



MISSION STATEMENT

To mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

PURPOSE STATEMENT

*As a community of women
created in the image of God,
called to discipleship in Jesus Christ,
and empowered by the Holy Spirit,*

*We commit ourselves to
grow in faith,
affirm our gifts,
support one another in our callings,
engage in ministry and action,
and promote healing and wholeness
in the church, the society, and the world.*



LOGO EXPLANATION

The symbol, with cross, water, and lily, identifies the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as children of God, baptized, forgiven, and adopted into God's family full of grace and hope in eternal life. It is a reminder of the growth, beauty and vitality that rises out of that life-giving baptism water. It is also a reminder of the mission of the church to "Go, therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

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BIBLE VERSE

“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is perfected in weakness.”

2 Corinthians 12:9

CONVENTION OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the 2019 Convention of the Southeastern Synod Women of the ELCA are to:

1. Transact the business of the Southeastern Synod Women of the ELCA with Christian love;
2. Provide opportunities to worship God through word, music and service;
3. Present new and ongoing opportunities to learn to serve our sisters and others in need;
4. Encourage participation in healthy lifestyles;
5. Rejoice in the 32nd Anniversary of Women of the ELCA;
6. Renew our relationship with Christ; and
7. Celebrate our continued spiritual sisterhood through Women of the ELCA.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SYNODICAL BOARD

1. The Synodical Board recommends that the Southeastern Synod Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America adopt the proposed 2020-2021 budget.
2. The Synodical Board recommends that the Southeastern Synod Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America adopt the 2020-2021 Love Offering.

WELCOME FROM THE HOST CLUSTER



Dear Convention Attendees,

On behalf of the women of Agape Cluster 6, I welcome you to the thirty-second annual convention of the Southeastern Synod Women of the ELCA. It has been my pleasure to work with the women of cluster six to host this convention for you. We are thrilled that it is being held here in the gateway to the Great Smoky Mountains.

We hope that you will be able to Embrace Grace through all that this convention has to offer: the worship services, the Bible study, the mixer, the music, the workshops, the meals, the banquet entertainment, and fellowship with each other.

We thank those who are serving as the Chaplain, the Bible study leader, the speakers, the workshop leaders, the musicians, the dancers, those helping with registration and the exhibitors. A special thank you to all of the ladies in cluster six who have helped in many ways to help everything come together. They have made my job so much easier. A big thank you to the SWO board for all of the work that they do.

You will have an opportunity to donate to Katie's Table through your donation of purses or items for the silent auction. Our in-kind offering will go to the Smoky Mountain Area Rescue Mission. They would like canned goods with pull-tab tops or gift cards from WalMart, or Publix.

We hope you will make new friends while you are here as well as enjoying seeing those long-time friends. What a wonderful way to Embrace Grace!

Grace & Peace,

Donna Hoglund
Convention Chair

GREETINGS FROM THE CHURCHWIDE PRESIDENT



Women
of the
**EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN
CHURCH
IN AMERICA**

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

All Anew! This theme still brings a rush of energy through my body. My passion for this organization runs deep and I'm excited to see what the future holds for the Women of the ELCA. How about you? Can you vision the future? Can you see your daughter, granddaughter, great-granddaughter, niece enjoying the fellowship and mission that we recite in our purpose statement?

During this time together, I'd like to invite you to reflect on the future. Why is the Women of the ELCA important to you? Would you miss this organization if it were to disappear tomorrow? What would you miss? Times are changing, but we don't have to let that affect our mission and purpose! Imagine what we can do as a community of women today, tomorrow, next year, in the next 50 years! Let's leave a legacy. We can become All Anew every day!

It is my prayer that your synodical convention will inspire and challenge you in ways you may never have considered. When you return to your congregational unit please share all that you learned and experienced and invite those who could not attend to your next event. My representative who is attending your convention is there to listen to your joys and concerns, and to engage in everything you have planned. Please make a special point to meet with her and talk with her and let her know if there is something we can do to assist you in your ministry.

You are bold and faithful women and it is an honor to carry out the ministry of the Women of the ELCA with you. My prayer to you is that you continue to serve and mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

Peace and blessings to you <><

Lisa Plorin
President, 2017-2020 Triennium
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GREETINGS FROM OUR SISTER SYNOD



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Dear Sisters of the Southeastern Synod,

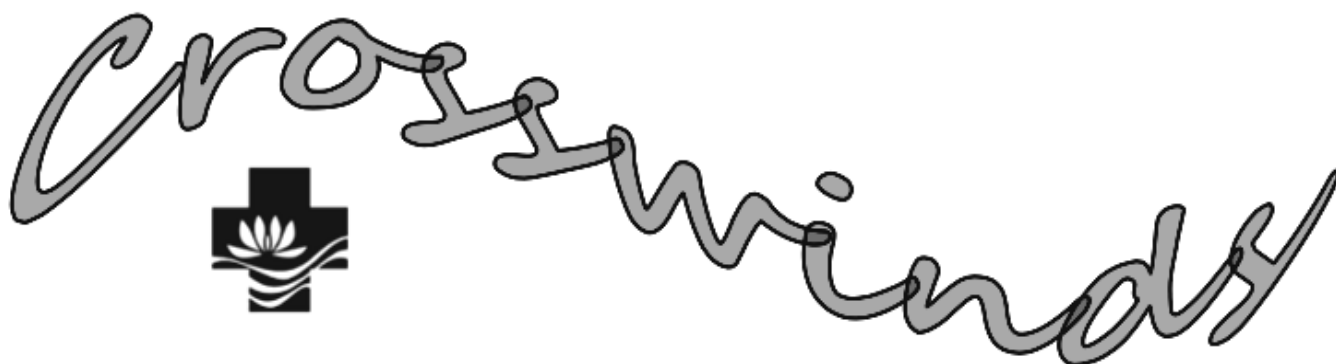
On behalf of the ladies in the La Crosse Area Synod, I send greetings from our synod board and all the ladies from all the 73 units within our synod.

As we lament the decline of active units within our synod, as a board we are very interested in the work of the exploratory committee (from the churchwide board) as they study the structure of our organization and the current realities.

As the new president of our WELCA group, I personally extend wishes for a joyful and relaxing summer and added gusto as you gear up for fall events and ongoing projects. Blessings of our Lord Jesus, to you all.

JoAnn Salava

President of the La Crosse Area Synodical WELCA



GENERAL INFORMATION

Theme - *Embrace Grace.*

Bible Verse - *“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is perfected in weakness.”* 2 Corinthians 12:9

Purpose - The primary purpose of the convention is to conduct the business of the Southeastern Synod Women of the ELCA. To this end, the synodical board and voting members are expected to be in attendance at all plenary sessions. Participants are welcome to observe the business and be a part of all convention activities.

Voting Member seating is arranged alphabetically by last name. Voting members are to be seated a few minutes before each plenary session as printed in the agenda so that the required business may be conducted promptly. All voting members should attend the orientation at 1:30 pm on Friday. No substitutions will be allowed after September 1.

Registration will be in the Convention Center Lobby on Thursday 5:30-7:00 pm; Friday 9:00 am- 3:30 pm; and Saturday 8:30-10:30 am.

Orientation for voting members will be Friday from 1:30-1:40 pm in Violin/Ukulele. Orientation for first-timers or anyone else that would like an overview of the convention will be from 1:45-1:55 pm.

Formal opening of the convention will be Friday at 2:00 pm in Violin/Ukulele.

Times to Remember

Cluster Leader Training	Friday, 1:00	Guitar A
Unit Treasurer Training	Friday, 1:00	Guitar B
Voting Member Orientation	Friday, 1:30	Violin/Ukulele
Convention Orientation	Friday, 1:45	Violin/Ukulele
Opening of Convention	Friday, 2:00	Violin/Ukulele
Cluster Muster	Friday, 4:35	As assigned
Worship Service and Reception	Friday, 7:15	Violin/Ukulele
Bible Study - Judy Aebischer	Saturday, 9:15	Violin/Ukulele
Keynote Speaker - Ken Jenkins	Saturday, 10:45	Violin/Ukulele
Workshops	Saturday, 11:35 & 1:35	As assigned
In-Kind Gathering	Saturday morning	Violin/Ukulele
Love Offering	Saturday afternoon	Violin/Ukulele
Banquet	Saturday, 7:00	Harp/Dobro
Synod Update - Bishop Strickland	Sunday, 9:15	Violin/Ukulele
Closing Worship	Sunday, 10:00	Violin/Ukulele

Offerings will be collected at the Friday evening and Sunday morning worship services.

Love Offering - We will be collecting the 2019-2020 Love Offering for Southeastern Synod Advocacy Team on Saturday morning.

In-Kind Gifts - Please bring the \$10 gift cards for WalMart or Kroger and single-serving pop top canned goods to benefit the Smoky Mountain Area Rescue Ministry. Place the items in the boxes provided in Violin/Ukulele when you come to the plenary session on Friday afternoon or Saturday morning.

Breakfast - Remember that a breakfast buffet is included with your hotel registration whether you are staying in the Music Road Hotel or Inn.

Keynote Speaker - Ken Jenkins, nationally known wildlife photographer and speaker.

Katie's Table will be located in Violin/Ukulele and will be open during non-meeting times. Please bring gently used purses/pocketbooks to sell. **Cash or check only.**

Silent Auction will also be located in Violin/Ukulele with handcrafted items. Please bring your donations to the designated area before the beginning of the first plenary session. Winners will be announced at Saturday night's banquet.

Raffle to purchase Triennial tokens - Raffle tickets will be available (1 ticket for \$5 or 3 for \$10) for a chance to win a handmade sea glass cross.

Other items to bring - Sweater or jacket (it may be cool in the plenary hall) and pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House.

Workshops will be held on Saturday at 11:35 am and 1:35pm. Please check the workshop listings on pages 24-25 for details and room assignments.

Exhibits will be in the pre-function area of the convention center. Exhibitors include Novus Way Ministries, Southeastern Synod Advocacy Team, and Southeastern Synod Disaster Preparedness.

Prayer Concerns - There will be a prayer area on a table in the back of the plenary hall. Please write your prayer concerns on a piece of paper and hang it on the clothesline. Our chaplain will raise your concerns during our worship services.

Chaplain - A chapel will be set up in Guitar B except during Centering Prayer in the morning and during workshop times on Saturday. Our chaplain, Pastor Jenny Barnes, will be available for private counseling if requested.

