

*SEVENTY-SIXTH
ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE
MISSOURI DISTRICT OF THE INT'L
LUTHERAN LAYMEN'S LEAGUE &
LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES
OUTREACH EVENT*



*TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
COLUMBIA, MISSOURI*

SEPTEMBER 15, 2018

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A Brief History of the LLL

The year 1917 marked the 400th anniversary of the Reformation. Although this should have been cause for celebration among Lutherans, the meeting of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States in Milwaukee convened under a cloud of concern. The United States had recently entered into World War I against a country from whom many of its members or their families had emigrated. The nation's economy was uncertain. And the Lutheran Church itself faced a considerable debt of over \$100,000 (approximately \$2 million dollars in today's currency value).

During this convention, a group of 12 dedicated laymen took it upon themselves to develop a strategy to wipe out the synodical debt. In order to address this problem, the Lutheran Laymen's League was formed. By the grace of God, within six months the Lutheran Laymen's League had successfully raised more than enough money to fully pay off the debt.

In coming years the LLL would work with the Lutheran Church to establish a pension fund for church workers and their families. During the 1920's efforts were undertaken to assist in the establishment and operation of radio station KFUD. And, in October of 1930, the initial broadcast of the Lutheran Hour was aired on the Columbia Broadcasting System. The first speaker of the Lutheran Hour was Dr. Walter A. Meier, professor at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis.

The Lutheran Hour continues today as the longest running Christ-centered broadcast on radio. Through the years we have been blessed with gifted speakers to share the Gospel including, in addition to Dr. Walter A. Meier, Dr. Lawrence Aker, Dr. Armin Oldsen, Dr. Oswald Hoffman, Rev. Wallace Schultz, Dr. Dale Meyer, Rev. Ken Klaus, Rev. Dr. Greg Seltz, and our new speaker, Rev. Dr. Michael Ziegler who will broadcast his first sermon on Reformation Sunday, October 28, 2018.

In 1940, The Lutheran Hour began an international ministry with broadcasts airing in Ecuador and the Philippines. Today, through more than 30 international centers, Lutheran Hour Ministries provides programs to meet the spiritual and physical needs of people throughout the world.

As communication technology has changed through the years, the Lutheran Laymen's League has developed new strategies to carry out its mission of Bringing Christ to the Nations, and the Nations to the Church. Beginning in the 1940's and 50's, Christian programming through film and television was developed. And in more recent times, audio and video cassettes, compact discs, the Internet, and satellite radio have all been utilized to share the Gospel with people around the world.

In 1992, due to the popularity of the Lutheran Hour radio program, the International LLL chose the name of "Lutheran Hour Ministries" as the overall identity for its media outreach programs.

Lutheran Hour Ministries through the years has also endeavored to work closely with congregations in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Through Project Connect, brochures addressing a variety of life issues from a Christian perspective are made available to help people in need of Christ-centered advice. On-line evangelism training programs provide tools to help God's people become more confident witnesses of their faith. Through the program THRED, LHM uses social media such as Facebook to reach out to people looking for answers to questions in their lives. And the LHM Men's Network continues to serve as an important outreach program to encourage Christian growth in men.

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Greeting from the District Board of Governors

The Board of Governors of the Missouri District LLL welcomes you to the 76th annual district convention of our organization. Since 1942 the Missouri District has supported the International Lutheran Laymen's League in its mission of "Bringing Christ to the Nations--and the Nations to the Church."

This year represents our first year following a new format. Previous district conventions have been held over a weekend, and have included two worship services, all-day meetings on Saturdays and on Sunday mornings, and a banquet. Last year's Missouri District LLL Convention in Jefferson City was the final multi-day convention of any of the remaining LLL Districts.

As the District Board of Governors now handles most of the routine matters in the operation of our District, our annual convention has been reduced to a relatively short meeting on Saturday morning. Our Saturday afternoon session will now be used to promote Lutheran Hour Ministries and to hear a message from the Missouri District of the LCMS.

