But then again, there are some differences.

When attending a national convention, travel and hotel accommodations need to be made as well as time away from home or work needs to be scheduled. A district convention, on the other hand, could possibly require an overnight but its destination is usually reached by car. So, it's quite a bit more expensive and time consuming to attend national conventions.

Do I like national conventions? Yes, I do. The sites for national conventions offer my husband and me some vacation time - we usually tack on a few days to do some sight-seeing and extra travel to the

vicinity around the convention site. I also relish the opportunity to meet so many LWML sisters from around the country. Also, national conventions are very well organized and they've given me many, many ideas to bring home to our district.

Do I like district conventions? Yes, I like them too. As your president, I've had the privilege to help plan and organize two conventions. It's always rewarding to see the women and men whom I've worked with so closely step up and become willing participants in our convention proceedings. The challenge of hosting a district conven-

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tion is quite awesome but so very fulfilling. You're in it from beginning to end and the experience is priceless. Yes, necessary convention business needs to be conducted, but it is so important to allow time for Bible study, service and fellowship. I look forward to seeing all my LWML sisters from Northern Illinois at our convention in Hillside this September.

So, which convention do I like better? I don't have a definitive answer – I look forward to Mobile and Louisville because I've never been to either of these cities and they will provide me the opportunity to re-connect with so many women I've met while being president. But, I also look forward to 2020 when I will be a 'regular' person and have the occasion to visit and catch up with all of you. Continue to serve Him with gladness!!

My prayer for you is from Philippians 1:9-11. *That your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ – to the glory and praise of God.*

## Convention Reminder

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League of the Northern Illinois District invites you to register NOW for the 2018 District convention scheduled for Friday September 21<sup>st</sup> through Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Registration is open until September 1<sup>st</sup> and is \$125. If you are staying overnight, hotel is \$99 per night for up to 4 guests with 2 breakfasts only, extra breakfasts are \$6 ea.

**There is no charge for the Friday Servant Event at 1pm, the Friday Worship at 7pm, or the Sunday morning installation and worship service.** Saturday's Key Note Speaker is, Rev. Dr. John Nunes and Saturday evening's entertainment has been changed to "An Evening of Song". Convention Registration form is attached. Every church in the Northern Illinois District is entitled to 2 delegates.



## LWML NID Stamp Ministry (clarification)



The stamp ministry receives stamps from more than just the Northern Illinois District. We receive inquiries from all over the nation. And interest continues! In fact, it is the single most inquired about ministry on the website.

If you want to contribute to this ministry here is what we look for:

1. All intact picture postcards. Do not cut off the stamps, **send the entire post card.**
2. **All old (pre 1930) envelopes intact.** Do not cut off the stamps.
3. All foreign stamps, large and small.
4. Large commemorative U.S. stamps.
5. Small definitive (common) U.S. stamps (including USA nonprofit bulk stamps), except **DO NOT save Love, Flag, Bell OR Christmas stamps.** Save **unused** charity return mail stamps.
6. Any collections of stamps, save on sheets if possible and do not remove stamps from pages or albums.

If at all possible, stamps should be trimmed leaving about 1/4" margin around the stamp. Do not trim stamps to touch perforations or the stamps will be discarded.

Elvera Ruff is the LWML NID point person collecting stamps for this ministry. Send her stamps at the Northern Illinois District office, 2301 S. Wolf Road, Hillside, IL 60162. If you have other questions you may also contact Teena Dorn at [vpcommunications@lwmlnid.org](mailto:vpcommunications@lwmlnid.org) or contact Don Oostman directly about specific stamps questions, phone 630-921-3344.

## Calendar

- *Sept 1, 2018 - Last day to register for 2018 LWML NID Convention*
- *September 21-23, 2018 — LWML NID Convention 2018, Best Western Plus, Hillside, IL , Theme: "Fruit of the Spirit"*
- *June 20-23, 2019 — LWML Convention in Mobile, Alabama — Its never too early to start planning!*
- *June 24–27, 2021 — LWML Convention in Lexington, Kentucky*

