

Southern Illinois District

Lutheran Women in Mission *Newsletter*



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

Special Pre-Convention Edition



Welcome to our second Special Convention Edition of the SID LWML NEWSLETTER! Believe it or not, our 2014 District Convention is just around the corner, and to help you all to prepare for it, we've published this special edition. Please share it with the other ladies in your congregation.

Inside you will find, first and foremost, a listing of the Mission Grant proposals that will be voted on at convention, along with a brief description of each project. This is what we are all about-Missions! Each of the proposals listed could easily be one of the ones chosen, but unfortunately, we can only fund part of them. Please read and discuss them with your society, so that your delegates know what projects to vote for at the convention.

Once again at our 2014 convention, we will be voting on our by-laws. The proposed changes are also listed inside this NEWSLETTER. If adopted, zone presidents will be given the right to vote at all meetings of the Board of Directors. This means even more representation to our zones.

Finally, last but not least, you will find a listing of those individuals from the district who have agreed to run for a district office for the next biennium. A short biography of each individual is also listed to help you make your choice for your new leaders. We have some very capable leaders who will remain on the board for another biennium to help these new leaders transition into their jobs.

A personal thank you goes to all those who helped get this edition ready for you all. It's extra work, but we want you to all be informed about the choices that will be made at your convention.

In His service,
Helen Mayer, SID LWML DP

Mission Statement: *The Mission of the Southern Illinois District of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League is to encourage each woman in the district to grow spiritually and to use her God given gifts to praise God and serve people.*

Southern Illinois District Convention
Friday & Saturday, Sept. 12-13
Southern Illinois University Carbondale

Theme: "He Leadeth Me Beside Still Waters"

Ingathering: Bibles for China

MISSION GRANT PROPOSALS

1. Trinity/HOPE, Feed Children of Lutheran Schools in Haiti, Gallatin, TN \$2,500.00

First and foremost, we need to reach the children in our Lutheran schools with the Word of the Lord. However, the average child in Haiti has four or five meals a week at home. A hungry child has a decreased energy level and often cannot even stay awake in class. Trinity/HOPE is currently providing 15,000 meals daily to children in 86 schools in Haiti.

This grant of \$2,500 would provide the funds needed to provide a noon meal for 50 children. The grant would be assigned to one specific school and 100% of the funds would go into running the feed program for that school.

2. American/International Campus Ministry – Our Savior, Carbondale, IL \$5,000.00

The American and International Campus Ministry in Carbondale is a word and sacrament based ministry of Our Savior Lutheran Church. The ministry includes a weekly Bible Study for about 45 International students and about 45 American students attend worship each week. Each Sunday a free home cooked meal for American and International students is provided in conjunction with a Bible study as well as other Bible studies during the week. There are also opportunities to give Bibles and Catechisms to students in their own language and a bi-lingual bulletin is printed for the weekly worship service so that everything, including the sermon, is both in Chinese and English.

This grant of \$5,000 would provide for part of the cost of printing materials (Bibles, Catechisms, Worship Bulletins, and Bible Studies) and the dinners.

3. Lutheran Braille Workers–Lutheran Library for the Blind, Yucaipa, CA \$2,500.00

Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW) partnered with Lutheran Blind Mission as of July, 2012. With that merger came the acquisition of the Lutheran Library for the Blind. The Library, now located in Jacksonville, Florida, serves people who are blind or visually impaired, providing them with Christian materials in Braille, Large Print and Audio. The Lutheran Library for the Blind is able to break into the isolation often felt by the blind and minister where people, pastors and missionaries are not able to go. The goal is to continue to grow the number of patrons.

This grant of \$2,500 would help fund the Library during this transitional period since the merger.

4. Unity Lutheran Christian Elementary School, East St. Louis, IL \$5,000.00

The school opened in August 2003 with Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten. Classes have now expanded to include grade eight, with an enrollment of 188 students. At Unity all families pay tuition; all families also receive financial aid. The mission of Unity Lutheran Christian Elementary School is to teach children from the community about Jesus. Approximately 70% of the students do not attend church or Sunday school.

This grant of \$5,000.00 would be used to help families pay tuition at Unity Lutheran Christian Elementary School. This funding will ultimately make it possible for children to continue their Christian education, and continue to learn about Jesus on a daily basis.