It is our hope and prayer that you will find this gathering to be informative and motivating. Enjoy the fellowship of your Lutheran brothers and sisters. Take home the messages presented by our speakers and share with others in your home congregations. Help spread the word about how Lutheran Hour Ministries is continuing to share the Gospel message as we embark on the second century of our organization, the Lutheran Laymen's League.

We thank Trinity Lutheran Church in Columbia for graciously hosting this event. We also extend a special word of thanks to Rev. Peter Lange from Eldon, MO who has served as District Pastoral Advisor for the past four years, and to Harvey Loenneke who has served as District President during the past two years. They have truly been a blessing to our organization and will be missed.

May God bless your day here in Columbia and grant you safe travel as your return home.

Yours in Christ,

Board of Governors, Missouri District LLL



Greetings, brothers and sisters, in the Name of our Lord Jesus!

In 1917, a group of faithful “pioneers” gathered together for the first time as laity in Milwaukee to support the church in word and deed. It was with this particular act that the ministry of the International Lutheran Laymen’s League / Lutheran Hour Ministries (Int’l LLL/LHM) first formed. Little did those laypeople know then of all the tremendous plans God had for this worldwide ministry, yet we are here today as a testimony to the sovereign plan of God, attesting to what He can do with people following His will.

The world may have changed, but the power of the laity remains strong today as the Int’l LLL/LHM continues to move forward by adapting with the times to remain a leading force for providing the Gospel message to others. Since our founding, we have repeatedly faced the learning curve of how to best present the Gospel to new generations using new technologies, and throughout that history we have seen examples of God’s providence, power, and protection! God truly is good ALL the time ... even when we may not understand His ways.



Thanks to the sustained, generous support of faithful individuals like you, the Int’l LLL/LHM enters its second century of ministry knowing that bold new strategies are required for sharing the love of Christ with the billions of people who do not know Him. Technology and rapid cultural shifts may have altered the face of evangelism, but Christ’s Great Commission still stands ... and God continues to call us as His SENT people on a constant mission for the Savior.

I continue to be amazed at how God blesses LHM’s work in *Bringing Christ to the Nations—and the Nations to the Church*. Today, as a trusted expert in mass media proclamation with a global network of partners, we reach more than 100 million lost and hurting people around the world each week with the Gospel. Last year alone, that generated nearly 550,000 responses around the world and more than 65,000 people being referred to local Christian communities for spiritual growth and nurturing. But with billions of people still unreached, our work is not done. That’s why we work in areas where other organizations are not present and use indigenous staff to develop culturally relevant programs and resources that proclaim the Gospel to the unchurched in more than 50 nations on six continents.

On behalf of all of us at LHM, thank you for attending this district convention and for your continued dedicated support of the Int’l LLL/LHM. May God continue to bless us all with the call to His mission, with a bold vision for the future, and with courage to put our faith into action. Have a great event!

Your partner in His mission,

Kurt Buchholz, President & CEO

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Greetings in the Name of the Lord!

It is my privilege to greet you as the Chairman of your International Lutheran Laymen's League. As the Int'l LLL enters its second century of ministry with billions of people having never heard the Gospel, there is a greater urgency than ever for us to proclaim messages of hope in the name of Jesus Christ.

We have been SENT out with a declaration of God's purpose: "That you may declare the praises of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light" (1 Peter 2:10). That sounds scary. He calls me and then sends me out to accomplish this task all by myself? Just exactly how am I supposed to declare His praises to the world? After all, I'm just one person!

Author Michael Goheen once wrote: *"The great commission is not a task assigned to isolated individuals; it is an identity given to a community."*

Peter's words reflect this. Every time the word "you" is used in 1 Peter 2 it is plural. Peter is reminding us that we, all of us together, have been called, declared to be God's chosen possession, and joined together "like living stones" to be God's dwelling. This passage also reminds us that we are assured that we are never alone in this journey; we have the church around us and Christ in us as "a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God" (1 Peter 2:9).

But it is still a journey. We have been SENT as pilgrim travelers in this world, not permanent residents. In our travels we don't wander aimlessly or without purpose. We have a goal: the place that our Lord Jesus has prepared for us. Along the way we have a purpose: to extend God's gracious call "out of darkness and into His marvelous light" to people we encounter along the way.

