

2018 LWML Montana District Convention Delegate Information

Proposed Bylaw Changes

1. PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Article IV.2: Article V.2

Rationale: *To clarify re-election practice*

Proposed Change:

Add wording to clarify re-election qualifications of officers.

IV.2 If adopted, the following changes will be made:

“These officers shall be elected at the biennial convention to serve a term of four (4) years, with the exception of the Nominating Committee Chairman who shall serve a two-year term, or until their successors are elected and shall not be eligible for immediate re-election to the same office.”

V.2 “One Pastoral Counselor shall be elected at each biennial convention for a four-year term and shall not be eligible for immediate re-election.”

2. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

Article IX. 3. b., Article VI.2.4, VI.5.b

Rationale: *Provide consistency in Officer Titles*

Proposed Changes:

Article IX.3.b

“The chairman of the Officer and Mission Grants Teller Committee shall not be a Teller committee member, Nominating Committee Chairman, or the Vice President of Gospel Outreach.”

If adopted, will read:

“The Officer and Mission Grants Teller Committee Chairman shall not be a Teller Committee member, the Nominating Committee Chairman, or the Vice President of Gospel Outreach.”

Article VI. 2.4.

“send balloting information sheets to the chairman of the Officer and Mission Grants Teller Committee”

If adopted, will read:

“send balloting information sheets to the Officer and Mission Grants Teller Committee Chairman.”

Article VI.5.b.

“send balloting information sheets to the chairman of the Officer and Mission Grants Teller Committee”

If adopted, will read:

“send balloting information sheets to the Officer and Mission Grants Teller Committee Chairman.”

Officer Candidates

Vice President of Human Care **SUSAN SWEATMAN**

- Home congregation: Shepherd of the Valley, Thompson Falls
- Occupation: Retired
- Church Activities: Kitchen Coordinator, Church Cleaning
- LWML Local Group Positions: Contact/Chairman
- LWML Zone Positions: Vice President
- Community Organizations: Crisis Pregnancy Client Advocate
- Published Book: *Healing for Your Heart*
- Hobbies: Bible Studies, Sewing, Wool Felting, Gardening, Bowling, Reading and Writing Poetry, Outdoor Activities



Vice President of Servant Resources **LINDA REILLY**



- Home congregation: Grace Lutheran Church, Hamilton
- Occupation: Retired
- Church Activities: Learning Center Board member, Quilting, Servant Events, Mission Trips for Lutheran Disaster Relief
- Community Involvement: Congregation's Coordinated Assistance
- LWML Local Group Positions: Society President
- Hobbies: Quilting, Hiking, Baking

Recording Secretary **SHERRIE MURRAY**

- Home congregation: Trinity Lutheran Church, Billings
- Occupation: State Farm Insurance
- Church Activities: Financial Secretary
- LWML Local Group Positions: Secretary
- LWML Zone Positions: Southern Zone Servant Resources
- Community Organizations: Volunteer at Alberta Bair Theater and the Billings Studio Theater
- Hobbies: Travel, Playing Pinochle



Treasurer CAROL HOLSTE



- Home congregation: Trinity Lutheran Church, Kalispell
- Occupation: Retired
- Church Activities: Past Director of Special Education Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, Children's Message Presenter, Tending Church Gardens
- LWML Local Group Positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer
- LWML Zone Positions: Kalispell District Convention Chairman
- LWML District Positions: Corresponding Secretary
- Community Involvement: Lutherans for Life; Serving at Community Kitchen
- Hobbies: Reading, Gardening, Attending School Activities (Granddaughter's)

Nominating Committee Chairman PAM KERCHER

- Home congregation: Trinity Lutheran Church, Billings
- Occupation: Owner Step by Step Preschool
- Church Activities: Sunday School and Vacation Bible School Teacher, Preschool/Day Care Board, Fellowship, Publicity
- LWML Local Group Positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Altar Guild, Cradle Roll
- LWML Zone Positions: President, Vice President, Vice President of Servant Resources, Vice President of Mission Grants
- LWML District Positions: President, Vice Presidents of Gospel Outreach and Servant Resources, Nominating Committee Chairman, *Missive* Editor, Young Woman Committee Chairman
- LWML National Positions: Board of Directors, Nominating and Mission Servants Committees, 2017 LWML Convention Creative Enhancements Coordinator
- Community Organizations: BAEYC, People Everywhere are Kind and Sharing, St. Vincent Hospital's Foundation Board
- Hobbies: Reading



Pastoral Counselor REVEREND BLAKE MARSHALL

Rev. Blake Marshall was born August 4, 1964, in Billings, Montana. He graduated from Faith Evangelical Lutheran Seminary, Tacoma, Washington, in 2001. In January of 2014, Rev. Marshall completed his colloquy into The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Rev. Marshall served River of Life Lutheran Fellowship in Laurel as a bi-vocational pastor since April of 2001. He currently serves the parishes of Colstrip, Hysham, and Forsyth. He is the past LWML Southern Zone Counselor. Rev. Marshall and wife Brenda have been married 37 years and have three children.