Reception - There will be a reception on the hotel terrace after the worship service on Friday night.

Meals will be served in the Harp/Dobro. Lunch will be served from 12:30-1:30 pm; and Friday dinner from 6:00-7:00 pm.

Banquet - The banquet will be held on Saturday from 7:00-10:00pm.. Our theme will be *"An Evening Under the Stars."* Colors are blue, green and purple. Dress is country casual (think denim).

Hotel Reservations - You must make your room reservations through Music Road Resort at 855-790-4646 and let them know you are with WELCA to get the group rate which is also available 3 days before and after the convention.

Insurance - All eligible participants are covered by insurance during travel to and from the convention and during attendance at the convention. If necessary to file a claim, please contact Karen Andrews by phone, (678) 972-6653 or by email, karenand@yahoo.com.

First Aid - Anne Tinker, R.N. will be available throughout the weekend if you have an injury or medical emergency.

Time Zone - Pigeon Forge, Tennessee is located in the Eastern Time Zone. All times listed are local.

We hope you enjoy the 2019 Convention!

CONVENTION AGENDA

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2019

9:00-3:30	Convention Registration	Conv. Center Lobby										
1:00-1:55	Cluster Leader Training	Guitar A										
	Unit Treasurer Training	Guitar B										
1:30-1:40	Voting Member Orientation	Violin/Ukulele										
1:45-1:55	Convention Orientation	Violin/Ukulele										
2:00-4:00	PLENARY SESSION 1	VIOLIN/UCHELELE										
	Formal Opening of Convention	<i>Pr. Jenny Barnes</i>										
	Welcome	<i>Donna Hoglund</i>										
	Appointment of Convention Committees	<i>Patti Austin</i>										
	Report of the Committee on Credentials	<i>Tommie Morgan</i>										
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	Adoption of Proposed Rules of Procedures for Convention	<i>Margery Kellar</i>										
	Adoption of the Convention Agenda	<i>Margery Kellar</i>										
	Presentation of Recommendations from the Board (<i>page 4</i>)	<i>Margery Kellar</i>										
	Introduction of Churchwide Representative	<i>Margery Kellar</i>										
	Report of the Churchwide Representative	<i>Kandy Pflaster</i>										
	Stretch and Sing	<i>Dana Lee Smith</i>										
	Introduction of Special Guests	<i>Patti Austin</i>										
	Introduction of Exhibitors	<i>Billie Goepfert</i>										
	Introduction of Mission Areas	<i>Synodical Board</i>										
	Introduction of Board and Non-Board Members	<i>Louise Iconis</i>										
	Report of the Nominating Committee	<i>Louise Iconis</i>										
	Prayer for Elections	<i>Pr. Jenny Barnes</i>										
	First Ballot for Triennial Voting Member											
	Announcements	<i>Tara Spray</i>										
4:35-5:25	CLUSTER MUSTER	As assigned										
6:00-7:00	<i>Dinner</i>	Harp/Dobro										

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2019

7:15-7:45	Centering Prayer with Beverly Pilgrim Morning Walk with Jean Minkin Water Aerobics with Carol Hundebly	Guitar B Meet in hotel lobby Hotel Pool
8:30-10:30	Convention Registration	Conv. Center Lobby
9:00-10:30	PLENARY SESSION 2 Report of the Committee on Credentials	VIOLIN/UCHELELE <i>Tommie Morgan</i>
	Voting members _____ Participants _____	
	Officers _____ CWO Rep _____	
	Board _____ Clergy _____	
	Voting Strength _____ Guests _____	
	Total Attendance _____	
	Report of the Committee on Elections	<i>Muriel Williams</i>
	Report of the Nominating Committee	<i>Louise Iconis</i>
	Prayer for Elections	<i>Pr. Jenny Barnes</i>
	Second Ballot for Triennial Voting Member	
	First Ballot for Vice President and Secretary	
9:15-9:45	BIBLE STUDY (Violin/Ukulele) Stretch & Sing Introduction of Exhibitors Gathering of In-Kind Gifts (<i>Smoky Mtn. Area Rescue Mission</i>) Report of the Newsletter Editor Report of Committee on Elections Report of the Nominating Committee Third Ballot for Triennial Voting Member Second Ballot for Vice President and Secretary (<i>if needed</i>) Announcements	<i>Judy Aebischer</i> <i>Dana Lee Smith</i> <i>Gloria Martin</i> <i>Dick Wellons</i> <i>Kathy Hill</i> <i>Muriel Williams</i> <i>Louise Iconis</i> <i>Tara Spray</i>
10:45-11:30	KEYNOTE SPEAKER	<i>Ken Jenkins</i>
11:35-12:25	WORKSHOPS - Session 1 (<i>see p. 24-25 for details</i>) Preparedness Becomes Grace - <i>Pastor Stacey Parvin</i> Inspiritus Empower Women - <i>Melanie Johnson</i> Heartbeat of Grace Drum Circle - <i>Mary Beth Smith</i> A Thoughtful Prayer Life (and prayer beads) - <i>Louise Iconis</i> Travel with Prayer - <i>Kandy Pflaster</i> Grace in the Space - <i>Vicar Dawn Bennett</i>	Cello A Cello B Cello C Guitar A Guitar B Violin/Ukulele
12:30-1:30	Lunch	Harp/Dobro

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2019

7:30-8:00	Centering Prayer with Beverly Pilgrim Morning Walk with Jean Minkin Water Aerobics with Carol Hundebly	Guitar B Meet in hotel lobby Hotel Pool
9:00-10:00	PLENARY SESSION 4 Report of Committee on Elections <i>(if needed)</i> Report of Nominating Committee <i>(if needed)</i> Sixth Ballot of Triennial Voting Member <i>(if needed)</i> Third Ballot for Board <i>(if needed)</i> Report of Lutheran World Relief	VIOLIN/UCHELELE <i>Muriel Williams</i> <i>Louise Iconis</i> <i>Janice Hawkins</i>
9:15-9:45	SYNOD UPDATE Invitation to the 2020 Convention Report of the Committee on Claims Friday Service _____ Love Offering _____ Sunday Service _____ Other _____ Invitation to Triennial Gathering Report of the Committee on Reference and Counsel Announcements	<i>Bishop Kevin Strickland</i> <i>Clusters 2&3</i> <i>Debbie Lundell</i> <i>Margery Kellar</i> <i>Anne Spray</i> <i>Tara Spray</i>
10:00-11:00	WORSHIP SERVICE	VIOLIN/UKULELE
11:00-11:30	Host Cluster and Board Cleanup	
11:30-12:30	Post-Convention Board Meeting	Cello D

CHECKOUT TIME IS 11:00AM

Please turn in your evaluations and badge holders as you leave the final Plenary Session

PROPOSED RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE CONVENTION

1. VOTING MEMBERS

The voting members to be seated at the convention shall include one woman elected by each unit of the Southeastern Synod Women of the ELCA and the elected officers and board members of the Southeastern Synod Women of the ELCA.

2. SEATING OF THE VOTING MEMBERS

Voting members must show their credentials (nametags) to the Committee on Credentials before being seated in the section that is reserved for them. The roll of voting members may not be changed after September 1, 2019.

3. ATTENDANCE

Voting members shall not absent themselves from any session of the convention without valid excuse. After registering on-site, the voting member can be replaced by the alternate voting member only in the event of an emergency.

4. QUORUM

A majority of the voting members registered with the Committee on Credentials shall constitute a quorum.

5. VOTING PROCEDURE

To be eligible to vote, a voting member must be seated in the designated section. No proxy or absentee voting is permitted.

6. NOMINATIONS

Nominations from the floor for vice president, secretary and board member may be made by filing a completed, prescribed form with the secretary prior to the nomination. The forms and information may be obtained from the secretary or chair of the nominating committee. Floor nominations must be signed by two voting members. The person nominated shall have given her consent and indicated her willingness to serve if elected and biographical information and a photo must be made available to all voting members.

7. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

The President shall announce the appointment of participants to the following committees:

- Committee on Claims
- Committee on Credentials
- Committee on Nominations
- Committee on Elections
- Committee on Reference and Counsel

8. CONVENTION BUSINESS AGENDA

The presiding chair of the convention shall be granted the privilege of adjusting the agenda and calling up any items of business she deems necessary in light of schedule and time constraints.

9. MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Any voting member may make a motion or present a resolution from the floor if the motion or resolution is germane to the question under consideration. If any voting member desires to add any item of new business (i.e. a motion or resolution of a general character and not germane to a pending question) she shall:

- A) Write a motion or resolution on the appropriate form;
- B) Provide the signatures of five (5) voting members; and
- C) Submit the form to the Committee on Reference and Counsel no later than 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 21, 2019.

Any motion necessitating allocation of funds shall be referred to the Executive Committee of the Southeastern Synod Women of the ELCA. The board shall report on such proposed amendments at a subsequent meeting of the Convention, but shall not be required to do so until twenty-four (24) hours have elapsed following the proposal.

The Committee on Reference and Counsel shall report to the convention with its recommendation for handling such new business, which may include a recommendation that the matter not be considered.

10. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Seat and voice shall be granted to the bishop of the Southeastern Synod, or the bishop's representative; and to the president of the Churchwide Organization (CWO) or her representative; and others to whom the president of the board shall accord this privilege.

Upon request by a voting member and with the approval of a majority of voting members, a resource person may speak on a pending question. Upon recommendation of the Committee on Reference and Counsel, the convention may seat advisory members who shall have voice but not vote. Visitors are welcome at the convention but are not accorded the privilege of the floor.

11. SPEECHES

All speeches in general discussion, unless otherwise determined by a two-thirds vote of the convention's voting members shall be limited to two (2) minutes. Total debate on any motion will be limited to twelve (12) minutes. Speakers must use the microphone and identify themselves by name, congregational unit, city, and state to be recognized by the chair. Speakers will proceed to the microphone with green cards if speaking in favor of the motion or red cards if speaking against the motion on the floor. The chair shall accept speeches one at a time, alternating those speaking for and against the question. No person shall speak more than twice on the same issue without the consent of the assembly and only after all others have spoken.

12. DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS

After the convention is in session, permission to distribute materials not issued from the Executive Committee of the Southeastern Synod Women of the ELCA must be secured from the Committee on Reference and Counsel.

13. PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

The wearing of promotional buttons or slogans, the distribution of materials or the carrying of placards to promote one candidate over another is not permitted at the convention.

14. GOVERNING LAW

Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition, shall be the governing law of this convention, except as otherwise provided in the standing Rules of Procedure for the Convention, the Constitution and Bylaws of the Women of the ELCA, or the Constitution and Bylaws of the Southeastern Synod Women of the ELCA.

HOW TO WRITE A RESOLUTION

Resolutions must be submitted to the Reference and Counsel Committee before 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 21, 2019. Anne Spray is the chair of the committee and Tara Spray is the Board Resource.

To state the reasons for a resolution, “Whereas” should be kept to a minimum so as not to encumber the resolution in a negative way for persons who may not agree with the writer’s reasoning, but may agree with the resolution.

The form follows:

Whereas: _____ (use only as many as absolutely necessary.)

Resolved, that _____ (as many as necessary to state the action of the resolution.)

(See Rules of Procedure, Section 9, Motions and Resolutions on page 15 for additional information.)

REPORTING THE CONVENTION TO YOUR UNIT

A. Setting the Presentation of this Report

1. Arrange a display of convention material on a table: Bulletin of Reports, special bulletins, programming, etc.
2. If a display board or PowerPoint is available, write titles or names of speakers, elected officers, etc. on it in advance. The presenter can then point to the information as she makes the presentation, making it easier for the audience to grasp names and titles.

B. Presentation of Report

1. General information: Make a statement concerning date, place, setting of convention, Keynote Speaker, and Churchwide Representative.
2. Plenary sessions: Tell briefly about constitutional changes, if any. Refer to printed matter and constitution on display.
3. Election results: Announce the newly elected officers and members of the board.
4. Resolutions adopted should be reported and significant ones read.
5. Inspirational messages: Point out the speakers and share a few statements concerning one or two of the messages that you found meaningful.
6. Special features: Mention all or several of them at least, but describe only two or three of them. It may become tiresome to describe each one. Include special music, opening of convention, installation service, and worship opportunities. Include the workshops you attended.
7. Before you finish, while the members of your unit are hyped up about the convention you attended, be sure to mention the date and location of the convention for the coming year.
8. Conclusion: Close with a prayer for the leadership and for the participants of the Southeastern Synod Women of the ELCA.

CONVENTION COMMITTEES

Claims	<i>Karen Andrews</i> - Board Resource <i>Debbie Lundell</i> - Chair
Credentials	<i>Sissy Gifford</i> - Board Resource <i>Tommie Morgan</i> - Chair
Elections	<i>Terry Chongulia</i> - Board Resource <i>Muriel Williams</i> - Chair
Reference and Counsel	<i>Gloria Martin</i> - Board Resource <i>Anne Spray</i> - Chair
Nominations	<i>Shirley Connelly</i> - Board Resource <i>Louise Iconis</i> - Chair
Convention Planning	<i>Donna Hoglund</i> - Convention Chair <i>Cluster 6</i> - Host Cluster and Friday Night Reception <i>Elaine Fisher</i> - Banquet Coordinator <i>Anne Spray</i> - Hospitality <i>Barbara Boyce</i> - Volunteer Coordinator <i>Ladies of St. Paul, Maryville, TN</i> - Banner
Other	<i>Barbara Schwanebeck</i> - Registrar <i>Kathy Cole</i> - Choir Director <i>Dana Lee Smith</i> - Music Director <i>Linda Few</i> - Audio-Visual Administrator <i>Anne Tinker</i> - Convention Nurse

NOMINEES

Nominees are asked to list their experience in the following areas over the last five years according to the numerical scheme below.

1. Experience and service at the congregational level
2. Experience and service at the cluster or conference level
3. Experience and service at the synodical level
4. Experience and service to the regional or churchwide organization
5. Experience and service in other organizations and/or community service
6. Present occupation or job before retirement
7. Age group (35 and under, 36-49, 50-64, 65 or over); ethnic/racial heritage; congregation; cluster number
8. Reason for allowing name to be placed in nomination.

Nominations to be placed for vice president, secretary and three board members, each to serve a two year term are listed below.

NOMINEES FOR VICE PRESIDENT

ELIZABETH (BETH) DRANE

1. Council member; Chair of Worship Planning Team; Worship Assistant; Choir Member; Vice President of WELCA; President of WELCA.
2. Cluster 6 Recorder .
3. Board Member 2017-2019; Voting Member to the synodical convention.
5. Community Food Collection volunteer/liaison from St. Paul Lutheran Church; Days for Girls; Family Promise.
6. Retired; Part-time work during tax season.
7. 65 or over; Caucasian; St. Paul, Maryville, TN; Cluster 6/Agape.
8. I have enjoyed working with a wonderful group of women the last two years but there is so much more for me to learn. I would love to continue the journey.



CHAPLAIN LISA NYABINGHI

1. Spiritual Leader for the Yaya Guaili ara Taino Yukayeke Tribe Christian Indigenous Community.
5. Volunteer Hospice Chaplain in Buford. Suwanee.
6. Pastoral Counselor since November 2014 providing counseling to consumers.
7. 36-49; Native American (Taino Indian); First Lutheran, Kennesaw, GA; Cluster 2/Good NEWS.
8. The Lutheran community supported and loved me through adversity and triumph. I want to pay it forward. My training will allow for a unique perspective of understanding, compromise and integration across ethnic boundaries.



NOMINEE FOR SECRETARY

SHIRLEY CONNELLY

1. Church Council - Vice Chair, Chair 2008-2010, Chair Outreach 2018-2020, Support Mission; Church Administrator 7 years; Communion Assistant; Altar Guild; Worship Team Member; Election Committee; God's Work, Our Hands team leader.
2. Cluster 4 Coordinator 2016-2019.
3. Synodical Board Member 2018 to present; Voting Member Synod Assembly 2018.
4. Growth Committee 2014-2018; Women's Retreat Planner and Leader.
5. Girl Scout Troop Leader; Girl Scout Unit Leader; PTA and PTSA Literacy Chair; Volunteer for Winship 5K; AIDS Vaccine Bike Race; Winship Fashion Gala; Volunteer for Dalai Lama's visit to Emory.
6. Retired; Previously Fundraiser and Event Planner.
7. 50-64; Caucasian; Trinity, Lilburn, GA; Cluster 4/Magi.
8. The years I have spent working with the church, the church community and the Women of the ELCA have been a special joy to me. I feel called to provide support to the endeavors of our sisters in Christ and to the community. I will offer all that I can to make a difference.



NOMINEES FOR BOARD MEMBER

BILLIE GOEPFERT

1. Secretary and treasurer of Congregational Unit; Coordinator Lutheran World Relief; Congregational Fundraising Chair; choir member; volunteer in church office.
2. Member of Cluster 8/The King; participate in all cluster activities and volunteer when needed.
3. Appointed to serve on the synodical board this past year to fill a vacancy; serve on the Growth Committee; attended all synodical conventions and meetings.
5. Congregational outreach ministries; volunteer on Jewish Holy Days to babysit for worshippers.
6. Retired.
7. 65 or over; Caucasian; Christ Lutheran Church, Nashville, Tennessee; Cluster 8/The King.
8. I have been a member of the Southeastern Synod Women of the ELCA almost since the beginning and this past year serving as a synodical board member has been rewarding. The women of our synod inspire me to trust that every day we make a difference in our congregations and communities. I enjoy working with the other members of the board and look forward to promoting our many activities on the congregations.



GLORIA MARTIN

1. President of WELCA Unit for several years; Chair of Christian Education; Church Council.
3. Served on Registration Committee for Synod Assembly.
5. Volunteers at shelters in Decatur, Georgia.
6. Retired; Teacher.
7. 65 or over; African-American, St. Paul, Decatur, GA; Cluster 3/Trinity.
8. I am completing the term of a former board member and I am willing to continue to serve. I am learning a lot about all that WELCA does.



NOMINEES FOR TRIENNIAL VOTING MEMBER

Nominations to be placed for four voting members to serve at the 2020 Triennial Convention are listed below.

ELIZABETH (BETH) DRANE *(see information on page 18)*

LOUISE HAMILTON

1. Past president of congregational unit.
2. Cluster Coordinator
3. Former Board Member
4. Former member of the Nomination Committee.
5. Meals on Wheels delivery; Volunteer for the National Park Service, MLK Jr. Birthplace.
6. Retired Manager of Operator Service at BellSouth.
7. 65 or over; African American; St. John's, Atlanta Georgia; Cluster 3/Trinity.
8. With a servants heart and prayerful consideration I humbly submit my service to this wonderful organization. My organizational and people skills will be a positive contribution to the Southeaster Synod Women of the ELCA.



JANICE HAWKINS

1. Served as Congregational Unit President for 2 terms, plus upcoming term 2019-2021; Retreat leader; Communications Chair.
2. Synodical board liaison to Cluster 4.
3. Synodical board member for 4 years; Lutheran World Relief Key Leader for 6 years.
4. Triennial Voting Member in 2017; Attended Triennial Gatherings in 2014 and 2017.
5. Regular donations to varying community organizations (Lilburn Co-op and American Kidney Services).
6. Pharmacist; full-time at Gwinnett Medical Center for 20 years.
7. 50-64; Caucasian; Trinity, Lilburn, Georgia; Cluster 4/Magi.
8. My experience as a Triennial Voting Member in 2017 exposed me to the business aspect of WELCA at the churchwide level. I enjoyed participating in the meetings at the convention and being able to vote on the budget, resolutions, and memorials, in addition to electing new board members. It would be an honor to serve again in this capacity as a Voting Member of the Southeastern Synod.



KATHY HILL

1. Altar Guild member and Co-Chair; WELCA Unit Secretary, Treasurer and Circle Coordinator; Quilting Circle; Redeeming Bloomers member.
2. Recorder.
3. Board Member; *The Southeastern Weaver* editor.
5. Stately Oaks docent; Various service projects through church and Retired Educators Association.
6. Retired Educator.
7. 50-64; Caucasian; Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta, Georgia; Cluster 3/Trinity.
8. I attended my first Triennial Convention and Gathering in 2017. It was an exhilarating experience being part of the governing body during the convention and then participating in the gathering afterwards. It is very moving to be a part of an event like this with so many like-minded women of faith. Now that I have gone once I want to participate in every Triennial. I would love to return as a voting member again and if elected to serve in this capacity, I pray for God's guidance.



