



# 31<sup>st</sup> Synodical Convention

WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

Southwestern Minnesota Synod

## *“Outlaw Christian”*



**Guest Speaker:**

**Dr. Jacqueline Bussie**  
**Author of “Outlaw Christian”**

**Bible Study Leader:**

**Rev. Dr. Yolanda Denson-Byers**  
**“Being a Citizen of the Kingdom of Love”**

**Four Workshop Options**

**Friday, June 29, 2018**  
**thru**  
**Saturday, June 30, 2018**

**Location: Bethlehem Lutheran Church**  
**4310 County Road 137**  
**St. Cloud, MN**

# Convention 2018 PR Packet Cover Letter

This is your electronic Convention Publicity Packet for 2018.

Read it over and share with all those interested in attending on June 29 & 30, 2018 in St. Cloud, MN at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Make as many copies as you need. If you know of someone without computer, offer to print a copy for them. Thanks for your help!

## \*\*\*\*\*Special for 2018 Only\*\*\*\*\*

2018 is a 2- day convention this summer. It is later than usual. We had comments previously on the Father's Day issue. Next year a 2-day convention will be held in early May. In 2017, the comments indicated that May was a better month to attend a convention. Watch for more details on this. As usual, the board has planned a wonderful convention.

Special In-Kind Offerings this year are:

1. **White socks and lip balm for adults.** They will be donated to the VA in St. Cloud.

2. **Soles 4 Souls**

Bring any shoes for this program. Any kind, any condition, even those that have lost their mate! Those found to be unusable will be recycled.

Please have them in a secure bag. Large amounts in a box. No need to tie pairs together. Clean out those closets!

**Register by June 8 to be sure to receive a complimentary mug to use throughout the convention. Help make this a more “green” convention.**

Questions about anything on this page, contact Kristy Henriksen at 507-825-3122 or 507-215-0826 or [henriksen7@mchsi.com](mailto:henriksen7@mchsi.com).

# WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

Southwestern



Minnesota Synod

**DATE** March 2018

**TO:** Congregational Unit Presidents and Interested Women  
Women of the ELCA

**FROM:** Kristy Henriksen, President  
SW MN Women of the ELCA

Early spring greetings to you! The time is fast approaching for the 31<sup>th</sup> annual Convention of the SW MN Synodical Women of the ELCA. **This is your publicity packet.** I hope you'll read it carefully and pass on the information to **all the women** in your congregational unit. **Begin praying** now for God's Spirit to inspire those who will strengthen our faith and challenge us to spread our wings as Christ's servants.

**DATE:** **Friday & Saturday, June 29 & 30, 2018**  
Registration begins at 11:00 a.m.  
Orientation for Voting Members begins at 12:00 p.m.  
Convention Opening: 12:15 p.m.  
(immediately following voting member orientation)

**Place:** **Bethlehem Lutheran Church**  
4310 County Road 137  
St. Cloud, MN **56301**  
\*\*Check driving instructions. Mapquest is not helpful for this location.

**Theme:** **"Outlaw Christian"**

**Theme Verse:** "Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love." I Corinthians 16:13&14 NRSV

**Publicity:** The convention is open to ALL WOMEN not only voting members, so please promote it in your local congregation. Presidents, encourage your women to attend and enjoy the fellowship of their Lutheran sisters. Included is a publicity poster and some bulletin blurbs to use as you wish.

**Registration:** A registration form and a scholarship form are included in this packet. Anyone who is not a voting member is considered a visitor on the registration form. **All registrations are due June 8, 2018.** Please make as many copies of the registration and scholarship forms as needed for your unit.

**Voting Member:** Each unit is allowed, and strongly encouraged, to have one voting member at the convention. Your voting member will be seated with all the other voting members from your conference. **Your unit is expected to pay the expenses for your voting member. Voting Member orientation will be at 12:00 pm.** Voting member registration is due **June 8, 2018.** If that voting member is unable to attend the convention, you may send someone else in her place. Voting members will be electing a president, treasurer, and 5 board members for 2-year terms.

**Scholarships:** Ten scholarships are available for those who have never attended a synodical convention. There is no age limit for these scholarships. The deadline to apply for a scholarship is **June 1, 2018.** The selected will be notified by **June 8, 2018,** at the latest. Our scholarship mentors will be Algene Larson from Donnelly and Karen Skarphol from Windom.

