

WMF DAY 2021



Guard What Has Been
Entrusted to you

1 Timothy 6:20-21

June 16, 2021
Free Lutheran Bible College & Seminary
Student Life Center in Plymouth MN

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2021 WMF
Day Schedule

THEME: Guard What Has Been Entrusted To You
THEME HYMN: "I Stand Amazed" AH 540

- 8:15 am Registration
Prelude: Mrs. Karen Floan, pianist
- 9:00 am Welcome: Lavonne West, National Pres. & Ruth Rautio, Mpls. Dist. Pres.
Devotional: Jeanette Berntson - "Guard the Deposit"
Praise and Worship led by 2021 Ambassadors
WORKSHOP I: Marian Christopherson - "~~Entrusted~~: Entrusted for Entrusting!"
Stretch Break
WORKSHOP II: Mary Ann Ward
"We too, Must Guard What Has Been Entrusted to Us"
OFFERING: Prayer and VIDEO (NO passing of plates/baskets.)
MEMORIAL SERVICE: Jan Strand
Announcements
- 12:01 pm LUNCH
- 1:30 pm WELCOME BACK
SINGING led by Anne Presteng and pianist Karen Floan
WORKSHOP III: Rebecca Moan - "Guard the Treasure"
PRAYER TIME--small groups
Stretch Break
- 3:15 pm BUSINESS MEETING
Call to order
Reports
 President's report
 Secretary's report
 Treasurer's report
Old Business
 Article III Section 3
New Business
 Constitution change
 Zoning change
 Proposed budget
 Election of officers
 2021 Resolutions
 Introduce 2022 Resolutions Committee
 Introduce 2022 Nominating Committee
Adjournment
Parliamentarian: Pastor Robert Lee
BENEDICTION: Pastor Robert Lee

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

To the 59th Annual Conference of the AFLC, meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota on Wednesday, June 16th, 2021 at the Free Lutheran Seminary and Bible College Campus. "Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; keep watch at the door of my lips." Psalm. 141:3 NLT

Our WMF theme is "**Guard what has been entrusted to you**". I Timothy 6:20-21 NASB "O Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to you, avoiding worldly and empty chatter and the opposing arguments of what is falsely called 'knowledge' – which some have professed and thus gone astray from the faith. Grace be with you."

And speaking of Timothy, our Bible study for 2021 is A study in I Timothy by Jeanette Berntson. Health concerns were on all of our minds with the corona virus, how about our spiritual health and strength. Jeanette says, "we must watch out for teaching that makes us sick and leads to eternal death." Sound doctrine from the Bible gives us spiritual health and leads to life eternal. I know this study will be a blessing. Thank you to all who helped with editing. Countless hours are devoted to present a Biblically-sound and accurate, as possible, Bible Study. Editors for this year were: Avis Dyrud, Pastor Ken and Barbara Moland, and Pastor Phil Haugen. Thank you so much for your time given in this task. We really appreciate this!

The WMF has a page in The Lutheran Ambassador. This is an opportunity to read about the various activities of the WMF. The WMF website is updated often. Devotionals are available as well as a note from me. We have links there to our projects. We publish two issues of our Helping Hand each year. The first will focus on World Missions and Christian Education. The 2nd will be Home Missions, and WMF General Fund as well as our WMF Day review. Copies are sent to each church or WMF president and Pastor's wife in hopes that it is copied and/or shared with all women in the church. We have a Facebook page with around 500 friends and our Instagram has been set up. I can't thank you enough for being willing to write for me when called upon. We pray these publications are helpful on a practical level; but most of all, pray that they always point you to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We work diligently to update the Resource Manual. Do you know where your church's copy is? Information in the WMF Resource Manual is not copyrighted so copies can be made as needed. We also hope you have seen our Promotional DVD. If not, you can view this at www.aflc.org/women.

We will be voting on the recommended amendment of Article V Section 5 of our constitution ... "Officers shall be elected for a term of three years. All officers may be eligible for re-election, but no officers shall hold the same office for more than two successive terms. The President and Communications Secretary shall be elected one year; the First Vice-President and Recording Secretary the following year; the Second Vice-President and the Treasurer the third year. Newly elected officers shall officially assume their duties at the September meeting following their election." We will also be voting on a By-Laws correction Article 1 Section 1 to update the schools names from AFLBS to Free Lutheran Bible College (FLBC) and AFLTS to Free Lutheran Seminary (FLS). Another topic of discussion for our business meeting will be the project zone division and project promotion.