MARGERY KELLAR

1. Council member; Choir alto; Communion Assistant; Outreach Coordinator; Coordinator of email prayer circle; Miriam and Naomi Circle member.
2. Member-at-Large.
3. Synodical Secretary 2014 to present; Voting Member to Synodical Convention; Voting Member to Synod Assembly; Synod office volunteer 2013 to present.
4. Voting Member to Triennial Convention in 2011 and 2014.
5. Volunteer at Shearith Israel Women's Shelter for many years; NetWorks board member; Rebecca's Tent board member.
6. Retired Social Worker with the Georgia Division of Aging; Stained glass artist.
7. 65 or over; Caucasian; Living Grace Lutheran Church, Tucker, Georgia; Cluster 4/Magi.
8. I attended my first Triennial Convention in Spokane, Washington in 2011 and have attended every one since. I am already registered for the Gathering in 2020 and look forward to being in Phoenix.



NYAHALEY LABOR

1. Council Secretary; Worship Ministry Leader.
2. Cluster Recorder.
5. Volunteer with feeding the homeless projects and blanket projects for homeless.
7. 50-64; African American; St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Decatur, GA; Cluster 3/Trinity.
8. As a student in ministry waiting to be ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament, I have been actively involved in my congregation for over 10 years. However, I believe it is time to step out of my comfort zone and extend my service beyond my congregation and cluster. I would also like to use this opportunity to learn more, and gain awareness, about what goes on the synodical and churchwide levels and how I can use my gifts to help.



CHAPLAIN LISA NYABINGHI *(see information on page 18)*

KATHLEEN (KATHY) SERAPHINE

1. WELCA - Member of 2 Circles, Board Member since 1999, Publicity Chair 1999-2002, President 2003-2009; Must Ministries yearly luncheon; 2017 assisted with Vacation Bible School.
2. Attended cluster meetings since 2000; Current Coordinator for Cluster 2.
3. Board member 2005-2007; Board Secretary 2007-2011; Triennial Gathering Promoter 2017.
4. Have attended the last five Triennial Gatherings.
5. Member of YMCA Kickers (Women 60+ who go to senior organizations, nursing homes, and assisted living to entertain through dance routines); After Hours Social Club board member since 2011, Guest Chairman 2012-2013 and Treasurer 2014-present.
6. Retired; Administrative Assistant
7. 65 or over; Caucasian; Holy Trinity, Marietta, GA; Cluster 2/Good NEWS.
8. I have been very active in WELCA since moving to Georgia in 1999, from our congregational unit, cluster meetings and synodical conventions. I have attended the last five Triennial Gatherings but have never attended the convention. I would love to be a voting member to experience the workings of the organization.



WHO'S WHO AT CONVENTION

KANDY PFLASTER - *Churchwide Representative*

Kandy Pflaster was elected to the executive board of Women of the ELCA in July 2017. She serves on the board's programs and communication committee. Previously, Kandy served as president, vice president and High Plains board representative for the Nebraska Synodical Women's Organization (4A). As part of her work with the Nebraska SWO and the Nebraska Synod Council, Kandy traveled to Nebraska's companion synods Argentina and Tanzania, and served on the Nebraska Synod Council rostered disciplinary committee.



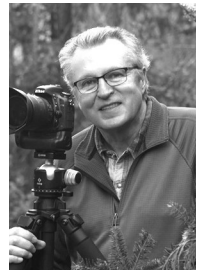
Kandy is a resident of Cozad, Nebraska, the “hay capitol” of the state. She has lived in Nebraska her entire life and has been a member of American Lutheran Church in Cozad for about 30 years.

Kandy has a bachelor's degree in nursing and was director of nursing for a skilled nursing facility for 20-plus years. After a career change in 2007, she began working in surgery where she is now the charge nurse for surgery at Kearney Regional Medical Center.

Kandy and her husband, Tony, have three children and six grandchildren, all of whom live nearby. She enjoys spending time with her family and friends. She and her husband take an annual “Grandkid's Trip” with her grandchildren where no parents are allowed. Interests and hobbies include photography, cooking, camping, gardening, traveling and organizing events with friends and family.

KEN JENKINS - *Keynote Speaker*

Growing up in the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains, Ken has explored, written about, led countless workshops, as well as recorded in detail the beauty of his beloved mountains. In addition, he continues to travel the world photographing natural wonders for many assorted clients. Almost 30 years ago, he planned and organized an event called Wilderness Wildlife Week in Pigeon Forge, TN. The free event draws 25,000-30,000 participants each year. He presents several programs including “Heaven and Nature Sing” with talented musicians and his photography illustrating the lyrics to inspirational songs.



Beyond his passion for recording the natural world, is his desire to relate the wonders of Creation to the hand of God and to expand on biblical principles by illustrating them with photographs and Scripture. He has shared his passion for thirty years in conferences, churches of all sizes, and at any venue that is open to a faith-based view of wonder. He has taught for Holy Land tours multiple times at various places in Israel. He has led the morning teaching on Alaska cruises with Dr. Charles Stanley.

Ken is an original member of the ReFresh team (producers of faith-based films Fireproof, Courageous, Facing the Giants, etc.) that has held encouragement conferences for church leaders for 17 years from Boston to Anchorage to Philadelphia and many places in between. His approach is creative and fresh though never wavering from an encouraging foundation of Scripture. Residing in Gatlinburg, TN with his wife, Vicki, Ken operates two galleries and a publishing company in addition to his speaking engagements and leading of tours and workshops.

THE REV. KEVIN L. STRICKLAND - *Bishop of the Southeastern Synod*

Prior to being elected bishop of the Southeastern Synod on June 2, 2019, Bishop Strickland served as the Assistant to the Presiding Bishop, Executive for Worship of the ELCA. He has been serving in the churchwide office since August of 2014. Bishop Strickland served as pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran, Nashville, TN and St. Paul Lutheran, Maryville, TN prior and has served at Incarnation Lutheran (Columbia, SC), St. Philip's Lutheran (Newberry, SC), Lutheran Church of Redeemer (Newberry, SC), and Mt. Tabor Lutheran (West Columbia, SC) in the area of youth and family ministry.



Bishop Strickland was born and raised in Lexington, SC and is an honors graduate of Newberry College (Newberry, SC) with a Bachelor of Arts in Religion and Philosophy with a minor in History. He also obtained a Masters of Divinity from Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary (Columbia, SC). Bishop Strickland has served on various local non-profit boards and has a heart for justice and advocacy ministry. He and his spouse, Robby are excited about what God has in store for the Southeastern Synod of the ELCA and look forward to walking this journey together.

PASTOR JENNY BARNES - *Chaplain*

The Rev. Jenny Barnes has served as the Senior Pastor of Christ Lutheran Church, Fairfield Glade, Tennessee since 2010. Prior to serving in the Southeastern Synod, Pastor Barnes served two congregations in the Florida-Bahamas Synod. Born in North Carolina, Jenny moved with her family to Sarasota, Florida in 1967 where she spent her middle and high school years. Moving to Atlanta, Georgia for college, she received a Bachelor of Science in 1978 and a Bachelor of Arts in 1987. As a candidate from the Southeastern Synod, she holds Master of Arts and Master of Divinity degrees from Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. Today Jenny lives in Fairfield Glade with her dog Lucy. In addition to her passion for Jesus Christ and His church she enjoys hiking and backyard birding.



DEACON JUDY AEBISCHER - *Bible Study Leader*

The Bible Study Leader is Deacon Judy Aebischer of Fairfield Glade, TN. She has a Master of Arts in American Literature from the University of Tennessee and a Master of Sacred Theology from Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary with special emphasis in narrative theology. She has also completed the Education for Ministry (EFM) and Spiritual Direction Training (Sursum Corda) through the Episcopal Church. Judy has served as Associate in Ministry in the Southeastern Synod at congregational and synodical levels for 15 years. Her special interests are in adult education, community building, spiritual formation, and Biblical storytelling.



DANA LEE SMITH - *Music Director*

Dana is a Georgia state licensed and board certified music therapist. She earned a Bachelor's in Music Therapy from Georgia College and State University in 1997. Since 1999, she has been serving clients through her own private practice. Dana provides music therapy services in a variety of individual and group settings. Dana is a life-long member of Zion in Guyton, Georgia where she was baptized, confirmed and married. Dana and her husband Dana (*no, it's not a typo*) are now raising their own son, Evan, at Zion. She currently serves on church council, directs the adult and children's choirs, serves on the worship and music committee, serves as pianist and guitarist and leads a Cafe' group. Dana and her family are also involved in the Cub Scout program that is sponsored by Zion.



WORKSHOP SYNOPSES

PREPAREDNESS BECOMES GRACE IN THE FACE OF DISASTER

The Rev Dr. Stacey Parvin

When natural disasters strike, there is no time to get ready, you must be ready. Our Synod has been hit by hurricanes on our coastlines, fires in our mountains, floods along our rivers, and tornadoes that touch down wherever they wish. Our churches must shine with the Light of Christ and respond with the hands of Christ during these disasters. Pastor Parvin is currently serving at Beth Eden Lutheran Church in Louisville, MS.

Each congregation is encouraged to have a disaster preparedness plan, as well as a disaster preparedness and response team. This workshop will send you home with tools to identify realistic ways your church can respond to meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of your congregation and community.

11:35am to 12:25pm and 1:35pm to 2:25 pm



Cello A

IN THE BEGINNING

Hilton Austin

While there are many issues that we could have an interactive advocacy workshop about, it is most appropriate, in the midst of these beautiful Smoky Mountains, that we begin our discussion with what we can do to care for God's creation. We will also discuss the new ELCA Social Statement 'Women and Justice' and how the women in this synod might address these issues through faith-based advocacy.

Hilton Austin currently serves as the Southeastern Synod Director of Advocacy. Prior to this call, Hilton spent 4 years as an ELCA Ventures Stewardship Facilitator. He also served 4 years on the Southeastern Synod Church Council and 2 years on the Synod Executive Committee. He lives in Decatur, GA with his wife, Patti; they attend St John's Atlanta, where Hilton serves on the Outreach Committee and the Green Team.