5. Operation Barnabas – LCMS/SID \$4,000.00

Operation Barnabas provides care for our military families during and after their deployment through the training of district counselors and congregations and the establishment of local Barnabas Chapters. Operation Barnabas provides care to reserve chaplains and their families who bear the burden of serving their country. Operation Barnabas is currently working with deaconesses to address the needs of female soldiers and family members.

This grant of \$4,000.00 would help fund the Operation Barnabas ministry in our Southern Illinois District.

6. Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, Minot, ND \$4,000.00

Since 1952, the mission of Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch (DBGR) has been to help at-risk children and their families. The Ranch is a recognized Social Ministry Organization of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and has served close to 30,000 at-risk children and their families from 36 states in its five programs in North Dakota. As a Christian organization, DBGR's professional staff provides a holistic model of care and is attentive to each child's unique mental, physical, educational, and spiritual needs. The ministry's success is attributed in great part to the voluntary Spiritual Life Program, which is not provided by secular agencies.

This grant of \$4,000 would help them continue to create a Christ-centered environment where meaning, hope and purpose happen for at-risk children and their families.

7. Seminary Student Scholarships/SID \$8,000.00

The Lord has given His church the Great Commission to make disciples of all nations. Many young men and second-career men who would like to answer the call to become pastors find it difficult to meet the rising cost of providing for their family's everyday living expenses, housing and books as they pursue the training needed to become a pastor. SID LWML scholarships for seminary students would be very helpful. The recipients of these scholarships must be members of congregations located in the Southern

Illinois District (SID) and must be attending one of our Synodical seminaries. If insufficient SID students apply, applications from vicars/field workers serving in our Southern Illinois District can be considered for these scholarships.

This grant of \$8,000 would provide much needed help with not more than \$4,000 of this scholarship money awarded for the 2015-2016 school year and the balance awarded for the 2016-2017 school year.

8. Student Assistance Fund Scholarships/SID \$3,000.00

Quite a few years ago the daughters of two faithful LWML members directed the memorials when their mothers were taken Home to start our Student Assistance Fund. This Student Assistance Fund has grown and has done much good, helping numerous individuals attending our colleges to become teachers, DCE's, deaconesses, and pre-seminary. The amount available for scholarships is based on earnings from the Student Assistance Fund. Due to the low interest rates in our current economy we are fortunate if we have from \$1,500 to \$2,000 to divide among about ten or more applicants.

This grant of \$3,000 would provide another \$1,500 each year to be added to the interest that accumulates each year. This would give the committee almost double the amount of money to divide among the applicants.

9. Lutheran Braille Workers Center (Sight Ministries), Baldwin, IL \$4,000.00

In gratitude for the Savior's dying love and the gift of redemption, societies in the Lower Kaskaskia Zone have established and maintain the Sight Ministries at St. John's, Baldwin, Illinois. Lutheran Braille Workers provide the Bible and other Christian material in specialized Large Print that allow people with these special needs to "read, mark, learn and take to heart" the promises of God. The Sight Ministries have produced over 5,800 books in English and Spanish.

This grant of \$4,000 would assist the Center to purchase the paper and supplies needed to produce the books and assure that the mission of bringing His Word to the peoples of the world is met.

10. Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School, Centralia – Rev. Tim Mueller Mentor Grant \$5,000

Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School honored Rev. Timothy Mueller of St. John's Lutheran Church in New Minden for his dedicated service from idea to reality of the high school at their annual dinner in 2013. As part of that honor, The Rev. Timothy Mueller Mentor Grant was established. It exists as an endowment in the school's Foundation funds and will be used to help students attend the high school.

This grant of \$5,000 would help to firmly establish the fund to give meaningful scholarships beginning the fall of 2014 to students in need of financial aid.

11. Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO – Graduate Studies for International Lutheran Leaders \$5,000.00

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis serves church and world by providing theological education and leadership centered in the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ for the formation of pastors, missionaries, deaconesses, scholars and leaders in the name of LCMS. The Graduate School of Concordia Seminary has been particularly effective at preparing individuals for informed and thoughtful leadership in the church and world today. Approximately 40 international students are currently enrolled in the Graduate School at the seminary. The majority of international students at Concordia Seminary come from third world countries and are unable to self-fund a graduate theological degree. The annual nine-month cost per student is approximately \$27,500 - \$32,500.

This grant of \$5,000 would help support the expenses of one or more of the international students enrolled in the Graduate School of Concordia Seminary.

12. Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO – Food Bank \$2,500.00

Concordia Seminary Food Bank exists to make seminary preparation more affordable by providing healthy, free food to seminarians, their spouses and their children. The food bank is a blessing to the future Pastors and their families. The mission grant will enable the food bank to continue to provide this service free of charge to the students and families at Concordia Seminary.

This grant of \$2,500.00 would enable the purchase of food items like milk, non-perishable and limited perishable food items.

13. Southwestern Illinois College, Belleville, IL –Lutheran Student Fellowship – New Campus Ministry Initiative \$5,000.00

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, Freeburg, with strong support from the SID Mission Board and LCMS congregations in the Belleville area, began campus ministry at Southwestern Illinois College (SWIC) in Fall, 2012. The outreach continues under the governance of the Lutheran Student Fellowship (LSF) Campus Ministry Mentor Committee that includes representatives from a number of area congregations. Staffing on campus has been provided by Deaconess Interns. The program reaches both Lutheran and non-Lutheran students with the message of Jesus through Bible Classes, devotional materials and social and educational events. The role of the intern is vital to the continuation of this ministry.

This grant of \$5,000 would partially fund the campus ministry portion of the position of Deaconess Intern (or vicar, or DEC Intern) who will serve as the "face" of the campus ministry outreach at Southwestern Illinois College for 2015-2016.

14. SIUE Lutheran Campus Ministry, Edwardsville, IL - Outreach Program \$2,500.00

College students need spiritual guidance during their college years. The Lutheran Campus Ministry has provided a Lutheran voice on the SIUE campus in an environment where incoming and returning students can come together in Bible Study and fellowship. There is a Center on campus available for \$120 per month rental, allowing students to meet for Bible Study and fellowship for one hour per week.

This grant of \$2,500 would insure that Lutheran Campus Ministry on the SIUE campus will have a regular place to meet for Bible Study and fellowship.

15. Task Force on Prison and Jail Ministry/SID \$7,000.00

This request of \$7,000.00 will help this ministry to continue to support the ten Prison and Jail ministries ongoing in the Southern Illinois District. SID congregations actively support Pastor's and Lay volunteers to go into the prisons and jails bringing the saving message of Jesus Christ to those who are in need of this saving message.

This grant of \$7,000.00 would go to purchasing Bibles and Bible study materials, training in Prison Ministry, and other Prison/Jail ministries.

16. Metro-East Lutheran High School, Edwardsville, IL – Mentor Grants \$5,000.00

Metro-East Lutheran High School is committed to sharing the good news of our Savior Jesus Christ through Lutheran education to all families. Families apply for tuition assistance through an online third source but the maximum award is approximately half the yearly tuition rate. As the maximum tuition assistance award is \$3,325, mentor grants, given in the amounts of \$500 to \$1,000, help supplement the tuition assistance offered to those families who qualify for more than the maximum aid. Mentor grants are not part of the regularly budgeted items.

This grant of \$5,000 would help with tuition costs for 5-10 families so that children may receive a Christian education through attending Metro-East Lutheran High School.

17. Christian Friends of New Americans – Responding Holistically to Refugees, St. Louis, MO \$2,500.00

Christian Friends of New Americans (CFNA) is a Registered Service Organization of the LCMS. Since 2002, CFNA has served in cross-cultural ministry among refugees and immigrants in St. Louis, helping them get settled and assimilated into American city life, and connecting them to LCMS congregations in the greater St. Louis area. The ultimate mission of all the work of CFNA is to connect people to the saving grace of Jesus Christ. One segment of the ministry is Adult English as a Second Language (ESL). English skills are taught using Bible stories which offer the "one thing needful" with the language learning. Although much of the work of CFNA is done through volunteers, having a paid lead ESL teacher to oversee the program ensures continuity and better outcomes.

This grant of \$2,500 would partially fund the position of ESL lead teacher at the Christian Friends of New Americans' Peace Center and ensure that the teacher will be able to devote sufficient time to improve and expand the Adult ESL program.

18. Trinity Lutheran School, Hoffman, IL - Special Needs Student Financial Aid \$4,000.00

When Lutheran parochial schools serve families of special needs children, the family, student and school all benefit. The school is able to witness to the special needs student and his/her family by welcoming them and providing for the child's educational needs. Other students learn that each person is a child of God and each life is valuable to Him. Trinity Lutheran School in Hoffman currently serves a child with Downs Syndrome who would benefit from a one-on-one aid. Working with a consultant to identify teaching strategies and modifications to ensure this student's success, the aid would help the child approximately 2-3 hours per day.

