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*And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above;
and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.*

Daniel 12:3

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ!

Welcome to the Lutheran Women's Missionary League–Canada 7th Convention. The next few days will be filled with a variety of activities and I encourage you to join us for Bible Studies, Speakers, the Mission Walk, Servant Events and our LWMLC business. I hope that this will be a time of encouragement and spiritual growth, a time of meeting new friends and strengthening ties with old friends, a time when you can learn to Shine Like Stars here in Ottawa and as you return home.

To all our guests, we know you have shown your support to LWML–Canada in countless ways and we thank you for your partnership in our mission. May this convention give you new insight into all the ways in which LWML–Canada works to support the mission of Lutheran Church–Canada at home and abroad, and strives to carry out a unique mission in the church with and for women.

As members of LWML–Canada you have an opportunity to learn more about your league and be involved in the decisions that are being made for the future. Rejoice as you work together to select new Mission Grants and Officers and adopt a new Mission Program. As you return home I encourage you to bring growth and energy to LWML–Canada by taking an active role in your Society, Zone and District, through service and leadership, confident that God will continue to bless the work that has begun at our convention.

Each of us will have many opportunities to Shine Like Stars here in Ottawa. I pray that our actions and words will be a positive influence on those we meet and our witness will bring glory and honour to our Triune God. May we keep our ears and eyes open for the opportunities God places in front of us to tell of His redeeming love.

Grace and Peace in Christ,

*Judy Grande, President
Lutheran Women's Missionary League-Canada*

"...that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life," Philippians 2:15-16a

WELCOME...

...We in the Laurentian District extend a warm welcome to one and all to the nation's capital for the 7th convention of LWMLC. You have come from across the country to spend some time with us, and we pray that your stay in our fair city will be an enjoyable one. The convention itself promises to be uplifting and memorable with excellent speakers and presentations. May all of us be inspired to "Shine Like Stars" in our daily lives, in what we say and do, in our relationships with others, as we share the love of God as shown through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Eloise Schaan
President, Laurentian District

...Welcome to Ottawa and the Crowne Plaza!
The convention committee has worked hard to ensure your stay is enjoyable in the nation's capital.

Even though there are fewer of us sisters together this year, we should be able to interact with more of the convention participants!

If you have a concern or need some help, look for us dressed in black and white with a red scarf around our neck.

May God bless all of our convention experiences and enable us to Shine Like Stars for Him!

Pat Geick
Convention Chairman



Opening Worship Service this evening begins at 7:30 p.m. in the International Ballroom, located on the lower level of the Crowne Plaza.

INFORMATION for *The Daily Star* should be hand delivered to either Marion Hollinger or Anne Taylor.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Do you know of someone who would be a great candidate for any of the 8 elected positions and would like to nominate them from the floor? That would be great to have elections by votes for each position. Submit your nominees' resume to the Nominating Committee prior to the Business Meeting so they can make the information available to the voting delegates. The nominee must be a member of a member society and have served as a district officer, zone president, chairman of a district committee or member of a League committee. They also must have signified in writing accepting the nomination. Prayerfully consider this challenge.

To God be the Glory!
2009 Nominating Committee,
Linda Horton, Chairman
Dorothea Korcok, Marie Sack, Raili Clarke and Shirley Meister

Interest Sessions:

Interest Sessions will be held from 2:30-4:15 Friday afternoon; and on Saturday morning from 10:00-11:45. Please note that the time and location of your chosen interest sessions is printed on your colour-coded ticket.

The Joliet, York, Laurentian and Frontenac Rooms are located on the convention level (one floor above the main lobby) of the hotel.

A Special Thanks to:

FaithLife Financial for providing a \$2,000 grant for this event and sponsoring our two keynote speakers, Rev. Dr. David Ludwig and Mrs. Elaine Bickel.

CLWR's Four Corners for providing the beautiful tote bags.

Campbell Douglas, of Campbell Douglas Keyboards Ltd., for providing the keyboard for use during this event.

April 14, 2009

Judy Grande, President
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To the National Convention July 9-12, 2009

Dear Judy and our Sisters in Christ:

Grace and Peace to you as you participate in your 2009 National Convention in the beautiful National Capital region of Ottawa.

On behalf of the Evangelical Lutheran Women Inc. and our National Board, I extend warmest greetings. I am honoured to have been invited to represent our women and regret not being able to be present with you. I would like to assure you that we are praying God will bless your time together and send you out renewed and equipped to carry on God's work, "shining as lights in the world."

The opportunity to come together to praise and worship God; to renew acquaintances and make new friends; and to discern what God's will is for us as women active in faith is filled with promise for those who "hold fast to the Word of life."

Wishing you all joy during your time together,

In Christ,
Pam Radunsky, N-ELW President 2008-2012
Sudbury, ON P3A 5Z1

PHOTO SCHEDULE:

General Council:

Thursday, July 9--in the Ballroom following the Opening Worship Service.



Laurentian District: 7:45 a.m. Friday, July 10

Ontario Sonset District: 8:00 a.m. Friday, July 10
—meet on the ramp outside the lobby. In the event of inclement weather, stay at lobby stairs.