This journey assumes connection with those around us. We do not live and serve Him in anonymity with our light hidden under a bushel basket (Matthew 5:14-16) but, as God's chosen people, we proclaim with reckless confidence what He has entrusted to us (Matthew 25:14). We are His ambassadors (2 Corinthians 5:20), planting and watering Gospel seeds (1 Corinthians 3:6-7), living in a restored relationship with God through Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 5:18-19), always prepared to give a gentle and respectful reason for the Hope that only is found in Christ Jesus (1 Peter 3:15).

Reaching the unchurched is a special calling of the Int'l LLL/LHM. All of us are chosen, called, declared, and SENT on a journey to our homes, our jobs, our communities, and our congregations so that we, all together, by the Holy Spirit, might be *Bringing Christ to the Nations—and the Nations to the Church!* Thank you for attending this convention and for all your support that has brought us this far! May God continue to richly bless the future of these ministries as we are SENT together to be His hands and His feet around the globe.

In His Service,



Phillip Johnson

Chairman, International Lutheran Laymen's League



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Rev. Dr. Tony Cook
Executive Director of United States Ministries
Lutheran Hour Ministries

Rev. Dr. Anthony (Tony) Cook serves as executive director of United States Ministries at Lutheran Hour Ministries and provides leadership and operational management of the direction, strategies, and initiatives for the division. He has nearly 20 years of experience in curriculum design and development, distance curricula, educational technology, and leadership. He has served as a parish pastor and consultant to numerous Christian entities on digitally sharing the Gospel through various forms of multimedia. Before joining LHM, Tony served as associate professor of practical theology at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, specializing in education, pastoral theology plus leadership, and postmodern studies, including courses on preaching to postmoderns, post-liberal theology, and emerging Christianity. He received his Ph. D. in curriculum and instruction from Saint Louis University and an M.Div. from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.



76th MO District LLL Convention & LHM Outreach Event

Saturday September 15, 2018

Convention Session

DEVOTION (10:00 am – 10:30 am)	Rev. Peter Lange MO District LLL Pastoral Advisor
CALL TO ORDER (10:30 am)	Harvey Loenneke, President
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	
INTRODUCTIONS	Harvey Loenneke
MINUTES OF THE 2017 CONVENTION	Darrel Voltmer, Secretary
TREASURER AND FINANCIAL REVIEW REPORT	Brian Mitchell, Treasurer
STUDENT ASSISTANCE RESOLUTION	Brian Mitchell
ELECTION OF OFFICERS	Jim Harms
NEW BUSINESS	Harvey Loenneke
GREETINGS FROM MISSOURI DISTRICT LWML PRESIDENT	Sally Handrick
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS	Rev. Peter Lange MO District LLL Pastoral Advisor
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Jim Harms
CLOSING PRAYER	Darrel Lorenz

MO District LLL Special Projects: FREE WILL OFFERING
Vietnam Ministry, Bible Correspondence Courses, and Seminary Banquet

Lunch
11:30 am - 12:30 pm

LHM Outreach Event 12:30 pm

LHM Learn Presentation “The Spiritual Conversation Continuum”	Rev. Dr. Tony Cook LHM Exec. Director, US Ministries
How Congregations Can Use LHM Resources	Rev. Dr. Tony Cook LHM Exec. Director, US Ministries
Missouri District LCMS Update	Rev. Brian Thieme Fourth Vice President Missouri District LCMS
Adjourn (4:00 pm)	

MISSOURI DISTRICT LUTHERAN LAYMEN'S LEAGUE

75th ANNUAL CONVENTION
CAPITOL PLAZA HOTEL
JEFFERSON CITY, MO
September 15-17, 2017

The convention opened with a communion service at 9:00 am. Rev. Peter Lange, District Pastoral Advisor, from Bethany Lutheran Church, Eldon officiated. The offering was designated to support the Vietnam Ministry, Bible Correspondence Courses, and the Seminary Banquet.

FIRST CONVENTION SESSION

District President Harvey Loenneke called the first session to order at 10:32am. The group joined together in the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag. Vice-President Alan Turley welcomed everyone to the convention.