## Announcements

- Please inform your **LWML NID Society Treasurer** of the new address for mites: LWML NID, P.O. Box 958012, Hoffman Estates, IL 60169.
- **Tech Notes** — The problem with the domain name has past. Going forward we will be using the .org. Either name may be used, but for the best results, we encourage you to use the .org. Feed back is always appreciated and can be sent to [webmaster@LWMLNID.org](mailto:webmaster@LWMLNID.org) or [vpcommunications@LWMLNID.org](mailto:vpcommunications@LWMLNID.org)
- **Delivery of Quarterly Subscriptions:** Quarterlies are mailed on the following schedule:

Spring	March 1
Summer	June 1
Fall	October 1
Winter	December 1

After checking with your church secretary or whomever sorts the mail for your church. if you have not received your subscription of Quarterlies between the 15th & 20th of the month they were mailed, something probably happened to them in the postal delivery system. You have the option of emailing national directly at [Quarterly@lwml.org](mailto:Quarterly@lwml.org) or you can email the corresponding secretary at [correspondingsecretary@lwmlnid.org](mailto:correspondingsecretary@lwmlnid.org) letting us know your quarterlies have not arrived. National prints a limited number of extras --if there is a problem we need to contact them in a timely fashion to have replacement copies mailed.

### **Attached:**

- **2018 LWML NID Convention registration form**
- **Donations needed for 2018 LWML NID Convention Service Event**
- **Convention Hotel Information**
- **Gifts from the Heart flyer**
- **Sample Ballot for Grants (more info <https://www.lwmlnid.org/wp-content/uploads/20180922-Grant-Proposals.pdf>)**
- **Sample Ballot for New Officers (more info <https://www.lwmlnid.org/wp-content/uploads/20180922-Candidates-Bios.pdf>)**

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# LWML Northern Illinois District Convention 2018

## September 21-23, 2018

Best Western Plus Chicago Hillside  
Hotel and Conference Center  
4400 Frontage Road, Hillside, IL 60162

### Speakers:

**Rev. Dr. John Nunes**, Keynote Speaker.  
**Ginger Starrett**, Secretary, LWML National Representative  
Mission Speakers from LWML NID grants. (2016-2018)

### Convention Schedule

**Servant Event** Friday, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.  
**Opening Worship & fellowship** Friday, 7 p.m. Sat, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
**Convention, includes Saturday lunch, Saturday Dinner and entertainment** provided by LWML NID Gifts and Bequests –  
Saturday, 6:30 p.m. (RSVP Below.)  
**Closing Service and installation of officers** Sunday, 9 a.m.

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_  
Church/City \_\_\_\_\_ Zone \_\_\_\_\_

**Friday Dinner not included.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes **Saturday Dinner** and Entertainment provided by LWML NID Gifts and Bequests.  
\_\_\_\_\_ No Will you attend? *We want to be good stewards of food and finances, so kindly RSVP.*

**Classification:** (please circle all that apply)

Delegate • Alternate • LWML NID Past  
President • Zone President • Guest • Pastor •  
LWML Member • First Timer • Young Woman  
Representative •

**Please check for special dietary needs:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Gluten-free \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian

**Registration Fees/Deadlines:**

**\$99 by July 21**

**\$125 July 22 - September 1**

**Please mail form and check or money order  
(payable to LWML NID) to:**

Janice Gerzevske  
30W017 Juniper Ct  
Warrenville IL 60555

[correspondingsecretary@lwmlnid.com](mailto:correspondingsecretary@lwmlnid.com)

OR register online at:

<https://www.lwmlnid.com/event/lwml-nid-convention-2018/>

OR use the NEW search tool on the web site

NO refunds after **September 1.**

To reserve a room at the Chicago Hillside Best Western Plus, address call 708-544-9300 before **August 21, 2018** and request the “**Lutheran Women’s Missionary League Northern Illinois District**” convention rate of \$99 plus tax for 2 queens and 2 breakfasts OR 1 king plus breakfast.

\$6 for extra breakfast tickets. Hotel will not replace breakfast coupons if lost.