My heart is full as I picture the women across the AFLC in their WMF meetings. It has been over 58 years of women meeting to pray, give and “go ye into all the world.” With gifts given to the various ministries we bless the workers in the harvest fields. This year your contributions are disbursed for these areas.

Christian Education: Parish Ed, Free Lutheran Bible College (FLBC), Free Lutheran Seminary (FLS)

Parish Ed: Support received goes towards the Sunday School curriculum updates or as the Parish Education Board deems necessary. Pray for Marian Christopherson and the Parish Ed Board.

FLBC: Support received goes towards dorm room refurbishing. Pray for this project as well as Adam Osier and the FLBC school board.

FLS: Supporting each full-time seminarian and intern with \$100 each semester for books, a Lutheran Ambassador subscription, and the rest for a nursery/childcare area in the middler classroom. Pray for our seminary and Dean Dr. James Molstre and the FLS school board.

At this point we also want to remind you that we have a resource for you to use for parents of new babies. Our Cradle Roll packets contain biblically-sound brochures with encouragement to raise a child in the Word of God. Packets can be ordered through WMF Executive Secretary, Dawn Johnson.

World Missions

Contributions will be distributed toward missionaries’ monthly support at the discretion of the members of the World Missions Board. Pray for our missionaries and Pastor Earl Korhonen and the World Missions Board.

Home Missions

A total of \$4,000 goes toward the Church Planting Retreat. The remainder to be given to be used at the discretion of the Home Missions Board as deemed necessary. Pray for our home mission churches, pastors, wives, their families, and church planting assistants. Also keep Jim Johnson and the Home Missions Board in your prayers.

General Fund

The general operating fund also needs your offerings of support in order for the National Board to continue the work of the WMF. Operating expenses include printing and mailing newsletters (Helping Hand), resource manual updates, welcome packets, salary of the executive secretary, stipend for the president and treasurer, convention expenses, GoToMeeting expenses, office equipment and supplies as well as WOC (women’s outreach coordinator) travel. At this time, our board members are meeting this need and there is some money still available from a grant designated towards this. Every effort is made to keep these expenses as reasonable as possible. This year we are grateful for a promotional grant that will help us to “get the Word out!” We want it to be impossible for ladies not to know about WMF...Women’s Ministry is alive and well across the AFLC. Thanks be to God!

Pray for your WMF board. Contact me at low2667@gmail.com or give me a call on my cell (406)249-1605 or (406)892-2667 at home in Montana.

The offices of President and Communication Secretary are up for election today. Both incumbents have served one term and are eligible for re-election. If you are contacted about running for a WMF board whether local, district, or National, please prayerfully consider whether God is calling you. We all have busy schedules, but it is amazing to see how God provides for us when we are willing to be available for tasks in His Kingdom's Work.

Thank you to our AFLC Schools and Minneapolis District churches for all your work in hosting this year's conference! We appreciate your hard work in planning and coordinating this WMF day event!

Thank you to my teammates – Margie, Karen, Anne, Liz, Deanna, and Dawn. God has truly gifted these gals and selected them for service. I just marvel after we settle into a “new routine” with newly elected officers. And I am grateful for our executive secretary who has held the records, our Bible study overstock (which we are working on), and our hearts.

Ladies -2021!! – Thank you to those who had a vision in the 60's for what could be accomplished as a group. I thought last year's theme was challenging. **Guard what has been entrusted to you** is very convicting to me. I'm leaning on the verse in II Corinthians 12:10 that reminds us that it is His strength we trust when we are weak.

Respectfully submitted,
Lavonne West

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY FEDERATION WMF DAY SUMMARY 2020

WMF Theme - Victory in Jesus, 1 John 5:4-5
Theme Hymn – “Victory in Jesus” AH 542

“For whatever is born of God overcomes the world: and this is the victory that has overcome the world, our faith. Who is the one that overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?”

One hundred women registered for the Women's Missionary Federation Day on August 10th, 2020, at the Association Retreat Center in Osceola, WI. Anne Presteng, the 1st Vice President of the National WMF opened the day with a welcome and prayer, in the absence of WMF President Lavonne West who was unable to attend. Ruth Rautio as ARC hostess, gave a welcome to the women.

