

PRESS RELEASE September, 29, 2018

Lutheran Women in Mission – 39th Biennial Convention of Southern Illinois District

The 39th Biennial Convention of the Southern Illinois District Lutheran Women in Mission was held September 28 and 29 at Christ Our Rock High School in Centralia, IL. Our convention goal statement is “God’s abundant blessings have brought us to this point in time, thus we pray that He gives us the faith to continue trusting His blessings for the future.” We celebrated 75 years AND beyond with DECADES OF MISSIONS”

The opening evening of convention, little under 100 women shared fellowship, hosted by the Young WOMEN Representatives. We closed with Vespers lead by Rev. Jay Holden and Rev. Terry Grebing.

Saturday morning we opened with Holy Communion celebration service with over 260 in attendance.

MISSION GRANTS APPROVED:

American & International Campus Ministry; SIU Carbondale	\$4,000
Trinity/HOPE Feed Children of Lutheran Schools in Haiti: Gallatin, TN	\$5,000
Camp Wartburg’s “Shepherding Sheep” Camp for People with Disabilities	\$5,000
Seminary Student Scholarships – Southern Illinois District	\$8,000
Southern Assistance Fund Scholarships – Southern Illinois District	\$4,000
Orphan Grain Train Hurricane Relief; Norfolk, NE	\$4,000
Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School (Centralia) Rev. Timothy Mueller Mentor Grant	\$4,000
LCMS U at SIUE-Edwardsville Campus Ministry Outreach Program	\$3,500
Metro-East Lutheran High School (Edwardsville) Student Scholarship And Tuition Assistance	\$4,000
Esther Comfort Dog Ministry Deployment Fund, Collinsville	\$4,500
Unity Lutheran Christian Elementary School (East St Louis)	\$4,000
Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School (Evansville, IL) Tuition Assistance	\$4,000
Shared prison & Jail ministry in SID	\$6,000

Members nominated and voted into positions: PASTORIAL COUNSELOR: Rev .Stephen Krenz of Trinity Lutheran Church, Hoffman, IL and has accepted a call to St Paul’s Lutheran Church, Columbia, IL.

DISTRICT PRESIDENT: Diane Grebing from Renault, IL. VICE PRESIDENT OF ORGANIZATIONAL

RESOURCES: Carol Benning from Harvel, IL. VICE PRESIDENT OF SPECIAL FOCUS MINISTRY: Carol

Walther from Collinsville, IL. CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Sylvia Kleiboeker from Ferrin, IL.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Judy Guebert from Red Bud, IL

Convention Photo: 75TH Anniversary Picture was taken of all participants.