**Speakers:** We're excited to have **Pastor Yolanda Denson-Byers lead our opening worship and Bible study. Pastor Dee Pederson from Bethlehem will lead our closing worship. Keynote speaker will be Dr. Jacqueline A. Bussie from Concordia College in Moorhead, MN.** She will speak on her award-winning book **Outlaw Christian**, and deliver a dynamic talk entitled "Outlaw Christians: Finding Authentic Faith by Breaking the Rules." In the evening after a pasta bar dinner, you will be entertained by **Pastor Kevin Doely, a musical ventriloquist.** Saturday brings talks and workshops. There are 4 choices and 2 workshop times. **Kandy Pflaster**, our churchwide representative from Nebraska, will be there as well to inform us about the organization. Of course there will be inspiring music!!!

**Offerings:** Convention Offering:

- 50% to Churchwide Women of the ELCA
- 25% to Better Together Packing Events
- 25% to Current for Curran Solar Power for Curran Hospital in Liberia

In Kind Offering:

- **Personal Care Kits (all LWR projects will be accepted)**
- Christian Literature
- **White Socks & lip balm for the St. Cloud VA and shoes for Soles 4 Souls**
- **WE HAVE A SEMI—ALL LWR KITS, QUILTS, FLEECE BLANKETS ARE WELCOME!!!!**

I am looking forward to seeing you at convention! Please call with any questions: 507-825-3122 or e-mail me at [henriksen7@mchsi.com](mailto:henriksen7@mchsi.com)

Blessings to each of you,

*Kristy Henriksen*

### **Bulletin Blurbs for Publicizing the Convention**

**April** SW MN Synodical Convention of Women of the ELCA is June 29 & 30 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in St. Cloud, MN. Make plans now to attend and explore "**Outlaw Christian.**"

**May** Take some time for yourself and be inspired and refreshed at the Synodical Church Women's convention. Keynote Speaker is Dr. Jacqueline A. Bussie; 5 workshop options, and Pastor Yolanda Denson-Byers from St. Cloud, and much more. For registration information, contact \_\_\_\_\_ (local person). Registrations are due June 8, 2018.

**June 3&10** "**Outlaw Christian**" is the theme of the 31<sup>th</sup> annual SW MN Synodical Women of the ELCA Convention, June 29 & 30 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, St. Cloud. Plan now to attend! For registration information, contact \_\_\_\_\_ (local person).

**June 17 & 24** There's still time to register for the SW MN Synodical Convention of Women of the ELCA June 29 & 30 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, St. Cloud. Join the many other Lutheran women to praise the Lord with singing and join in exploring **"Outlaw Christian."** Be part of the team. Registration deadline was June 8 but registrations are taken at the door. See \_\_\_\_\_ (local person) to register now!

### **Lodging Options**

Country Inn & Suites***	235 Park Ave. S	St. Cloud, MN	320-259-8999
Quality Inn	4040 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ave.	St. Cloud, MN	320-251-1500
Hampton Inn	145 37 <sup>th</sup> Ave.	St. Cloud, MN	320-252-4448
Holiday Inn	75 37 <sup>th</sup> Ave. S.	St. Cloud, MN	320-253-9000
Days Inn	70 37 <sup>th</sup> Ave. S.	St. Cloud, MN	320-316-0305

\*\*\*The Board is staying here, also scholarship recipients and other guests.

**No blocks of rooms have been reserved.** You are responsible to make reservations. Remember it will be summer with weddings, vacations, etc. Early registering is advised.

### **Things to do in the St. Cloud area:**

Munsinger Gardens and Clemens Gardens are on the banks of the Mississippi River. They are two distinct but adjacent gardens. Located at 1515 Riverside Drive SE. Check the website for more information at [www.munsingerclemons.com](http://www.munsingerclemons.com).

Crafts Direct is a large family owned craft and fabric store. Address is 620 Sundial Drive Waite Park, MN. Website is [www.craftsdirect.com](http://www.craftsdirect.com).

The Shoppes at the Grande Depot is located at 8318 State Highway 23, the corner of Interstate 94 and Minnesota Highway 23. It is an interesting store, somewhat pricey, but worth the visit. Website is [www.thegradedepot.com](http://www.thegradedepot.com).

Bumbledees 711 W. St. Germain St. is a charming refurbished 1889 downtown building that was once home to a variety of St. Cloud's earlier businesses. Today it is an antiques and art shop. Website is [www.bumbledees.com](http://www.bumbledees.com).

Grubers Quilt Shop 310 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE Waite Park, MN is described as an ultimate quilting destination with fabrics, yarns, thread, notions, kits, books, and gifts. Website is [www.grubersquiltshop.com](http://www.grubersquiltshop.com).