Bible study writer, Mrs. Linda Korhonen, shared devotions based on the WMF “Victory in Jesus” theme from 1 John 5:4-5. Linda shared how to be *Transformed from Victim to Victor by Renewing Your Mind* (Romans 12:2). A time of singing and praise were led by Anne Presteng, Gwen Berge, Wendy Westlake, & Karen Floan, with Anne sharing some history regarding the theme song “*Victory In Jesus*”.

Natalie Ballmann led a workshop on the Home Missions start up church she and her husband Matthew serve in San Antonio, TX. She shared how there can be both discouraging and encouraging days in the work but Victory is found in serving Jesus. A stretch break followed with door prizes given out and gifts included purchased materials from AFLC Parish Education & Publications funded by Thrivent grant dollars. The second workshop was led by Joan Korhonen with her talk based on a "Journey with Jesus". Joan reviewed the Apostle Paul's journeys in Acts and how these relate to the AFLC World Missions.

A memorial service was led by Lori Willard, of Everett, WA. Lori read names of AFLC Women who have gone to glory this past year and served in the AFLC and local WMF's.

After lunch the theme song "*Victory In Jesus*" was led by Anne, Gwen, Wendy & Karen. The sisters also provided the special choir music, "*The Lord is My Salvation*", since there was no group choir because of concerns for COVID.

The third workshop was led by pastor Andy Coyle, with a theme of "*Life Through The Lens of Victory*" referring to 1 Corinthians 15:57-58. Pastor Coyle emphasized that no matter what we encounter in this earthly life we need to keep being steadfast and remembering that Jesus has already accomplished the Victory for us.

The New Image Players from Wisconsin presented a couple of humorous skits, (Kristi Nelson, Christy Wall, and Sally House). A time of prayer followed the skits with women breaking into small groups and praying for the AFLC ministries and other concerns.

Total offering for the day was \$4,147.

Another stretch break with door prizes given out, took place before the business session began. After the business session Chaplain Col. John Eidsmoe who presided as parliamentarian gave the Benediction in closing.

No WMF Breakfast took place in 2020.

Mission Festival Service 2020

Anne Presteng, WMF 1st Vice President welcomed everyone. Pastor Earl Korhonen, World Missions Director lead the service. Special music was presented by the Abel Family. The evening message was given by Pastor Brent Raan AFLC missionary to Uganda. Due to concerns over COVID offering was not taken, but baskets were placed in the back of the auditorium.

Total offering for the evening was \$1490.

Thank you to the Association Retreat Center for hosting so graciously and providing for our needs during the conference. The next WMF day will be held in June 2021 at the AFLC Schools in Plymouth, MN.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Floan, Recording Secretary for NWMF

AFLC NATIONAL WOMEN'S MISSIONARY FEDERATION BUSINESS MEETING **Monday August 10, 2020**

Vice President Anne Presteng called the women to order for the WMF Day business session held Monday afternoon. The 2019 President's report was reviewed by Anne Presteng with highlights read; a motion and 2nd to receive and accept the President's report.

The 2019 Recording Secretary report was reviewed by Karen Floan with highlights given; a motion and a 2nd to receive and accept the Recording Secretary report. The 2019 Treasurer report was given by Deb Benson; a motion and a 2nd to receive and accept the Treasurer report.

Old Business:

An amendment change to the constitution was presented from last year and was presented again to confirm the change (*removing September*):

"Newly elected officers shall officially assume their duties at the All boards ~~September~~-meeting following their election."

MSC from the floor, to proceed to make the constitutional change for 2021.

Thanks to the WMF committees who served for 2020. ***The Nominating Committee for 2020 consisted of:*** Phyllis Pederson, Rosalie Larson, Diane Roed. ***The Resolution Committee for 2020 consisted of:*** Lonna Olson, Linda Nelson, Lavonne Arneson-Lundebrek

New Business:

The WMF 2021 Proposed Budget was presented by Treasurer Deb Benson. Deb noted that the budget total is less in 2021 than it was in 2020 due to cutting back on printing costs for the Helping hand from 4 times per year to just 2 times per year. A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the WMF proposed budget.