1:35-2:25pm ONLY



Cello B

HEARTBEAT OF GRACE DRUM CIRCLE

Mary Beth Smith

Drumming is fun! Ultimately, the drum circle is not about drumming at all; it is about being in rhythm with God as members of the community of God's image and grace bearers here on earth. Musical talent is not a prerequisite for this workshop. All are welcome to participate in this drum circle and contribute to the Heartbeat of Grace.

Mary Beth Smith has served as the Youth and Family Ministry Director at Trinity Lutheran Church in Tullahoma, TN for 10 years. She graduated Summa Cum Laude from Bethany College (ELCA) in Lindsborg, KS with a degree in Christian Ministry and a minor in Theater. The greatest joys in life are her two dogs (Bella and Finn), popcorn, laughing, having the best job ever, and making music for Jesus!

11:35am to 12:25pm and 1:35pm to 2:25pm



Cello C

TRAVEL WITH PRAYER

Kandy Pflaster

Prayer is essential when we have been commissioned as Apostles. Jesus lived it, taught it, expected it and demanded it of his disciples. There are many ways to Pray. In this session the attendee will learn a new way of prayer using the acronym "TRIP".

Kandy will share a style of prayer that has helped her to relate better with others and with God. She will help you travel along each day to enjoy the relaxation achieved when you take a trip or vacation. Attendees will gain a confidence to pray out loud with others when using the acronym.

11:35am to 12:25pm and 1:35pm to 2:25pm



Guitar B

A THOUGHTFUL PRAYER LIFE *(Includes prayer bead craft)*

Louise Iconis

What is a thoughtful prayer life? Prayer is a very personal experience, but heartfelt discussion can generate new insights, or stir powerful memories for those of us participating. After discussing prayer through the lens of the Martin Luther and Dietrich Bonhoeffer readings, you'll encounter a peaceful way to digest the readings in this resource from Women of the ELCA, making important connections as prayerful individuals, and by creating your own prayer beads.



Louise is a retired dental hygienist that enjoys travel, crafts and spending time with family and friends.

Limit of 24 participants per session. You must sign up at registration to participate. The cost of the prayer beads is \$5.00 payable to the workshop leader.

11:35am to 12:25pm and 1:35pm to 2:25pm

Guitar A

GRACE IN THE SPACE: Enhancing Hospitality for Affirming ELCA Congregations

Vicar Dawn Bennett

Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregations are on the rise in the SE Synod. As more churches have guided conversations and decide to publicly invite LGBTQ+ people (and families) into their congregations the next step may be one of question. What now? How can we ensure our families and neighbors not only *hear* they are welcome but *experience* our hospitality?



This workshop will provide a brief overview of why it is important to pay particular attention to this area of ministry and what your WELCA group can do to be a holy presence when providing hospitality to the Beloved Community.

Dawn Bennett is an Approved Candidate for Ordination of Word and Sacrament and is currently awaiting First Call. She is a Queer identified leader working at the intersections of faith and LGBTQ+ family advocacy. She is the proud mother to an adult transgender son and sibling to gay persons. Dawn is the author of *Loving Pearl: A Mother's Call to Unconditional Love*, blog host of *Going and Growing*, and is serving a second term on the SES Policy Advocacy Council. Dawn holds a Master of Divinity and Graduate Certificate in Religion, Gender & Sexuality from Vanderbilt Divinity School and a Master of Arts in Lutheran Studies from Luther Seminary. As a Rule 31 Supreme Court Family Mediator she also works in the area of juvenile justice to help youth and families learn peaceful and productive ways to work out their differences through the process of mediation and healing circles. Dawn is a member of Christ Lutheran Church, Nashville, Tennessee.

11:35am to 12:25pm and 1:35pm to 2:25pm

Violin/Ukulele

INSPIRITUS EMPOWERS WOMEN FROM SURVIVING TO THRIVING

Melanie Johnson

Inspiritus (formerly Lutheran Services of Georgia and Lutheran Services in Tennessee) guides individuals and families on a path from surviving to thriving. We empower those whose lives have been disrupted to discover their strengths and resilience, accompanying them as they grow into vibrant contributors to their community. Come learn about the many different ways that Inspiritus works to empower women, the incredible contributions they make in their communities and how you and your congregation can accompany women on the path from surviving to thriving!



Melanie Johnson is the Director of Community Engagement for Inspiritus (formerly Lutheran Services of Georgia) where she works to mobilize volunteers and faith and community partners to help fulfill the organization's mission across all programs and regions in Georgia and Tennessee. She is a Rostered Minister of Word and Service in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and serves as the Deacon of Rock of Ages Lutheran Church in Stone Mountain, Georgia.

Melanie is also a Teaching Supervisor in the Contextual Education Program of the Candler School of Theology at Emory University. In the ELCA Southeastern Synod, Melanie serves on the Immigration Task Force and the Advocacy-Policy Team. She lives in Decatur, Georgia with her family which consists of spouse, Mark, 2 college-aged sons and 2 dogs!

11:35-12:25pm ONLY

Cello B

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT



Ladies, welcome to this beautiful place in the foothills of the great Smoky Mountains, Pigeon Forge.

It is an honor to share this weekend with each of you. Thank you for your continued support, prayers and confidence not only in me but more importantly for our Southeastern Synod Women of the ELCA. Together we are making a difference all over our synod, especially in our communities and congregations.

We continue to make quilts, back packs, and health kits for Lutheran World Relief that spreads our love and concern to ladies in our sister synods, Guatemala, Bavaria, Ethiopia and Malaysia/Singapore. We also participate in Church Women United, a worldwide organization of various denominations that come together in support of women and children everywhere.

One way that we reach out to women in our synod is through our newsletter, The Southeastern Weaver, our Facebook Page and of course our website, www.seswelca.org. We have active Clusters that meet in different locations each year. Your synodical board continues to provide leadership training and many resources that are available to our congregational units and clusters.

In February I attended Wild Women at Lutheridge in Arden, NC with women from my congregation, St. Johns, Atlanta. Unfortunately I missed the Conference of Presidents in Chicago due to catching the flu. I had the opportunity this spring to attend Cluster Meetings 2 and 3 at Lutheranch in Tallapoosa Georgia, Cluster 8, Tullahoma, Tennessee, and a Beach Party in Maryville, Tennessee with Cluster 6. It was a joy to see the many different ways our theme, Embrace Grace was used.

May 30th to June 2nd, I attended and gave a WELCA report to our Synod Assembly in Chattanooga, Tennessee and setup a display table. I also served on a panel “ Who is My Neighbor ” for SES Advocacy Team.

August 5th through August 10th I was a voting member at Churchwide Assembly at the Wisconsin Center, Milwaukee. On September 7th I attended the Milagro Gala in downtown Atlanta at the Hilton, to support a girls school in Guatemala.

As we prepare to step into the future with new board members, let’s look at what has worked and what has not. We have an opportunity to look forward and to move forward with total faith in God who controls all things.

When we let go and let God, we will find ourselves in the midst of exciting times with new adventures of faith and we will grow beyond where we have been. It will take each and every one of us, each woman in our units, and our congregations to find new ways to answer God’s call in our organization.

As we Embrace Grace we will continue to grow in our faith, our gifts and our purpose; we will see Grace, experience Grace, and grow in Grace.

Sarah Justin

REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

As I write this after being on the Southeastern Synod Women of the ELCA board, as Vice President for one year it has been a wonderful experience and I have enjoyed serving and spending time with the other ladies on the board. I have also learned more about the way the SES Women of the ELCA works and will truly miss the time spent with all of them.

It has been a privilege serving as your vice president and I have met with other members of the Synod who made my experience more rewarding to be part of this organization. I was elected vice president at our 30th anniversary convention in Nashville TN. The theme was “Renew, Reform, and Rejoice.” I feel that I have been renewed faithfully with all of the Women of the ELCA meeting new women at each convention, reformed my belief within the Women of the ELCA with all the love and support we give to the communities at our conventions, and rejoicing for what we can do in the future. I have brought away new experiences from the last four conventions that I have been to and cannot wait to attend more of them.

With that said I want to thank two special women that I have served with, Louise Iconis and Margery Kellar for coaching me with their love and support. And for all of the women that I served with on the board, you are all loving, caring, and will always have a special place in my heart.

I am in Cluster 1 Ebenezer, and I want to thank the women of St. Paul Lutheran Church and Ascension Lutheran Church in Savannah, GA for hosting our Spring meeting. The time and talent that you put into our Spring meeting meant a lot to all of us that attended. The table decorations that were made to the theme of our convention in September were amazing. The placemats with the logo on them, the butterflies in the watering cans and fresh flowers brought it all together! Thank you again.

I am stepping down as vice president, but I encourage the ladies who have not served to step-up and join the Southeastern Synod Women of the ELCA board. It will be an experience that you will never forget to be a part of this wonderful organization. All that I can say now, is that I am glad I did!

Thank you and may God bless you,

Tara Spray



REPORT OF THE SECRETARY



Welcome to the 32nd Annual Women of the ELCA Convention! I am looking forward to embracing grace with all of you in Pigeon Forge.

This past year I have accomplished the following duties:

- Attended all quarterly board meetings (including Pre and Post Convention), took and transcribed minutes, made corrections/edits, and distributed minutes to the board members.
- Served as Board Representative for Cluster 7, Diaspora. I was thrilled to attend the Spring Cluster Meeting at Faith in Clay, Alabama. Carolyn Davis and I traveled together and the ladies of Cluster 7 presented their usual outstanding meeting. We honored Hazel Wentzell with a Lifetime Achievement Award!
- Worked together with Louise Iconis to complete the Annual Resource Guide for 2019, and distributed same to board members and cluster leaders.
- Compiled Congregational Unit Updates..
- Responded to email requests and other correspondence as required.

I would like to extend special, heartfelt thanks to Louise Iconis who graciously continues to help me to learn Publisher and assisted me patiently with compiling current information for the 2019 Annual Resource Guide (ARG) and the Bulletin of Reports (BOR) for this convention.

This is my last Annual Convention as Secretary. I have served for five years. Being Secretary has been very rewarding and I appreciate the love and support that everyone has extended to me. I have been asked to take on the position of Triennial Promoter, and I look forward to serving in that role. I look forward to seeing the leadership batons being passed to future leaders in WELCA.