Marishka's 811 W. St. Germain It is a place to find home décor pieces and unique gifts for family and friends. Website is [www.facebook.com/marishkashoppe](http://www.facebook.com/marishkashoppe).

# Driving Directions

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church**  
**4310 County Road 137**  
**St. Cloud, MN**



From Division Street or Second Street S turn south onto 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue S; continue on 33<sup>rd</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> St S/County Rd 137/7<sup>th</sup> St S (used car dealership to your right; apartments to your left); turn right onto County Road 137; Bethlehem is the first driveway on the left after crossing the overpass of Highway 15.

**Please Note:** There is **NO** direct access to Bethlehem from Highway 15.

For more information, see: <http://www.bethlehemplutheran.org/map>

# 2018 Convention Speaker

Dr. Jacqueline Bussie is an author, professor, theologian, public speaker, and student of life in all its messy beauty. Her first book, *The Laughter of the Oppressed* (2007), won the national Trinity Prize. Her second book, *Outlaw Christian: Finding Authentic Faith by Breaking the Rules* (2016) won the 2017 Gold Medal Illumination Award for Christian Living. Her third book, *Love Without Limits: Jesus' Radical Vision for a Love with No Exceptions*, will be released in August 2018. An active servant-leader in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Dr. Bussie teaches religion, theology, and interfaith studies classes at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota, where she also serves as the Director of the Forum on Faith and Life. At our convention, she will speak on her award-winning book *Outlaw Christian*, and deliver a dynamic talk entitled *Outlaw Christians: Finding Authentic Faith by Breaking the Rules*.



*Dr. Jacqueline Bussie*

**There will be an opportunity to purchase her books at a book signing after her talk.**



# **Bible Study Leader & Opening Worship Preacher**



## *Reverend Doctor Yolanda Denson-Byers*

Reverend Dr. Yolanda Denson-Byers was born in St. Louis, Missouri. She was educated at Wesleyan and Harvard Universities, as well as Luther Seminary where she earned a Doctor of Ministry in congregational mission and leadership with special focus on hospice and bereavement ministries. Pastor Yolanda currently serves as a chaplain with St. Croix Hospice, serving much of central Minnesota. When she is not working, Pastor Yolanda enjoys spending time with her family, hiking, camping, reading books, writing poetry, and vacationing anywhere there is a salt water beach. She also enjoys opportunities for preaching and teaching in churches and denominations throughout the country.

**Bible Study Description:** In today's Bible study, we will discuss what it means to be a citizen of the Kingdom of Love in an age of contention. What are the laws and expectations of God's kingdom? How do these square with the law's expectations of the communities and world in which we live? What then does it mean to be an "Outlaw Christian?" Finally, how can we faithfully stand guard, full of courage and strength, as we seek to communicate God's love in as age of contention?

Come prepared to participate as we explore these very important questions together.



# Churchwide Guest

## Kandy Pflaster

Executive Board Member

Women of the Lutheran Evangelical Church of America

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 was a voting member for the Nebraska synod at the ELCA churchwide assembly in 2005. She served on the Nebraska Synod Council as Women of the ELCA representative, and she was a triennial gathering promoter for the Tenth Triennial Gathering (2017).

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. She served as president of the women's unit and chair of the pastor call committee. She assembled the church member directory and is a lector.

She recently served eight years as a community-elected member of the Cozad Hospital Board and Cozad Hospital Foundation.

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. Her passion is working with surgeons and the operating staff in new surgical procedures.

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 or family.

# Workshop Options for Saturday, June 30, 2018

\* **Faithful Stewards. Lasting Impact:** Please plan to attend “Faithful Stewards, Lasting Impact” discussion presented by **Amy Bigot**, Regional Gift Planner for the ELCA in the NW and SW Minnesota Synods. **Faithful Stewards:** Amy talks about being good stewards of the gifts that the Lord has given each of us, as everything we have comes from him. These gifts from God are a blessing to us in our lifetimes, but what about after we are gone? Have you considered how the gifts you’ve received throughout your lifetime may be a blessing to others? **Lasting Impact:** This overview presentation will get you thinking about the gifts you’ve received, and how your family, your heirs, AND Ministry can all benefit from these gifts. In her role as Gift Planner, Amy works with you to help maximize the distribution of your estate to your heirs, using tools that will save on income and inheritance taxes, AND help you support the ministries that have been important to you throughout your lifetime. Through your legacy plans you can make a lasting and meaningful impact in this world. **What’s the greatest possibility you can imagine God could do with your life story-now and beyond this life-that would bring joy and blessing to others?** Amy’s work is a service provided to you at no charge by the ELCA Foundation.