Election of officers took place with the following elected:

2nd Vice President – Miss Liz McCarlson, Minneapolis, MN
Treasurer – Mrs. Margie Lee, Beulah, ND

2020 WMF Resolutions were presented and approved with some friendly amendments for the schools' names.

The 2021 Resolutions Committee:

Charlotte Fruehauf, Maple Grove, MN
Elizabeth Jore, Roseville, MN
Faith Nelson, Prinsburg, MN

The 2021 Nominating Committee:

Bonnie Handsaker, Radcliffe IA
Sue Kylo, Byron, MN
Heather Olson, Robbinsdale, MN

A thank you was given to outgoing WMF officers Deb Benson & Tami Demo.
The Business Meeting was adjourned, and benediction given by Chaplin Col. John Eidsmoe

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Floan, Recording Secretary for NWMF

Women's Missionary Federation of the AFLC

Profit & Loss

January through December 2020

INCOME

4010	World Missions Income	\$27,765.94
4020	Home Missions Income	\$12,980.55
4030	Christian Ed/FLBC/FLS	\$15,334.21
4040	General WMF Income	\$46,639.73
4050	Special Gifts Income	\$15,569.00
4090	Conference Offering Income	\$10,621.50
4095	Conference Registration	\$2,627.00
4100	Grants & Trust Income	\$1,500.00
	Interest Income	\$19.71
	Total Income	\$133,057.64

Expense

5010	World Missions Expense	\$42,524.07
5020	Home Missions Expense	\$15,873.68
5030	Christian Ed/FLBC/FLS Expense	\$20,302.08
6040	Salary & Stipend Expense	\$39,429.36
6042	computer Equipment Expense	\$224.40
6044	Executive Secretary Business	\$994.80
6100	Telephone Expense	\$108.35
6200	Postage & Other Mail Expense	\$1,610.74
6300	Lodging & Meal Expense	\$166.00
6400	Printing & Copies Expense	\$6,087.75
6505	Conference-Other Expense	\$797.32
6600	Mileage & Flight Expense	\$343.30
6800	Office Supply & Misc Exp	\$685.28
7000	Love Gifts	\$1,750.00
7500	Director of Development Sup	\$60.00
800	W.O.C. Expense	\$0.00
	Total Expense	\$130,957.13

Net Income \$2,100.51

Women's Missionary Federation of the AFLC

Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2020

12/31/2019 Balance Sheet	\$	49,832.17
Account		12/31/2020 Balance
Bank Accounts		
1015 World Missions Mission Scholarship Fund	\$	4,505.55
1017 World Missions Short Term Assistants	\$	2,803.85
1035T Christian Ed Schools :Seminary	\$	3,000.00
1040 General WMF	\$	39,040.44
1081 2018 Foundation Grant	\$	1,582.84
1082 2019 Foundation Grant	\$	1,000.00
TOTAL Bank Accounts	\$	51,932.68
OVERALL TOTAL 12/31/2020	\$	51,932.68

Upon completion of the audit, we report that the records were carefully maintained and in good order. It is our opinion that this Balance Sheet accurately reflects the records kept for the year ended December 31, 2020.

Amy Haugen *2-15-21*

Amy Haugen, Auditor Date

Nancy Wright *2-15-21*

Nancy Wright, Auditor Date

Respectfully Submitted,

Margie Lee *2-15-2021*

Margie Lee, Treasurer Date

WMF 2021 Resolutions

Guard What Has Been Entrusted to You

I. WMF Bible Study

WHEREAS the women of the AFLC are encouraged to feed our souls with sound doctrine thereby avoiding teaching that would lead us astray and make us spiritually and physically weak,

BE IT RESOLVED that we thank God for and encourage our women to study our 2021 Bible study, A Study in I Timothy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we thank God for and pray His blessing on its writer Jeanette Bernston and the editors: Avis Dyrud, Pastor Ken and Barbara Moland, and Pastor Phil Haugen.

“O Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to you, avoiding worldly and empty chatter and the opposing arguments of what is falsely called ‘knowledge’ – which some have professed and thus gone astray from the faith. Grace be with you.” I Timothy 6:20-21

II. Titus 2

WHEREAS God directs women in Titus 2 to connect in intergenerational relationships and to live out Biblical womanhood,

BE IT RESOLVED that we encourage older women to come alongside younger women in pursuing Jesus through Spiritual mentoring.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that books such as *Adorned* by Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth and *Spiritual Mothering* by Susan Hunt are considered for those in mentoring relationships or just beginning.

“Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled.” Titus 2:3-5

III. Media

WHEREAS our National WMF has many resources and publications available for the local WMF and Pastor’s wives, including:

- i. The Lutheran Ambassador - WMF page
- ii. WMF Website - www.aflc.org/women
- iii. Helping Hand
- iv. WMF Facebook page
- v. Instagram
- vi. Resource Manual
- vii. Promotional DVD

BE IT RESOLVED that the women of the AFLC be encouraged and informed through the use of the above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we pray for those who are responsible for providing these materials.

“Getting wisdom is the wisest thing you can do.” Proverbs 4:7

IV. Ministries

WHEREAS the Women's Missionary Federation has focused on the following AFLC ministries for the past 58 years:

- i. Christian Ed
 1. Parish Ed
 2. Free Lutheran Bible College
 3. Free Lutheran Seminary
 4. Cradle Roll Packets
- ii. World Missions
- iii. Home Missions
- iv. WMF General

BE IT RESOLVED that we uphold in prayer the participants and those in leadership of the above ministries.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we continue sustaining these ministries through our financial support.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we thank God for the Promotional Grant the National WMF received this past year.

And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth." Isaiah 12:4-5

V. Leadership

WHEREAS God has called and equipped women to serve in leadership on our National, district, and local WMF boards,

BE IT RESOLVED that we thank God for the service of our current national WMF officers:

- President - Lavonne West
- 1st Vice President - Ann Presteng
- 2nd Vice President - Liz McCarlson
- Communication Secretary - Deanna Larson
- Recording Secretary - Karen Floan
- Treasurer - Margie Lee

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we all prayerfully consider our availability to serve the Lord in such positions.

VI. Hospitality

WHEREAS the AFLC schools and Minneapolis District churches have hosted, planned, and coordinated this event,

BE IT RESOLVED that we thank them for their service to us.

"We continually remember before our God & Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ."

1 Thessalonians 1:3

Respectfully submitted, 2021 Resolutions Committee (Minneapolis District)
Charlotte Fruehauf, Elizabeth Jore & Faith Nelson

Business that will be discussed:

With the change of the All Boards Meetings being moved to October the National WMF Board postponed implementing this constitution change so that we could revisit it to reflect whatever changes may come from this switch.

“Officers shall be elected for a term of three years. All officers may be eligible for re-election, but no officers shall hold the same office for more than two successive terms. The President and Communications Secretary shall be elected one year; the First Vice-President and Recording Secretary the following year; the Second Vice-President and the Treasurer the third year. Newly elected officers shall officially assume their duties at the **All Boards September** meeting following their election.”

The new proposal will replace the **All Boards September** to say, “Newly elected officers shall officially assume their duties at the **All Boards** meeting following their election.”

Zoning

The WMF board is proposing that we do away with the zones and that each local WMF would have the same project giving calendar. It was suggested to do a rotating schedule much like the AFLC does for their giving schedule. Each of our four projects (World Missions, Home Missions, Christian Education and WMF General Fund) would be presented three times in the year.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>	<u>Year 4</u>
<i>January</i>	World Missions	WMF General Fund	Christian Education	Home Missions
<i>February</i>	Home Missions	World Missions	WMF General Fund	Christian Education
<i>March</i>	Christian Education	Home Missions	World Missions	WMF General Fund
<i>April</i>	WMF General Fund	Christian Education	Home Missions	World Missions
<i>May</i>	World Missions	WMF General Fund	Christian Education	Home Missions
<i>June</i>	Home Missions	World Missions	WMF General Fund	Christian Education
<i>July</i>	Christian Education	Home Missions	World Missions	WMF General Fund
<i>August</i>	WMF General Fund	Christian Education	Home Missions	World Missions
<i>September</i>	World Missions	WMF General Fund	Christian Education	Home Missions
<i>October</i>	Home Missions	World Missions	WMF General Fund	Christian Education
<i>November</i>	Christian Education	Home Missions	World Missions	WMF General Fund
<i>December</i>	WMF General Fund	Christian Education	Home Missions	World Missions

2022 Proposed Budget

	2020 Budget	2020 Actual	2021 Approved	2022 Proposed
Income				
World Missions	\$45,000.00	\$42,524.07	\$33,000.00	\$0.00
Home Missions	\$22,650.00	\$15,873.68	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
Christian Ed/FLBC,FLS	\$24,000.00	\$20,003.82	\$17,000.00	\$0.00
General Fund	<u>\$65,200.00</u>	<u>\$54,656.07</u>	<u>\$60,050.00</u>	<u>\$60,650.00</u>
Total	\$156,850.00	\$133,057.64	\$125,050.00	\$60,850.00

