

FL-GA DISTRICT LWML SLATE OF NOMINEES FOR OFFICE

VICE PRESIDENT for COMMUNICATION

Patricia F. Aamoth, Watkinsville, GA

Trinity Lutheran Church, Athens, GA – Northeast Georgia Zone

EMPLOYMENT: University of Georgia (1993-2009), Administrative Secretary; Senior Administrative Secretary; Assistant to the Director of Fanning Institute, Friendship Presbyterian Church; Office Manager (1988-1991), GA AG Statistical Service, Supervisory Enumerator (1986-1988)



LWML EXPERIENCE:

Unit: President at least five terms – most recent (2005-2006), Christian Growth at least seven terms - most recent (2007-2008), Fellowship Chair (ten plus years)

Zone: Northeast GA Christian Growth Chair (elected 2009)

District:

National:

CHURCH: Altar Guild Chair; Partners in Prayer Coordinator; Board of Christian Education; Pastoral member of the Call Committee; Fellowship Chair; VBS Co-Chair.

OTHER: Child sponsor through World Vision (2001- present), worked in the University of Georgia's office of Public Affairs (1996-2003), as secretary/assistant to the Associate Vice President.

VISION STATEMENT: My vision is two-fold: That we continue the good work that has been on-going over the years and that we grow the number of women active in each congregation and at zone and district events by encouraging and equipping all active LWML sisters to share their personal experiences and growth through LWML with the women of their congregations. God has richly blessed my life through LWML and I long for all the women of the LCMS, particularly those of the FL-GA District, to experience the joy and fellowship of "Serving the Lord with Gladness."

VICE PRESIDENT for MISSION SERVICE

Carlene Lemcke, Oviedo, FL

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Orlando, FL – Orlando East Zone

EMPLOYMENT: Currently a housewife. Worked for Southern Bell in the accounting department; sold Avon products for 10 years, and worked in the area of Interior Design



LWML EXPERIENCE:

Unit: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Mission Service and Spiritual Growth Chairman; serving as an officer from, (1968-1995)

Zone: Served as President, Vice President, Spiritual Growth and Mission Service from, (1998-2002)

District: Vice President for Spiritual Growth from, (2004-2008)

National:

CHURCH: Altar Guild (15 years), Spiritual Care Minister (since 2006), Communion servant 50th year Anniversary Committee, Wedding Coordinator (5 years), Memorial Fund Committee, (since 2006)

COMMUNITY: Helped with Relay for Life; served in the food pantry, served in the food-line, helped plant trees at an elementary school, served with Lutheran Brotherhood (15 years), and Thrivent (1 ½ years)

OTHER: Worked on the hostess committee for the 2005 Tampa Convention, and attended the Assembly of Leader training in St. Louis.

VISION STATEMENT: My vision is that we to first pray to our Lord and ask His guidance, to lead us to do His will. I pray we would grow in numbers with women of all ages so we can do more of God's work, so that His word can be spread to those who do not know Him and to help those in need with our Mission Grants and our mites. To help ones less fortunate in our communities with our Gifts from the Heart. We need to become closer so we can help each other when the need arises. There is a song I heard and I pray we all can become "One in the Son."

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Janet C. Pettis, Melbourne, FL

Faith "Viera" Lutheran Church, Rockledge, FL – Space Coast Zone

EMPLOYMENT: Retired

LWML EXPERIENCE:

Unit: President: Faith Viera Lutheran, Rockledge, FL (2009-2010): Redeemer Lutheran, Melbourne, FL (three – one year terms), Vice President, (one year and secretary three years)

Zone: Space Coast Zone President (Current,) VP for Mission Service, two terms (total four years,) Secretary/Treasurer, two terms (total four years)

District: worked on the Mission Service Committee

National:

CHURCH: Outreach Committee (1998-2003), Redeemer Lutheran, Melbourne, FL; Adventures Fellowship (1998-2003), Redeemer Lutheran, Melbourne, FL; and served on one of the Host committees for the 2005 Tampa Convention

OTHER: I completed the Stephen Ministry Program and was active for two years at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Melbourne. Faith "Viera" is planning to activate this program and I will again participate in the Stephen Ministry Program.

VISION STATEMENT: LWMLers who live in the Word, are prepared for challenges they face daily. They are strengthened to become mentors for future leaders in this wonderful organization. These women are constantly in the Mission fields, whether home or far away. It is necessary to encourage all of our Sisters in Christ to serve the Lord with gladness on all levels of LWML, local, zone, district, and even national. We can achieve all things together as God wills.



Dawn K. Sandvig, Clermont, FL

Zion New Hope Lutheran Church, Winter Garden, FL – Orlando West Zone

EMPLOYMENT: Restaurant Manager, Disney (2003-2007) and prior 12 years as a Disney Cast Member.

