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The meeting started with a devotion led by Ray Walther. It then proceeded with constitutional approvals and moved into General Session 1. President Newman read one of many thank-you notes he received. This one from Pastor Wendorf expressing gratitude for the investment in his congregation and its leaders by involving and supporting them in the Exponential Learning Community. President Newman highlighted the impressive achievement of 35 church plants in 30 months and a significant increase in evangelist training, emphasizing the continued need to focus on missions.

President Newman shared the great news about Lutheran Schools' growth and families' involvement in congregation events. Also, he emphasized that the district's healthy focus on mission does not detract from the importance of worker care, with Texas being a model for supporting existing congregations and workers.

The newly elected LWML President, Sally Krueger, greeted the attendees and provided an update. The meeting also noted an upcoming Camp Lonestar fundraiser scheduled for the weekend.

New Circuit Visitors were appointed for Circuits 5 and 10, and a recommendation for a position on the LCMS Board for National Mission-Center Region was approved. The responsibility for circuit realignment lies with the BOD, aiming to ensure great relationships and geographical alignment. The VPs have coordinated this process with involvement from circuit visitors and pastors, and the realignment was approved, with communication and next steps to follow.

After a brief break, Linda Hagge presented the financial report, and Becca Jones gave the Texas District CEF report. Additional reports included updates from the Directors of Districtwide Strategy, School Ministry, and External Relations, along with an update from the Evangelist Development Leader and the Liaison to the Board of Mission Administration. The session concluded with a prayer led by Ray.