



THE DAILY STAR

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Young women, teens and first-time convention attendees



Twenty percent of those attending this convention are here for the first time.

Star Struck?

Those who are participating in the program for young women and teens each have been asked to talk to a long-time LWML member and ask them how long they have belonged to LWMLC, what they enjoy most about LWMLC and to share a favourite memories. In exchange they receive a special “star struck” button.

Last night they put together a tall jar of various coloured sands that should be at their display today. The sand reveals an image of the colours LWMLC will be in the future.

Our apologies for the short Daily Star from Friday...the photocopier wasn’t happy with us.



Rev. Robert Bugbee, president of Lutheran Church-Canada (above with LWML-Canada president Judy Grande), brought greetings to the convention. He noted LWML-Canada’s emphasis on being in the Word, noting that it coincided with his belief that every problem we struggle with in demographics, mobility and finances can be traced to neglect of the Word.

Rev. Mark Hennig, LWML-Canada pastoral counsellor led one of the two Bible studies as participants dug into the Word.



Sisters share



Jan Wendorf, president of LWML brought greetings from our sisters in Christ, saying conventions are a great time to get together and celebrate what God is doing through us. She also reminded the assembly that we are sisters and that sisters share clothes, raiding each other's closets. With that in mind she has been taking many notes about LWML-Canada programs and products and other ideas that LWML can use, just as we borrow from them.

Offering 2

The second convention offering for the LCC Haiti assistance fund totalled \$3,813.52.

Ah....the joy of a shoulder rub after too much sitting!



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Delegates voting on proposed mission grants.

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	

Interest Sessions

Not all interest sessions were covered but here are notes on some of them.

Parenting and Grandparenting with Kathy Ludwig

`You have to have kids to be a grandparent.

Think of our life as an acre of land. We are going to farm that acre. That acre has to be taken care of, just like each grandchild.

The shepherd in Psalm 23 is a farmer. Without the farmer we would be lost but because of God's love we will not be lost.

Like the farmer plants, we should teach our children and grandchildren the commandments and the way each child should go.

The acre which is our land needs sunshine (love) for things to grow.

We should make every effort to know about the school life, hobbies, likes and dislikes of our grandchildren and we should listen to them. Be a model for them.

Bringing Children to Church with Rev. Mark Danielson

Your real treasure is your family and your friends. You can take them with you!

We need to do our best to make sure they know the Lord; that they are part of God's `forever family.` Sunday school is not a substitute for the worship service. Sunday school is Christian education, not worship. The rituals of worship need to be learned during the earliest years of a child's life.

There is no single easy solution to involve children in worship. Remember that actions speak louder than words. Parents should practice, prepare and participate in worship. They should teach their children basic worship skills and encourage him or her to take part in the service.

Remember worship isn't about you. It isn't about your children. It is about God.

Money Matters with Anne Bruce

Time is sometimes short when you are in a very interesting session. This was one.

Are you in balance between needs, savings and wants? There are action steps you can take to manage your finances. <http://www.faithlifefinanciald.ca/en/calculators.asp>.

Ms. Bruce urged the group to contact their FaithLife representative and set up a financial workshop for their congregation.

Making the Connection with Ian Adnams and Marion Hollinger

What a delightful session. It's always fun to be with Ian. He is so happy working in communications and all the new ways the church is working to reach more and more people while still keeping members up-to-date with such things as blogs, Facebook, Skype, Kijiji, to name a few.

The new word...from our mission statement...is "ssesb"

- Studying, Supporting, Encouraging, Sharing the Gospel and Building up all members.

LWML-Canada is seeking to enhance our online presence and use the Internet for outreach.

The challenge: God has provided the tools. If we don't use them in the service of the Gospel one day He may ask us why?

Mission in Ukraine with Oleg Schewtschenko

Oleg Schewtschenko began by thanking the ladies of LWMLC for their support, prayers and friendship. A slide show and a video illustrated what Ukraine is like.

In Ukraine Christianity is the major religion. However, only 3% of the people visit the church regularly. The first Lutheran mission was established in 1993.

Oleg went on to describe his growing up and how he came to be studying at the seminary in St. Catharines. His plan is to return to Ukraine in 2010 where there are 14 churches and nine pastors.

Bits & Pieces

Registration Saturday afternoon was 224.

Offering #3 to assist seminary students through the two seminary guilds: \$2,997.26.

Received to date in donations for the walk for missions: \$13,718.75. This will allow us to pay additional mission grants.

New officers elected

The convention body elected the following officers for the 2009-2012 triennium.

President: Judy Grande

VP, Christian Growth: Joyce
Heinbuch

VP, Member Development: Arlene
Kish

VP, Christian Mission: Iris Barta

VP, Communication: Marion
Hollinger

Recording Secretary: Anna Gruber

Financial Secretary: Gloria Meyer

Treasurer: Linda Horton



Walkers leave the hotel for the 2009 walk for missions.



Young women gather with Vice President Arlene Kish and committee member Doreen Decore to make the sand pitcher referred to on page 1.