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## EMPOWERED TO DISCOVER: Texas Teens Share God's Bright Future

Over mountains of ice cream and yummy toppings, 11 Texas teens traded the basics. Where are you from? What grade are you in? Soon they went from building sundaes to building relationships and exploring the amazing future God has for them and how Friends Into Serving Him® can figure into that bright future.

"Our future's so bright we've gotta wear shades," blazed from purple T-shirts and reflected their theme verse, "I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord!" from Jeremiah 29:11. To add more visibility, the teens carried bouquets of smiley face helium balloons around with them. Even LCMS Texas District President Ken Hennings got in on the action and insisted on having his picture taken with the girls!

"Why do you think the future is bright?" the girls asked LWMLers, including LWML Past President Linda Reiser. Her response: "Because Jesus is shining through each of you! Just as a stained glass window shows brilliantly when the light shines through the glass, so the light of Jesus can be seen in each of you as it shows through your actions and words. The LWML future is today, it is now and it is here — shining brightly through you and you and you!"

The girls teamed up to add their bright notes to the "Melody of God's Love," the theme of the District Convention. They developed and presented an Enrichment Session for about 30 LWMLers who came to gather ideas for involving teens in Friends groups.

Between Bible study sessions, clowning around the big guitar Convention logo, and dips in the pool, the girls also prepared a slide show to share their convention experiences and thoughts about God's bright future with over 600 attendees on Sunday morning. The women of the Texas District saw clearly that their future is brighter because of Teen LWML.

Texas Teens have their sights on Peoria. We'll see all ya'll there!



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