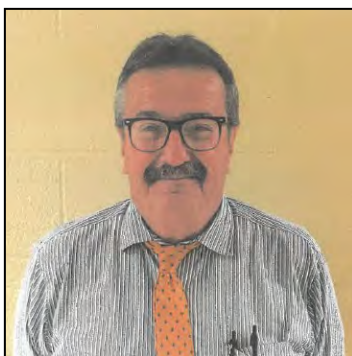


Convention Special Guests



National Meeting Manager, Leslie Colligan

Leslie became involved with the LWML in 2003 at St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Dedham, Massachusetts where she currently serves as President of the Congregation. She has served in leadership positions in her zone and in the LWML New England District including District President. At the national level, she has served on the Mission Grants, Mission Servants and Gospel Outreach Committees. Since 2017 Leslie has served each year on a week-long LCMS Short-Term Missionary Team. Leslie and her husband Joseph have 10 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. Their home is a very busy multigenerational family and time with her grandchildren is one of her greatest joys.



Keynote Speaker, Randy Gast He has served in a variety of capacities during his career: teacher, coach, athletic director, development director, principal, headmaster and worship leader. Randy has regularly served as a worship leader in Brooklyn, NY, Detroit, MI, and is a regular supply worship leader at several Baltimore area Lutheran churches. His passion is working with students, coaching and being involved in worship services. He is a graduate of Concordia University Nebraska and holds graduate degrees. Married to his college sweethearts, Linda, for almost 45 years, the Gasts have been blessed with four adult children and 8 grandchildren. He is currently serving his Lord at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Glen Burnie, MD as Director of Administration and Education.



LWML Senior Gift Planning Counselor, Linda Gage

Linda has served in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod for over 35 years working with the LWML and LCMS Foundation for the last 13 years. She has vast experience in gift planning, gift development, and Christian leadership. Previously, Linda served in the LCMS Eastern District as their Gift Planning Counselor and as Executive Director of Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center, the Outdoor Ministry Center of the Eastern District. Linda resides south of Buffalo, New York with her husband Don on their 75-acre fruit farm of vineyards and orchards. They are blessed with two sons, and their wives as well as three grandchildren. Don and Linda are members of Trinity Lutheran Church in Silver Creek, NY.



Southeastern District, LCMS President, Rev. Dr. Bill Harmon

He is a native of Baltimore, Maryland, where he attended Emmanuel Lutheran School and Baltimore Lutheran, now Concordia Preparatory School. He then attended Concordia College, New York, and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri. President Harmon earned a Doctor of Ministry degree emphasizing leadership, renewal, and coaching from Regent University in Virginia Beach, Virginia. In May of 2022, Pastor Harmon was elected the 14th President of the Southeastern District—LCMS. His focus as President is *Immeasurably More*. Placing our present and our future in a God who is able to do immeasurably more than we can ever imagine or think (Ephesians 3:20-21). President Harmon is married to his wife Gayle and they have three sons together.