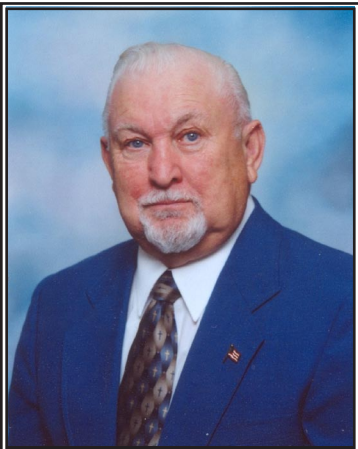


## AUXILIARY NEWS

# Glorifying the Lord in Orlando



**LLL  
NEWS**

Edward A. Wright  
LLL Communicator

The Florida-Georgia District LLL convened in Orlando May 4-6 at Prince of Peace Church to carry out the international LLL theme of "Glorify the Lord."

Some conventioners visited Orlando's minor attractions on Friday, dined together and

then met for Vespers and a short board meeting. Saturday presented the attendees with the opportunity to start with a devotion and Bible study and then enjoy a shortened version of the League's "Equipping to Share" program hosted by Rev. Steve Siegel, director of U.S. Ministries of the Int'l. LLL. Approximately 30 people from Orlando-area churches joined the conventioners for the program.

The Prince of Peace ladies served a delicious lunch, and the formal business and report portion of the convention proceeded.

Florida-Georgia LCMS District President Gerhard Michael related information about the present and planning stages of the District and stated that he was elated with the League's part in the Synod's *Ablaze* program and with the evangelism training of "Equipping to Share."

Minutes, treasurer's reports and budgets were accepted

and an election of officers took place. Elected were: President Phil Larsen of Lake Oconee, GA; Secretary Virginia Widstrom of Tifton, GA; Zones 1 & 2 President Randy Wendt of Timothy-Woodstock, GA; Zones 13-15 President Neil Finkenstadt, New Port Richey, FL; Zones 16 & 17 President Rev. Carl Zahrte, Naples, FL; and Zone 20 President Reva Aho of Stuart, FL. Pastor Bill Reister of Jacksonville was appointed to be the interim Zone President of Zones 5 & 6.

The Convention gave outgoing President, Neil Widstrom of Tifton, GA, their sincere gratitude for his leadership and inspiration during the past two years.

Steve Siegel reported on many of the ministries, on-going projects and challenges. Your correspondent, Ed, reported about the successes and needs of a District Manager ... but for the last time in that position. Unfortunately, due to severe budget cuts within the organization, the district

managership program has been retired on a national level. I intend, with the help of the district, to continue with the program on a volunteer basis.

Resolutions were made to "Glorify the Lord" in our Florida-Georgia District and to give thanks to Convention Chairman Al Kreps and his wonderful volunteers at Prince of Peace congregation. Thanks also go out to Bill Reister for his harp renditions during the session intervals and to Mr. Dave Ludwig, the talented pianist who played at the Saturday evening banquet.

Following the banquet dinner Pastor Ken Klaus, via DVD, gave us his powerful message of "A Different Gospel" that reveals the gimmicks and misstatements of the Radio and TV evangelists that ignore the true Gospel.

We had a second board meeting and on Sunday we helped fill the 8:15 worship service and Bible study at Prince of Peace. A delegation of the district will be attending the 90<sup>th</sup> Int'l. LLL Convention in Duluth,

MN, July 26-29 to embrace a new international theme of "Let Your Light Shine." We hope to see many of you there.

## New Ambassador Handbook

Congregational Ambassadors take note of a newly revised LHM Ambassador Handbook, which is the third information source issued for the experienced and novice LHM volunteer.

The first of the series was 40 pages of suggested ways to help you develop projects and communication about the ministries. A fairly recent handbook with 30 pages in a binder followed. Now a slick new condensed 12-page booklet was sent out in April with neat and concise data along with a chart of resources to aid the Ambassador.

If you haven't received your copy please call the Resource Center at 800-876-9880. You can also go to the [www.lhm.org](http://www.lhm.org) Web site, to League Services then go to forms/manuals and you can download the handbook. □

# Reflections on Mother's Day



**LWML  
NEWS**

Patricia Kubicek  
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Before I share my 'heart-breaking' Mother's Day with you, I want you to promise me that you will not feel sorry for me — because it is all good ... really.

Well, my son forgot Mother's Day. No card, no phone call, no email, no gift, no "I love you, Mom." Yes, I was a little heart-broken, but it was God's way to give me an object lesson.

As I was driving my 4-year-old daughter to the doctor this morning, I was thinking about all the sacrifices I had made over the years for my son and how as an adult with him living in another state, I still miss him and yearn to know how he is really doing. Then I thought about how I sacrificed for him when he was a child, as well as always running him everywhere. How I didn't do the things I wanted to do, because of my son's schedule...

God put a quick stop to my self-pity-party. He reminded me of the time He made the biggest sacrifice because of me: He took my sin with Him to Calvary.

How many times have I broken my Father's heart because I was disobedient? How many times was He sad because I didn't thank Him properly as He answered my prayers? How long did He have to call my name into the desert before I answered His call? But He never stopped loving me — no matter what!

Will I stop loving my son, because he forgot Mother's Day? Will I no longer make 'sacrifices' because he didn't get me flowers on the special day set aside for mothers? No, of course not! I love him — no matter what!

I received a CD made by my two beautiful three-year-old granddaughters (my daughters' girls) singing the words to one of my favorite songs by Hillsong, *One Way Jesus*. Yes, I had a great Mother's day, including an object lesson from our Heavenly Father. I hope yours was just as great as mine.

*One way Jesus  
You're the only one that I could live for  
One Way Jesus  
You're the only one that I could live for*

*You are always, always there  
Every how and everywhere  
Your grace abounds so deeply within me*

*You will never ever change  
Yesterday today the same  
Forever till forever meets no end  
"All for love the Father gave  
For only love could make a way  
All for love the heavens cried  
For love was crucified..."*

Children are God's blessing, so many of the mission work that LWML mites are donated to help young children. Yes, the Father used two small children to remind me of His work, what will it take for you...

Don't forget men, women, teens and children can collect their coins for mites, most churches have one Sunday a month where they will collect mites, please give your loose coins to help LWML reach their MISSION GOALS. God Bless. □

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