This grant of \$4,000 would pay a portion of the hourly wage for a one-on-one aid for a special needs child attending Trinity Lutheran School, Hoffman, Illinois.

19. Camp Wartburg's "Shepherding Sheep" Camp for People with Disabilities \$4,000.00

A weeklong camp, "Shepherding Sheep" connects young people who are willing to serve with youth and adults who are physically and/or mentally challenged. Many campers with disabilities are low income and have limited life experiences. The camp provides life experiences as children of God for both groups of young people. The disabled often experience childlike curiosity, hunger for the Word, and joyfully praise God's name. The youth volunteers respond to Jesus' command to love God and their neighbor by sharing God's Word in devotions, Bible stories, and acts of service to others. Additional funding will support the campers and ensure wholesome experiences as well as safety.

This grant of \$4,000 would assist more youth in attending "Shepherding Sheep" Camp at Waterloo, IL

**20. Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School, Evansville, IL – Tuition Assistance and Scholarship
\$5,000.00**

Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School provides a Christ-centered education to children during these critical years. The goal is to provide a Lutheran high school education available to every family who desires their child to be grounded in faith and be reminded daily of the saving grace of Christ. During the past academic years, almost 50% of the student body applied and qualified for tuition assistance. Funds received will assist families who would otherwise be unable to afford the full cost of a Christian high school education.

This grant for \$5,000 would assist economically disadvantaged families in providing a Christian high school education for their children.

**21. Lutheran Heritage Foundation – Hispanic Resources for Southern Illinois Ministries -
\$3,750.00**

The Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF) is a recognized service organization of the LCMS whose goal is to provide people worldwide with the books of our Lutheran faith translated into their own language so that all may come to know Christ as their personal Savior. In the last U.S. Census, Illinois ranked second in the nation for the largest percentage increase in Hispanic residents, now approximately 900,000. Pope County in Southern Illinois has seen a 545% increase in its Hispanic population. Opportunities for sharing God's word with Hispanic immigrants are plentiful for Lutheran churches in SID, including through the SID prison ministry. But a large obstacle remains: many Hispanics don't speak English very well.

This grant of \$3,750 would help LHF publish and distribute a 4th printing of the *Spanish Bible with Small Catechism* to be used by SID Lutheran churches and pastors in their communities and local prison ministries to share God's word with the Hispanic population in southern Illinois.

**22. Deaf Institute of Theology (DIT) Student Support, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO
\$5,000.00**

The first and most important need is to bring the Gospel to the Deaf. Deaf ministry in the LCMS is in a time of transition from hearing pastors with M.Div. degrees to pastors who are deaf. The Deaf Institute of Theology (DIT) is an alternate route program at Concordia Seminary which trains deaf men and women to be pastors and deaconesses. Because DIT students are part-time, they are not eligible for grants or financial aid from the seminary.

This grant of \$5,000 would provide much needed tuition assistance for two (and possibly more) incoming students.

DELEGATES WILL BE VOTING FOR EIGHT GRANTS

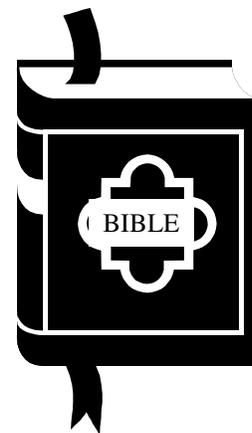
Friday Evening Pre-Convention

Gathering: Friday, Sept. 12

All are welcome to attend the Friday evening activities before the convention. Sept. 12. We will meet at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Carbondale at 6:30 for a meal provided by the Chinese Community from Our Savior. No charge for the night, but please RSVP for the meal if you plan to attend. Do this on your registration sheet.

We will pack tote bags for college students in Southern Illinois. Our theme will be baptism. There will be singing, devotions, fellowship time and a closing vesper service. Come join us in fellowship with other Christians as we prepare for the convention on Saturday.

The committee on Young Women



Ingathering

Bibles that can fit into a purse will be collected at the convention.

