

LWML Oregon District Candidates for District Positions

VICE PRESIDENT OF CHRISTIAN LIFE

Darla Schulte, Hope Woodburn, Willamette Zone



Darla Schulte is a member of Hope Lutheran Church in Woodburn, Oregon, and the Willamette Zone. She began her service in Florida as a Young Woman Developer and later continued her leadership in Oregon as Young Woman Chairman. She currently serves as Recording Secretary at both the local and zone levels and is Vice President/Treasurer of her local society.

Darla lives in Canby, Oregon, with her husband and three children. She is actively involved in her children's school activities, including band, wrestling, and rugby.

Professionally, Darla works as a dispatcher for the West Linn/Wilsonville School District, where she schedules transportation services and serves as a school bus driver as needed.

VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATIONS

Janet Schultz, Zion Hillsboro, Pacific Zone



Janet spent 30 years teaching elementary education, including special education and first through third grades, and served as a Title I instructor. A member of Zion Lutheran Church since 1976, she has supported Sunday School and VBS, served twice on the Board of Education, and currently heads the Altar Guild.

Active in LWML since 2005, Janet has held numerous leadership roles at the zone and district levels, including VP of Gospel Outreach, VP of Servant Resources, and VP of Communications. She currently serves as District Webmaster and is a member of the Special Gifts Fund and Christian Life Committees.

Janet and her husband, LeRoy, have been married for 55 years. They have three adult children and three grandsons.

VICE PRESIDENT OF GOSPEL OUTREACH

Delores Feddersen, Grace, Eugene, Emerald Zone



Delores serves as treasurer of the Grace LWML Society and president of the Emerald Zone. She is active on the Fellowship Board, in women's Bible study, and on the LWML Oregon District Structure Committee. She has also served on convention worship and planning committees and attended multiple district and national conventions as a delegate.

Raised in Eugene, Oregon, Delores graduated from Willamette High School and has been a member of Grace Lutheran Church for 46 years. She and her husband have been married for 46 years and have two adult children. She previously provided in-home childcare, worked 12 years in school food service, and supported her developmentally disabled daughter through a brokerage service.

Lynne Beck, Redeemer, Tillamook, Pacific Zone



She currently serves as Vice President of Christian Life for the LWML Oregon District and as President of Redeemer Women in Mission LWML. She has also been actively involved in Christian education through teaching Sunday School.

Professionally, she taught elementary school for 26 years before retiring. She and her husband, a retired LCMS pastor who now serves as the LWML Oregon District Pastoral Counselor, have three grown children who are married, employed, and living throughout the United States.

RECORDING SECRETARY

Carol Westhafer, Trinity, Cottage Grove, Myrtlewood Zone

Carol has served as a reading teacher in California and a media assistant in The Dalles. An active member of LWML in both California and Oregon, she has held multiple leadership roles, including Zone Rally Chair in California and Oregon's Willamette Zone, and received the Young Women's Representative scholarship in California. Her community involvement includes chairing Kids Fair and Family Games for Waldport Beachcomber Days. She has also served as Corresponding Secretary for DKG (teaching honor society), assistant advisor for Key Club for 10 years, area trainer for California Reading Results, secretary for The Dalles Band Parents, and treasurer for SMART Reading in The Dalles. She was a synodical lay delegate in 2023 and has served multiple times as a lay delegate to both the LCMS California–Nevada–Hawaii and Northwest District conventions, with appointments to floor committees.



JUNIOR PASTORAL COUNSELOR

Pastor Nick Koschmann, Mount Olive, Forest Grove, Pacific Zone

Pastor Koschmann has served at Mt. Olive since 2014. He is a graduate of Concordia University River Forest and Concordia Seminary in St. Louis and previously served congregations in Wisconsin and Michigan. He and his wife, Rachael, have four children. The Koschmann family enjoys exploring the Oregon Coast, hiking, and spending time together, and Pastor Koschmann is a longtime Green Bay Packers fan.



NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Pam Bridgehouse, Grace Molalla, Willamette Zone



A lifelong educator with 30 years as a music teacher, she has dedicated decades to church and community service. Her leadership includes serving as President of the Scotts Mills Fire Auxiliary (1981–1992), Secretary/Treasurer for Lutheran Latino Ministries (1998–2004), and multiple roles within the Northwest District, including staff at the Center for Prayer and Renewal (2009–present) and lay member of the Board of Directors (2015–present). She has served as Parish Assistant at Hope Lutheran Church in Woodburn since 2007 and previously at Trinity Lutheran in Mt. Angel. Active in LWML, she has served as Oregon District Convention Song Leader and will serve as Oregon District Choir Director in 2026. She has been married to Fred Bridgehouse for 53 years and has three grown children.

Colleen Ek Yah, Trinity, Portland, Interstate Zone

Colleen is a faithful member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Portland, where she has served for over ten years through the Dorcas Group, including leadership roles as President and Vice President, and currently as Vice President of the Interstate Zone LWML. For more than twelve years, she has also served as the church and school office assistant and secretary, faithfully supporting ministry through her daily work. A devoted wife to Pastor Ruberto Ek Yah and a loving mother of three, she models servant leadership through her steady faith, humility, and joyful willingness to serve, making her well suited for consideration to be on the LWML Oregon District Nominations Committee for 2026 – 2028.



Nominations Committee continued.

Carolyn Nelson, Gloria Dei, Central Point, Southern Oregon

Carolyn has served in numerous leadership and educational roles, including Fellowship Chair, LWML Society President, Sunday School Teacher, and Youth Leader. She was also a member of the LWML Oregon District Christian Life Committee. She and her husband Perry have lived in Central Point for many years, where they raised six children and now enjoy four grandchildren. Carolyn has been an active member of Gloria Dei for 33 years.



TREASURER

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