

CONVENTION 2020 PUBLICITY PACKET COVER LETTER

This is your electronic Convention Publicity Packet

Read it over and share with all those interested in attending the

33rd Annual Convention

At Redwood Area Community Center, 901 E. Cook St., Redwood Falls MN

Saturday, May 2, 2020

MAKE AS MANY COPIES AS YOU NEED

If you know of someone without a computer, offer to print a copy for them!

Questions can be directed to: Joan Iverson, SW MN SWO President

507-445-3388 (home) 507-227-8670 (cell) jackjoan73@gmail.com

2020 SW MN SWO Convention



SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2020

REDWOOD AREA COMMUNITY CENTER

901 E. Cook Street, Redwood Falls MN

Just Celebrate!

Theme Verse: Luke 4:18-19 Theme Hymn: “God of the Women”

To celebrate the 50th Anniversary
of Ordination of Women in the ELCA

Guest Speaker: Rev. Robin Steinke, President of Luther Seminary

Come, join your sisters in Christ for worship, singing, sharing, learning, fellowship

Registration Fee: \$50.00 *(registration/noon meal/coffee times)*

Katie's Cans *available—bring your loose change*

In-Kind Offerings being accepted: **LWR Personal Care Kits** as well as all LWR Kits and Quilts, etc.

Christian Literature collection

Walker Bags for Synod Assembly

Rolled Bandages for Global Health Ministries

7:30—10:00 a.m.

8:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

9:15 a.m.

3:30 p.m.

In-Kind offering drop off

Registration/Coffee/Displays

Voting Member Orientation

Convention Opens

Convention Closes

Women ^{of the} **ELCA**

WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

Southwestern



Minnesota Synod

Greetings from the Southwestern Minnesota Synodical Women's Board of the ELCA!

The 33rd annual SW SWO Convention will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2020 at the Redwood Area Community Center, 901 E. Cook Street, Redwood Falls MN. This is a one-day convention and your synodical women's board has a wonderful day planned, so we hope that you can all attend.

We will be meeting under the theme "**Just Celebrate!**". The theme verse is from Luke 4: 18-19 *"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."*

The Theme Hymn is: "God of the Women" and the Goal of the convention is: **To celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Ordination of Women in the ELCA.** We have extended a special invitation to all synod ordained women pastors. A processional of the ordained pastors will precede the Worship Service with Holy Communion. The registration fee is \$50.00 per person.

The Offering Objectives are: 50% to Churchwide Women of the ELC; 25% to the Herbert W. & Corinne Chilstrom Scholarship and 25% to AMMPARO (*see enclosed info on these two offerings*)

We are honored to have the Rev. Robin Steinke, President of Luther Seminary as our main speaker. A panel discussion is also planned with Rev. Steinke as our moderator. Our churchwide rep is Dawn Wicklund from Superior, Wisconsin.

The plenary session will consist of the general business and the election of a President, Treasurer and 5 Board Members at Large. Check out our tentative agenda for the day.

Remember to bring your In-Kind offerings to convention. This year's featured LWR Kit is the **Personal Care Kit**. There will be a trailer in the parking lot (watch for signs). You may bring other LWR Kits as well as LWR Quilts, etc., **[LWR will not accept BULK SOAP or FLEECE BLANKETS as of 5/1/2020]**. The Christian Literature van will be present as well to collect your used devotionals & Bibles. Remember to bring the **WALKER BAGS** that many of you have been making this past year as well. These Walker Bags should be brought to the Community Center, by the registration area. These bags will be presented to Synod Assembly in St. Peter in June and filled as a service project and distributed to needy facilities. **Rolled Bandages** will be accepted this year. Please box securely and label boxes. Bring these to the Convention Center, by the registration area. **Fill out the included In-Kind Offering report form and have ready to leave when you drop off your items.**

Remember ladies, this is the only publication you will receive (there are no packets mailed anymore) – please make needed copies of this packet and distribute to women of your unit

Each active unit is allowed and strongly encouraged to have **ONE VOTING MEMBER** present for the Plenary Sessions (where the business is conducted). **Your unit is expected to pay the registration fee for your voting member.** Voting members are to be registered by April 13th – so your promptness is very much appreciated!