Ontario District: 12:30 p.m. Friday, July 10

Man-Sask District: 12:45 p.m. Friday, July 10

ABC District: 1:00 p.m. Friday, July 10
Meet at lobby.

Check with the Hospitality Desk in the lower lobby for any Lost & Found items. A Message Board is also available at the Hospitality Desk.

MEAL TICKETS: This year, your convention committee has tried something new. Instead of meal tickets, we are using a meal card system. If you ordered meals, you will find in your convention packet envelope a green meal card. This card is to be presented to the usher, at each meal that you ordered. The usher will punch the meal you are attending. The card fits conveniently in your name card holder, ready for your next meal. The meal cards have your name on them. Some cards will also have X's on them. An "X" means that is a meal which you did **not** order. Each meal card is good for one person's meals. If you ordered more than one meal (eg. For a spouse who is accompanying you) then you will find two meal cards in your envelope. They both will have your name on it, as you are the one who registered.



Mission Walk:

All those participating in Friday evening's Mission Walk are asked to meet in the front lobby by 7:20 p.m. so that we can leave promptly at 7:30. Wear comfortable walking shoes; and if needed, bring along a light sweater or jacket; and a bottle of water.

Don't forget to check your registration packet for an envelope containing business card-size handouts for use during the Walk for Missions. An explanation is included.

Our route will take approximately one hour and take us along the following route:

Depart Crowne Plaza turning right on Lyon; cross over to Wellington Street, turn right. Enter Parliament Hill at the first entrance off Wellington; continuing alongside the West Block. Turn right at the West Block and follow the pathway around the back of the Parliament Buildings. (Public washrooms are available under the statue of Queen Victoria.) As you walk along the fence you will pass the infamous "fat cats" of Parliament Hill. Proceed along the fence and you will pass the memorial erected to commemorate members of our police forces killed in the line of duty. (Peter Schiemann's name is noted on Panel 12) From here you will get a first hand view of the Library; and across the river The Canadian Museum of Civilization. Continuing around the building, you will see the National Art Gallery. Continue to follow this pathway around the East Block, noting the sculptures especially that of Queen Elizabeth and the "tea ladies".

Once we have passed the East Block, anyone wishing to return to the hotel can do so at this point. Follow the roadway in front of the eternal flame and exit at the entrance to O'Connor Street. Follow O'Connor to the Sparks Street Mall, turn right and follow it down to Lyon where you will turn left to the Crowne Plaza.

To those wishing to walk further, take the East Block exit left on to Wellington, cross the bridge over the Canal. Take the first exit after the Canal, beside the Chateau Laurier and follow the walkway to Major's Hill Park. Exit at MacKenzie, turning

right; past the Chateau Laurier. Cross diagonally at the Chateau Laurier to the War Memorial. From here you will see the Sparks Street Mall, walk down the entire length of the Sparks Street Mall to Lyon where you will turn left returning to the Crowne Plaza.

Symbols:

What does *that* mean? You may be wondering what the symbols or colours mean on the name tags. We have for you a summary.

Symbols:

A Young Woman
No photos of me, please
First time at a national convention

Colours:

Dark Blue: Voting General Council
Light Blue: Voting Zone Delegates
Red: LWML Committee Member and Non-Voting General Council
Pink: Young Women's Representatives
Orange: Special Guests
Yellow: General Registration and Guests

Do you need to find a member of the Host Committee? Just look for someone wearing a white or cream blouse, black pants/skirt/shorts and a red scarf.



Prayer Room is situated in the Confederation Room on the Convention Level of the hotel. A Pastoral Counsellor will be available in the prayer room each morning from 7:30-8:30; 12 noon-1:00 p.m. and for one hour following each afternoon session.

LWML–Canada Mobile Store



Welcome to the LWML–Canada Store!

Check out all the new merchandise and materials for sale – for yourself and gifts to give away throughout the coming months.

Store Hours:

Thursday, July 9: open following set-up of all three stores

Friday, July 10:

7:00 - 8:00 a.m. – Get an early start!

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. – Maybe everyone else will be at lunch.

2:30 - 4:00 – The Galaxy, including the Mobile Store will be part of the interest session time

Saturday, July 11:

7:00 - 8:00 a.m. – What did you miss yesterday?

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. – Again part of the interest session time and beyond

4:30 - 5:30 p.m. – Last chance! Store closed on Sunday

Not only can you use your Visa or Master Card, during the convention a Debit Card terminal will be available for your convenience.

SOUND & LIGHT SHOW on Parliament Hill every evening at 9:30 and 10:30 p.m. A must-see while you are in Ottawa.

This 30-minute bilingual production is the story of Canada—as told through original music, giant images and spectacular lighting effects illuminated against the Parliament Buildings.

As the website proclaims: “Come celebrate the spirit of a country!”

All Three Stores—LWML-Canada Store, Sperling’s Bookstore and CLWR’s Four Corners are located in the Richelieu Room on the Convention Level of the hotel.

LWML-Canada Committee displays are set up in the Lower Lobby.

The Galaxy is in the Foyer Ballroom Lobby.

Be sure to visit all three centers of interest.