LWML EXPERIENCE:

Unit: President: Concordia Lutheran, Richmond, IN; Bethany Lutheran, Connersville, and Hope Lutheran, Orlando, IN; Secretary: Bethany Lutheran, Connersville, IN; VP: Zion New Hope, Winter Garden, FL

Zone: President: Orlando East and North/South (during the change of Zone names) and Treasurer Orlando East and North/South (during the change of Zone names).

District:

National:

CHURCH: Currently I am the Financial Secretary, Choir, Past Church board member at Hope, Orlando and Concordia, Richmond, IN. Church Secretary, Concordia, Richmond (1987-1988) and Financial Secretary, Concordia Richmond.

COMMUNITY: I frequently run races and marathons that benefit the American Cancer Society, Susan G. Komen, Race for the Cure, the Kidney Foundation and Diabetes Research Cure and rode in the 150 mile bike tour for Multiple Sclerosis.

VISION STATEMENT: *"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."* Matthew 28:19 I take these words very seriously and loving the Lord who has given these words. I believe our District has great opportunities available to encourage, mentor, and spread His Gospel to all ends of the earth. Within our own family, our congregations, our communities, at our jobs, events for our State, Nation and World. With the Lord's guidance and direction, with His hand covering and blessing our work we can spread His saving Word and I will continue to do so through our mission projects, our grants and our dedication. God has blessed and I believe will continue to His glory. He will direct our District and will provide us with all that is necessary to do His work.



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RECORDING SECRETARY

Joan M. Koch, Clewiston, FL

Faith Lutheran, Clewiston, FL – Heartland Zone

EMPLOYMENT: Administrative Assistant/Secretary, (1996-2008)

LWML EXPERIENCE:

Unit: Secretary, Palm Bay, FL (2007-2008), President, Sherman Oaks, CA (2001-2007), current active member at Clewiston, FL

Zone: Vice President Mission Service, Space Coast Zone (2008-2009), Pacific Southwest Zone President (2000-2007), (two separate terms of office)

District:

National:

CHURCH: Altar Guild Chairman (2000-2007), sang in contemporary choir in Sherman Oaks, CA. Play Bells/chimes in various congregations; presently a member of the choir at Faith as well as a chimes player.

COMMUNITY:

OTHER:

VISION STATEMENT: The LWML has grown since inception to a place where I don't think our predecessors ever even thought about. Can we continue to grow? You betcha. We need to continue to encourage each other to participate in Bible Studies and to stay in the Word daily so that we can continue to grow in the way that our Lord and Savior wants this organization, and us, to grow. We need to share our God-given talents to further the work of God's Kingdom through the LWML. Without all women participating we cannot grow to where He wants us to grow. That's my vision. To see all women participating in the LWML in an area where they too can grow and be challenged. We need to help our teenagers grow so they will continue with **Friends Into Serving to Him** groups and become adult LWML members when they are ready. We need to reach out to those who need to hear the Word of God. Don't you just love the LWML? I do. I want to share the LWML with everyone!



Linda Peters, St. Petersburg,, FL

Our Savior Lutheran, St. Petersburg, FL – St. Petersburg Zone

EMPLOYMENT: Supervisor Social Security Administration (1991-present)

LWML EXPERIENCE:

Unit: President (2004-2008), Secretary (2000-2002)

Zone: President (2000-2002), Secretary (2002-2004 & 2006-2008)

District: Retreat Chair (2008-2009), St. Petersburg Beach, FL

National: Tours Chair, 2005 Tampa Convention, Guest Services Committee

CHURCH: Board of Youth (1992-1994)

COMMUNITY:

OTHER:

VISION STATEMENT: The LWML is to continue to encourage each and every woman to spend time with God through daily devotion and Bible study and to use our time, talents and treasures to sow the seeds of God's love and hope in our communities here and abroad.



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TREASURER

Laura O'Connell, Woodstock, GA

Timothy Lutheran, Woodstock, GA – Atlanta North Zone

EMPLOYMENT: Coca-Cola Company, Atlanta, GA., as a Budget Analyst, Global Information Technology

LWML EXPERIENCE:

Unit: Secretary and President office (1980's)

Zone: President, Atlanta North (currently), President, North Central Zone, FL (late 1990's)

District: Structure Chair (2004-2008)

National: worked on the food committee for the 2005 Tampa Convention

CHURCH: Early Childhood Education Scholarship Committee (2005-2008), High School Youth Counselor (1990's), High School Sunday School teacher (1980's), Elementary Sunday School teacher (1980-1982)

COMMUNITY: Marion County voter poll worker (2 years) and Florida Right to Life

OTHER: I've been in church/school choirs since first grade and feel more comfortable in worship services than anywhere else. God has blessed me and I look forward to serving Him in any way He allows.