There will be a "Triennial" table at convention, so if you have women from your unit attending Triennial in July, please tell them to stop by the table to gather up the latest information. The Voting Members attending Triennial will be installed in the afternoon. (see "Triennial" page included in this packet)

If you have women in your Units that have never attended a SWO Convention before – get the Scholarship registration form to them for the Scholarship Program that the synod board sponsors.

Please abide by the deadlines for the registration form, resolution form and scholarship form that is included in this packet. Remind the Unit Treasurer's to fill out the Offering Form and send offerings in by specified date. Remember to bring the completed In-Kind Offering report form with you to deliver when you drop off your in-kind offerings, etc.

Always know that if you have questions on anything pertaining to the convention, you can get ahold of me and I'll be glad to help you and you can also contact a synod board member with your questions.

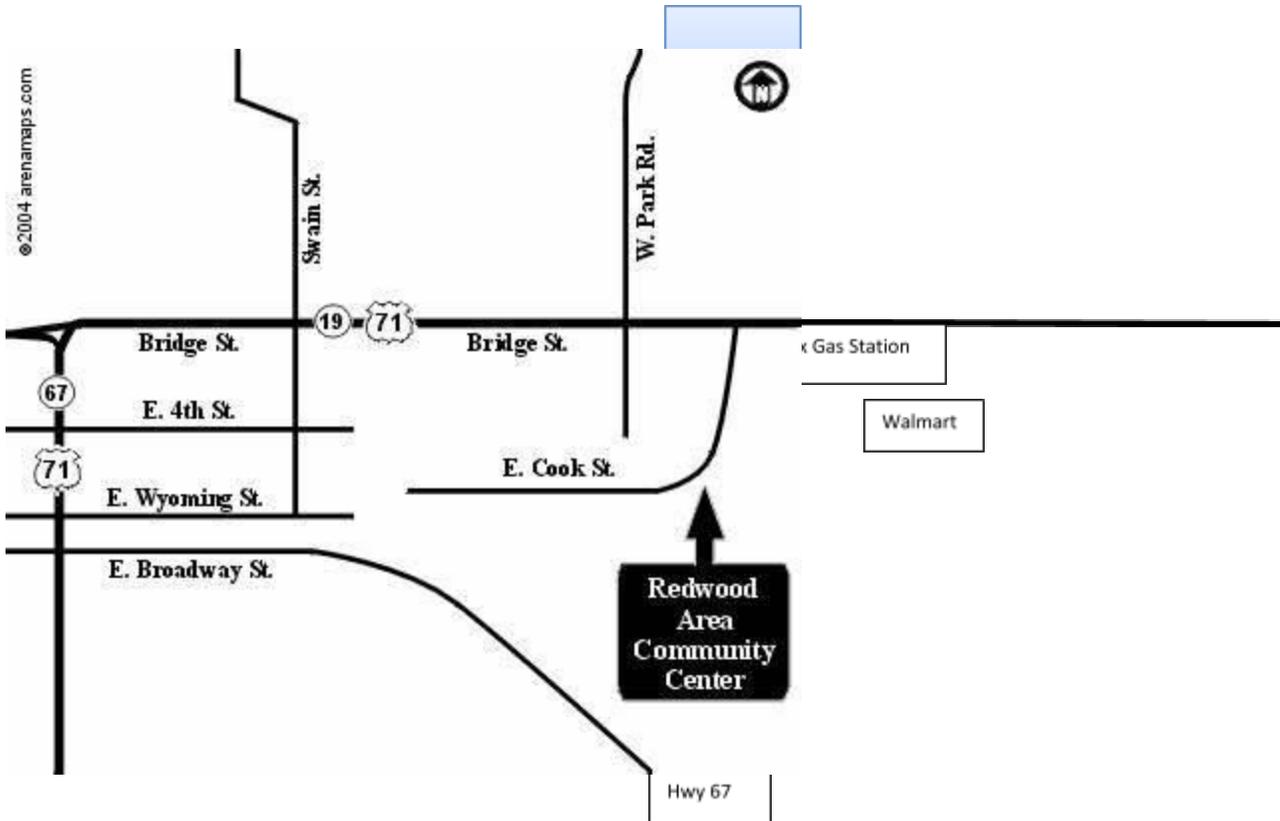
Joan Iverson, SW MN SWO President – 507-227-8670 - jackjoan73@gmail.com