Times of Operation:

Friday: 7:00-8:00 a.m.; 12 noon-1:00 p.m. 2:30-4:00 p.m.

Saturday: 7:00-8:00 a.m.; 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.; 5:15-5:45 p.m.

Throughout the Interest Sessions, you will meet:

Mary Helen Miller served with her missionary husband, Roland in Kerala, India for 23 years where their five children were born. While there she ran a women’s training and cottage industry program. Mary Helen has been active in child care, refugee and immigrant services for many years. In Saskatchewan she received both the Woman of Distinction Award in the category of International Understanding and the Global Citizen Award. She and her husband live in Manotick, ON and have led three tours to India for the Malabar Mission Society.

Kathy Ludwig, a native Texan, has her background in education, graduating from Concordia Teacher’s College, River Forrest, IL. She taught in Lutheran Schools for 22 years and then spent 10 years with homebound teaching. She was district president of the Carolinas LWML and served on the national level. She is involved in Stephen Ministry and the Hickory Service League. Kathy and her husband, Rev. Dr. David Ludwig, have traveled, giving presentations on family relationships and speaking to women’s groups in the United States, Canada, Brazil, Australia, and England. She enjoys people and her passion is helping others feel the love of Jesus. She has been married for 47 years and has 3 married sons and 7 grandchildren.

Rev. Joshua Hollmann is a missionary to Muslims and newcomers in inner city Montreal through the SELC District of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, Philoxenia / Hospitality Ministry, and Ascension Lutheran Church. He lives and serves in the diverse Park Extension neighbourhood of Montreal which is home to a large Muslim

population mainly from South Asia and North Africa. Rev. Hollmann has served as missionary to Muslims in Montreal since 2005. He is married and the father of a young son. Previously he lived and studied in China and England and taught Islam and Christianity and outreach to Muslims at the seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Sudan in Yambio, Sudan. He is also currently a part-time PhD student in the Faculty of Religious Studies at McGill University where he is studying Islam and Christianity.

Pastor Mark Danielson graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis in 1982. He served St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Dawson Creek, B.C. until 1993 when he accepted the call to Trinity Lutheran Church, Fisherville, Ontario where he currently serves. He is married with four children. He has been active in youth work and Parish Services both on the District and Synodical level. His congregation has an active Sunday School, midweek program and youth ministry.

Rev. Dr. Ralph Mayan is president-emeritus of Lutheran Church-Canada having served His Lord and the church in the office of president for 12 years. Dr. Mayan served as pastor at parishes in Saskatchewan and British Columbia. He also served as Chairman of the International Lutheran Council. He is presently serving as Interim Mission Director for the Synod and resided for 3 ½ months in Chinandega working as a mentor and consultant with our new partner church, Iglesia Luterana Sinodo de Nicaragua.

Linda Mayan taught public and private school for 14 years with a big gap while raising 4 kids. She has been married to the same man for 41 years. And most importantly she has an acutely refined taste for good chocolate from working at a chocolate factory. Linda and Ralph also have twelve grandchildren.

Dwayne Cleave is professionally trained in accounting, finance and investment management, Dwayne has served the church in the capacity of Synod treasurer since 2002. As part of his responsibilities he also serves as the Executive Director of Lutheran Foundation Canada. His keen interest in finance and desire to serve the church has made his vocation a real privilege. Dwayne and his wife, Bonita, have two adult children.

Ian Adnams is Director of Communications for Lutheran Church-Canada. Active in media communication for more than 30 years, his experience includes broadcast and television and radio production both in Canada and the United States. He is currently editor of *The Canadian Lutheran*.

Anne Bruce, Manager of Community and Church Programs, has been with FaithLife Financial since November 2007. Her team is responsible for developing, implementing and administering our "Giving Back" programs to leverage our fraternal uniqueness and ultimately build a better world. Anne has more than 20 years of management experience including recruiting, sales, marketing, e-business, consumer service, project management and business analysis. *Anne* enjoys curling, many sports and is very active in her church community. She has three very active children and a spoiled puppy that keep her busy.

Marion Hollinger ... Marion Hollinger has served in the area of communication for the League for many years, beginning in the 1960s as editor of her district's newsletter. When LWML-Canada was formed she convinced its leaders that a magazine to replace the LWML Quarterly was achievable. In recent years she helped with the development of LWML-Canada's website and now serves as webmaster. Marion joined the Lutheran church in 1961 and the LWML group at St. Paul's, Saskatoon in 1962. She is married to Les and they have three children and four grandchildren.

Judy Grande has served LWML-Canada as President, Vice President Mission Inspiration, Chairman of Bylaws Committee and Task Force and Convention Bible Study leader. She is the author of Bible Studies, devotions and articles for *Tapestry*. Judy and her husband John have seven children and six grandchildren.

LWMLC Participants in Nicaragua Servant Event to Nicaragua have all served LWML-Canada and their own congregations in a variety of ways, willingly using their gifts to help others and bring glory to God. Our presenters are: Anne Carson, Renate Bishopp, Fran Porteous, Marilyn Schultz, Jean Wagner, Marilyn Witte and Christine Pollex.