Candidate resumes for positions on the SID Board

For Pastoral Counselor

Rev. John M. Taggatz of Baldwin. Member of St. John Ev. Lutheran Church, Baldwin, IL
Services to local congregation: I have been serving as the pastor of St. John Lutheran Church in Baldwin, IL since July of 2007. During my years of service I have served as Pastoral Advisor to Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School in Evansville, IL from 2008 to the present. Currently, I serve as the Vice Chairman of the Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School's Board of Governance, a position I've held since July of 2012. I am also serving the Southern IL District as a Secretary on the Campus Ministry Mentor Committee of Southwestern IL College of Belleville, a position I've held since July of 2013. I completed my Post Seminary Applied Learning & Support (PALS) program in 2010 after three years of post-Seminary learning with other fellow pastors, with Pastor Mark Nebel as my mentor. The PALS program was from 2007-2010. I completed the DOXOLOGY program, of the Lutheran Center for Spiritual Counsel, that helps train pastors to be better equipped in the spiritual care of souls of those within the congregation that they serve in the Fall of 2013. Since July of 2008, I have also served as Pastor of the Week at Camp Wartburg in Waterloo, IL, leading the camp counselors there in Bible Study and doing devotions with the campers. I have attended the 1999 LWML Convention in Minneapolis, MN and served as a page at that convention in my first year as a student at Concordia University St. Paul. I also attended the most recent LWML Convention in Peoria, IL in the summer of 2011 and the Southern IL LWML District Convention held in 2012. I am a 2003 graduate of Concordia University St. Paul. There I received a degree of Bachelor of Arts degree with Theology as my field of study. My vicarage was served at Faith Lutheran Church in Bay City, MI from 2005-2006. I served as an advisor on the LWML board at my vicarage congregation as well. In the spring of 2007 I received my Masters in Divinity degree from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, MO.
Society Services: I currently teach Bible studies to the LWML Ladies Aid chapter at St. John Baldwin and serve as an advisor on their board.
Zone Activities: LWML Lower & Upper Kaskaskia Zone Counselor, 2013-Present

Rev Jason Scott Holden of Carbondale. Member of Our Savior Lutheran Church, Carbondale Illinois
Services to local congregation: Served as Assistant Pastor from 2012 to present.
Rev. Holden serves the congregation, campus ministry, and the community of Carbondale in his role as assistant pastor. In addition to preaching, leading worship, teaching Bible studies, and making pastoral care visits and counseling; he serves as the high school youth group leader, planning events and opportunities for the youth to grow in faith and serve their neighbor. He also serves the campus ministry in planning events and leading Bible studies. As Vice President of SIU Campus Ministries, an association for faith communities with a campus ministry presence at Southern Illinois University. He facilitates events and builds relationships between the faith community and the university. At Park View Lutheran Church, Eldridge Iowa he was a *High School Youth Leader, 1996-2008*
As a volunteer, he planned and organized the high school, youth group activities. He led several summer retreats and mission projects all over the United States, in addition to weekly Bible studies and bi-weekly events at church and in the community. Five times a year, he would assist the Pastor in planning youth-led services in the congregation. He, also, planned and organized the major annual fundraiser for the youth group activities. He attended Bradley University, Peoria, Illinois, and received a Master of Divinity in 2012 at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO
Society Service : Rev. Holden assists the LWML group with pastoral support and care in any of their activities, fundraising, and planning; including the upcoming district convention.

President

Berenda Schoenbeck of Collinsville. Member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Collinsville
Service to local congregation: Sunday School Superintendent/Teacher/Secretary-Treasurer-27 years total, Choir-many years, Money-counting team leader-5 years, Thrivent Chapter President (2013-present), Vice president-2012
Society offices: President: 2013- present, 1991-1992, 2nd VP (Program): 1993-1994, Treasurer: 4 years
Zone offices : Vice President: 1997-1998
District Offices: Corresponding Secretary: 1998-2002, Financial Secretary: 2002-2006
President: 2006-2010

**Vice President of
Organizational Resources**

Helen Mayer of Cutler. Member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Pinckneyville

Service to Local Congregation: Sunday School Teacher, Newsletter writer, Altar Care (communion)

Society Offices: President

Zone Offices: President, Secretary

District Offices: Recording Secretary, President

**Vice President of
Organizational Resources**

Debra Albers of Carlyle. Member of Bethlehem Lutheran church Ferrin

Service to Local Congregation: Sunday School teacher, religion teacher, choir member, Sunday School Superintendent, Youth Group counselor

Society Offices: President (past 3 years); President & Secretary previously, Vice President