Getting to Redwood Area Community Center

901 E. Cook Street, Redwood Falls MN 56283

The Community Center is located on the east edge of Redwood Falls.

The In-Kind Offering drop off trailer will be in the parking lot on the north edge of the Community Center – WATCH FOR SIGNS.



CONVENTION SPEAKER



The Rev. Dr. Robin J. Steinke
Luther Seminary President

The Rev. Dr. Robin J. Steinke came to Luther Seminary as president and professor of systematic theology in June 2014. She was the first woman in the 145-year history of the seminary to be elected president.

A native of California, with formative years spent in rural southwestern Minnesota, Steinke completed undergraduate study at Augustana University in Sioux Falls, majoring in music education. She was a middle school band director before working in financial planning with American Express. Study followed at Emory University, Luther Seminary and finally at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Ohio, where she obtained masters degrees in Divinity and Sacred Theology before completing her doctorate at Cambridge University in 1999, where she wrote on the theology of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. That same year she was ordained as an associate pastor at Hope Lutheran Church in Annandale, Virginia and joined the faculty at Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. At Gettysburg, she served as professor of theological ethics and public life and as Dean of the Seminary.

Steinke is known for her strategic leadership, passion for sharing the gospel and commitment to the global church. Representing the ELCA on the Lutheran World Federation Council and Executive Committee, she chairs the Committee on Theology and Ecumenical Relations and is concluding a 10 year term as president of the Lutheran World Federation Endowment Fund. She has published and lectured widely on church leadership, vision, principles and strategies in mission, the Gospels and creeds, public conversation about ethics and theology, and formation. She retains an active interest in music as an enthusiastic third trumpet player.

CHURCHWIDE REPRESENTATIVE



Dawn Wicklund

Executive Board Member Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Appointed to the Executive Board of the Women of the ELCA in June 2019, Dawn Wicklund replaced a member that was unable to fulfill her duties. She serves on the Constitution Review Committee.

Dawn has previously served on her Synod Board (Northwest Synod of Wisconsin) as a Conference Representative and as Secretary. She was a member of the Anti-Trafficking Taskforce, helping provide education and action to help anti-trafficking efforts in Wisconsin, including letter writing campaigns and a rally at the capitol. She is currently the webmaster for

the Synodical Women's Organization website and Facebook page (which has been an adventure).

Dawn has been an active member at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Superior, serving in many roles over the past 30+ years, the latest being Council President in 2018. She has participated as a member of the choir at Our Savior's and as part of the Superior Lutheran Choir.

Dawn attended college at the University of Wisconsin, Superior, graduating cum laude with majors in Biology and Medical Technology and a minor in Chemistry. She earned varsity letters all four years playing volleyball and basketball and earned a place on the all state defense team in basketball.

Dawn met her husband, Len, in college. They reside in Superior, Wisconsin and have two daughters. The youngest daughter lives with them while attending high school and the oldest visits on breaks from college. She works at a local hospital as a medical technologist. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with family, quilting, sewing, knitting, crafting and cooking. One day she hopes to have enough time to tend to her gardens.



TRIENNIAL 2020

There will be **Installation of the Voting Members** representing Southwestern Minnesota Synod at the May 2, 2020 Synodical Convention in Redwood Falls, so the following Voting Members should make every effort to attend the Convention.