Expenses

Salary & Stipends	\$40,000.00	\$39,429.36	\$40,000.00	\$41,000.00
ES Business Expense	\$1,300.00	\$994.80	\$1,300.00	\$1,100.00
Telephone	\$400.00	\$108.35	\$400.00	\$400.00
Postage	\$2,000.00	\$1,610.74	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Lodging	\$2,000.00	\$166.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Printing	\$6,200.00	\$6,087.75	\$6,200.00	\$6,500.00
Mileage	\$3,400.00	\$343.30	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00
Education	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Love Gifts	\$2,200.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
Supplies & Misc	\$5,000.00		\$3,750.00	\$3,750.00
Conference, Computer & Office		\$1,021.72		
Misc.		\$745.28		
WOC expenses	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,000.00
Total	\$64,600.00	\$52,257.30	\$60,050.00	\$60,650.00

World Missions	42524.07
Home Missions	15873.68
Christian Education/FLBC,FLS	20302.08

\$130,957.13

2022 Committees

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Western ND/Eastern MT District

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2021 Prayer List

Pray for our AFLC leaders that they would be open to God's guidance and that God's will would be sought and followed. Pray His name would be glorified in decision making with a continual stand in His Word.

WMF

Lavonne West, President
Ann Presteng, 1st Vice President
Liz McCarlson, 2nd Vice President
Deanna Larson, Communication Secretary
Karen Floan, Recording Secretary
Margie Lee, Treasurer
Local and District groups
Local and District officers

Home Missions

Rev. James L. Johnson, Director
Support Staff
Home Missions Committee

Church Planters/Pastors and Congregations

Rev. Tom Olson, Hosanna Free Lutheran, Cumberland, WI
Alex Woodworth, Resurrection Free Lutheran, Ramsey, MN
Rev. Gideon Johnson, Hope Free Lutheran, Killdeer, ND
Rev. Matthew Ballmann, Trinity San Antonio, San Antonio, TX
Pr. Holmes Zhao, Living Stone Chinese Lutheran Fellowship, St. Paul, MN
Rev. Tom Olson, Hope AFLC, Enderlin, ND
Pr. Brady Arneson, Waikiki Beach Gathering, Honolulu, HI
Rev. Greg Schram, Lutheran Church of Hope, Loveland, CO
Pr. Eric Johnson, The Source, Mesa, AZ
New Hope Free Lutheran, Sisseton, SD
Rev. Christian Andrews, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Springfield, MO
Erling Langness, Abiding Word Free Lutheran, Felch, MI

Church Planting Assistants

Moriah Graham, Hagerstown, MD
Jessica Nikunen, Hagerstown, MD
Julia Albright, San Antonio, TX
Sarah Duffy, San Antonio, TX
Alison Mundfrom, Mesa, AZ
Heather Hansen, Naknek, AK

Alaska Missionaries

Rev. Jeremy and Lacy Crowell, FLAPS Pilot
Rev. Bob and Margaret Lee, KAKN Radio
Rev. Jeff and Jane Swanson, Hilltop
Christian Fellowship

World Missions

Rev. Earl Korhonen, Director
Jon Nelson, Journey Missions
Support Staff
World Missions Committee

Brazil Missionaries

Rev. Paul and Becky Abel
Rev. Jonathan and Tamba Abel
Rev. John and Hannah Lee
Jonni Silver

Uganda Missionaries

Rev. Nate and Rhoda Jore
Rev. Brent and Emily Raan
Michael Rokenbrodt

Mexico Missionaries

Rev. Todd and Barb Schierkolk

Paraguay Missionaries

Rev. Matthew and Ednay Abel

Missionaries On Loan

Steve and Glenda Kvale, Wycliffe Bible Translators, USA
Rev. Andrew and Alexis Olson, Lutheran Bible Translators, Tanzania
Joshua and Ruthie Wagner, Lutheran Bible Translators, Sierra Leone

Missionary Assistants

Abigail McMillan, Brazil (Lee Family, current)
Caleb Korhonen, Brazil (Paul & Becky Abel, December 2021)
Zach Ritland, Brazil (Paul & Becky Abel, December 2021)
Jenna Schwartz, Paraguay (Abel Family, Summer 2022)
Kate Wholey, Paraguay (Abel Family, Summer 2022)
Trost Family, Uganda (Raam Family, Spring 2022)