The Embracing Grace of God be with you always,

Margery Kellar

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

INCOME & EXPENSES

FEBRUARY 1, 2018 - JANUARY 31, 2019

BEGINNING BANK BALANCE			\$195.98
INCOME:	Budget	Actual	
Cluster Offering	\$900.00	\$1,610.49	
Cluster Registration	\$2,000.00	\$1,421.34	
Congregational Offering	\$10,000.00	\$9,426.48	
Convention Misc Income	\$0.00	\$1,684.50	
Convention Offering	\$3,000.00	\$3,304.31	
Convention Registration	\$30,000.00	\$24,953.69	
Katie's Table	\$2,000.00	\$2,634.75	
Love Offering	\$9,000.00	\$6,829.87	
Lutheran Disaster Relief	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Lutheran World Relief	\$0.00	\$50.00	
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$778.46	
Pass Through	\$0.00	\$0.00	
LWR Shipping	\$0.00	\$3,858.39	
Region 9 Archives	\$0.00	\$0.00	
25th Anniv (Malaria)	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Thank Offering	\$0.00	\$688.00	
Triennial Offering	\$100.00	\$80.00	
Weaver Subscriptions	\$0.00	<u>\$30.00</u>	
Total Income	\$57,000.00	\$57,350.28	
EXPENSES:			
Audit	\$750.00	\$1,631.25	
Annual Resource Guide	\$50.00	\$0.00	
Bank Fees	\$100.00	\$48.50	
Board Expenses	\$4,500.00	\$9,560.31	
Churchwide Offering	\$6,900.00	\$7,070.15	
Cluster Expense	\$300.00	\$0.00	
Action Committee	\$100.00	\$0.00	
Community Comm.	\$100.00	\$0.00	
Growth Comm. ittee	\$100.00	\$20.00	
Convention Expenses	\$30,000.00	\$20,995.13	
Katie's Table	\$2,000.00	\$2,634.75	
Leadership Training	\$200.00	\$0.00	
Love Offering	\$9,000.00	\$5,374.20	
Lutheran Disaster Relief	\$0.00	\$1,455.67	
Lutheran World Relief	\$0.00	\$50.00	
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Synod Assembly Expenses	\$250.00	\$133.00	
Region 9 Archives	\$50.00	\$139.52	
Pass Through	\$0.00	\$0.00	
LWR Shipping	\$0.00	\$3,858.39	
Thankoffering	\$0.00	\$688.00	
Days for Girls	\$150.00	\$0.00	
Triennial Voting Member Reserve	\$850.00	\$0.00	
Triennial Scholarships	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	
Triennial Offering - per year/pd once	\$100.00	\$10.00	
Weaver Expenses	\$500.00	<u>\$0.00</u>	
Total Expenses	\$57,000.00	<u>\$53,668.87</u>	
Income over Expenses			<u>\$3,681.41</u>
ENDING BANK BALANCE			<u>\$3,877.39</u>

PROPOSED BUDGET

FEBRUARY 1, 2020 - JANUARY 31, 2021

INCOME:	Budget	Actual
Cluster Offering	\$ 2,700.00	\$ -
Cluster Registration	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
Congregational Offering	\$ 7,500.00	\$ -
Convention Misc Income	\$ 100.00	\$ -
Convention Offering	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -
Convention Registration	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -
Katie's Table	\$ 1,800.00	\$ -
Love Offering	\$ 5,200.00	\$ -
Lutheran Disaster Relief	\$ -	\$ -
Lutheran World Relief	\$ -	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ -
Pass Through	\$ -	\$ -
LWR Shipping	\$ -	\$ -
Scholarships	\$ 200.00	\$ -
Synod Assembly	\$ -	\$ -
Thank Offering	\$ -	\$ -
Triennial Offering	\$ -	\$ -
Lutherdidge/Lutheranch	\$ -	\$ -
Weaver Subscriptions	\$ 30.00	\$ -
Total Income	\$ 46,530.00	
EXPENSES:		
Audit	\$ 750.00	\$ -
Annual Resource Guide	\$ -	\$ -
Bank Fees	\$ 100.00	\$ -
Board Expenses	\$ 4,100.00	\$ -
Churchwide Offering	\$ 6,600.00	\$ -
Convention Scholarships	\$ 1,100.00	\$ -
Committee Expense		\$ -
- Action	\$ 50.00	\$ -
- Community	\$ 50.00	\$ -
- Growth	\$ 50.00	\$ -
Convention Expenses	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -
Leadership Training	\$ 100.00	\$ -
Love Offering	\$ 5,200.00	\$ -
Lutheran Disaster Relief	\$ -	\$ -
Lutheran World Relief	\$ -	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ -
Synod Assembly Expenses	\$ 450.00	\$ -
Region 9 Archives	\$ 50.00	\$ -
Pass Through	\$ -	\$ -
LWR Shipping	\$ -	\$ -
Thankoffering	\$ -	\$ -
Days for Girls	\$ -	\$ -
Global Mission	\$ -	\$ -
Triennial Voting Member Reserve	\$ 1,800.00	\$ -
Triennial Scholarships	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
Triennial Offering - per year/pd once	\$ 100.00	\$ -
Weaver Expenses	\$ 30.00	\$ -
Total Expenses	\$ 46,530.00	

GIVING BY CONGREGATION

Unit #	Congregation Name	City	State	Regular Offering	Love Off.	Other	LWR Ship	Totals
5794	Shades Valley Lutheran Church	Birmingham	AL					0.00
5793	Faith Lutheran Church	Clay	AL	50.00	50.00			100.00
5796	Christ Lutheran Church	Cullman	AL		100.00	25.00	100.00	225.00
5816	St Mark's Lutheran Church	Huntsville	AL	500.00	429.00	100.00		1,029.00
5804	St Paul's Lutheran Church	Mobile	AL	105.00		128.00		233.00
	Messiah	Madison	AL				100.00	100.00
	Triumphant Cross	Dothan	AL	120.00	300.00			420.00
30446	Holy Trinity	Daphne	AL	100.00				100.00
5772	St. John Lutheran Church	Atlanta	GA	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
7774	Christ Lutheran Church	Oakwood	GA	180.00	50.00		150.00	380.00
7480	Christ Our Hope Lutheran Church	Riverdale	GA					0.00
30025	Christ The King Lutheran Church	Cumming	GA	0.00	300.00		250.00	550.00
5769	Emmanuel	Atlanta	GA	186.00				186.00
7554	Grace Lutheran Church	Carrollton	GA		25.00	20.00		45.00
5784	Holy Trinity Lutheran Church	Marietta	GA	619.00	775.60	10.00	58.25	1,462.85
5754	Jerusalem Lutheran Church	Rincon	GA	243.00	196.00			439.00
5773	Living Grace Lutheran Church	Tucker	GA	350.00	100.00	10.00	132.00	592.00
30067	Lord of Life Lutheran	Alpharetta	GA				367.30	367.30
30747	Nativity Lutheran	Bethlehem	GA	145.50				145.50
5756	Lutheran Church of the Ascension	Savannah	GA	650.00	100.00	250.00	200.00	1,200.00
20039	Lutheran Church Of The Atonement	Atlanta	GA	100.00		100.00		200.00
5753	Zion Lutheran Church	Guyton	GA	600.00	175.00	75.00		850.00
5771	Lutheran Church Of The Redeemer	Atlanta	GA	\$ 500.00		50.00		550.00
5748	Lutheran Church Of The Resurrection	Augusta	GA	300.00			100.00	400.00
	All Saints Lutheran	Lilburn	GA				75.00	75.00
10518	Rock Of Ages Lutheran Church	Stone Mountain	GA	0.00	0.00			0.00
5749	St James Lutheran Church	Brunswick	GA	149.40				149.40
5755	St. John's	Rincon	GA	91.75				91.75
5777	St. Paul	Decatur	GA	46.00	50.00			96.00
5760	St Paul's Lutheran Church	Savannah	GA	600.00	50.00		0.00	650.00
	St Timothy Special unit	Forest Park	GA		50.00	50.00	0.00	100.00
	St. Matthew	Columbus	GA			20.00	0.00	20.00
	First United Lutheran	Kennesaw	GA				90.00	90.00
	Lord of Life Lutheran	St. Simons	GA	200.00				200.00
7367	Trinity Lutheran Church	Lilburn	GA	927.00	624.00	50.00		1,601.00
13074	Bethel Lutheran Church	Biloxi	MS	824.05	50.00	100.00	367.14	1,341.19
5813	Christus Victor Lutheran Church	Ocean Springs	MS	200.00	0.00		0.00	200.00
	Grace Lutheran Church	Long Beach	MS				150.00	150.00
5845	Reformation Lutheran Church	Greeneville	TN	75.00	25.00		50.00	150.00
13261	Christ Lutheran Church	Nashville	TN		50.00	0.00		50.00
30082	Christ Lutheran Church	Fairfield Glade	TN	0.00	0.00			0.00
5859	Grace Lutheran Church	Oak Ridge	TN				210.00	210.00
5849	Holy Trinity Lutheran Church	Kingsport	TN	600.00			0.00	600.00
5858	Holy Trinity Lutheran Church	Newport	TN				200.00	200.00
	Living Word	Arlington	TN	0.00				0.00
5864	Our Savior Lutheran	Gatlinburg	TN		0.00			0.00
	Gloria Dei	Knoxville	TN	100.00				100.00
5861	Salem	Parrottsville	TN	107.70			50.00	157.70
7428	St Andrew Lutheran Church	Franklin	TN	362.50		45.00		407.50
5851	Messiah Lutheran Church	Knoxville	TN	300.00	80.00			380.00
5848	Our Savior Lutheran	Johnson City,	TN	135.00	25.20	25.00		185.20
5855	St Paul Lutheran	Maryville	TN		300.00	100.00		400.00
	Trinity Lutheran Church	Hixson	TN			25.00	100.00	125.00
	St. John Lutheran Church	Abingdon	VA				300.00	300.00
	Good Shepherd	Seminole	FL			0.00	350.00	350.00
	Individual Gifts				2511.00	570.00	85.00	3,166.00
	Cluster Gifts			1,875.49	383.00	0.00		2,149.52
	Totals			11,442.39	6798.80	1753.00	3484.69	21726.74