# Convention Service Event

Friday September 21, 2018

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

to support

## **MOST Ministries**

### Making Witness Bracelets

#### **DONATIONS NEEDED**

1/8" Wide Leather Strip (Lace)

Pony Beads:

Blue, Clear, Gray, Green, Red, White, Yellow

*Biggest need is: Leather Strip...*  
(a bag of pony beads makes many, strip a few)



ALL INSTRUCTIONS ARE ON OUR  
WEBSITE or at MOSTMinistries.org

# Convention Gifts From The Heart

## Donations Needed

to support



## Westchester Food Pantry

Serving the entire area of our convention site

Required:

ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOODS

TOILETRIES

PAPER GOODS



Please bring items to our convention  
September 21 – 23 2018  
Best Western Plus Chicago Hillside

# ABOUT THE BEST WESTERN PLUS CHICAGO HILLSIDE

In Hillside



OVERVIEW

AREA INFO

## Property Location

With a stay at Best Western Plus Chicago Hillside in Hillside, you'll be close to Stevenson Park and Oak Brook Golf Course. This eco-friendly hotel is within the vicinity of Drury Lane Theater and Oakbrook Center Mall.

## Rooms

Make yourself at home in one of the 238 air-conditioned rooms featuring refrigerators and flat-screen televisions. Your room comes with a pillowtop bed. Complimentary wired and wireless Internet access keeps you connected, and cable programming provides entertainment. Partially open bathrooms with showers feature complimentary toiletries and hair dryers.

## Amenities

Enjoy the recreation opportunities such as a fitness center or make use of other amenities including complimentary wireless Internet access. Guests can catch a ride on the complimentary shuttle, which operates within 5 mi.

## Dining

Satisfy your appetite at the hotel's restaurant, which serves lunch, dinner, and brunch, or stay in and take advantage of room service (during limited hours). Quench your thirst with your favorite drink at a bar/lounge. Full breakfasts are available for a fee.

## Business, Other Amenities

Featured amenities include complimentary wired Internet access, a 24-hour business center, and complimentary newspapers in the lobby. Event facilities at this hotel consist of conference space and meeting rooms. A roundtrip airport shuttle is complimentary (available 24 hours), and a train station pick-up service is also provided at no charge.

## Amenities

- 24 hour front desk
- Fitness Center
- Dry cleaning service
- Laundry
- Business Center
- Lounge/Bar



## Grants – Vote for 4

Ranking

Votes

SAMPLE BALLOT

_____	_____	1. Women's Cycle of Life Training, Community Health Education/Evangelism	\$14,600
_____	_____	2. Reaching Visually Impaired Inmates with God's Love Lutheran Braille Workers	\$8,000
_____	_____	3. Haitian Feeding Program, Trinity/HOPE	\$2,500
_____	_____	4. Grace Lutheran School/Grace Christian Academy, Chicago	\$18,000
_____	_____	5. Equipping the Church to Reach People with Disabilities Voice of Care	\$17,474
_____	_____	6. Food and Clothing Co-op Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne	\$10,000
_____	_____	7. Post Abortion Crisis Hotline Expansion, Lutherans for Life	\$10,000
_____	_____	8. Support for International Graduate Students Concordia Seminary, St. Louis	\$8,000
_____	_____	9. Exterior Cabin Renovations, Walcamp	\$14,562.35
_____	_____	10. Haiti Lutheran Mission Society	\$18,000
_____	_____	11. Life for St. Matthew: Saving a Historic House of Worship St. Matthew, Chicago	\$18,000
_____	_____	12. Deaconess Ministry in the Mission Field	\$4,000
_____	_____	13. Native American Youth Program Washington's Olympic Peninsula, Lutheran Indian Ministries	\$18,000

## Voting – Sample Ballot – LWML NID Officers

### **Pastoral Counselor**

4 Year Term

Vote for one

\_\_\_\_\_ Rev. Jeffrey P. Howell

### **Treasurer**

4 Year Term

Vote for one

\_\_\_\_\_ Donna Simundic

SAMPLE BALLOT

### **President**

4 Year Term

Vote for one

\_\_\_\_\_ Janice Gerzevske

### **Nominating Committee**

2 Year Term

Vote for one from each region

#### **East**

\_\_\_\_\_ Kimbolist Mills

\_\_\_\_\_ Gwen Arnold

### **Vice President of Organizational Resources**

4 Year Term

Vote for one

\_\_\_\_\_ Diane Kettelson

#### **West**

\_\_\_\_\_ Lauren Olsen

### **Vice President of Gospel Outreach**

4 Year Term

Vote for one

\_\_\_\_\_ Diana Maanum

#### **South**

\_\_\_\_\_ Cherie B. Weber

### **Corresponding Secretary**

Vote for one

\_\_\_\_\_ LeeAnn Himley

#### **North**

\_\_\_\_\_ Carol A. Rutti