

Kansas District Lutheran Laymen's League Convention
78th Annual Convention November 4, 2017
Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church Marysville, Kansas
Celebrating 100 Years of "Bringing Christ to the Nation and the Nations to the Church"

Our day began with a District Board Meeting and Convention registration. Gary and Joyce Holle took care of the registration.

Tim Voelker, District LLL/LHM President called the Convention to order. Tim welcomed everyone, and had everyone introduce themselves.

Pastor Rev. Scott Snow Advisor was unable to attend so Tim led opening devotions. The devotion was a video from LHM "Winning the Race." Although the goal is to win the race, this is a team event. Everyone has a different gift. We can use these gifts to form a team to benefit everyone so that everyone will win the race.

Tim gave everyone a few minutes to read the minutes from the 77th convention of 2016. A motion was made to accept the minutes as printed. This motion was seconded and carried.

Gary Holle, District Treasurer, explained the treasure's report printed in the Convention book. Gary explained several questions about his report. A motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Carroll Hackbart explained the District project. There were 28 churches, groups and individual that supported the project. With everyone's effort we exceeded our goal of \$33,000 by \$9,821.23. This addition will be added to the Financial Aid to students.

Kansas District LCMS Reverend Peter Lange greeted the Convention in behalf of the members of the 161 congregations. Pastor reported there are 14 elementary schools, 45 pre-schools with over 300 church workers. Pastor Lange showed the new Kansas District website and introduced the staff he works with. Pastor Lange reminded us to mark June 7-9, 2018 for the Kansas LCMS Convention in Topeka. Pastor Lange said that many churches and organizations are using LLL/LHM material for worship and Bible studies.

Brenda Piester, Kansas District Lutheran Women's Missionary League President told of the activities and how they work closely with churches to reach their goals. Brenda explained the LWML website and how to keep involved.

Ronald Bott then read Resolution 17-01 "Celebrating 100 years of bringing Christ to the nations and the nations to the church." This resolution mentioned the many challenges we have from the Devil to give into the ways of the world, but to stand firm in the faith and share the Good News of salvation boldly and clearly at home and everywhere in the world. This Resolution was seconded with the singing of "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow."

We viewed a message from Kurt Buchholz, CEO and President of LLL/LHM. He mentioned the programs and how they are used everywhere. He urged everyone to pray for the LLL/LHM and thanked everyone for their involvement.

Vice-President Arlan Schultz presented the ballot. The ballot consisted of Richard Schrum for Secretary; Regional Representatives Paul Steinke-Region 1; John Johnson Region 3 and Mark Westerman Region 5. Gary Holle withdrew his name and nominated Carroll Hackbart—the reason was to combine the Treasurer and District Project Director to simplify the finance of the District. These nominations were accepted by unanimous vote.

Pastor Phillip Miller, Mt. Calvary, Marysville, then installed these candidates to be officers for 2017-2018.

Reverend Nilo Figur is the Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean. Rev. Figur reported that The Lutheran Hour has offices in 33 countries that reach into over 50 countries with technologies of various kinds. Worldwide Lutheran Hour Ministries has over 300 staff members. Many are native to their home countries. Pastor Figur said that the LLL/LHM is a leader in technology that began with radio, then television and now the internet. The new project of LLL/LHM targets northern Africa and the Arab countries by satellite. This could reach 50 million people. Pastor Figur closed with the world needs a message. We have that message and why do we keep this secret.

LCMS President Reverend Matthew Harrison gave numerous statistics concerning the Missouri Synod. Some were that membership was down 20% in the last 40 years mainly among the younger generations. Also families are smaller than in the past. There is great promise in Africa as Lutherans are increasing greatly. Students are attending our colleges and seminaries and returning to Africa as church workers.

Carroll Hackbart then presented Ministry Action 17-02 our District Project 2017-2018. The goal is \$29,500 for Financial Aid for Kansas students attending a synodical school or seminary preparing for full time church work; \$1,000 for dinner for 4th year students at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis; \$8,000 for overseas Bible correspondence courses and Argentina Ministry; \$1,000 for State Fair Booth and Worship Service and \$500 for Tournament of Roses Parade float. The total is \$40,000. Any contribution over \$40,000 will be added to Financial Aid. This Resolution was accepted as presented.

Tim then showed a video from Kurt Buchholz. LLL/LHM is a partner with the church for evangelism. There is a program where young adults communicate with each other. He announced there is a new \$200,000 matching grant.

John Johnson then read the Convention Thank Resolution 17-03. This Resolution thanked everyone that made the 7;8th Kansas District LLL/LHM Convention a success. This was accepted with a “Thank You! Amen”. John also thanked Tim for his service as President. He also urged to send articles for the LLL Reporter and the only way to get the Reporter is by e-mail.

Tim mentioned the 2018 LLL/LHM Convention will most likely be in Hays, Kansas.

We then had an auction of some donated items.

There being no more business, Tim declared the Convention adjourned.

Secretary

Ronald Bott