

AUXILIARY UPDATES

# District LWML Convention Offers Many Highlights



Women from throughout Florida and Georgia gathered in Palm Beach Gardens September 22-24 for the 30<sup>th</sup> biennial convention of the District Lutheran Women's Missionary League. The theme for the weekend — "God's Grace, the Heart of It All" — was based on Ephesians 2:8, "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God — not by works, so that no one can boast."

Even before the convention began, Lutheran Women in Mission were busily involved in

several servant events, collecting "Gifts From The Heart" items to benefit PEPPi Head Start Child Development program in Belle Glade, FL, and greeting friends with hugs and laughter.

At the Friday evening worship, proclaimer Rev. Victor Belton praised the LWML for keeping "Grace . . . the heart of it all" through the years and not wavering from the goal of mission outreach as our focus.

Saturday morning's convention session began with a procession of banners from each zone. Rev. Donald Muchow, the Florida-Georgia District LWML's first scholarship recipient, continued our celebration of 50 years of scholarships. Sunday morning, women rose early for a pledge walk benefitting our mite goal before attending the remaining business session and closing worship.

Offerings received were earmarked to benefit the Kuiper Endowment Fund (for scholarships), the Armed Forces Ministry and to help the Louisiana-Mississippi District LWML meet their mission goal. Results of voting for officers and mission grants were announced.

New officers elected during the Convention were Vice President for Leadership Development — Pat Kubicek; Vice President for Mission

Service — Juanita Bagnall; Recording Secretary — Karen Bowers; Treasurer — Bunnie Koelsch; Nominating Committee — Chairman Barbara Burgess; members Karen Gott, & Judy Rosche; Pastoral Counselor — Rev. Alan Seilk.

New Mission Grants selected included:

- Scholarships for Pastoral Students - \$15,000
- Scholarships for Church Worker Students - \$15,000
- Trinity/HOPE — Feeding Haitian Children - \$4,750
- Concordia Theology Seminary Food Co-op - \$10,000
- Lutheran Blind Mission Outreach Center - \$5,000
- Pregnancy Resource Center/Warner Robins, GA - \$10,000

- Eyeglass Missions in Nicaragua - \$15,000
- University Lutheran Peer Ministry - \$8,000
- Hispanic "The Street Kids" Outreach Ministry - \$15,000
- Moving Hurricane-affected Black Missions Forward - \$6,000
- China Lutheran Seminary Building Project (partial) - \$2,150\*
- Christ Lutheran Mission Church, Kathleen/Perry, GA (partial) - \$2,150\*
- Hmong Mission of Central Florida (partial) - \$2,150\*

Total mission grant goal - \$ 110,200

\* Tie vote for three grants. Each receives partial funding. □



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**TEACHER CONSECRATION** — During the 9 a.m. worship service on Sunday, August 27, administrators, teachers, aides and support staff of St. Paul Lutheran School-Miami, FL, were consecrated by Rev. Alan Sielk. This year's consecration service held special meaning as the school recently receives accreditation by NLSA, SACS/NILSA. St. Paul's Board of Education hosted a reception for the school staff after the service during fellowship time. Shown here are (front, l-r) Marjorie Feliciano, ASC; Margaret Nickless, educational therapy; Maria saunders, principal; (second row, l-r) Peggy Olson, assistnat principal; Lisa McCarthy, art; Alida Sanz, first grade; Maggie Patterson, second grade; Janice Brito, PK4; Anne Byrnes, math; Liz Yates, PK4; (third row, l-r) Barbara Kruse, receptionist; Juanita Bell, third grade; Cyndy Barnett, social studies; Delia Stewart, language arts; Cynthia Scott, fourth grade; George Torres, physical education; Amy Siegel, ASC; Madelaine Martinez, Spanish; NOrma Sielk, PK4; (back row, l-r) Judy Arter, kindergarten; Ada Rocio, aide; Liza Roig, PK2; Teresa Bryant, aide; Betty South, PK director. □



Lois Ford enjoys convection activities

## Dennis Esch Joins District Team

Dennis Esch is the new Florida-Georgia District Gift Planning Counselor.

Esch is an experienced professional who can assist District members with the transfer of blessings to family, heirs and ministry. He is available to meet with District members at their convenience — usually in their homes or chruches — with no charge for his services.

His expertise includes counseling on onrganizing an estate Lifetime Plan for Giving.

"I share a variety of choices that individuals may have in developing their Plan, such as charitable trusts, gift annuities and donor advised funds," Esch said. "I will also give a general overview of other planning techniques like wills, living

trusts, credit shelter trusts and QTIP trusts.

"Having a completed Gift Plan gives you peace of mind knowing that your wishes for the gifts God has entrusted to you are fulfilled."

Esch also is available as a consultant to congregations. He can be reached at 877-457-5556 x 6; email at [desch@flga-lcms.org](mailto:desch@flga-lcms.org). □



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Estate & Gift Taxes  
Marital Deductions  
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