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF REPORT 2018

Congregation	City, State	Cluster	Personal Care Kits	School Kits	Baby Care Kits	Fabric Kits	Quilts	Soap (lbs)	Fleece Tied Blankets	Total Weight
Resurrection	Augusta, GA	1	96	90			14	487		957
Our Redeemer	Augusta, GA	1					171			507
St James	Brunswick, GA	1	33	80	18	11	38	41		560
Good Shepherd	Garden City, GA	1	10	98	16	2	14	18		451
Zion	Guyton, GA	1	50	100	14		14			521
Jerusalem	Rincon, GA	1	23	46	10	12		211	6	466
Ascension	Savannah, GA	1							16	69
St John	Rincon, GA	1		60				68	6	274
St Paul's	Savannah, GA	1	45	100			25	70		482
Lord of Life	St. Simons, GA	1		50			12			221
Mt Zion-St Luke	Oglethorpe, GA	2					9			28
St Matthews	Columbus, GA	2	48	100						405
Resurrection	Newnan, GA	2								
Grace	Carrollton, GA	2					77			220
Christ	Marietta, GA	2					70			267
Holy Cross	Hiram, GA	2	132	166			76			958
First United	Kennesaw, GA	2					37	58		195
Holy Trinity	Marietta, GA	2					52	11		194
Emmanuel	Atlanta, GA	3						86		86
Redeemer	Atlanta, GA	3	25	75			303			1389
St Mark's	East Point, GA	3						8		8
Rock of Ages	Stone Mtn, GA	3						248		248
All Saints	Lilburn, GA	4				5	77	48		296
Nativity	Bethlehem, GA	4			33		36			334
Living Grace	Tucker, GA	4		37		12	77	187	2	604
Trinity	Lilburn, GA	4	216	133	240		138	105	15	2070
Lord of Life	Alpharetta, GA	5	57				103			410
Faith	Cleveland, GA	5	25				4		4	69
Christ the King	Cumming, GA	5					154			428
Prince of Peace	Johns Creek, GA	5					19			66
Christ	Oakwood, GA	5	74	50				15		315
Cross of Life	Roswell, GA	5					134			277
Immanuel	Blountville, TN	6	12	6		2		86		125
Sinking Springs	Midway, TN	6						41		41
Reformation	Greeneville, TN	6		48			70	169		587
Christ	Fairfield Glade, TN	6	50					91		181
Our Saviour	Johnson City, TN	6	200				48			444
Holy Trinity	Kingsport, TN	6	166							289
Gloria Dei	Knoxville, TN	6	205	153	30		49			1044
Messiah	Knoxville, TN	6					24			58
St Paul	Maryville, TN	6	75	84				45		438
Grace	Oak Ridge, TN	6		8	44		60			463
Salem	Parrottsville, TN	6	29							56
Trinity	Hixson, TN	6					20			69

Congregation	City, State	Cluster #	Personal Care Kits	School Kits	Baby Care Kits	Fabric Kits	Quilts	Soap (lbs)	Fleece Tied Blankets	Total Weight
St. James	Greeneville, TN	6						17		17
HolyTrinity	Newport, TN	6						32		32
Shades Valley	Birmingham, AL	7	100	401	30	15	248	432	1	2514
Faith	Clay, AL	7					84	81		334
Messiah	Madison, AL	7	614	844	389		122	34		5092
St. Mark's	Huntsville, AL	7		100			33		8	449
Shepherd/Hills	Birmingham, AL	7						118		118
Messiah	Montgomery, AL	7	109				66			490
St Andrew	Franklin, TN	8		100			251	214		1359
Christ	Nashville, TN	8		251			98	454		1484
Peace	Spring Hill, TN	8		104			60			483
Trinity	Tullahoma, TN	8	6	15			129			450
St Timothy	Hendersonville, TN	8	70			4	19			157
First	Nashville, TN	8					32			101
Holy Trinity	Daphne, AL	9		104			17	45		423
Grace	Gulf Shores, AL	9	28	44			53	28		384
St Paul's	Mobile, AL	9		65				30		230
Bethel	Biloxi, MS	9		25			107	56		463
Martin Luther	Mobile, AL	9								
Christus Victor	Ocean Springs, MS	9	79	105			123	34		860
Grace	Long Beach, MS	9		4		4	3	44		81
St. Paul	Pensacola, FL	FL-Ba	189				79	71		670
Grace	Tallahassee, FL	FL-Ba					31			96
St. Paul	Niceville, FL	FL-Ba					112			411
Holy Trinity	Fort Walton, FL	FL-Ba	110			15	115			502
Messiah	Panama City, FL	FL-Ba	50	50						199
Resurrection	Pensacola, FL	LCMS		20			25			126
Trinity	Auburn, AL	LCMS		102			23			368
Holy Cross	Mobile, AL	LCMS	30		11	9				60
Shepherd/Bay	Lillian, AL	LCMS								
Ascension	Huntsville, AL	LCMS	30							39
Trinity	Savannah, GA	LCMS	62				52			245
Bethel	Springfield GA	LCMC					13			38
Bible	Rincon, GA	LCMC			27		90			246
Faith	Marietta, GA	LCMS					14			40
Christ/Shepherd	Alpharetta, GA	LCMS					7		18	87
St John	Abingdon, VA	VA					48			146
Grace & Trinity	Demorest/Toccoa, GA	LCMS	125	200	15	30	78	392		1632
Holy Trinity	Tupelo, MS	LCMS			17					67
TOTALS			3173	4018	894	121	4057	4175	76	37663

Notes: Amounts collected from congregations outside the SES ELCA totaled 4,972 pounds.

1st place
2nd place
3rd place

Total 2018 collection was 1149 lbs less than 2017.

40 less quilts were collected in 2018 than in 2017.

MISSION: ACTION (STEWARDSHIP) REPORT

Beth Drane - Chair
Terry Chongulia
Karen Andrews - Ex-Officio

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect. Romans 12:2

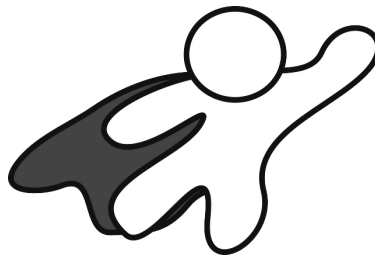
The Action (Stewardship) committee supports, empowers, and encourages women to demonstrate service to those in need throughout God's World.

This year the Action committee encourages all the Women of the ELCA to continue to participate in our ongoing projects: Days for Girls International, Lutheran World Relief Quilt & Kit Ministry, Ronald McDonald House Charities (collection of pop tabs), Samaritan's Purse (shoeboxes), and Greater Good Network. Please note that the Labels for Education program was discontinued at the beginning of 2017.

The Action Committee also encourages you to attend local Day for Girls workshops. The Days for Girls mission is to *"Create a more dignified, free and educated world through access to lasting feminine hygiene solutions."* Not having sanitary supplies meant DAYS without school, DAYS without income, DAYS without leaving the house for many girls in undeveloped areas of the world. Days for Girls Vision is to supply *"Every girl and woman in the world with ready feasible access to quality sustainable hygiene & health education by 2022."* For more information see the Days for Girls website at: www.daysforgirls.org

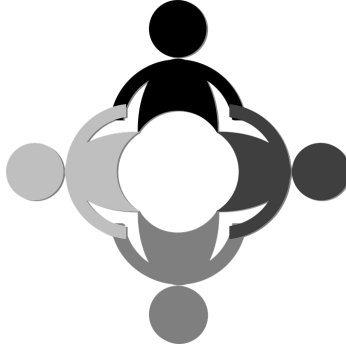
Our ongoing support of the Lutheran World Relief Quilt & Kit Ministry continues this year. In 2018, LWR sent \$14 million worth of Quilts and Kits to more than 576,669 people in 21 countries. LWR is shipping Mission Quilts, Baby Care Kits, School Kits, Fabric Kits, Personal Care Kits, and soap to Angola, Bosnia, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Iraq, Nicaragua, Peru, Tanzania, and other countries for distribution amongst refugees and IDPs. We encourage you to set up Kit assembly days and Quilting marathons in your congregations and at cluster meetings to keep up our donations to this important ministry. We also highly recommend tracking where your Quilts and Kits go. Follow the journey of your gifts of love as they make their way around the world! For more information visit www.lwr.org/tracker.

The Action Committee also encourages you to have your congregational unit support Katie's Fund. Katie's Fund is an endowment that supports ministry in three areas: leadership development, global connections, and living. The Women of the ELCA established Katie's Fund in 1997 to honor the legacy of Katharina von Bora Luther, raise up bold leaders for the churchwide women's organization, and support bold and creative ministry for generations to come. Come visit our Katie's Table at this convention where the proceeds from the sale of your donated purses and other gift items go to support this important ministry.



MISSION: *COMMUNITY (JUSTICE) REPORT*

Sissy Gifford - *Chair*
Gloria Martin
Margery Kellar - *Ex-Officio*



We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed, perplexed but not in despair, persecuted but not abandoned, struck down but not destroyed. 2 Corinthians 4:8-9

We are called as a diverse body of women to promote justice by embracing, educating, and empowering women to be bold in their faith and to walk humbly with God.

Bold Women's Day is observed annually on the fourth Sunday of February. All Lutheran women have acted or are acting boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ. Some women are bold in their unceasing prayers. Other women are bold in their service to those in need. Whether we live out our bold story of faith in the workplace, family home, or community, our faith compels us to make a difference in the lives of others. This is all about how we live out our baptismal call about being a disciple of Christ.

Church Women United is a racially, culturally and theologically inclusive Christian women's movement that celebrates unity in diversity and works for a world of peace and justice. Women around the world express their love for and loyalty to Christ with three celebrations each year - Human Rights Day in January, World Day of Prayer in March, May Friendship Day in May, and World Community Day in November.

The ELCA has companion synods in Guatemala, Malaysia/Singapore; Bavaria, Germany; and Ethiopia. The Women of the ELCA may support this effort by making the companion synods a part of your regular prayers or call the synod office for current or ongoing needs

Women of the ELCA justice initiatives include combating commercial sexual exploitation, human trafficking and supporting families with special needs through our online resources. We advocate for racial and cultural equity through our anti-racism training and our cross-cultural programming.

Rachel's Day is usually observed on the first Sunday in May. The day takes its name from Jeremiah 31:15-17 in which the matriarch Rachel grieves for her children. Rachel's Day is a time to mourn the loss of our children and to renounce the forces of violence and fear.