\* **Pursuing Your Passion:** An uplifting and fun workshop by **Marcy Prinz**, who will share her motivation and journey on becoming a Christian Clown at the age of 45. Marcy hopes to inspire you to pursue your passion and energize your talents for ministry. For the past 19 years Marcy (Mousy the Christian Clown) has shared God’s love and her gifts in churches, nursing homes, at Children’s Hospital and in communities. She produced a Christian children’s cable TV show and took her ministry to Russia and Honduras. Marcy is Pastor Linda Pedersen’s sister-in-law.

\* **What Can We Do in Our Own Congregations About Human Traffickers and Other Predators:** Our present culture gives manipulators through technology all kinds of access to our kids. If we wait for bad things to happen to them like being trafficked, being molested, getting into drugs and alcohol, into internet pornography, into an abusive marriage, it is too late. Every member of our congregations can be doing prayerful and wise work at the top of the cliff so one of our precious young people doesn’t become a broken Humpty Dumpty. God is with us and has provided the tools and weapons we need to save our children. Come and discover what God has given us to work with. Presenter is **Pastor Al Erickson** who is the director of Adults Saving Kids which worked with SW MN SWO Women of the ELCA from 1995 to 2004. In 2007 he came to realize that we must get parents and grandparents involved if we are going to save our youth from the subtle, sophisticated tactics of those who would take advantage of their vulnerabilities. He has written books and other materials on [www.adultssavingkids.com](http://www.adultssavingkids.com) and [www.parentsarise.org](http://www.parentsarise.org). One of his daughters was a victim of trafficking. He has 6 children, 16 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren. He and his wife, Ina, live in Richfield.

\*Presenter is **Anna Mercedes**, associate professor of theology at College of Saint Benedict/Saint John’s University, where she also teaches gender studies. Anna is soon to be ordained as a minister of word and sacrament with the ELCA, and is a mother of three.

**Also—**

**Pastor Bruce Berg will present the Women and Justice Social Statement.** Participants will receive a copy of the draft and have the opportunity to ask questions and give comments. September 2018 is the deadline to receive input on this social statement. Learn why Pastor Berg wanted to be on the committee, the process of a social statement, and how you can make your thoughts known.

**Sue Ellwanger** from Northwestern Minnesota will be with us to report on her trip to Phebe Hospital last year. She will also explain the new solar project **Current for Curran**, which is one of our offering objectives.



Audiences are laughing out loud at Kevin's lifelike ventriloquist figures & puppets.

With a blend of old-fashioned comedy, storytelling, music and audience participation, Kevin & his pals keep you entertained!

**APPEARING**

**Where:** Bethlehem Lutheran Church

**Date:** Friday, June 29

**Time:** 7:00 PM

**Go to [www.revkev.net](http://www.revkev.net) for more information!**

# CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

Southwestern Minnesota Synodical Women's Organization of  
Women of the ELCA

**Friday and Saturday, June 29 & 30, 2018**

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church (see note for driving directions-mapquest is not helpful)**

**4310 County Road 137**

**St. Cloud, MN 56301 320-251-8356**

\*NOTE: There is only ONE registration form being used for voting members and visitors with one registration form per person. Please check the appropriate identification if you will be registering as a **Voting Member** or **Visitor**. Thank you for abiding by the due dates listed.

*Please type or print clearly*

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**MAILING ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-MAIL** \_\_\_\_\_

**CONGREGATION &  
CITY** \_\_\_\_\_

**CONFERENCE** \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle the one that applies to you      VOTING MEMBER      VISITOR

Voting member registration is due **June 8, 2018** Visitor registrations are due **June 8, 2018**

Do you have any special dietary needs?

\_\_\_\_\_

Convention cost for both voting members and visitors includes registration, lunch, and coffee breaks

**Registration Fee--\$80.00 For 2-Day Convention**

**Registration Fee--\$50.00 For 1-Day Option Circle- Friday or Saturday**

**TRANSFERABLE BUT NOT REFUNDABLE**  
**Send complete form and check to:**

Make checks payable to **SW MN WOMEN OF ELCA**  
**Please contact Maria Lokensgard with registration questions**

Maria Lokensgard , Convention Registrar  
37980 State Highway 22  
St. Peter, MN 56082

[mandem.loke@gmail.com](mailto:mandem.loke@gmail.com) or 507-246-5828



# 2018 Convention Offering

Mail your unit convention offering to:

Maria Lokensgard, Treasurer  
37980 State Highway 22  
St. Peter, MN 56082

## 2018 Synodical Convention- June 29 & 30, 2018 Bethlehem Lutheran Church St. Cloud, MN

2018 Offering Objectives are:

- 50% to Churchwide Women of the ELCA
- 25% to Better Together Packing Events
- 25% to Currents for Curran (Liberia Hospital Solar Power)

“Katie’s Fund” Bring your loose change for the cans on the tables.