District Budget

2016-2018 Budget			2018-2020 Proposed Budget			
\$55,156.50			\$55,700.00			
Amount needed per month: \$2,188.75			Amount needed per month: \$2,320.84			
Budget Accounts	%	Budgeted this Biennium	Budget Accounts	%	Proposed for Next Biennium	2018-2020 Budget
Administrative Expenses	35%	\$19,304.77	Administrative Expenses	35%	\$19,495.00	\$
Grants	40%	\$22,062.60	Grants	40%	\$22,280.00	\$
LWML Mites	25%	\$13,789.13	LWML Mites	25%	\$13,925.00	\$
Totals	100%	\$55,156.50	Totals	100%	\$55,700.00	\$

District Grants Tally Sheet

2018 CONVENTION MISSION GRANT SELECTION TALLY



Please note: *Scholarship Grants for students attending LCMS higher education schools in church worker programs are automatically renewed every biennium with the amount of the grant total recommended by the Grants Committee and voted upon by the convention body.*

Scholarship Grant Total \$ 3,000

*Delegates will vote for **four grants**. Grant requests receiving the most votes (plurality) will be funded until the approved mission grant goal is reached.*

Votes Received	Plurality Ranking		
1. _____	_____	1. Proclaiming the Gospel through Streaming Video	\$4,000
2. _____	_____	2. Lutheran Books for Missionaries around the World	\$2,000
3. _____	_____	3. Emmaus Lutheran Mission, Livingston, Montana	\$3,000
4. _____	_____	4. Lutherans for Life Post-Abortion Crisis Hotline	\$1,000
5. _____	_____	5. "Wonderfully Made" – Sharing God's Love/Preserving Life	\$3,000
6. _____	_____	6. Changing Lives through Montana Lutheran Camps	\$3,000
7. _____	_____	7. Camp Courage: A Place of Hope and Healing	\$4,000
8. _____	_____	8. Post Seminary Applied Learning and Support (PALS)	\$2,000
9. _____	_____	9. Deaconess Ministries in the Mission Field	\$2,000

Total Grants Funded (including *Scholarship Grant* above): _____

Proposed District Grant Resolutions

**1. Proclaiming the Gospel through Streaming Video \$4,000
in Northeast Montana and Canada**

Since 2010, three widely spread congregations (Glasgow, Wolf Point, and Plentywood) with their Tri-Parish agreement have used streaming video, which has allowed a "Pastoral presence" to the infirm and housebound members, as well as reaching a great expanse of sparsely populated areas. As this ministry expands, funds would help to defray costs for equipment updates and vendor services that are causing financial hardships to small congregations.

2. Lutheran Books for Missionaries around the World **\$2,000**
For more than 25 years, the Lutheran Heritage Foundation has been translating books (in a language they can truly understand) like *Luther's Small Catechism* (in more than 80 languages) and *A Child's Garden of Bible Stories* (in more than 25 languages). This funding could provide over 700 books for use in introducing new believers to the Savior Jesus Christ.

3. Emmaus Lutheran Mission **\$3,000**
The new Livingston, Montana, location with personalized support is called "Together in Mission." Funds will assist with one month's rent, purchase of church paraments, and other worship supplies, as well as office needs and equipment.

4. Lutherans for Life Post-Abortion Crisis Hotline **\$1,000**
Expansion for "Word of Hope," the only nationwide professionally staffed crisis phone service that addresses post-abortion issues by ministering according to Lutheran doctrine which teaches forgiveness and grace through faith alone. This grant would expand service hours and increased promotion in the Montana District.

5. "Wonderfully Made" – Sharing the Love of God and Preserving Life **\$3,000**
Bethesda Lutheran Communities Religious Life Resources has produced a "Wonderfully Made" series of helpful pamphlets available from Concordia Publishing House. Funding would defray printing costs of 6,000 copies and the pamphlets would be available for use in Montana District congregations and throughout the nation.

6. Changing Lives through Montana Lutheran Camps **\$3,000**
Trinity Lutheran Camp in Bigfork and the LCMS summer camp at Red Lodge continue to reach unchurched friends brought with friends. Funds would provide camperships that would help churched and unchurched attend this beneficial ministry experience as they strive to fulfill the Great Commission.

7. Camp Courage: A Place of Hope and Healing **\$4,000**
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) Disaster Response Ministries provides Camp Courage, a Vacation Bible School type camp designed for children who have been impacted by a recent traumatic event in their community. It allows children to grasp God's great love and compassion. Funding would provide to these communities (free of charge) the curriculum, children's resources (flashlights, whistles, journals, bookmarks, and pencils), leaders' guides, and a small grant for miscellaneous expenses.

8. Post Seminary Applied Learning and Support (PALS) **\$2,000**
A resources program and curriculum that helps pastors and wives make successful transition from seminary life to parish ministry. A healthy and safe place to study, share, encourage, and learn where a facilitator is able to offer direction and suggestions regarding resources and support. LWML funds would be used and acknowledged for the resource books.

9. Deaconess Ministries in the Mission Field **\$2,000**
Working to assist, advise, facilitate, and coordinate training with LCMS churches around the world with Lutheran women in Kenya, Liberia, and many other places; deaconesses receive vital theological and practical training. Funding will help cover travel, food, and lodging expenses, as well as resources needed and shared in the mission field.