Our Voting Members are: **Linda Magnuson; Maria Lokensgard; Louise Ferry; Jane Tongen; Algene Larson; Carla Johnson; Kristy Henriksen; Karen Skaraphol and Joan Iverson.** *(Christina Nelson was elected as our Woman of Color/Other Language voting member, but she had to back out due to other conflicts. We will lose one voting member due to the fact that we did not have an alternate for her).*

We also have three **ALTERNATE** voting members (on call if a voting member cannot attend), so I will ask that they be present at the May 2nd convention as well and participate in the Installation. (That way we are covered in case one of the alternates does get called upon to serve as a voting member). Those three Alternates are: **Nan Crary; Barbara Borth and Sandra Buendorf**

Triennial Promoter: Pat Stevermer from Sleepy Eye agreed to serve as our own Triennial Promoter and she did a good job of attending as many of the conference gatherings as she could. Unfortunately, some family commitments have come up for her and she has had to withdraw as being our promoter and will not be able to attend Triennial. So if you have questions, you can get ahold of Joan Iverson – jackjoan73@gmail.com or 507.227.8670 or Linda Magnuson – lindamag@charter.net or 507.828.7544 and we'll do our best to help you.

Any new information that comes about for Triennial is posted on the churchwide website and you can go to www.welcatg.org to see the latest info posted.

Several of the voting members have asked about travel arrangements. Knowing that all travel arrangements have to be made one month prior to flying, that information will be coming out soon from churchwide. Watch your e-mail inboxes and just follow the information you are given. If you are planning to travel with another voting member or members, it's best to talk amongst you before making your flight arrangements.

All visitors attending the Gathering – you of course have to make your own travel arrangements.

Over the past year we've had sign-up sheets available at conference gatherings, the 2019 convention and 2010 Fall Leadership Event. We've asked women that are either planning to attend the **Triennial Gathering** to sign up. That listing has been e-mailed at least a couple times to those and there has been some response of some wanting to take their names off the list and some new names that have been added to the list.

We don't want to miss anyone that is attending and we need to make sure we have enough SW MN SYNOD ID's available to hand out at the convention. This year's ID's will be a PIN with our logo on that is to be worn during the Triennial Convention and Triennial Gathering. They are being made as this is being published and plans are to have them available to hand out to Triennial goers at our May 2nd Convention. Please check out the TRIENNIAL DISPLAY TABLE at convention for these as well as the SW MN Synod GIVE-A-WAY item. The Give-A-Way item will be the small 3M sticky note packs. Each pack will have a SW MN sticker on it. All instructions will be available at the Display Table – so if you are attending Triennial – be sure to stop by the table!

The listing as we have at this time is posted below of those who will be attending the Gathering. It will help the synod board to know if there are other women planning to attend (maybe you pre-registered at Mpls. in 2017, but just didn't sign-up on our sheet.) Please make sure all women of your Units see this list and if there are any corrections of additions that need to be made, please get that information to Joan Iverson ASAP. E-mail: jackjoan73@gmail.com or call 507.227.8670 or e-mail Linda Magnuson - lindamag@charter.net or 507.828.7544. Anyone that wants their name added to our list of attendees, we do need your name, e-mail,



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phone number, conference. You can certainly share your mailing address if you don't have e-mail. As of now we have 48 listed and Churchwide office has about 54 registered. We don't want to miss anyone!!