President Loenneke introduced the Executive Committee, Board of Governors, Past Presidents in attendance and Special Guests Shirley Eno and Gerald Perschbacher.

Minutes of the 2016 Convention printed in the convention booklet were approved as printed.

The Treasurer's Report and the Financial Review Report was presented by Treasurer, Brian Mitchell. The reports were approved as printed in the convention booklet.

President Loenneke presented the plan for the 2018 District Convention. The Board approved the plan to have a one day convention at Trinity Lutheran Church, in Columbia September 15, 2018. We will begin at 10:00am with a bible study and have a short convention session followed by a catered lunch. We will have presentations in the afternoon by a representative from Lutheran Hour Ministries and others ending approximately 4:00PM.

We next viewed a video greeting from International Lutheran Laymen's League President Kurt Buchholtz thanking everyone for their attendance at the convention and our support.

We next viewed a video introducing LHM's THRED program. It is an internet based program to connect with the younger generation, those 25-40 years old.

Next Christie Steffens, MO District LWML President brought greetings from the MO District LWML. She explained some of their goals for raising funds for missions and projects.

We next viewed a "This Is The Life" video entitled "Happiness is Dirty Hands". Gerald Perschbacher told us how the re-introduction of these films came about and how they came about in the first place.

Brian Mitchell gave a few announcements. He introduced a booklet that was put together to commemorate the past 75 years of the Missouri District by past officers of the district. He also pointed out a few things in the convention booklet.

Curt Kassel offered the closing prayer and Harvey adjourned the meeting for lunch at 11:50am.

SECOND CONVENTION SESSION

Meeting reconvened at 1:00 PM with opening prayer by Darrell Lorenz.

Dr. Gerald Perschbacher, The Lutheran Laymen Editor, gave a presentation on “A Century of Blessings and More”. He has been on the staff for 38½ years. December 3, 1917 was the birthdate of the LLL. He talked about the many staff members that have come and gone in the years he has been there. He talked about the many programs that have come and gone like “On Main Street”, “Woman to Woman”, “What I Didn’t Learn in Sunday School”, and international mission trips. He talked about Lutheran Hour rallies we used to have. He shared a lot of pictures from the archives. He talked about the past Lutheran Hour Speakers and their characteristics. He said the LLL is a people organization centered in God. It all began with 12 people. He talked about the program “Martin Luther” to be aired on PBS. He said God works in many ways through many people. He talked about the THRED program and the “SAT 7” ministries. The numbers have grown in the Lord’s work and continues to grow. We have joined Jesus on His mission. The future is the Lord’s.

We viewed another THRED Video talking about Religion. What is the religion we have? Where do we put our hope? We all worship something. What is it for you?

STATE FAIR BOOTH-Sharon Hutcheson gave her report for the 2017 State Fair Booth. The fair draws 300,000 to 350,000 annually the first part of August. Everything they hand out is free. They hand out stickers, children’s books, Project Connect booklets, emery boards, and pocket crosses. She asked for suggestions to help reach out to the younger generation (25-40 year olds). She asked for everyone to please pray that God grows the seeds that are planted there. She mentioned the Sunday Morning worship service that the MO District LLL hosts. She thanked all those that volunteered to staff the booth.

We viewed another THRED video. What do you think heaven will be like? Will it be like a wedding party that you would like to last forever? It was followed by a THRED Promo Video. The program is designed to reach out to the 25-40 year olds. Trying to engage them in conversation. Offering them a way to mend those who are broken or hurting.

Gerald Perschbacher gave his second presentation. It was a presentation on “Standing with Luther-Reformation Realities”. The nailing of the 95 Theses was the beginning of the Reformation. How did grace apply to Martin Luther and how does it apply to us today? Luther searched and searched. Luther had the title of “Dr. of Bible”. He was a good friend of “Fredrick the Wise”. Luther changed western civilization. Luther helped make the Bible a best seller. God was definitely at work in the Reformation. Gerald told of Luther’s meaning of the “Luther Rose” and what it symbolizes. Luther was a family man. The Word of the Lord continues to go and the Word of the Lord continues to grow. We are saved by grace through faith. He said God bless you for what you have done and continue to do.

