We’re Going Virtual!!!

As you know by now, the 2020 Mid-South District LWML convention scheduled for June 12-14 in Paragould, Arkansas has been cancelled. We’re all very sad about that but are planning to keep as much of the “good stuff” as we can. So, we’ll still gather for a day, hear from inspirational speakers, do Bible study, sing, and praise our gracious, loving God. Here’s the plan!

Virtual Convention Details
Date: Saturday, July 18 (time and agenda to be determined)
Place: Anywhere! But we really hope local groups will gather together at one or more churches in your area
Publicity: Information for bulletins and newsletters is under development and will be available at www.midsouthlwml.org.

Planning for Your Local Group Gathering
Remember, conventions are celebrations! So pull out all the stops. Create a festive atmosphere. Invite all the ladies in the congregation to attend – this is a huge opportunity to introduce newcomers to the LWML!

Speaking of opportunities, enlist the aid of some young women to assist you with the technology!!! Be sure you or someone in attendance knows how to connect to the internet using whatever resources are available at your location. You can practice ahead of time by viewing any type of YouTube or other online video.

There will be a 1 hour lunch break during the day so be sure to plan for that too. It might be as simple as everyone bringing a brown bag or ordering in pizza. And be sure to adhere to all the social distancing guidelines in effect for your area!

Joining the Virtual Convention
Instructions for joining the virtual convention will be published at www.midsouthlwml.org.

What about the other stuff? Here’s a list of things you may need to know and/or do:

Registration Reimbursement
You may contact the convention registrar by June 30 at moyerrd@hotmail.com and indicate your preference between these two options:
1. Donate part or all of your registration fee and meal fees to the offering and ingathering recipients. All donated registration and meal fees will be divided equally between the 4 recipients:
   a. 2020-2022 LWML Mid-South District Mission Goal
   b. John 3:16
   c. Mission Outreach of NEA
   d. Foster Families of Greene County
2. Request a refund for your registration fee and meals fees. A check will be mailed directly to you at the address provided on your registration form.

T-Shirt Orders
The current plan is to go ahead and fulfill all t-shirt orders. And, if you haven’t ordered one you still can. After all, these t-shirts will be collector’s items! Distributing the t-shirts might take a while – we’re hoping to use a bucket-brigade approach, using individuals to transport batches of shirts to
central locations in zones or cities across the district. If you want to order a t-shirt, email staciereddick@gmail.com and give her your name, address, zone, and size (S-XL, 2XL, 3XL). You’ll need to mail the $12 check payable to 2020 LWML Convention and mail to Doris Shelton (address below under Offerings and Ingathering). **Deadline to order a shirt is June 15, 2020.**

**Lodging Cancellations**
You may go ahead and cancel your individual reservations. There is some chance that the hotels will be able to cancel the entire LWML block. But, if you are more comfortable cancelling on your own reservation, please feel free to do so.

**Delegates and Voting**
Great news! Now your local group can be represented by a delegate without anyone leaving home. The delegate sign-up period has been extended so be sure you get your Delegate Reporting form to your zone president so she can get it to the district president by the deadline of May 30.

Once all delegates are identified the voting period will commence. The target dates for the voting period are June 8-15. Delegates will receive an email with a personalized link that will take them to the electronic voting site.

Delegates are strongly urged to review the ballot and the information on officers and mission grants on the district web site at www.midsouthlwml.org.

**Offerings and Ingathering**
Don’t forget about the offering and ingathering recipients! Your local group can collect an offering and send it directly to the convention treasurer.

Make checks payable to 2020 LWML Convention Fund and mention “offerings” in the memo line.

Send checks to Doris Shelton, 1907 Hyde Park Cove, Paragould, AR 72450.

Unless indicated otherwise, the offerings received will be allocated equally to the 4 recipients (3 offerings and 1 ingathering). See list above. **Please send your offering by July 30, 2020.**

Still have questions? Don’t hesitate to contact your zone president or send an email to President Diane Reimold at dianereimold@hotmail.com.