In Kind Offerings:

- Personal Care Kits (all LWR kits accepted) We have a Semi!!!
- Christian Literature
- **White Socks & Lip Balm for St. Cloud VA**
- **Soles 4 Souls - Any footwear welcome!**  
[www.soles4souls.org](http://www.soles4souls.org)

Please return the bottom portion of this sheet to Maria by June 8, 2018, along with your unit convention offering

2018 Convention Offering- Please return form by June 8, 2018

Congregation Name and City \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation Number \_\_\_\_\_

Conference \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer’s Name \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer’s Address \_\_\_\_\_

Offering Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Make check to “SW MN Women of the ELCA”

# In Kind Offering Reporting Form

The Southwestern Minnesota Synod WELCA would like to keep track of how many quilts, kits and other offerings we are collecting.

The truck will be open to collect your LWR kits, Christian literature, shoes, socks, lip balm and all other offerings from 9 - 11:45 AM on Friday, June 29 at the Bethlehem parking lot. Please have your offering ready by doing the following BEFORE dropping off:

For Lutheran World Relief quilts, kits, etc:

- Have all kits properly assembled and in boxes weighing no more than 30 lb
- Label each box with your church name, conference name and the contents of that box (NOTE: only one type of kit per box) For example, Tripolis Lutheran Church, Lakeland, 10 quilts
- Make sure the boxes are securely closed up

For non-LWR items:

- If only bringing a few items, they may be brought loose
- Otherwise, fill in box and label each box appropriately as Christian literature, Soles 4 Souls or VA Donation(socks and lip balm)

For ALL items, please fill out the form below and bring it with you when you drop off:

\*If you do not know your conference, please make sure to have your Church Town/City!

**Conference (Please Circle)** Crow River   Glacial Ridge   Great River   Lac Qui Parle   Lakeland

MN Valley   Prairie

Scenic Valley   Shetek

Watonwan River

**Church Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Church Town/City** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Person Name and Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

Kit Type	Total
Quilts	
Personal Care Kits (Health Kits)	
School Kits	
Baby Care Kits	
Fabric Kits	
Fleece Tied Blankets	
Soap	
Christian Literature (please just record the number of boxes)	
Soles 4 Souls (please just record the number of boxes)	
Socks and Lip Balm for VA (please just record the number of boxes)	



# **Tentative Convention Schedule**

## **Friday, June 29, 2018**

11:00 a.m. Registration

12:00 noon Orientation of Voting Members/Displays/Other Activity

12:15 p.m. Opening of Plenary Session - Business Session I

1:00 p.m. Gathering Music and Sue Ellwanger-- Current for Curran

1:15 p.m. Opening Worship & Communion with Pastor Yolanda Denson-Byers

1:45 p.m. Introduction of Special Guests, Chaplain, Board, Etc.

2:00 p.m. Bible Study with Pastor Yolanda

3:00 p.m. Break

3:30 p.m. Business Session II

4:00 p.m. Keynote Speaker – Dr. Jacqueline Bussie

5:15 p.m. Book Signing/Displays/Service Projects

5:45 p.m. Dinner

7:00 p.m. Entertainment--Pastor Kevin Doely, Musical Ventriloquist

8:00 p.m. Closing & Announcements

8:30 p.m. Relax & Enjoy the Rest of the Evening

## **Saturday, June 30, 2018**

7:30 a.m. Registration/ Coffee, juice, pastry, fruit

8:30 a.m. Gathering Music

8:45 a.m. Pastor Bruce Berg “Women and Justice Social Statement”