GREETINGS FROM LCMS MO DISTRICT were brought to us by Rev. William Marlar, 1st Vice-President of the MO District LCMS. He handed out a report of the ministries in 2016. He brought greetings from President Rev. Lee Hagan. He said the district refined its focus in 2015. First is growing together in the word, second healthy servants, third peaceful ministries, and fourth mission focused congregations. The district is trying to help congregations who are experiencing conflict. The district created a care team led by Rev. Gene Wyssmann. The district consists of 297 congregations. The district is still focused on mission. It introduced the “Plus One Initiative”. They are trying to get all congregations to engage in one act of outreach. He talked about other ministries going on in the district. He opened the floor to questions.

We watched another THRED video entitled “Pride”. Pride is a toxic poison, sin.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-Brian Mitchell gave instructions concerning the Banquet and Sunday morning breakfast.

Richard Schmidt gave the closing prayer and the convention recessed at 5:13PM.

THE CONVENTION BANQUET was held at 6:30 PM. Entertainment was provided by a singing group the “Bakers’ Dozen” from Immanuel Lutheran Church, Honey Creek.

THE BANQUET SPEAKER was Martin Luther portrayed by Rev. William Marlar, First Vice President of the LCMS MO District and Senior Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Springfield.

SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFAST was held from 7:00 to 7:45am followed by bible study led by Richard Schmidt.

THE THIRD CONVENTION SESSION was called to order by President Loenneke at 9:02am. He explained how to get to Trinity Lutheran Church where we were to worship.

President Loenneke recognized Don Ohrenberg as retiring Area 5 Facilitator of the district. He presented him with a gift for his many years of service.

NEW BUSINESS: There was none.

President Loenneke recognized Brian Mitchell, James Harms, and the rest of the Executive Board for contributing to the convention. He said it was a bittersweet time with this being the last 2 Day Convention.

A MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED TO ADJOURN THE CONVENTION. IT PASSED AND THE CONVENTION WAS ADJOURNED AT 9:15am followed by singing the hymn “HAIL YE LUTHERAN LAYMEN”.

THE CLOSING WORSHIP SERVICE was held at 10:30am at Trinity Lutheran Church in Jefferson City where the initial meeting was held in 1942 to form the MO District LLL.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darrel Voltmer, Secretary



Treasurer's Report

General Fund

Balance on Hand June 1, 2017	\$ 4,794.26
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Income

Operating Funds from Int'l LLL	\$ 9,535.19
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Interest from Bank	\$ 2.34
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Total Cash Available	\$14,331.79
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Expenditures

District Board	\$ 1,728.53
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District Convention	\$ 1,941.99
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Perry County Fair	\$ 551.47
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Office Expenses	\$ 9.80
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State Fair Booth	\$ 3,476.29
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District Publication (website)	\$ 252.00
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Pastoral Retreat	\$ 200.00
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Project Connect	\$ 492.48
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Cape Girardeau Bible Study	\$ 250.00
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Pastor Desk Name Plates	\$ 118.24
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Total Expenditures	\$ 9,020.80
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Balance on May 31, 2018	\$ 5,310.99
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Treasurer's Report (Continued)

Projects Fund

Balance on June 1, 2017	\$ 13,880.38
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Income

LCMS Foundation Disbursement for Student Assistance	\$ 1,082.23
Student Assistance	\$ 1,400.51
Seminary Banquet	\$ 753.60
Bible Study Courses	\$ 1,203.62
Vietnam Ministry	\$ 1,204.67

Total Cash Available for Projects	\$ 19,525.01
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Expenditures

Student Assistance	\$ 4,250.00
Seminary Banquet	\$ 2,000.00
Bible Study Courses	\$ 1,049.19
Vietnam Ministry	\$ 1,499.19
Lutheran Hour Ministries (Bill Hunt Memorial)	\$ 100.00

Total Expenditures	\$ 8,898.38
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Project Fund Balance on May 31, 2018	\$ 10,626.63
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Project Fund Account Balances on May 31, 2018