Zone Offices: President, Secretary/ Treasurer, Public Relations

District Offices: YWR 1999 National Convention in St. Paul, MN; District YWR representative, Committee on Young Women, Vice President of Communications, Vice President of Special Focus Ministries (Human Care)

**Vice President of
Special Focus Ministry**

Carol Small of Caseyville, Member Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Collinsville

Service to local congregation: Caregiving Board, Family Ministry Committee, Vacation Bible School

Society Offices: Secretary, Vice President

Zone Offices: President, Delegate to National Convention (twice)

**Vice President of
Special Focus Ministry**

Claudia Kramer of Carbondale. Member Our Savior Lutheran Church, Carbondale

Service to local congregation: Chairperson Social and Evangelism Committee, served as chairperson of Building Committee during the last remodeling and addition to our Church

Corresponding Secretary

Deb Wudtke of Collinsville. Member Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Collinsville.

Service to local congregation: Direct the Handbell Choir

Society offices : Baptism Banners, Mother/Daughter Banquet Chair

Zone offices : Zone Vice President, Zone President

District offices : YWR Committee Chair, Vice President of Human Care, District Convention Chair

Corresponding Secretary

Lucy Thompson of Collinsville. Member Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Collinsville.

Service to local congregation: Sunday School Teacher 15+ years, Women's Day of Renewal Committee.

Society offices : Secretary, Program Chairman

Zone offices : None

District offices : VP of Communications

Financial Secretary

Carol Oldinski of Highland. Member Hope Lutheran Church, Highland

Service to local congregation: Choir member, Altar Guild member, Thrivent Advocate, Jolly Group member, Quilter

Society offices: President, currently secretary

Zone Offices: Secretary/Treasurer

Financial Secretary

Adeline Amen of Troy. Member St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Troy.

Service to local congregation: Treasurer for the church, setting up the computerized bookkeeping system, Financial Secretary and Treasurer.

Society offices: Committee service

**BALLOT FOR ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE
SID/LWML BOARD FOR THE 2014-2018 TERM**

Please vote for **ONE** for each office

FOR THE OFFICE OF PASTORAL COUNSELOR:

REV. JOHN M. TAGGATZ

REV. JASON HOLDEN

FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT:

BRENDA SCHOENBECK

FOR THE OFFICE OF VICE PRESIDENT OF ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES:

HELEN MAYER

DEBRA ALBERS

FOR THE OFFICE OF VICE PRESIDENT OF SPECIAL FOCUS MINISTRY:

CAROL SMALL

CLAUDIA KRAMER

FOR THE OFFICE OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

DEBRA WUDTKE

LUCY THOMPSON

FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL SECRETARY

CAROL OLDINSKI

ADELINE AMEN

Lutheran Women's Missionary League Southern Illinois District Bylaws
Proposed Changes
Proposed Date of Approval---September 2014

Proposed Amendment Article IV District Structure

Rationale: To improve representation of zone presidents at District Board Meetings.

Existing bylaws read:

Section 4

All zone presidents, or their representatives, shall meet with the District LWML Board and act as advisory members of the Board.

If adopted, will read:

All zone presidents shall meet with the Executive Board of the district and serve as voting members of the Board.

Proposed Amendment Article V District Convention and Representation

Rationale: Clarify voting members at Convention.

Existing bylaws read:

Section 2

The voting body of the convention shall be:

c. the president of each zone. When the Zone President is also a member of the Executive Board, or is unable to attend the convention, the Zone Vice President shall be authorized to attend as the president's representative and shall have the privilege of voice and vote;

If adopted, will read:

The voting body of the convention shall be:

c. the president of each zone. When the Zone President is also an elected member of the Executive Board, the Zone Vice President shall be authorized to attend as the president's representative and shall have the privilege of voice and vote;

Proposed Amendment Article VII Executive Board

Rationale: Clarify voting members of the Board.

Existing bylaws read:

The Executive Board shall:

a. be composed of the elected District LWML officers. The two (2) Counselors, Zone presidents, or their representative, and all appointed personnel shall be advisory members;

If adopted, will read:

Section 1

The Executive Board shall:

a. be composed of the elected LWML SID officers and zone presidents. The two (2) Counselors and all appointed personnel shall be advisory members;

The SID BOD had a request to allow Zone Presidents to have voting privileges at BOD meetings. The Zone Presidents attend all quarterly meetings and offer much insight into the SID; they represent you. The BOD approved this change, hence the changes in the bylaws. These changes will be voted on at convention in September.