



CONVENTION REGISTRATION

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

Friday, May 5, 2023

Shetek Lutheran Ministries, 14 Keeley Island Drive, Slayton, MN 56172

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 22, 2023

Do you have special dietary needs? _____

REGISTRATION FEE: \$35.00

Cost includes:

registration, noon luncheon, coffee time

Refer all registration questions to:

Maria Lokensgard
mandem.loke@gmail.com or 507-317-0365

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

2023 CONVENTION OFFERING

May 5, 2023, at Shetek Lutheran Ministries, Slayton, Minnesota

2023 Offering Objectives:

- 50% to Churchwide Women of the ELCA
- 25% to Shetek Lutheran Ministries
- 25% to Shetek Environmental Learning Center



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

or bring it to the convention worship service.

Please return the bottom portion of this sheet along with your unit offering:



2023 SW MN Convention Offering

Congregation Name & City _____

Congregation Number _____

Conference _____

Treasurer's Name _____

Treasurer's Address _____

Offering Amount \$ _____

Make check to: "SW MN Women of the ELCA"

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 on **Friday, May 5, 2023, at Shetek Lutheran Ministries, 14 Keeley Island Drive, Slayton, MN 56172.**

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 May 5th.

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 1, 2023.

Please type or print all information

NAME _____ PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIPCODE _____

HOME CONGREGATION _____ - _____

CONFERENCE _____

The group of scholarship participants and the 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)



Return this completed and signed application by APRIL 1, 2023, and mail to:

Ilene Penk, 11168 Hwy. 15, Brownton, MN 55312

- or scan completed application and email to: ilene@wildbluecoop.com.

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 Friday, May 5, 2023**, at Shetek Lutheran Ministries near Slayton, 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 acts upon 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, Friday, May 5, 2023. The committee would prefer that resolutions be mailed prior to convention by April 5, 2023,** so the committee could act on them and have copies ready for the delegates. Mail resolutions to: Janet Hagen, 1702 Thunderbird Road, Unit 1, Marshall, MN 56258 (or email by that date to hagen_janet@yahoo.com).

**OFFICIAL FORM FOR SUBMITTING RESOLUTIONS TO
THE SW MN SYNODICAL WOMEN’S ORGANIZATION, MAY 5, 2023.**

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 _____

IN-KIND OFFERINGS

There will be **NO** collection of In-Kind Offerings at our 2023 Convention, but you are asked to bring your In-Kind Offering form to the convention or send it to Noreen Beranek in advance. Remember to include all donations on your report, not just those made to Lutheran World Relief.

School kits are the focus for 2022-2023. See <https://lwr.org/kits/school-kits> for more information.

There is also an urgent need for **personal care kits**. See <https://lwr.org/kits/personal-care-kits> for details.

As always, you are welcome to assemble other kits too. See <https://lwr.org/kits>.

Even though you won't bring your donations to the convention this year, here are some tips and reminders as you prepare your boxes for delivery to LWR:

- Weight of boxes should not exceed 40 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.

Donations may be delivered to:

Lutheran World Relief
398 E. Richmond Street
South St. Paul, MN 55075

Call before you go: 651-457-9009

Monetary donations to LWR are always needed and appreciated as well. See www.lwr.org for more information.

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*

Global Health Ministries

At this writing, we don't know if Global Health Ministries (GHM) will be at our convention. Stay tuned for announcements at your conference's Spring Gathering.

In the past, GHM has accepted rolled bandages, hospice kits, and newborn kits at our convention. To learn more about GHM's projects, see www.ghm.org. Click on "Get Involved," then "Service Projects," and finally click on "Download Project Instructions" for more information.

FYI: There will be no Christian literature collection at the 2023 convention.

In-Kind Offering Reporting Form

Although there will not be a truck to collect your In-Kind Offerings this year, the Southwestern Minnesota Synodical Women of the ELCA would like to keep track of how many quilts, kits, and other offerings have been collected and donated. Include donations made to local and other causes as well as those made to Lutheran World Relief and Global Health Ministries.

For ALL items, please fill out the form below and bring it to the convention or send it in advance to:

Noreen Beranek
PO Box 83
Gibbon, MN 55335
naberanek@gmail.com

Conference (please circle) **CROW RIVER** **GLACIAL RIDGE** **GREAT RIVER** **LAC QUI PARLE**
LAKELAND **MINNESOTA VALLEY** **PRAIRIE** **SCENIC VALLEY** **SHETEK** **WATONWAN RIVER**

***If you do not know your conference, please make sure to list the town or city where your church is located.*

CHURCH NAME _____ **CHURCH TOWN/CITY** _____

CONTACT PERSON'S NAME _____ **PHONE #** _____

TYPE OF DONATION	TOTAL
Quilts to LWR	
Quilts to Others	
School Kits	
Personal Care Kits	
Baby Care Kits	
Fabric Kits	
Other Donations (Use other side if you out of room)	
Global Health Ministries - # of items or bags/boxes	#
<i>Monetary Gifts for shipping of LWR Quilts/Kits</i>	\$