Student Assistance	\$ 6,252.73
Seminary Banquet	\$ 595.67
Bible Study Courses	\$ 1,203.75
Vietnam Ministry	\$ 1,204.80
Team Presentations	\$ 1,369.67
Total	\$ 10,626.63

Student Assistance Fund Account Balance

(Endowment with LCMS Foundation as of March 31, 2018)	\$42,289.30
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District Projects Income

June 1, 2017 through May 31, 2018

Contributions from Individuals (LHM-Vietnam)	\$300.00
Contributions from Individuals (Bible Correspondence Courses)	\$300.00
St. Matthew, Lee's Summit Men's Fellowship Group (Special Projects)	\$400.00
Collection from 2017 Convention (Special Projects)	\$1102.00
Kansas City Zone LLL (Special Projects)	\$100.00
Altenberg/Cape Zone LLL (Special Projects)	\$156.00
Trinity Lutheran Men's Club, Jefferson City (Special Projects)	\$500.00
Salem Lutheran Men's Club, Farrar (Bible Correspondence Courses)	\$150.00
Salem Lutheran Men's Club, Farrar (LHM-Vietnam)	\$150.00
Bank Interest	\$ 3.89
Total	\$3,161.89

Summary of Allocation to Special Projects of the District

Bible Correspondence Courses	\$1,203.62
LHM-Vietnam	\$1,204.67
Seminarian Banquet	\$ 753.60
Total	\$3,161.89

Note: Gifts to "Special Projects" not specified are divided equally among the three Special Projects of the District: LHM-Vietnam, LHM Bible Correspondence Courses, and the Seminarian Banquet. Bank Interest is also divided equally among the three Special Projects of the District.



Student Assistance Income

June 1, 2017 through May 31, 2018

LCMS Foundation Endowment Distribution	\$1082.23
Refund from Concordia Seminary	\$ 250.00
Concordia Zone LLL	\$1,052.25
Trinity Lutheran Church Men's Club, Jefferson City	\$ 97.00
Interest from Bank	\$ 1.26
Total	\$2,482.74

Student Assistance Fund Account Balance

(as of March 31, 2018)

LCMS Foundation	\$42,289.30
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Financial Review Statement

To: Missouri District LLL Board of Governors
From: James Harms
Date: August 17, 2018
Subject: Financial Review

I have completed the financial review for the quarterly financial reports and supporting records for the Missouri District of the Lutheran Laymen's League for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2017 and ending May 31, 2018.

A review was made of the following accounts:

1. General Checking
2. Projects Checking
3. Convention Committee
4. Student Assistance LCMS Foundation

The review involved a detailed examination of the District approved budget, BOG minutes, quarterly reports, bank documents, check registers, and expense vouchers.

Separate general and project checking accounts are maintained by the treasurer with District President signature authority.

The Convention Committee maintains a separate convention account.

The Missouri District LLL Student Assistance Endowment Fund is maintained at the LCMS Foundation. Statement of Activity reports are made available on a quarterly basis (July 1st to June 30th).

Comparison was made to the District budget and BOG minutes. Overall compliance was found on the general and project accounts between:

- revenues reported and supporting bank deposits
- disbursements and supporting expense vouchers

The Districts Officers and mailing address was not updated as per the previous financial review recommendation on the LCMS Foundation - Missouri District LLL Student Assistance Endowment Fund. However, the BOG has been diligently working on Student Assistance changes. If the upcoming District Convention does not approve the proposed Student Assistance changes, updates need to be made for the organizations current Districts Officers and Treasurer's mailing address.

It is my opinion that the August 31st, 2017, November 30th, 2017, February 28th, 2018, and May 31st, 2018 District Treasurer General and Project Quarterly reports do fairly and accurately reflect the true condition of the financial state of the Missouri District LLL for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2017 and ending May 31, 2018.

It is the opinion of the undersigned that the financial records are correct and in proper order.

Respectfully submitted,



James L Harms

STUDENT ASSISTANCE REPORT

Last year we had eleven (16) requests for student grants through contacts to all admissions offices at the universities and seminaries. The registration form could be downloaded from our website www.missouridistrictLLL.org.