VISION STATEMENT: That God would so bless the women of our District with His Love and Strength that they would be enthused to overflowing and be witnesses in our churches that with God, NOTHING is impossible! And that by their actions and words, they will mentor our young women into joyful service to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



Tina Wadsworth, Lake Worth, FL

Son Life Lutheran, Boynton Beach, FL – South Palm Beach Zone

EMPLOYMENT: Revenue/Budget Analyst, City of Tamarac, FL, Retired (2002-2007), Financial/Budget Analyst, Consultant, various companies (2000-2002), Accountant, Florida Atlantic University (1997-2000), Fiscal Analyst, Miami Dade Community College (1986-1996)

LWML EXPERIENCE:

Unit: Son Life Lutheran LWML, Secretary (October 2006 - May 2009)

Zone: South Palm Beach, President (2006-Present)

District:

National:

CHURCH: Missions Chair, Son Life Lutheran, (June 2007-present), Choir, Son Life Lutheran (September 2006 - May 2008), Sunday School Teacher, St. Paul, Weston (September 1995 – May 2000)

COMMUNITY: Provide a few hours a week to a local food pantry in Lake Worth, CROS Ministries. Served food to the fire-fighters and citizens in Tamarac, FL during hurricane Wilma (2005)

OTHER: My nature is helping others. God gave me talents for being a bookkeeper and I would like to use my talents to serve Him. As I grew up in the ghetto community in Viet-Nam and ended up in the United States, I would like to return to this country what God has helped me to succeed. Whatever God plans for me, I will follow. One of my favorite verses is, *“For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”* Jeremiah 29:11

VISION STATEMENT: To encourage women to share their faith, their spiritual gifts and talents, and to use them in His Service such as developing mission grants to help other women here and abroad. Our goal should also be to spread out God's word through Bible study and to sow the seeds of God's love in our community.



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NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Gwen Glidden, Augusta, GA

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Augusta, GA – East Central Georgia Zone

EMPLOYMENT: Homemaker

LWML EXPERIENCE:

Unit: Mary Martha, Circle Leader (1991-2006)

Zone:

District:

National:

CHURCH: VBS, Sunday School Teacher, Congregational Godparent program “UnderShepherds”

COMMUNITY: Bill and I both worked with Kids Restart, Augusta, GA (1995-2006)

OTHER: Registration Chair, Jekyll Island Retreat, (2005) & worked with the Hospitality Committee for the Orlando District LWML Convention (2008)

VISION STATEMENT: LWML has been with me since I was a child. My mother was very active and I joined the LWML in my early twenties. The LWML is the one program over all the activities I've been involved with that is the most meaningful. The mite program of mission grants means everything. It is amazing how our pennies and commitment together with everyone can reach so many. God has blessed us over and over. My vision is to keep all the programs going with great people. The Holy Spirit works so hard with many talented women, who encourages one another to become friends for life. I thank God for our time together sharing the love of Christ with all women near and far. God Bless you all!



Kim Hertko, Sanford, FL

Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Lake Mary, FL – Orlando East Zone

EMPLOYMENT: Substitute Teacher & Previous Jewel Food Stores, Front End Manager

LWML SERVICE:

Unit: Member

Zone: Secretary, President (1996), VP Member Development (1994), and YWR, Daytona Beach (1994), Registration Chair, District Convention (2008)

District: YWR Chair (1998-2000), Financial Secretary (2000-2004), Interim Treasurer (2005-2006)

National: Host Committee, 2005 Tampa Convention, Properties Chair

CHURCH: Sunday School teacher and substitute (2008-present), VBS (2009), Sunday School Superintendent (1995-1998), Chair of feasibility study for day care facility (1997-1998)

COMMUNITY: PTA Member/Treasurer/Hospitality Chair

OTHER: YWR national convention Kansas City (1995)

VISION STATEMENT: To encourage all FL-GA District LWMLers to use their gifts and talents to serve the Lord with Gladness! We need to train and prepare our future leaders of the LWML so we can continue to spread the word of Christ throughout the world.



Nancy Hughes, Hollywood, FL

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Davie, FL – Gold Coast Zone

EMPLOYMENT: Quality Manager for Computer Manufacturer and Aviation Distributor (30 years)

LWML SERVICE:

Unit: President, Gloria Dei Lutheran, Davie, FL (currently), President, St. Mark's Lutheran, Hollywood, FL (1994-1999), President, Prince of Peace, Ft Lauderdale, FL (1986-1988)

Zone: President, Gold Coast (2008-present), VP Missions(prior to 2008)



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District:

National:

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CHURCH: St Marks, Hollywood, Congregational President (1996-2000), VP Congregation, St Marks (1992-1996), Fellowship Chair, St. Marks, and currently Deacon, Gloria Dei Lutheran (2009-present)

COMMUNITY: Girl Scout Leader (15 years), Girl Scout Unit Coordinator (8 years), Girl Scout Cookie Coordinator (6 years), Boy Scout Den/Pack Leader

OTHER:

VISION STATEMENT: To help with serving God, by giving my time, talents and treasure for the members and people of LWML providing (including through partnering with community groups) education, nurture and other services to families and young adults serving God with Gladness.



