

Reflections



YWRs in Portland

Oklahoma District Young Woman Representatives

What an experience! Attending the Convention in Portland has certainly been that. I never knew how much went on "behind the scenes" at the district and national level of the LWML. I've really had an opportunity to see for myself how mission-oriented this great group of women is.

At the convention I had the opportunity to witness the impact the LWML has, even on the LCMS as a whole. I've never encountered so many different groups than I did walking around the different booths and displays that were present there. There were groups ministering to the blind, deaf, disabled, international students, Muslims, children, and any number of other groups. All of these groups seemed to appreciate that the LWML is a great group of women interested in getting involved and helping out, many in a "hands-on" kind of way. I admit I felt inspired to get my own hands "dirty" when I got back home, hoping to get the women within my own group involved in some kind of a mission event. I'm also excited to hear that our own district is interested in doing at least one mission-oriented event a year (this last summer it was sewing the curtains for Camp Lutherhaven; next summer...who knows where the Lord will take us!).

All in all the convention has helped me come away with greater desire to become active, ministering to people, both within my community and those beyond. I would encourage anyone who has not been to a convention to make plans to attend Peoria 2011. If anything it will open your eyes to all the LWML is involved with, and don't be surprised if the Holy Spirit uses it to move you to find even greater ways of getting out and getting your own hands "dirty". You may even find yourself coming away from it saying, "what an experience!"

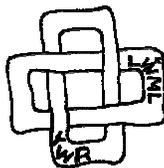
Submitted by Joanna Wescoatt, Oklahoma District YWR



Bev England, President, presents YWR pin to Joanna Wescoatt at the Oklahoma District Caucus.



Bev England, President, presents YWR pin to Yvonne Moore at the Oklahoma District Caucus.



I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to attend the LWML Convention in Portland, Oregon. It was exciting to see how big the LWML really is and how many lives are touched around the world because of it. I enjoyed watching the voting process and being present for the first wireless voting in LWML history. I truly have a new appreciation for how the LWML is run.

The music and worship services were wonderful too. It was great to meet my fellow YWR sisters from around the country. We quickly became friends and have stayed in touch. We were well taken care of. I enjoyed the speakers and I came away with a little something from each of them. I heard the word "mentor"

a lot during convention and could feel God calling me to act. I plan on working with the young girls in my congregation and getting them started with LWML as soon as school is back in session. Plus, I would love to bring at least one teenager with me to the 2011 convention in Peoria, Illinois. If you have never attended an LWML Convention I encourage you to do so. It is a wonderful experience that you don't want to miss.

Submitted by Yvonne Moore, Oklahoma District YWR

Exciting Start



Oklahoma YWRs Joanna Wescoatt, Yvonne Moore, and YWR Coordinator Karen Rumsey with the Oklahoma banner.

What an exciting two months this has been for me! In June, as YWR Coordinator, I attended my very first convention in Portland, Oregon, along with our two YWRs, Joanna Wescoatt and Yvonne Moore. What a RUSH! It was a time to "Lift Our Eyes to the Mountains" for strength, renewal and proclaim aloud that "Our God Reigns".

Both YWRs were a part of helping select the Mission Grants, deciding where our mite money will go. It was a wonderful time.

I feel we all enjoyed the Portland journey and came home with renewed hearts for serving our Lord and Savior.

We encourage all of the YWRs to attend the District Retreat on October 23-24 in Anadarko, OK. The committee is busy at work planning a fun time. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Submitted by Karen Rumsey, YWR Coordinator



Join the YWRs at the Retreat

Stress in your life? Don't let it manage you! Come to the Oklahoma District LWML Fall Retreat October 23-24 at Oakridge Christian Camp and Retreat Center near Anadarko. Learn many

practical tips on time management and how to organize for less stress. Bible study for growth and just relaxation and dialogue with other women in Christ are ingredients for a wonderful renewal. Other fun activities are planned, such as skits, crafts and games. Don't waste your time on busyness and miss out! Bring a friend! Take time!

For flyer and registration form go to www.oklwml.org

Submitted by Carolyn Love, VP of Servant Resources