This year we have ten (10) applications for grants of \$300.00 each. The grants were increased from the usual \$100 to \$300 because the funds were available. These students will be attending the following schools:

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri	4
Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska	4
Concordia University, Chicago, Illinois	1
Concordia University, Mequon, Wisconsin	1

Contributions to the Student Assistance Fund come from clubs, the Endowment Fund, individual contributions, and the carry-over from the previous year.

The Endowment Fund is available for grants of \$100.00 or larger and must be earmarked accordingly. The fund is administered by the LCMS Foundation and only the interest can be used for grants.

Students indicated on their applications which specific profession they were considering. They are:

Pastor	5
Teacher	2
Deaconess	2
Mission Outreach	1

Listed below are the students receiving the grant of \$300.00 each, their hometown, and the college, university, or seminary, they are attending:

Elizabeth Bergdolt	St. Joseph	Concordia, Nebraska
Abram Egger	St. Louis	Concordia, Chicago
Tim Evans	Raymore	Concordia Seminary, St. Louis
Paul Flo	Hillsboro	Concordia Seminary, St. Louis
Brendan Metcalf	St. Louis	Concordia Seminary, St. Louis
Brett Mueller	Concordia	Concordia, Nebraska
Lindsey Overbeck	Jackson	Concordia, Nebraska
Sarah Seyer	St. Louis	Concordia, Wisconsin
Logan Smith	Barnhart	Concordia, Nebraska
Jennifer Wientge	St. Louis	Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

Cleo Steffens, Student Assistance Chairman

2018 State Fair Booth Ministry

The Missouri District of the Lutheran Laymen's League once again sponsored a booth at the Missouri State Fair in Sedalia. Sharon Hutcheson served as the Chairperson for the Fair Booth Ministry. Kevin Gibbs organized the worship service sponsored by the District on the first Sunday of the Fair. Rev. Todd Kollbaum from Concordia served as the speaker for the worship service.

The Fair Booth was again located in the Varied Industries Building on the Fairgrounds. During the 11 days of the Fair, at least 46 volunteers from 14 different churches staffed the booth, visiting with many people and witnessing their faith in Christ. 540 adult Project Connect booklets were distributed along with 4300 Kids Connect booklets for children. In addition, 1100 yard sticks, 1300 emery boards, and 2000 pocket crosses were distributed, each of which carried the message "God Loves You." Many children's stickers and pencils with various Christian messages were also distributed. These are only the tangible statistics. Through the Holy Spirit, God continues to work in the hearts of those who visited our booth and allowed us to share His love with them.

Thanks to all the volunteers who worked at the booth, and to Sharon Hutcheson and Kevin Gibbs for their efforts in helping make this outreach event successful.

Missouri District LLL

Proposed Change for Student Assistance Program

For many years the Missouri District of the LLL has provided assistance for students from the Missouri District who are planning to enter full-time church work and who are enrolled at either St. Paul's Lutheran High School in Concordia, at one of the Concordia Lutheran Universities, or at one of the two LCMS Seminaries. Originally student assistance consisted of \$100 grants, although in recent years these grants have ranged up to \$200 or \$250 per student.

Currently interest payments from an endowment fund with the LCMS Foundation provide a portion of the funds for this program. This endowment fund currently generates about \$1100 per year to help fund student assistance. The LCMS Foundation endowment fund balance is currently \$42,411.69. Additional funding for student assistance comes from donations by some LLL zones and by individuals.

In recent years a noticeable decline in requests for student assistance has occurred. From 2000 through 2003 an average of about 60 applicants requested financial assistance each year while over the past four years (2014-2017) an average of just 11 students per year have requested assistance. It appears that fewer students are enrolling in LCMS universities and of those who do enroll, many are not planning to enter full-time church work.

In addition to a decline in requests for assistance, funding from zones and individuals (excluding contributions from the endowment fund) has also declined. In fiscal year 2002-2003, contributions exceeded \$5300 for student assistance, while in the year just completed (2017-18) contributions dropped to less than \$1200. Only two zones (Concordia and Jefferson City) contributed funding for student assistance last year.