9:15 a.m. Churchwide Speaker—Kandy Pflaster

10:00 a.m. Workshop I

11:00 a.m. Workshop II

12:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. Gathering Music

1:15 p.m. Installation of New Synodical Board

1:30 p.m. Closing Worship Service & Communion with Pastor Dee Pederson

2:30 p.m. Final Announcements & On Your Way Home

# SYNODICAL CONVENTION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Women who would be **first time** convention visitors (not voting members) and who wish to learn about the Women of the ELCA are encouraged to apply for this scholarship. Those selected must be willing to attend all sessions of the Women's Synodical Convention to be held **Friday & Saturday, June 29 & 30, 2018**, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in St. Cloud, MN. The recipients of the scholarship will be asked to evaluate their experience and share impressions with the convention participants. **All convention costs (registration, meals, and housing, if necessary) will be paid by the synodical women's organization with the exception of travel expenses. \*\*\* You will be staying overnight in St. Cloud.**

## **PLEASE RETURN THIS APPLICATION BY June 1, 2018**

Those selected will be notified by June 1, 2018 or sooner.

Please type or print all information

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
MAILING \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME \_\_\_\_\_  
CONGREGATION \_\_\_\_\_

CONFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_

Tell why you would like to participate in the Scholarship  
Program: \_\_\_\_\_

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*(feel free to use the back of this form or additional paper if you need more space)*

The group of scholarship participants and their mentors will be seated together throughout the convention.

**If selected, I will participate according to the scholarship provisions.**

**Applicant's signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Congregation Sponsor** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(this form must be signed by a member of your congregation)*

**Return this application by June 1, 2018 to: Kristy Henriksen**  
**907 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, SE**  
**Pipestone, MN 56164**

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# RESOLUTIONS

A resolution is your opportunity to address problems, situations, or concerns that affect the church wide, synodical or local organization of Women of the ELCA and possibly its partners and global affiliates. Here's your chance! If your unit has a special concern, now is the time to address it. Resolutions should be presented at the Southwestern Minnesota Synodical Women's Organization Convention, June 29 & 30, 2018, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in St. Cloud, Minnesota. Here are some guidelines for submitting a resolution.

1. **What is a resolution?** A resolution is a main motion, presented in written form by a voting member – a proposal that a convention takes action on, or expresses itself as holding certain views.
2. **Who prepares and presents Resolutions?** Every Congregational Unit has the right and privilege to prepare and present, through its voting member, a Resolution to the convention. The Resolution must be signed by five (5) voting members representing five (5) congregational units of the SW MN Synodical Women's Organization of Women of the ELCA.
3. **Why do we use Resolution forms?** The form helps the secretary and president accurately report the business and action taken, it helps you think through your motion and it helps the convention move forward in an orderly manner.
4. **Resolutions are your voice.** If you want to speak up and be heard, this is one way of expressing yourself. Resolutions provide for the vision and direction of our organization. If you have an area of concern that you feel needs to be addressed, a resolution is a way of requesting action and beginning discussion and deliberation. The beginning portion of the resolution (the WHEREAS) states the issue of concern and should list factual background information to help the reader understand why this resolution is being presented. The conclusion (the RESOLVED) states the proposed action or actions. It tells what you think we should do about this issue.

## **Ask yourself these questions before submitting a Resolution:**

1. Is the concern something our SW MN Synodical Women's Organization can address?
2. Is the proposed action consistent with the positions and policies of the ELCA?
2. What is the outcome desired if the action is taken?
3. In what other ways might congregational units of our Synodical Women's Organization deal with the concerns?
4. What are the costs in terms of time, talent, and money in implementing this action?

If after reviewing the guidelines, you wish to submit a Resolution, write it on the official form that is included in this publicity packet to your congregational unit.

**CONGREGATIONAL/INTERCONGREGATIONAL PRESIDENT PLEASE  
GIVE THE FORM PERTAINING TO RESOLUTIONS TO YOUR Voting  
Member, MOTIONS/RESOLUTIONS**

require the signature of (5) voting members, representing (5) congregational/intercongregational units. These voting members must all be members of a congregation belonging to the Southwest Minnesota Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. This motion/resolution must be in the hands of the Resolution Committee No later than noon, Friday, June 29, 2018. The committee would prefer that resolutions be mailed prior to convention by June 8, 2018 so the committee could act on them and have copies ready for the delegates. Mail resolutions to: Kristy Henriksen, 907 5<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Pipestone MN 56164

**OFFICIAL FORM FOR SUBMITTING RESOLUTIONS TO THE SW MN  
SYNODICAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION, June 29 & 30, 2018.**

I submit the following motion/resolution related to:

\_\_\_\_\_ (indicate topic)

Whereas:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Be it resolved:

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(use reverse side if additional space is needed)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Congregation \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of originator –voting member

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Congregation \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ Congregation \_\_\_\_\_

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