



THE DAILY STAR

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Convention Opens with worship

On Thursday, July 9 at 7:30 p.m. LWML-Canada President, Judy Grande, opened the 7th National Convention of LWML-Canada in the Name of the Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit. She welcomed approximately 300 Leaguers and their guests to the convention and to the Opening Service. Voices joined with sounds of trumpets and trombone to sing "Earth and All Stars" as the processional hymn.

Host Pastor, Rev. Louis Natzke, Christ Risen, Kanata served as liturgist.

Rev. Robert Bugbee, President Lutheran Church-Canada preached the sermon "Enter, Rest, and Pray" based on Matthew 5:14-16. He reminded the assembly that we shine like stars not because of what we do; but because Jesus has given us His light. He placed us on the hilltop for all to see His light. Now that we

have that light, we have no choice but to shine because of His great love for us. We are not to hide our light under a bowl but to allow that light to shine in our homes, our communities—wherever we are by matching our deeds with our words.

The offering of was designated to the LWML-Canada Mission Grants goal.

Holy Communion was served.

Newly elected East District President, Rev. Paul Zabel brought greetings to the assembly on behalf of LCC East District.

People heard the Word proclaimed; joined together in prayer and hymns of praise rejoicing that we have been called to shine as His stars.

The LWML extends their thanks to all who assisted with the service—choir members and director, musicians, pastors, liturgist and preacher.

Shine like stars in a culture of abuse

Keynote speaker Dr. David Ludwig provided a powerful statement to help us deal with anxiety and allow us to shine like stars no matter what the circumstance: "How are WE going to handle this one?"

Nothing we do will enable us to shine brighter, it is a gift from God. We don't "gotta" shine we "getta" shine. What a privilege!

A new mission field

While the opening service was being aired in a webcast, a woman from Kansas happened to tune in. She may have had a Roman Catholic background but wasn't Lutheran and using the chat feature began asking questions. Ian Adnams was busy and couldn't respond but Rev. John Kreutzwieser of Moose Jaw, Sask. was also listening and he began answering her questions, eventually referring her to the Lutheran Church-Canada and LWML-Canada websites.

Prayer requests

If you have any requests to be included in the daily prayers, you may leave them in the basket in the prayer room or the box in the convention hall.

Mission Program adopted

The voting body adopted a new mission grant goal of \$125,000, \$25,000 greater than the goal of the previous triennium.

The total budget for the mission program for 2009-2012, including the mission grant goal, is \$421,092.

Photos

A number of women have been asking if a package of photos will be available after the convention. Plans had not been made to do so. However, it has been decided that photos will be posted online for you to download and print yourself or put on CD and take to your local photography shop.

If you took pictures during the convention and would like to include them in the posting please send them to PR Director, Marion Hollinger at publicrelations@lutheranwomen.ca or on CD to 2816 Calder Avenue, Saskatoon, SK S7J 1W1.

Credentials Report

Voting delegates: 32

General Council voting: 13

General Council non-voting: 5

Guests: 171

Total: 221

Offering #1

The first convention offering, taken during the worship service Thursday evening and going toward the mission grant goal totalled \$4,654.97.

Musical talent

Most of the songs used at this convention were written by members of LWML-Canada. Praise God for this gift He has given the League.

HELP! I brought my digital camera—but no charger. Does anyone have a wall charger or cord that will work with my Olympus Stylus Tough 6000. If so, please contact Bernice Keller, Nor'Western delegate.

MISSION GRANTS SELECTED FOR 2009-2012 Triennium

Thai Women Evangelists	\$6,000.	33 votes
Interim Mission Opportunity Fund	\$35,000	31 votes
Sewing School support in Chanandega, Nicaragua	\$12,000	30 votes
Costa Rica Mission Outreach	\$35,000	27 votes
Mission Bus for La Ronge Lutheran Fellowship, Northern Saskatchewan	\$18,000	26 votes
Dnepropetrovsk, Ukraine, Mission Supplies	\$6,000	23 votes
Training of Deaf Leaders as Pastors/Deaconess	\$13,000	23 votes
TOTAL	\$125,000	

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