Due to the declining number of students requesting assistance and a significant drop in funding from zones and individuals, the Board of Governors of the Missouri District LLL is considering a proposal to end the District's participation in the student assistance program. Under this proposal, funds invested in the LCMS Foundation would be transferred to Concordia Seminary in St. Louis where an endowed fund would be established and managed to support students from Missouri LCMS congregations who are attending Concordia Seminary. We feel this proposal is in keeping with the intent of past donors who made their contributions to provide financial aid to students who wanted to enter full-time careers in church work. The major change is that support will now be limited to those students who are attending Concordia Seminary in St. Louis.

Zones or individuals who wish to continue supporting students could support the endowed fund at Concordia Seminary, or they could send their contributions directly to an institution of their choice. Alternatively, they could direct their contributions to the Missouri District LLL to support programs of Lutheran Hour Ministries (such as Bible Correspondence Courses or LHM-Vietnam).

This proposal will be presented to the Missouri District LLL Board of Governors at the Board meeting on August 18, 2018 in Columbia. If approved, this proposal will be presented at the District Convention on September 15, 2018 in Columbia. If the proposal is adopted at the Convention, no more student assistance grants will be provided by the District LLL and existing funds dedicated for student assistance will be transferred to an endowment fund at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

Resolution to Terminate Student Assistance Program of the Missouri District LLL

Whereas during recent years a noticeable decline in the number of requests for student assistance from the Missouri District LLL Student Assistance Program has occurred and,

Whereas a significant decline in donations for the Missouri District LLL Student Assistance Program from zones, clubs, and individuals has occurred,

Therefore, be it resolved that The Missouri District LLL terminate its Student Assistance Program effective immediately,

And be it further resolved that funds invested in the LCMS Foundation's Endowment Fund for the Missouri District LLL Student Assistance Fund be transferred to Concordia Seminary in St. Louis for establishment of an endowed fund to support students from Missouri LCMS congregations who are attending Concordia Seminary,

And be it further resolved that any funds remaining in the Student Assistance Fund of the Special Projects Account of the District LLL be turned over to Concordia Seminary to be added to the endowed fund to support students from Missouri LCMS congregations who are attending Concordia Seminary.

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LHM Affiliated Groups

What is an LHM Affiliated Group?

An LHM Affiliated Group is a group of men or women who wish to partner with Lutheran Hour Ministries in their outreach efforts, both locally and globally.

What are the qualifications to become an LHM Affiliated Group?

1. Groups in North America that are affiliated with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) or other North American churches that are in fellowship with the LCMS
2. Actively engaged in outreach locally and/or globally
3. Where possible, using Lutheran Hour Ministries materials in their outreach efforts
4. Must be willing to support the goals and objectives of Lutheran Hour Ministries
5. Has applied for recognition as an LHM Affiliated Group and received recognition from LHM
6. Must complete a reapplication form and survey every three years

What are some examples of Groups that may affiliate with LHM?

1. LLL Local Groups
2. Bible/Sunday School Classes
3. Men's Groups (Men's NetWork Groups)
4. Women's Groups
5. Couples' Groups
6. Congregations
7. LHM Volunteer Teams (Work Teams)
8. Petal Pushers and similar groups
9. College Students' Groups
10. Schools, including high schools and elementary schools
11. Mission societies

What are the benefits of becoming an LHM Affiliated Group?

- Receive a 20% discount on all [materials](#) ordered from LHM.
- Receive a 20% discount on registration for LLL International Conventions.
- Receive a 20% discount on registration for [Regional Outreach Conferences](#).
- Receive a 50% discount on booth space at Regional Outreach Conferences, excluding a free individual registration.
- Receive LHM's existing [e-newsletters](#) describing ideas and resources for reaching the community.
- Be able to submit stories for possible inclusion in a special section of the [Lutheran Layman](#) newspaper, pending approval.
- Have the opportunity to access and use a [library of logos](#) designed to indicate your status as being affiliated with Lutheran Hour Ministries.

For more information about how to become an affiliated group, visit www.lhm.org

**LHM Ministry Resource Manager and LHM Ministry Advancement
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Please contact me if you have any questions, need help with presentations or materials, and to share your stories of how you and your congregation are using LHM resources for outreach.



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