Lillian Liston, St. Petersburg, FL

Grace Lutheran Church, St. Petersburg, FL – St. Petersburg Zone

EMPLOYMENT: Retired

LWML SERVICE:

Unit: President (2006-2008)

Zone: President (2009-present)

District:

National:

CHURCH: Fellowship Board (2005-present), Parish Ed Board (2006-2008), VBS Director (2005 & 2006), Sing with choirs (1972-present)

COMMUNITY:

OTHER: Helped start contemporary service and led services (1982-1986)

VISION STATEMENT:

Margie Smith, Cleveland, GA

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Gainesville, GA – Northeast Georgia Zone

EMPLOYMENT: Secretary/Bookkeeper (1985-present)

LWML SERVICE:

Unit: Treasurer (1970-1972), Christian Growth – 3 times (1972, 1978, 1986), President – 5 times (1975, 1979, 1982, 1995, 2009), LWML Liaison (2002-2005)

Zone: President (1984), Christian Growth (1986), Member Development (1988 & 2000), ESP Facilitator (1992), Secretary (2005)

District: Member, Mission Projects Committee (1986 & 2005), Nominating Committee (1988), Retreat Chair (1991), VP Mission Projects (1992-1996), President (1996-2000), Meeting Manager (2000-2004), Communications Chair (2004-2006)

National: Convention Host Committee, Personnel Resources Coordinator, 2005 Tampa Convention

CHURCH: FL-GA District LCMS, Fan into Flame Steering Committee (2008-2009), Congregation Strategic Planning Committee (2009), FL-GA District LCMS TEMP Committee, Thailand Evangelical Mission Partnership (2001-2007), Spiritual Gifts Committee, Member/Teacher (1996-1995 & 1987-1991), Board of Stewardship, Member & Chair - two years (1987-1997), Congregational Secretary (1985-1986)

COMMUNITY: Humane Society Grants Committee (2007), League of Women Voters (1993-2007), League of Women Voters, Board of Directors (1993-1996 & 2001-2007), Various positions connected to children's activities, PTA Treasurer, President; Band Parents President; soccer booster, Secretary/Treasurer (1978-2000)

OTHER:

VISION STATEMENT: My vision is that through LWML, women of the FL-GA District are enlightened and inspired to more mission consciousness, and that they are encouraged to use their spiritual gifts in service to God wherever He has placed them. As a member of the nominating committee, my vision would include educating



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those who do not know what LWML is and does, and encouraging them to become more active in LWML and its mission outreach.

PASTORAL COUNSELOR

Rev. Eric Eichinger, Eustis, FL

Faith Lutheran Church, Eustis, FL – Orlando West Zone

EMPLOYMENT: Associate Pastor, Faith Lutheran Church, Eustis, FL

LWML EXPERIENCE:

Unit: Orlando West Zone, Pastoral Counselor

Zone:

District:

National:

CHURCH: Pastoral Delegate to National LCMS Convention (Summer 2010), Pastoral Delegate National Convention (2007), Thailand Evangelical Mission Partnership, TEMP Committee (2006-2009)

COMMUNITY:

OTHER: I enjoy leading and equipping our church for Missions and short-term Mission Trips.

VISION STATEMENT: I will seek to explore how the LWML can communicate their Mission Vision with the next generation of women in our Lutheran congregations. The LWML is a powerful voice of Mission in our Synod and needs to be shared with our younger Moms in the church. I would also speak to encouraging District LWML Mission Trips.



Rev. Donald S. Roberts, Marathon, FL

Martin Luther Chapel, Marathon, FL – Miami South Zone

EMPLOYMENT: Pastor, Martin Luther Chapel, Marathon, FL

LWML EXPERIENCE:

Unit:

Zone: Ocala Zone, Pastoral Counselor (1990's)

District:

National:

CHURCH: Sheriff Chaplain, Monroe County (1998-present), Circuit Treasurer (1988)

COMMUNITY: Sheriff's Chaplain, Hospital Chaplain, Hospice Chaplain

OTHER:

VISION STATEMENT: My vision for the FL-GA LWML is that the members remain focused on Christ and His cross. This focus will equip the members to carry out the mission God has given them to witness and make disciples.

Paul's advice to the Philippians remains good, "*Remain worthy of the Gospel of Christ.*" Inherent in this are the following tasks: stand firm, share, strive, suffering for Christ and sharing unity in Christ.