MISSION: GROWTH (*DISCIPLESHIP*) COMMITTEE

Shirley Connelly - *Chair*
Billie Goepfert
Tara Spray - *Ex-officio*

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.” Jeremiah 29:11

The Mission Statement of the Growth Committee is to respond to the need to grow in God’s grace.

We do this by multiple means of outreach to spread God’s word to the priesthood of all believers. For those of you new to the Women of the ELCA, the churchwide organization and our Southeastern Synod provide both printed and electronic resources for all of its members. Growing in our faith takes a deliberate effort on our part to be in community with others and to study God’s word.

The churchwide website (www.womenoftheelca.org) provides free resources for bible studies, retreats, devotions and personal study to name a few. The resources on the site are ever changing to meet the needs of the women’s groups in our congregations.

Gather Magazine, Café, Interchange and Bold Connections are both printed and electronic means of staying in touch with God’s word.

Want to get a little inspiration on your phone? Download the free app “Daily Grace” and always be in touch with God’s word.

The Southeastern Synod also has its own website (www.seswelca.com) with information about our organization, special projects like our Love Offering and In-Kind Gifts and many resources for your women’s groups.

Our newsletter, *The Southeastern Weaver* is published quarterly. It contains all the latest information about our programs, the annual convention, Triennial, etc. The *Weaver* is available as an e-newsletter or you may request a printed version for only \$10 per year. Please contact editor Kathy Hill at kathyshill1@gmail.com or 404-310-7112 to subscribe.

Have you joined our Facebook page, Twitter, or blogged with Katie’s Ladies? These are all ways we will grow together in God’s word.

We encourage you to continue to look for opportunities to grow your faith and your life serving the Lord as your Synodical Board and the Churchwide office offer events in the coming year.



ANNUAL CLUSTER MEETING REPORT



CLUSTER	LOCATION	# REGISTERED	OFFERING TO SYNOD	TOTAL TO SYNOD	OTHER	# UNITS
1 Ebenezer	Jerusalem Rincon, GA	35	\$140.00	\$378.36		6
2 Good N.E.W.S.	Lutheranch Tallapoosa, GA	28	\$112.00	\$369.00	\$30.00	6
3 Trinity	Lutheranch Tallapoosa, GA	24	\$96.00	\$96.00	\$203.00	5
4 Magi	Trinity Lilburn, GA	24	\$96.00	\$523.00	\$259.00	6
5 Mission	No meeting					
6 Agape	Messiah Knoxville, TN	38	\$152.00	\$444.47	\$267.00	9
7 Diaspora	Faith Clay, AL	38	\$144.00	\$577.60		5
8 The King	Trinity Tullahoma, TN	31	\$124.00	\$321.00		3
9 Gulf Coast	Grace Long Beach, MS	52	\$208.00	\$821.13		8
TOTALS		270	\$1072.00	\$6530.56	\$759.00	48

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Leader: We gather as the people of God.

All: His grace endures forever.

We offer ourselves as his servant people, and we acknowledge the wrongs of our world.

His grace endures forever.

Our sins confront us in our actions, and we see that our inaction hurts those beyond ourselves.

His grace endures forever.

We acknowledge that we have the opportunity to grow in grace.

His grace endures forever.

We pray for our renewal in Christ.

His grace endures forever.

We want to see others without qualifications as we give new meaning to fellowship.

His grace endures forever.

We pray for unity in Christ.

His grace endures forever.

We pray for forgiveness of our sins, seen and unseen, known and unknown.

His grace endures forever.

We know in Christ we are set free, and in His grace, we are made free.

His grace endures forever.

Let us celebrate what He has done in us.

His grace endures forever.

Let us live, work, and play together in God's embracing grace.

Amen.

ORDER OF RECOGNITION FOR LEADERS

The following order of recognition may be used for outgoing officers or board members and installing new officers or board members of the Women of the ELCA.

Today we recognize women who have offered themselves for service to God through the ministry of the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

The leader announces the names of those officers and board members who are completing their service and invites them to come forward.

We recognize and appreciate your leadership in the Southeastern Synod Women of the ELCA. We offer to you our gratitude for the wisdom and compassion that you have given so generously. We thank God for all that you have done and will continue to do in the name of Jesus Christ.

Those whose current service is ended return to their seats.

The leader announces the names of those to be installed and invites them to come forward.

In Holy Baptism we are called to a life of faithful service and witness. You have been asked to serve as a leader in the Women of the ELCA.

Will you give yourself joyfully to this responsibility, offering praise and thanksgiving to God? If so, please answer - I will, with God's help.

I will, with God's help.

You have been given many gifts to build up the body of Christ. Will you be open to receive the witness of others and walk with them in a journey of faith? If so, please answer - I will, with God's help.

I will, with God's help.

May God who has chosen you for this task graciously dwell in you and give you the strength and compassion to fulfill it.

The leader then addresses the congregation or group that is gathered.

Will you, as people of God, encourage these leaders by remembering them in prayer and accepting them as partners in the gospel? If so, please answer - We will, with God's help.

We will, with God's help.

These leaders are now commended to you. May God grant them grace and strength for their tasks.

Those who are installed return to their seats.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Assembly - ELCA's term for the gathering of voting members for decision-making or legislative functions

ARG - Annual Resource Guide - Informational program guide developed by the Southeastern Synod Women of the ELCA

BOR - Bulletin of Reports - The program booklet for convention which contains all pertinent information for the convention attendees

CWO - Churchwide Women's Organization

Conferences, Clusters, or Coalitions - Term given to grouping established by the ELCA for the purpose of fostering interdependent relationships among congregations, institutions, synodical, and churchwide units for mission purposes. Women of the ELCA clusters will normally follow the same boundaries

CU - Congregational Unit - The women's organization within a congregation

Convention - Term for the gathering of voting members for decision-making or legislative functions within the Women of the ELCA

ICU - Intercongregational Unit - The women's organization where women from several congregations have formed a unit

Membership - Refers to the congregational, intercongregational, and special units who are affiliated with Women of the ELCA; it does not refer to individual women

Participant - Individual women who choose to participate in a variety of activities which fulfill the purpose of the Women of the ELCA

Region - A geographic territory which includes several synods

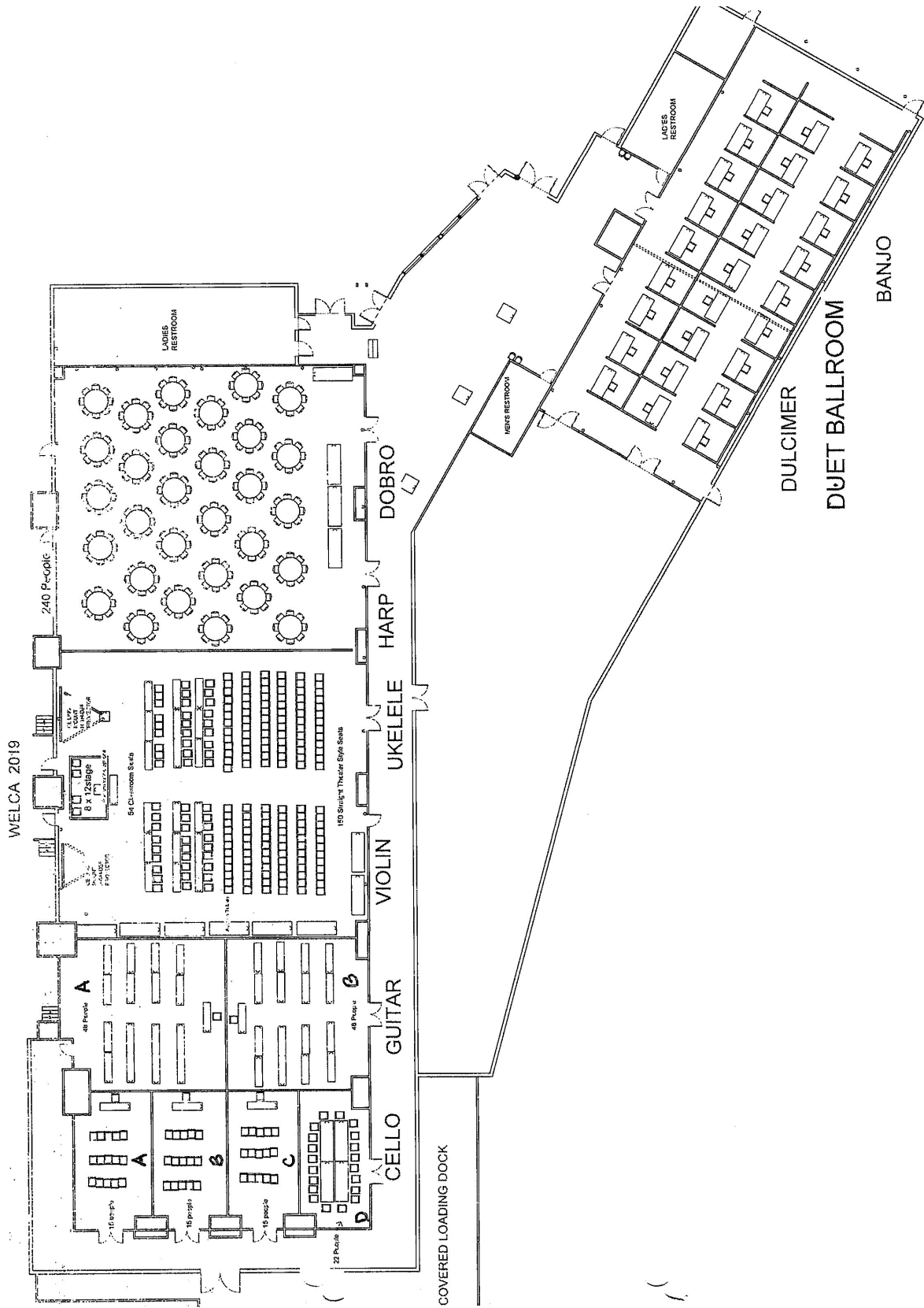
Special Units - Units comprised of women in settings authorized by the CWO Executive Board such as college campuses, seminary campuses, or retirement communities

Synod - One of 65 territories of the ELCA (one non-geographic: Slovak Zion)

SWO - Synodical Women's Organization which consists of all the congregational, intercongregational, and special units that are located within the territories of the geographic synods of the ELCA

Women of the ELCA - The preferred shortened form of the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

MAP OF CONVENTION CENTER MEETING ROOMS



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