CROW RIVER ATTENDEES: Betty Brandt; Ann Kosel; Kathleen Brandt-Rucker; Viola Bengtson; Melissa Berglund; Nan Crary; Phyllis Lindstrand;

GLACIAL RIDGE ATTENDEES: Louise Ferry; Algene Larson; Joanna Rustad

GREAT RIVER ATTENDEES: Barbara Borth; Carol McCall

LAC QUI PARLE ATTENDEE: Carla Johnson

LAKELAND ATTENDEES: Marla Adrian; Jan Bjorngjeld; Rhonda Brady; Lois Evenson; Patti Hagen; Barb Hanson; Karol Markfelder; Rachel Rundquist; Marsha Nelson; Cheryl Froehlich; Nancy Drange; Marlys Pearson; Nancy Olson; Vicky Pearson; Jennelle Cunnings

MINNESOTA VALLEY ATTENDEES: Maria Lokensgard; Jane Tongen; Sandra Buendorf; Diane Fredin; Leona Miller; Kay Mowbray

PRAIRIE ATTENDEES: Linda Magnuson; Kim Christianson; Shirley Pederson-Porisch; Dawn Planting; Karen Y. Murphy

SCENIC VALLEY ATTENDEES: Ruth Ann Anderson; LaVaun L. Danielson

SHETEK ATTENDEES: Joan Iverson; Kristy Henriksen; Karen Skarphol

WATONWAN RIVER ATTENDEES: Judy Anderson; Glenda Bloomquist; Virginia Skow

Pastor Kathryn Skoglund

CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Southwestern Minnesota Synodical

Women's Organization of Women of the ELCA

Saturday, May 2, 2020

Redwood Area Community Center, 901 E. Cook St., Redwood Falls MN 56283

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 CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

***Note: Conference President registration is paid by the Synod Board. If you have circled Conference President you do not need to send any payment – just the completed registration form. (The Conference Vice President qualifies **IF** she is coming in the president's place – make that note here _____)*

ALL registrations DUE BY APRIL 13, 2020

Do you have special dietary needs? _____

<p>REGISTRATION FEE: \$50.00</p> <p><i>Cost includes:</i></p> <p><i>registration, meal, coffee time</i></p>
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Refer all registration questions to:

Maria Lokensgard
mandem.loke@gmail.com or 507-246-5828

Make checks to: SW MN WOMEN OF ELCA

Send complete form and check to:

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

TRANSFERABLE BUT NOT REFUNDABLE

INFORMATION ON CONVENTION OFFERINGS

This year the convention offerings will be divided between three entities:

50% to Churchwide Women of the ELCA

25% to the Herbert W. and Corinne Chilstrom Scholarship

25% to AMMPARO

Scholarship for Ordained Ministry The Herbert W. And Corinne Chilstrom Fund provides assistance to Lutheran women during their final year at an ELCA seminary. Candidates must be preparing for ordained ministry in the ELCA and must have been endorsed by their synodical candidacy.

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**Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy,
Representation and Opportunities**



The word “amparo” in Spanish means the protection of a living creature from suffering or damage. The ELCA’s strategy to Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities (AMMPARO) was envisioned after witnessing the plight of children who are forced to flee their communities because of complex and interrelated reasons, including chronic violence, poverty, environmental displacement and lack of opportunities in El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala. Due to our connection to companion churches in the region, including companion synod relationships, and existing ministries in the U.S., the ELCA is well-positioned to help ensure that these vulnerable children are protected.

In a holistic, whole church response that connects international and US outcomes, the ELCA has developed this strategy based on the following commitments:

- Uphold and guarantee basic human rights and safety of migrant children and their families;
- Address the root causes of migration in countries from Central America’s Northern Triangle and Mexico and the treatment of migrants in transit;
- Work toward just and humane policies affecting migrants in and outside the U.S.; and
- Engage as a church body with all of its companions, affiliates and partners to respond to the migration situation and its causes and to advocate for migrant children and their families.

As brothers and sisters in Christ, the ELCA is called to bear witness to the conditions affecting so many communities and to work to find solutions that will acknowledge the humanity in all of God’s children. Join us in making a difference in the lives of vulnerable children and families.

2020 CONVENTION OFFERING

May 2, 2020 at Redwood Area Community Center, Redwood Falls MN

2020 Offering Objectives:

- 50% to Churchwide Women of the ELCA
- 25% to Herbert W. & Corinne Chilstrom Scholarship
- 25% to AMMPARO

Just Celebrate!

