

**Notes and Highlights from the LWML North Dakota Biennium Convention
(June 22 – 24, 2018)
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The 38th Biennial Convention of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League-North Dakota District was held June 22-24 in Minot, ND. The theme of the convention was "Lift High the Name of Jesus." The Scripture was: Therefore, God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth. Philippians 2:9-10

Praise God the mite goal for 2016-18 was met. All the grants were paid in full. The Mite goal approved for the next biennium is \$76,750. Voting was held to determine the new grants. Eight were chosen that will be paid in full and there were 2 partial grants approved. Thanks to all who help us give money to mites. Our portion of the mite goal was \$5,548.45. And we are pleased to tell you that we gave the highest amount. Praise to God.

The ingathering :

Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch - 150 items

Domestic Violence Crisis Center - 650 items

400+ items for Dakota Hope Clinic (including 100 boxes of diapers)

Offering #1: \$3,310 plus \$318 from Mission in Motion given for Mites (for 2018-2020 biennium)

Offering #2: \$2,356 for Wittenburg Chapel in Grand Forks

There was a third offering given at the Sunday morning service for Nichelle Dykema, a sister LWMLer who will be going to Peru. We did not receive info on that offering. So, again, praise to the Lord and again thanks to all who helped us with our gifts from the heart taken to Minot.

There were many things we covered in business meetings and Bible study, serious stuff. But we also took time to have fun. Saturday night a lavish banquet was held in honor of 75 years of LWML. The ladies of the Northwest Zone outdid themselves. The decorations were incredible. The food was good, and the entertainment was memorable. Pastor Harvala gave a hilarious presentation of his years as District counsellor. Past District presidents shared many memories of their terms. There was much laughter and tears as we remembered dear sisters who are no longer with us. If you want any other tidbits from the convention, talk to Loretta or Shirley (the delegates from Beautiful Savior).

The convention was live streamed and most can be seen on the "LWML North Dakota District" Facebook page.

(Note: The next 3 pages have a few pictures from the event.)





Saturday Evening Banquet:

