

75th Annual Kansas District Lutheran Laymen's League Convention
November 1 and 2, 2014
Great Bend, Kansas

The 75th annual Kansas District Lutheran Laymen's League met in Great Bend, Kansas, on November 1 and 2, 2014.

District President John Johnson called the Convention to order. Arlen Schultz Region 5 Convention chairman welcomed everyone and gave some directions and instructions for our Convention.

Leading the opening devotions was Vice President Tim Voelker. The devotion was centered on John 20:21—"We Are All Sent." Who-Jesus Christ; How-with enthusiasm; When- right now; What-we have the good news of salvation; Where-everywhere.

John mentioned several people associated with Kansas District LLL who have passed on to be with Jesus.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the minutes of the 74th Convention.

There was discussion on the treasurer's report. Things such as where the money comes from, should we spend more on our Fair Booth, and how we could get more churches involved with the LLL especially the purpose and benefits of our District Projects. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the treasurer's report.

Bervin Mirtsching, Ministry Advancement Officer for Lutheran Hour Ministries, told us there will be 3 Regional Outlook Conferences in 2015, namely, Seattle, New York and Florida. He mentioned the many, many programs of LHM that we need to introduce to pastors and congregations. He explained the many ways we can use wills, estates, annuities, matching gifts and others to benefit Lutheran Hour Ministries. He urged us all to consider belonging to the Hoffman Society.

Ken McCosh presented Resolution 14-01. The Resolution confirms our theme from John 20:21. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." The Resolution was accepted with the singing of the common Doxology.

The ballot was presented by Tim Voelker with Tim advancing to President. Arlen Schultz was elected as Vice President; Larry Junker as Region 2 Representative; John White as Region 4 Representative and Mark Westerman as Region 5 Representative filling the unexpired term of Arlen Schultz.

Resolution 14-02 Ministry Action District Project 2014-2015 was presented by Ronald Bott. Financial Aid for Kansas District students preparing for full time church work \$26,000; Recognition Dinner for 4th year students at Concordia, St. Louis, \$1,000; overseas Bible correspondence courses and Argentina Ministry \$4,500; Lutheran Hour Float for Rose Bowl

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Parade \$500 and LLL-LWML Family Retreat \$1,000 for a total of \$33,000. Any overage will go to Financial Aid. A motion to accept the Resolution was made, seconded and carried.

Tim Voelker reported on International programs and events: 47,000 people enrolled in Bible correspondence courses; the Lutheran Hour has great responses; the Lutheran Hour messages on radio broadcast crosses borders; Equipping to Share (similar to our Mission U) events are to help people witness their faith to others; Holistic Outreach serves the physical and spiritual needs of people; online mission trip will be with Latvia in 2015; we have Lutheran Hour offices in Indonesia, the largest number of Muslims in the world; the Kansas District has partnership with Argentina; Men's Network has 30 different Bible studies and Project Connect has 60 different booklets available for individual use. There are many more programs at www.lhm.org.

Richard Schrum presented Resolution 14-03 Convention Thank Resolution thanking Region 5 and everyone that planned the 2014 Convention. The Resolution passed with "Thank You, Amen."

Richard then invited everyone to the 2015 Convention hosted by Region 1 with the time and place to be named at a later date.

Bill Strauss presented 14-04 Ministry Action Resolution Bequest Funds. This committee of Bill Strauss, Carroll Hackbart, and John Johnson recommended that funds given to the Kansas District LLL place the funds with the LCMS Foundation with this action to be completed before the August 2015 Board of Governors Meeting. The Kansas District LLL President shall appoint a committee of 3 to 5 members to oversee this investment. The earnings and up to 20% of the principal may be used beginning in 2015. These funds can be used for Financial Aid to seminarians for pastors, Lutheran Hour and children involvement programs, college campus ministry programs, Kansas State Fair Booth and Worship expenses, International LHM Servant Event expenses and events associated with our partner country Argentina.

There was discussion on whether the two State Fair activities should be on this list. In the end State Fair activities were included. Discussion followed whether these funds could be made available to Ambassadors in the District. In the end the Resolution was amended so that these funds would be available to Ambassadors. A motion was made, seconded and carried to this amendment with the approval of this committee. Motion was made, seconded and carried to pass resolution.

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We then had Soap Box Time where anybody could address subjects related to the LLL/LHM.

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Mrs. Nathan Shepman reported on activities of the LWML.

Bill Proctor and Arlen Schultz talked about past conventions. Ken McCosh talked about the Ebola crises in Liberia. Ron Bott suggested holding the Convention in late winter or early spring..

A motion was made, seconded and carried to designate the offering for the District Project.

John mentioned that our District LLL map has 5 Regions and the Kansas District LCMS map has 4 Regions with the question- should we change to 4 Regions.

We then had our Banquet with 50 in attendance. There were 45 registered for this Convention.

Sunday morning John and Tim reported on the "Sent" conference in Detroit. They encouraged us to get more people involved and get information to pastors. God's command is not a choice. Being "Sent" is a privilege, not a burden.

Our closing worship was a video of the "Sent" message from Detroit with Pastor Gregory Seltz.

President Johnson declared the 75th Convention adjourned.

Submitted
Ronald Bott, acting secretary