“Katie’s Fund” – bring your loose change for cans on the tables

*Mail your unit convention offering to: Maria Lokensgard, Treasurer
37980 State Highway 22
St. Peter MN 56082

Please return the bottom portion of this sheet along with your unit offering: **DUE APRIL 13, 2020**



2020 SW MN Convention Offering (due April 13, 2020)

Congregation Name & City _____

Congregation Number _____

Conference _____

Treasurer’s Name _____

Treasurer’s Address _____

Offering Amount \$ _____ *Make check to: “SW MN Women of the ELCA”*

IN-KIND OFFERINGS for Convention

Look for the semi-trailer in the parking lot.

ALL LWR Quilts & Kits may be dropped off from

7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Bring your completed Convention Offering form!

Our focus this year is PERSONAL CARE KITS; however, all kits and quilts will be joyfully accepted. Below you will find a few packing tips and reminders:

- Weight of boxes should be less than 30 pounds
- Boxes with handles are easier to handle – think banana, apple, other produce boxes
- One type of kit (or quilts) per box
- Make a label template and print several on a page with your church's name, town, conference, and the type of kit or quilt. Leave a blank so you can fill in the number of quilts/kits as you pack. Tape a label to each box
- **LWR is no longer accepting** FLEECE BLANKETS due to environmental concerns. **They also are no longer taking** BULK SOAP due to not receiving requests for soap (the soap put in the Personal Care Kits and Baby Care Kits are still accepted).

LWR'S APPROXIMATE COST TO DELIVER QUILTS AND KITS OVERSEAS:

One Mission Quilt	\$2.25
One School Kit	\$1.40
One Personal Care Kit	\$2.65*
One Baby Care Kit	\$1.30
One Fabric Kit	\$1.00

**includes cost of toothpaste to go with this kit*

Website: www.lwf.org

INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN LITERATURE DISTRIBUTORS will also be there with their van. General guidelines on what they can use includes Bibles, concordances, Bible atlases and dictionaries, Bible studies, Christian education, devotionals, and Sunday School materials for youth and adults.

They are unable to use cassette and VHS tapes, hymn books, music, and denomination specific materials.

For specific details please visit <http://www.icld.org>

Please remember to bring **completed CLOTH WALKER AND WHEELCHAIR BAGS** to the convention.

Label the boxes well (and feel free to include number of bags in each box)!

Drop off will be inside the Community Center, by the registration area.

WATCH FOR SIGNS!

These bags will be delivered to the Synod Assembly in June where they will be filled with needed items and distributed to local care facilities in the synod.

ROLLED BANDAGES for Global Health Ministries will be accepted this year.

Label boxes well and secure the boxes

Drop off will be inside the Community Center, by the registration area.

WATCH FOR SIGNS!

In Kind Offering Reporting Form

The Southwestern Minnesota Synodical Women of the ELCA 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, quilts, etc., from 7:30 am to 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 2nd. The truck will be parked in the Community Center parking lot (watch for signs). Christian Literature will be there with their van at the same time to accept items.

The WALKER BAGS and ROLLED BANDAGES will be dropped off at the Community Center, by registration area.

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 MINNESOTA VALLEY PRAIRIE SCENIC VALLEY SHETEK WATONWAN RIVER

CHURCH NAME _____ CHURCH TOWN/CITY _____

CONTACT PERSON NAME/PHONE # _____

KIT TYPE	TOTAL
Quilts	
School Kits	
Personal Care Kits <i>(Health Kits)</i>	
Baby Care Kits	
Fabric Kits	
Christian Literature <small>record number of boxes</small>	
WALKER BAGS <i>(for Synod Assembly)</i>	#
<i>Rolled Bandages for GHM</i> <small>record number of boxes</small>	
<i>Monetary Gifts for shipping of LWR Quilts/Kits</i>	\$