Christian Education

Parish Education

Marian Christopherson, Director
Support Staff
Board of Publications and Parish Education

Free Lutheran Bible College and Seminary

Rev. Wade Mobley, FLBCS President
Rev. James Molstre, Seminary Dean
Rev. Adam Osier, Bible College Dean
Staff, Faculty, and Students
Board of Trustees

AFLC

Rev. Lyndon, C. Korhonen, President
Rev. Terry Olson, Vice President
Rev. Micah Hjermstad, Secretary
Rev. Gary Jorgenson, Assistant to the President
Directors and Support staff
Co-ordinating Committee
Corporations and Boards

NATIONAL OFFICERS OF THE WOMENS FEDERATION

2021-2022

President **Term ends 2021**

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Devotional: "Guard the Deposit" Jeanette Berntson



Hi, I am Jeanette Berntson. I am married to Pastor Luke Berntson who serves at Hope Lutheran in Northome, Minnesota and Bethesda Lutheran in Mizpah, Minnesota. We met at the Lutheran Brethren Seminary. Luke was getting his Masters of Divinity in preparation for being a pastor and I was getting a MA in Religion in preparation for being a missionary. I enjoy sharing God's Word with ladies, youth, and children. In addition to writing Bible studies and diagramming Greek Bible passages, I also like to play and teach the piano, crochet, bake, and run.

Workshop I: “~~Entrusted.~~ Entrusted for Entrusting!” Marian Christopherson



Marian finds great joy in serving AFLC congregations through the ministry of Parish Education. Her work as director involves overseeing various publishing projects such as the AFLC Heritage Series, youth/adult Bible studies, and the Ambassador Sunday School Series for children. She regularly teaches sessions in local congregations and at AFLC Schools relating to Christian education. Her desire is to challenge students of all ages to diligently study God’s Word, that we might grow deeply in our understanding, be strengthened in our faith, and be equipped to share with others. Her hobbies include music, reading, writing, sewing, traveling, and renovating a 113-year-old house with her husband, Kevin.

Workshop II: “We too, must guard what has been entrusted to us.” Mary Ann Ward



Mary Ann Ward is married to Pastor Peter Ward and we reside in rural Pelican Rapids, MN. We have four grown children, Steffany (Nathan) Moen, Michael (Cassie) Ward, Mitchell Ward and Tony Ward. We also have one granddaughter (Annie) and are awaiting the birth of another grandchild in September. Peter and I are semi-retired. Peter serves as an interim Pastor at Maranatha Free Lutheran Church in Ulen, MN. I work 2 days a week at the hardware store in Pelican Rapids. We enjoy rural life living on a small lake, gardening, fishing, and snowmobiling.

Memorial Service: Jan Strand



Jan Strand is a daughter, a wife who is blessed to be married to Paul for over 3 decades. She also feels blessed to be a mother to Andy and Katie and mother-in-law to Marley and Jared. She also feels blessed to be a grandma to Adeline and soon to arrive Baby Boy. She is also a music teacher, a doer of turkey farm chores, and a lover of Jesus and music.

Workshop III: “Guard the Treasure” Rebecca Moan



Rebecca Moan is a homemaker, an educator, and the Free Lutheran Bible College admissions coordinator. She and her husband Jerry are thankful to the Lord for five sons, four daughters-in-law, and three grandchildren. Rebecca is a member of Solid Rock Free Lutheran Church where she serves as the Children's Ministries Director.

Mission Festival Speaker: Missionary Pastor Jonathan Abel



Jonathan Abel is one of our Missionaries to Brazil. He has been a Missionary for 30 years. At present, he is pastoring the church in Maringá. He is a teacher at SETELL, our seminary in Brazil, sits on the Board of the Miriam Children’s Home, and is director of our Bible Camp in Campo Mourão. He was born to Missionary parents Rev. John & Ruby Abel, in Bolivia (enroute to Brazil) and grew up in Brazil. In 1985 he married Tamba Wilkins, also an MK from Brazil. They have 3 grown children and 2 grandchildren. He is a graduate of Lutheran Brethren Seminary with a Masters of Divinity. He did his colloquy at the AFLTS in Minneapolis MN.

Guard the Deposit

By Jeanette Berntson

O Timothy, guard the deposit entrusted to you. Avoid the irreverent babble and contradictions of what is falsely called “knowledge,” for by professing it some have swerved from the faith. 1 Timothy 6:20-21 (ESV)