As of 1 May 2020 LWR is no longer accepting bulk soap and no longer accepting Fleece Blankets (due to environmental concerns)

DO NOT bring bulk soap or Fleece Blankets this year. *(soap in other kits is okay yet – just no longer wanting boxes of soap)*

Tentative Convention Schedule (subject to change)

Saturday, May 2, 2020

7:30 am – 10 am	In-Kind Offering Collection (trailer in parking lot)
8:00 am	Registration/Coffee/Displays
9:00 am	Voting Member Orientations
9:15 am	Gathering Music
	Devotions
	Plenary Session I
	Greetings/Introductions
	Churchwide Rep
	Stretch Break
10:45 am	Processional – SW MN Ordained Women Pastors
	Worship Service/with Holy Communion
	Plenary Session II
12:00 noon	Noon meal
1:00 pm	Gathering Music
	Speaker: Rev. Robin Steinke
2:00 pm	Panel Discussion
2:30 pm	Stretch Break
2:45 pm	Plenary Session III if needed
	Scholarship Report
	Committee Reports
	Installation
	Announcements
	Closing
3:30 pm	On Our Way Rejoicing

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. This includes: **Saturday, May 2, 2020** at the Redwood Area Community Center, 901 E. Cook St., Redwood Falls MN 56283

The recipients of the scholarship will be asked to evaluate their experiences and share impressions with the convention participants at the end of the day on Saturday, May, 2nd.

All convention costs (registration, meals), will be paid by the synodical women's organization with the exception of travel expenses.

PLEASE FILL OUT THIS APPLICATION FORM and return by APRIL 6, 2020

Those recipients selected will be notified by April 13th

Please type or print all information

NAME _____ PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIPCODE _____

HOME CONGREGATION _____

CONFERENCE _____

Tell why you would like to participate in the scholarship program: _____

(feel free to use the back of this form for additional space)

The group of scholarship participants and the two mentors will be seated together throughout the one day 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)

Just Celebrate!

Return this completed and signed application by APRIL 6, 2020 and mail to:

Joan Iverson
23308 County Road 54
Lamberton MN 56152

RESOLUTIONS

A resolution is your opportunity to address problems, situations, or concerns that affect the churchwide, synodical or local organization of Women of the ELCA and possibly its partners and global affiliates. Here is 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 [plenary sessions on SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2020](#) at the Redwood Area Community Center, Redwood Falls, 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. It is 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. 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?
3. What is the outcome desired if the action is taken?
4. In what other ways might congregational units of our Synodical Women's Organization deal with the concerns?
5. What are the costs in terms of time, talent, and money in implementing this action?

If you wish to submit a Resolution, please review the guidelines and then write it on the official form that is included in the publicity packet that reaches all congregational units.

CONGREGATIONAL/INTERCONGREGATIONAL PRESIDENT PLEASE GIVE THE FORM PERTAINING TO RESOLUTIONS TO YOUR Voting Member, MOTIONS/RESOLUTIONS require the signature of (5) five voting members, representing (5) five congregational/intercongregational units. These voting members must all be members of a congregation belonging to the Southwestern Minnesota Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. This motion/resolution must be in the hands of the Resolution Committee **NO LATER than 10:00 am, Saturday, May 2, 2020. The committee would prefer that resolutions be mailed prior to convention by April 6, 2020** so the committee could act on them and have copies ready for the delegates. Mail resolutions to: Joan Iverson, 23308 County Road 54, Lamberton MN 56152

**OFFICIAL FORM FOR SUBMITTING RESOLUTIONS TO THE SW MN SYNODICAL
WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION, MAY 2, 2020**

I submit the following notion/resolution related to:

_____ (indicate topic)

Whereas:

Be it resolved:

(use reverse side if additional space is needed)

1. _____ Congregation _____
 Name of originator –voting member
2. _____ Congregation _____
3. _____ Congregation _____
4. _____ Congregation _____
5. _____ Congregation _____